In the light of the latest global demographic and economic challenges and the opportunity for local architects to enhance their capacities and capabilities through collaboration and networking among ASEAN professionals, the ASEAN Monitoring Committee on Architectural Services of the Philippines (AMCAS) recently conferred the title ASEAN Architects to twelve (12) UAP members while the APEC Architect Monitoring Committee of the Philippines (AAMCP) emplaced fourteen (14) UAP members to the APEC Architect Registry. The conferment ceremony was held last June 22, 2015 at Luxent Hotel, Quezon City, Philippines.


As of this date, the UAP has fifty-two (52) ASEAN Architects and fifty-four (54) APEC Architects.

REGALA INDUCTED ANEW

Architect Maria Benita Ochoa-Regala, FUAP, AA was formally inducted as National President of the United Architects of the Philippines for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 together with the other members of the Board of Directors, Officers of the College of Fellows and Jury of Fellows, Chairpersons and Heads of Standing and Special Committees, and Chapter Presidents in an auspicious ceremony held last June 27, 2015 at Las Casas Filipinas de Acuzar in Bagac, Bataan.

Architect Regala was re-elected National President during the 41st UAP National Convention and Annual Business Meeting held last April 2015 at the SMX Convention Center.
Greetings Colleagues in the Profession! Welcome to the maiden issue of the UAP Post!

It stunned me a bit upon realizing that being part of the UAP Post Committee is a very tasking job especially for one who is not used to doing it. I evaded journalism in High School and the only writing stint I did was during my term as a Chapter President. This big boulder before me will not remain as an obstacle rather has to be crushed or climbed over in pursuit of profitable outcomes for the service to our dear Organization. I am indebted to UAP for allowing me to expand my territory and experiences. Thank you for the trust and confidence you have extended. Indeed, it is a privilege to serve UAP!

UAP Turn-over Ceremonies and Induction of New Members and Officers is a significant affair each year of the organization. It denotes a new beginning. With the influx of the young and dynamic new members, UAP/TAPOA will become more solid in foundation. With this year’s theme EMPower+EqUIp+EnJOIN: Together on Higher Ground, NP Ar. Beth Regala in her second term is determined to continue what she, with her officers has started and achieved during her first term.

What do we look forward to during this FY 2015-2016? A lot…the Induction Ceremonies (almost done), the World Architecture Day 2015 in October, with the theme: Architecture, Building, Climate-devoted to Responsible Design, Planning and Building; The National Architecture Week in December; the Area Assemblies, and the most awaited UAP National Convention and Convention Exhibits (ConEx) now going international. Aside from these local events, international conferences of UIA and ARCASIA are also worthy to anticipate and participate.

In retrospect…as a UAP member, what can we do to help strengthen our organization? Like our very first UAP National President Ar. Norbeto Nuke, FIAP, Likha Awardee who was sworn in 1975, an icon in the UAP and one of the pillars of the organization. Up to these days, he is still active in his service to the organization. I salute you Sir!

Lastly, may each member has an initiative to elevate UAP on a higher ground. Through this official publication, we enjoin you to send us contributions. Be read and be cognizant about the association and its members’ whereabouts amidst the bodies of water that separate us from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao including foreign shores…and be aware that Architecture is for the Architects.

LEAH F. YBAÑEZ-MARTIN, uap
Associate Editor, Areas A & B, UAP Post 2015-2016

Holding a position, whether in the chapter or national levels, appointed or elective, brings a member to a higher pedestal. None, the pedestrian not meant for self-glory but it is one that would give him a clearer view of his/her purpose as UAP member. Service brings the ultimate fulfillment for a member. Service brings the ultimate fulfillment for a member. Service brings the ultimate fulfillment for a member.

As we come up with this maiden issue of the UAP Post this administrative year, allow me to send my well wishes to the new and continuing servant leaders in the organization, who have never waned in their enthusiasm in continuously bringing the UAP and architecture to higher grounds.

KARL ARIES EMERSON F. CABILAO, UAP
Associate Editor for Areas C & D, UAP Post 2015-2016

from page 1 • Bacolod gears up for 2015 UAP Joint Area Assembly

saturated on the northwestern part of the island Region of Negros. The city is famous because of the world-renowned MassKaraFestival which the city holds every October, where colorful dancers with smiling masks fill the city streets and Landmarks. A highly urbanized city, Bacolod serves as entry point for the adventurous tourist, heritage & culture, hungry visitors and health conscious travelers with its fast growing organic farms and products.

“This assembly is a forum for us to take stock of our achievements and to rally the organization to achieve our targets for Fiscal Year 2015. We have a balanced program, engaging speakers, educational tours, sports activities and delightful entertainment to ensure our delegates enjoy and learn from this assembly,” said UAP National President Maria Benita O. Regala.
Since UAP was established in 1975, every Administration was steadfast in fulfilling their respective objectives for the improvement of the Organization. One such improvement is the use of different forms of communication to ensure that all members stay up to date on the current and new programs and plans. One specific communication tool is the UAP Post. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to the writers, editors, members and contributors. Their commitment to continue and provide us all an effective source of information and their dedication in ensuring that such information reflects the true work of the organization is an immeasurable contribution to service. It provides concrete benefits to the Organization and Profession.

To say that the year that past was challenging, is an understatement. I have never been more focused on harnessing my own leadership qualities and knowledge on running an Organization, due to the critical importance of every concern that was raised. In spite of the adversities, often a battle of whether to stay optimistic or to give up, the agenda was realized. All achievements however, were not accomplished by me alone. I would like to believe that I had one of the best, if not the best, Officers behind me and I thank them for their support and belief in my vision.

For the first issue of the post, I would like to discuss briefly some significant plans and programs for the year 2015-2016. To create an established and sound plan requires a systematic process that will take months and years to achieve. In a span of 1 year however we have launched several effective programs that benefitted the profession. For this year, most of our plans are a continuation of the past agenda, this time, concluding with greater results.

For Empower: we will continue with the amendment of our law by confronting challenges with proper education of where WE stand. Enhance collaboration with LGU’s. Review and propose improvement to SPP documents under the design built and propose valuable changes to the Code of Ethics. We will also be creating the UAP Jobstreet with the objective of increasing employment. The ultimate aim is to identify opportunities and initiate innovative ideas, especially during these times when both developed and developing countries are beginning to enter mutual recognition process. More Tripartite meetings will be conducted to assist in the development of symbiotic relationship. The continuing emergence of expanding economies will be prime markets for expanding architectural services. Each of us has the responsibility to continuously foster ties with other associations, companies and profession in order to reach our individual and collaborative goals.

For Equip: The traditional architect’s image and role has developed and this will require an equal expansion and flexibility in architectural education; which includes advanced business management skills, knowledge on international practice etc. The ultimate goal is to enhance the quality and relevance of its contribution to the greater community. How then do we become more relevant? We will push for more scholars, encouraging all members to enrol in their masters. We will digitize works of the National Artists and Architectural masters. We will improve our specialty council to finalize the framework for specialization and qualification standards. We will develop and improve new and current CPE modules and short seminar courses. We will increase Balangkasansan meetings and extend to different districts. We will create more ASEAN and APEC Architects.

For Enjoin: There will be particular focus with Internal affairs to increase membership and encourage inactive members. We will further strengthen the secretariat and strategize on how to make all works truly member-centric. Internal success should parallel the success externally. We will further enhance our communication channels, with the use of responsible media. We will set up a Cooperative managed by UAP.

For CSR, under Bayanihan Arkitektura - We will continue to conduct accessibility audits, develop nationwide architectural clinics and further

Maria Benita Ochoa-Regala, fsap, aa
National President
As the UAP Vice-President for Area A, I am pleased to serve my colleagues with the best of my ability and bring this area to greater heights of success. With the FY 2015-2016 theme, “EMPOWER, EQUIP, ENJOIN Together on Higher Ground,” the following are my goals.

One of my primary duties is to conduct consultative meetings with the different chapters in my area as stipulated in the UAP By-Laws. These are on August 19, (UAP A-1a & A-1b); August 20, (A-2a & A-2b); August 31, (A-3 & A-4) and September 1, (A-5) 2015.

Priority projects laid on the table are the installation of historical markers for Ar. Jose Maria V. Zaragoza’s projects which include Meralco Theater, Quiapo Church and Sto. Domingo Church. These will be carried out in cooperation with the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) through its president Mr. Raul Sunico and with the Philippine Institute of Architects (PIA) represented by its past president Ar. Joel Rico. Another project in line is the proposed travelling exhibit of notable Filipino architects’ architectural projects captured in photos. This is also to pay tribute and acknowledge the Masters’ contribution in the Philippines architectural skyline.

Other focused projects are: 1.) To identify cities/municipalities which are implementing Architectural Permits and have City/Municipal Architects in position; 2.) To inspire more nomination for the College of Fellows thru advanced notice from the Area VP; 3.) To encourage the architects from the academe to avail of the financial assistance offered by UAP for the study of Architectural Master’s Degree; 4.) To identify deserving students who are in need of financial assistance for scholarship program; 5.) To encourage local UAP Chapters to talk to their mayors, congressmen and establish alliance for better appreciation of our profession by the local government units; and lastly 6.) To invite everyone in the UAP Organization to submit electronic files of architectural works of Filipino National Artists and other Master Architects for archival purposes.

Lastly, I enjoin everyone to cooperate and let us all together reach our destination.
I have been to different places in the country because of Girl Scouting, attending camps and competitions. There was always that jump in my heart when I go to a new town or city and explore the wonder of the place. Same was true in attending our out of town Conventions and Conferences then.

As I started going to Chapter and District Inductions, I was trying to look for that skip in my heart as I will be seeing places for the nth time, longing to feel that excitement once more... but there was none. Yet as the Inductions finish every night, I discovered a different feeling. It was so rewarding coming over to the gatherings, seeing new faces, making new friends and creating new families of UAP Architects. It was really a very gratifying experience being with the distinguished architects in a Joint District Induction, more so in the Chapter Inductions. In the District Inductions, I saw the vibrant grouping of chapters per district, but in the Chapter inductions, I saw the architects in their home-base. Just like visiting a friend in his or her home, I got to know them more. I got to see them lay bare their quirks and peculiarities. Each chapter is very unique. They have their own style of celebrating the moment, that very important moment in their life where they get to be officers or new members of a prestigious organization. Some have gone back in time in their attire, some have gone musical, some seemed to be in a beauty pageant and most have simply been themselves. Every experience is worthwhile; none tops the other, maybe because it is the relationship that I have built as I come to see them that were more important. They are all hospitable, generous and loving, taking care of our needs and sometimes our whims and wishes. What is more important are the persons that I have come to know and learning from them in so many ways possible... getting to understand their needs at the Chapter level... getting to appreciate the Architects in the different parts of the Philippines.

As of this writing, I still have to attend to several more inductions, a bit tiring especially when they happen every day and in different islands at that, but I look forward to meeting these good-looking architects in their own home. It is such a beautiful sight to behold them line up, take their oath, and be immersed in the value of their position getting the teamwork started for a stronger UAP in 2015-2016.

Eldred Caesar I. Tan, fuap
Vice President for Area C

I would like to invite you all to attend our Joint Area Assembly to be held in Bacolod, the City of Smiles and home of the Mass Kara Festival, this coming October 23-24, 2015. This activity is hosted by Area C with C2 as our host district.

Let us take the opportunity to bond together, relax and unwind, and savor the Hiligaynon hospitality.

Ma. Nina D. Bailon-Arce, fuap, aa
Secretary General

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Greetings to everyone!
Before anything else allow me to congratulate the people behind the publication of the first issue of the UAP Post for FY 2015-2016.

As your UAP National Auditor for FY 2015-2016 I intend to continue whatever unfinished projects started by my previous predecessor, likewise implement what is mandated by the Constitution and By-laws of the organization, wherein its duties and responsibilities are as follows:
1. Conducts an overall independent review of all affairs to ensure check and balance of the financial operations of the UAP.
2. Serves as a regular member of the Executive Committee (EXECOM) and the National Board of Directors without voting rights as required by the SEC.
3. Performs such other functions as maybe required of him by the National Board of Directors.

It’s objective is to conduct thorough, efficient audits of financial records, particularly Internal Controls which refers to the overall operating framework of policies, practices, systems, management philosophy, values and actions which exists in the organization to ensure the following:
1. Essential organization objectives are met;
2. Assets are protected and risks are managed;
3. Legal requirements are met; and
4. Informations used to report to the BIR, SEC, SSS, PhilHealth and PRC is accurate.

As of September 2014 the five year reconstruction of UAP financial records and audit Reports or Financial Statements (FS) covering 2009-2013 has been completed by the Immediate Past National Auditor Benjie Uittoh, a special project started by former UAP National Auditor Soriano. Said documents were filed at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Bureau of Internal Revenues (BIR), likewise with the succeeding FS for 2013-2014, thus, the organization is now compliant with the government requirements as a non-stock and non-profit professional organization. To date, we are in the process of preparation of the FS for FY 2012014-2015.

Last July 1, 2015, the PRE-AUDIT policy was implemented in compliance with the issued UAP National Board Resolution, wherein its objective is to check and verify all expenses are within the approved budget plan likewise all transactions are supported with appropriate documentations.

Rest assured that the office of the National Auditor will be transparent in all its dealings, with the second term of Ma. Benita O. Regala, FUAP, AA, as National Auditor.

As your UAP National President in line with the administration theme: “Empower + Equip + Enjoin: Together in Higher Grounds”, we encourage each and everyone to remain united and extend full cooperation and support to this administration to attain the goals leading to a strong professional organization as well as a strengthened architecture profession in the country.

Mabuhay ang Arkitektong Pilipino!

List of Completed and Forthcoming PRC Accredited Seminars for Fiscal Year 2015-2016

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OTHER SEMINARS

| Housing and Subdivision Planning and Design | NHA | February 2016 (TBA) | 40 hours | For accreditation |
| Philippine Green Building Code Training Seminars | 5 regions in the country | PHILGBI/IFC World Bank | 16 hours | For accreditation |

All modules available by request for regional offering.
Greetings from the College of Fellows!

With very warm felicitations we, at the College, welcome the 2015-2016 UAP National Board of Directors, Officers, Committee Chairs, and the general membership. It is indeed an honor to be in this year’s UAP National Board, and like the other officers, I look forward with great expectations to another year of unprecedented accomplishments and achievements.

This year’s theme: EQUIP + EMPOWER + ENJOIN: Together on Higher Ground, I believe, encapsulates the overarching need for architects to unite in every way possible and be actively involved in ascertaining their unique role in nation building. It is a call for all of us to participate through concerted efforts making sure we render unwavering service to the architecture profession; in doing so, serve the nation as catalysts for growth: builders of the country’s future through our collaborative efforts and initiatives while maintaining respect for our heritage.

As we set forth on our mission “...together on higher grounds”, let us eagerly put at the forefront our being role models to young aspirants to the architecture profession; setting aside our self-interests, and making sure we conduct ourselves with high ethical standards thereby promoting the best interest of the profession, the professional organization—UAP, and the Filipino nation in general.

Mabuhay ang United Architects of the Philippines. Mabuhay ang arkitektong Filipino!

Leah P. Dela Rosa, uap Executive Director

Last August 6, 2015, the signing of Memorandum of Understanding by 6 new scholars who qualified to the UAP LEADERSHIP IN EDUCATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. One of the scholars, Ar. Melissa Patano already finished her thesis (cum laude) while Ar. Olivia Lauron is on her first stage of thesis preparation. Ar. Patano was benefited with P15,000 while Ar. Lauron, P5,000 (in 3 tranches). Other recipients of the UAP-LEAP are Ars. Sygrid Joy Sedilla, Milcah Paula Loyola, Darwin Oliveros and Lea Constantina Cruz, all received the scholar grant of P10,000 each.
IMPORTANT FACTS ON OUR BUILT CULTURE

by Rino Domingo A. Fernandez, fuap
Executive Director

These series of articles on Filipino Architecture that will be published as part of the UAP Post, is intended as a supplemental reading/resource materials for everyone interested in our built culture and to widen our understanding regarding our Architecture. Being at the forefront of the creation of a visual character of a place, architects need to be familiar with the architectural form unique in his/her country. With this, the country’s built culture will be preserved and ensure its sustainability.

Malay House Three (3) Distinct Horizontal Division

3. Large Overhanging Roof
2. Mid-level Living Area
1. Raised Columnar Base

[Agate, 1849]

To understand the architecture of the First Societies in our country, the Pre-Hispanic Period, the account of Antonio Pigafetta is an interesting source. He said that, “The Palace of the King (referring to the King of Butuan)...was built like a hayloft and was thatched with fig [i.e. banana] and palm leaves. It was built up high from the ground on huge posts of wood and it was necessary to ascend to it by means of ladders.” Pigafetta was referring to the architectural form of the “bahay kubo,” which is an elevated structure on stilts and with large overhanging roof. This type of structure was common, not only in the Philippines, but throughout the Islands of South East Asia, Oceania, Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia, and was commonly referred to as the “Malay house.” It has three distinct horizontal divisions, namely: raised columnar base, mid-level living area, and large overhanging roof [see Figure 1]. The similarity of this house form is also evident in the way these houses and its parts are called in other places, particularly in the Philippines [see Figure 2]. However, variations also exists due to geographical and climatic conditions of where this house will be built, and so as the availability of materials, cultural beliefs, and local knowledge on construction techniques. In the upland areas in particular, due to cold temperatures during nighttimes, the houses have palm leaves, which are used by the natives in their buildings. However, things changed after Manila, together with the first cathedral, was burned to ashes in 1583. The fire of 1583 resulted to the birth of stone buildings in Manila, with architecture similar to that of Spain. Since Chinese workers were familiar with the stone and wood construction in their country, they were employed as “chinos sueltos” or Chinese skilled workers. The first stone structure in the Philippines was the Bishop’s House along Calle Real in Manila (now Intramuros) and before 1645, “Manila had 60 houses, most of them of hewn stone... built in costly style,” according to Bartholome De Letona in his Descriptions of Filipinas Islands, 1483-1898. It was in 1645 that Manila experienced a catastrophic earthquake “that destroyed nearly all the stone buildings, except San Agustin Church, according to a document called Temporalidades. This was the last earthquake, of high intensity and magnitude that PHILVOCs used as a baseline, in what they referred to as “The Big One” to hit Manila in the near future. It was also in this document that mentioned that, “the 1645 Earthquake...resulted to the birth of structures called “casas mestizas” – houses of stone and wood currently called today as “bahay na bato.”

Father Ignacio Alzina, a Jesuit Priest, called these two-storey wood and stone structures as “arquitectura mestiza” in his writing in 1668. It was never called as “arquitectura Española” (Spanish Architecture), or “arquitectura Mediterránea” (Mediterranean Architecture), or “arquitectura Antillana” (Antillian Architecture), or “arquitectura Mexicana” (Mexican Architecture). At present, these are what we mistakenly called our “bahay na bato.” The use of the word “mestiza” during the Hispanic Period refers to “a person of mixed blood, specifically of foreign and native/local ancestry” like “mestiza Española” for a person of Spanish and native (Filipino) descent of “mestiza China” for a person of Chinese and native (Filipino) ancestry. From this definition, we can say that the Filipino ancestral houses or “bahay na bato” were born in our place and uniquely our own architecture. It was a mixture of the traditional “bahay kubo” architecture and foreign (Chinese and Spanish) building elements. The overall visual form of ancestral houses was based from the “bahay kubo” with an elevated profile, upper living unit, and large overhanging roof. Aside from this, the integration of climate-responsive design principles such as wide and numerous windows for ventilation and solar protective elements to avoid direct-sun exposure also came from the “bahay kubo.” The Chinese contributions include the roof design with slight curve, the checkerboard pattern window (without capiz shell), circular vents, fretwork pattern (calado), and timber framing construction techniques. The only thing Spanish or European were the ornaments and decorations such as classical columns, pilasters, balusters, comice, grilles, etc.

There were indeed houses of Spanish Architecture that were built in Manila during the Hispanic Period however, these structures were proven useless for strong earthquakes, resulting to the birth of a combined stone & wood structure of our ancestral houses that are more adaptable to our local conditions. It would also be appropriate, I guess, if this type of architecture will not be called as “bahay na bato” but instead, “Filipino house” – the way our Asian neighbours proudly called their houses i.e. “Japanese house,” “Malaysian house,” “Indonesian house,” etc.

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At the start of the fiscal year 2015-2016, the UAP Commission on Education met to discuss issues concerning architectural education in the Philippines. There are three points the Commission would like to work on during the year:

1) To assess if the architecture curriculum matches up with the demands of the industry;
2) To assist faculty members' compliance with the CHED memorandum regarding OBE; and,
3) To review the role of the UAPSA and UAPGA in the national organization.

The UAP Commission on Education is currently headed by Ar. Norma I. Alarcon, FUAP, Ph.D., Executive Director. Its various committees are chaired by the following: Committee on Research and Academic Institution, Ar. Jonathan Manalad; Committee on UAP-Academe-Industry Linkages, Ar. Henry Herrera; Committee on Student Auxiliary of UAP, Ar. Jocelyn Lutap, Ph.D.; and, Committee on Graduate Auxiliary of UAP, Ar. Catherine Carunungan, FUAP.

Last August 5, 2015 at the 2nd floor of the UAP Headquarters, the Commission's Committee on UAP-Academe-Industry Linkages, together with the UAP Manila Atelier Chapter, sponsored a round-table discussion on important issues concerning architectural education with special focus on the knowledge & skills and values acquired by graduates. In addition, the meeting also intended to ensure that what the academe teaches complements the demands of the industry or vice-versa. The practitioners pointed out the strengths and weaknesses of the graduates. On the same line, the academe saw the necessity of re-tooling the faculty to further strengthen their teaching methods. It was also noted that the professional practitioners also play a role in the training of future architects when they accept undergraduates to undergo apprenticeship in their firms and offices. Overall, it was a welcome sight to see the CODHASP, CHED and key players from the industry join hands in promoting the profession. As commented by an architect, they wanted more of such dialogues in the future.

The UAP National President, Ar. Ma. Benita O. Regala, FUAP, the occasion's guest speaker thanked the participants for their support to the effort of improving the architecture education. She also informed the body on the efforts of the UAP regarding RA9266 stressing the role of the academicians in safeguarding the contents of the law.

Ar. Jonathan Manalad, Chair of the Committee on Research and Academic Institutions, has lined up a series of OBE lectures to cover architectural schools in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. The Committee is currently preparing the schedule of lectures with Areneo de Davao and Columban College, Olongapo City.

The Chair of the Committee on Student Auxiliary of UAP, Ar. Lutap and members together with the new officers of the UAPSA are currently reviewing the By-laws of the student group. Aside from this, Ar. Lutap reported the following:

1) UAPSA-UST is assisting Director of District B-1 Ar. Rebecca Penafiel in the upcoming summit for Hospital Disaster Preparedness on Sept 18, 2015 at San Mateo, Rizal with the DOH as the main sponsor. 500 participants composed of students and faculty member of architectural schools in the Philippines are expected to attend the summit.

2) The Quadripartite activity of UAPSA hosted by the UAPSA NBD is set on August 27-30, 2015 and as of August 6 there are 250 registered participants from Luzon to Mindanao.

Ar. Cathy Carunungan, FUAP met with the incoming officers of the UAP Graduate Auxiliary (UAPGA) last July 2015. Planning out their various activities, the incoming officers are concerned with the pending reading and approval of their by-laws. The induction of officers 2015-2016 is set on August 16, 2015 at CW Home Depot Event Hall at Ortigas.

Shown in the photo are the participants to the round-table discussion between representatives of the academe and the industry held last Aug. 5, 2015 at the UAP Headquarters. Seated from left: Dean Peter Villanueva, College of Architecture Adamson University; Dr. Jocelyn Lutap, Head College of Architecture, PUP and Chair, UAPSA; Ar. Cathy Bake-Carunungan, fuap, Chair UAPGA & representing the firm Carunungan & Partners; NP Ar. Beth O. Regala, fuap; Dr. Norma I. Alarcon, fuap, Executive Director, UAP Commission on Education; Dr. Lorelei De Viana, Dean IARFA, FEU and President of the CODHASP; and, Dr. Chona E. Ponce, fuap, Dean College of Architecture National University. Standing from left: Ar. Henry Herrera, Chair, Committee on UAP-Academe-Industry Linkages; Ar. Carmelo T. Casas, President & CEO Casas + Architects; Ar. Edward Co. Tan, Principal, ECT+A; Ar. Larry A. Carandang, Head, Architecture Department, College of St. Benilde; Ar. Juanito Malaga, President, UAP Manila Atelier Chapter; Ar. Carlos Garcia; Ar. Abelardo Firmeza, fuap, CHED Representative for Architecture; Ar. Jonathan Manalad, Chair, Committee on Research and Academic Institutions; Ar. Rodolfo Ventura, Principal Architect, CA Ventura & Associates; Ar. Christian Guerrero, Vice-President, Nazareno + Guerrero Design Consultancy, Inc.; Ar. Miguel Guerrero, Managing Partner Asian Architects; and Dr. Tobias A. Bonaobra, fuap. Not in picture: Dr. Gloria Teodoro, fuap, Dean College of Architecture Mapua Institute of Technology.
**AREA A2-A TURN-OVER CEREMONIES**

by Leah Y. Martin, uap

The United Architects of the Philippines District A2a Turn-over Ceremonies and Joint Chapter Induction of Officers and New Members was held on August 9, 2015 at the Atis Hall, Barcie International Center, Malolos City, Bulacan. The Guest of Honor was the Bulacan Provincial Governor Hon. Wilhelmino Sy-Alvarado. The UAP National Officers who came to grace the occasion were Ar. Jun Tablizo, fuap-National Auditor; Ar. Corazon Tandoc, fuap-Immediate Past Area A Vice President; Ar. Robert Benedict Hermoso - Area A Vice-President and Ar. Ma. Elena Cayanan - Past UAP Chancellor. The four UAP Chapters of the District were complete namely Barasoain, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija-Cabanatuan and Sta. Maria Bulacan-East. From far and near, members and officers came despite it was a rainy Sunday morning.

Hon. Alvarado during his speech discussed about the development in Bulacan and its nearby provinces including Metro Manila area. He also mentioned the incoming earthquake named “The Big One” and how it will affect not only Metro Manila but also a portion of Norzagaray in the Province of Bulacan. On the other hand, Ar. Hermoso read the speech of the UAP National President, Ar. Regala who was not able to attend the affair.

The program was divided into three parts namely Induction Ceremonies, Testimonial and Closing Ceremonies; and lastly Fellowship and Raffle. Major sponsor of the event was Boysen Paints, represented by Mr. Richard Mariano. Other sponsors were Colorsteel, Unitec and Emerald.

Finally, everyone went home with the same UAP and PRC Identification number but with renewed commitment to their beloved organization...the UAP. It is where they belong.

Donations may be dropped at the UAP Headquarters & cash donations may be sent to:

**Account Name:** UAP Zamboanga- Chavacano Chapter Bank: Philippine Bank of Communications (PBCOM) Zamboanga Branch

**Account Number:** 285 10 000922 0

**Note:** For monitoring of cash donations, please txt to: Arch. Shirlee Pajarito, UAP Area D2 District Director

**CP#:** 09272393931 or email image copy of deposit slip to: sp30308@yahoo.com

**Muchisimas Gracias!**
AREA B-1 DISTRICT INDUCTION
by Juanito M. Malaga, uap

It was held in the Summer and Autumn Halls, Luxent Hotel, Timog Ave., QC on August 21, 2015. The title of the affair was UAP District B-1 Joint Induction and Turn-over Ceremonies with the theme EMPOWER + EQUIP + ENJOIN: Together on Higher Ground. Attendees were UAP President Ar. Beth Regala, fuap; Secretary General Ar. Nina Bailon-Arce, UAP and National Auditor General Ar. Nina Bailon-Arce, FUAP; Rey Gabitan, UAP; Executive Vice-President Ar. Beth Regala, fuap; National Executive Vice-President Ar. Rey Gabitan, UAP; Secretary General Ar. Nina Bailon-Arce, UAP and National Auditor General Ar. Nina Bailon-Arce, FUAP. Attendees were UAP President Ar. Beth Regala, fuap; National Executive Vice-President Ar. Rey Gabitan, UAP; Secretary General Ar. Nina Bailon-Arce, UAP and National Auditor General Ar. Nina Bailon-Arce, FUAP.

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Arch. Racho, who is both an architect and civil engineer, called upon his colleagues in the District to support his administration, working on the theme “Y.O.L.O” for UAP and UAP Regional District C1 (UAP RDC1) chapters took their oaths of office. Incoming UAP RDC1 District Director Jensen Racho led the holding of a half-day orientation for his District Council Officers, Executive Commissioners and the chapter officers of the seven chapters under his jurisdiction.

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The new District Director received the gavel of authority from outgoing UAP RDC1 District Director Ariel Angalot, who made history as the first District Director from UAP Bohol Chapter. The ceremony was witnessed by UAP National Executive Vice President Rey Gabitan, UAP Vice President for Area C Eldred Caesar Tan, FUAP and Secretary General Nina Arce, FUAP.

Again, the number of new members who took their oaths were overwhelming (close to a hundred of them). Together with an inspired group of chapter and district leaders, one could say that UAP RDC1 is all geared up to set foot on higher ground with the rest of the organization.
INDUCTIONS AROUND DISTRICT D1

by Gloryrose Dy, uap

The first few weeks into the fiscal year was a busy time for the UAP District D1 as chapters in the district were abuzz with their respective induction and turnover ceremonies. It was likewise a busy schedule for our National Officers, among them, National President Benita Regala, Area D VP Ferdinand Dumpa, Secretary-General Nina Bailon-Arce, National Auditor Domingo Tablizo, and District D1 Director Ericson Europa, who graced these various events.

First on the induction line was the Chapter Induction Ceremony of Socsksargen Chapter held on July 1, 2015 at the Green Leaf Hotel, General Santos City. The affair, which also served as the chapter’s 20th anniversary celebration, installed the new set of officers in the chapter as Chapter President, Vice President, Secretary-General, and Treasurer. The high point of the ceremony was the turnover of the current leadership of the chapter from Ar. Rey Gabitan, National Executive Vice President, to officiate the turnover and installation of the new set of officers led by Ar. Andrew Sahial, incoming Chapter President.

On July 7, UAP Kadayawan Chapter held its 13th Induction Ceremony of Officers and New Members at the Apo View Hotel, Davao City. The new chapter officers, led by Architect Maria Hilda Villegas, were sworn into office by UAP Area D Vice President Dumpa. Also present during the event were UAP Secretary-General Arce and District D1 Director Europa.

The 8th Induction of Officers and New Members of UAP Davao Alpha Chapter took place last August 13 at the SMX Convention Center, SM Lanang Premiere, Davao City, with incoming President Neill Pagcaliwagan formally taking over the reigns of leadership of the chapter from Architect Rameses Tancontian.

The following day, August 14, UAP Mount Apo Chapter held its 25th Induction of Officers and New Members at the Apo View Hotel, Davao City, with Architect Camilo Quibod inducted into office as Chapter President, together with his chapter board. Area D Vice President Dumpa, National Auditor Tablizo, and District D1 Director Europa were present during the occasion.

The Honorable Mayor of the City of Davao, Rodrigo Duterte, was the Guest of Honor during the 40th Induction of Officers and New Members held at the Royal Mandaya Hotel, Davao City on August 15. UAP National President Regala installed into office the chapter board, headed by Chapter President Ace Mark Clapis. A record of 26 new members were also inducted during the occasion.

Next came North Davao Chapter’s 5th Induction of Officers and New Members on August 16 held at The Big 5 Hotel in Tagum City, wherein Architect Gloryrose Dy was installed as the chapter’s new president.

The 7th Joint District D-2 Turnover Ceremony and Induction of New Officers and Members was successfully held last July 31, 2015 at the Crystal Ballroom of Grand Astoria Hotel, along Chico’s Ave., Zamboanga City, celebrating it with the theme; “Communicate Steadfast Professionalism and Reliability; Essential traits to overcome the challenges and changes brought by Global Integration”. The following national officers came to officiate the turnover and induction ceremony: Ar. Rey S. Gabitan (UAP National Executive Vice President), Ar. Maria Nina Bailon Arce (UAP Secretary General) and Ar. Ferdinand Dumpa (UAP Vice President for Area D). The Guest Speaker during the occasion was the Honorable Representative Maricar Zamora-Mabanglo of the First District of Compostela Valley Province. Also during the event, the District D1 Council officers, led by District Director Europa, were also sworn into office. It was Datu Bago Chapter’s turn on August 17, with its First Turnover Ceremonies and Induction of Officers and New Members held at the Royal Mandaya Hotel, Davao City. Heading the new chapter officers is Architect Jeffrey Brabante, who was inducted as Chapter President during the affair by UAP National President Regala.

Rounding off the series of inductions in District D1 was Cotabato Chapter’s 26th Induction of Officers held on August 18 at the EM Manor Hotel in Cotabato City. College of Fellows Chancellor Miguel Carpio swore in new officers, led by Chapter President Datu Bago, and Induction of Officers held at the Royal Mandaya Hotel, Davao City, with Architect Zulficar Clapis installed into office as Chapter President, together with his chapter board.

The Guest Speaker during the occasion was the Honorable Mayor of the City of Davao, Rodrigo Duterte, who was the Guest of Honor during the 40th Induction of Officers and New Members held at the Royal Mandaya Hotel, Davao City on August 15.

The following activities were significantly accomplished:
1. Induction of the UAP District Council Officers for D-2
2. Induction of the UAP Zamboanga Chapter Officers
3. Induction of the UAP Zamboanga-Chavacano Chapter Officers
4. Induction of the UAP Zamboanga Chapter New Members
5. Induction of the UAP Zamboanga-Chavacano New Members
1ST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The first GMM of the Zamboanga Chapter was held on a Friday night in July 03, 2015 at Paeng’s Grill and Restaurant, Barangay Sta. Maria, Zamboanga City. The chapter members convened to discuss the following matters:

1. Payment of Dues
   The members were informed about the September 2015 deadline for the payment of the IAPOA. It was decided that the payment will be accomplished in two payment schedules; July 28, 2015 for the 1st Batch and August 28, 2015 for the second Batch. It was reminded that a 100% penalty will be implemented for payments done after the deadline. It has been agreed that the local dues will be adjusted and penalties shall be imposed.

2. Amnesty
   A non-active member decided to rejoin the chapter. The communication about the general amnesty program was discussed for the dissemination and information of inactive chapter members. The inactive members were invited to join the meeting and avail of the amnesty program.

3. List of Seminars
   The list of possible seminar topics provided by the secretariat was discussed for possible request to be conducted in Zamboanga City.

4. Chapter Projects
   The meeting was conducted to identify the programs to be included as Chapter Projects of the current year. There were several that were suggested and identified. It will be finalized after the scheduled induction of officers.

5. UAPSA
   The members accepted the UAPSA request to serve as the mother chapter for the student auxiliary. Arch. Jeffrey Roy D.S. Wee, the elected V.P. for Operations, was assigned to oversee the activities and other matters regarding the UAPSA organization from WMSU. It was agreed that the UAPSA officers will be invited on the succeeding meetings of the chapter to report on the current status and proposed activities of the student organization.

6. Upcoming Joint District D2 Induction Ceremony
   The members agreed to have a joint district induction on the available date of the UAP national officers who will be attending the said activity. The following matters were discussed and approved by the body:
   a. Date of induction was set on July 31, 2015
   b. Solicitations on the local industry suppliers
   c. Time of the program
   d. Attire on the induction
   e. Venue of the induction
   f. Theme: “Communicate steadfast professionalism and reliability; essential traits to overcome the challenges brought by the global integration”
Building on the initiatives of previous COF administrations, this year’s proposed programs, and activities include:

1. Coordination with the UAP Committee on Education regarding review and enhancement of the B.S. Architecture curriculum through participation in the proposed round table discussion;
2. Promotion of public information campaigns and advocacies through general interest talks and lectures like, but not limited to, promoting public safety in buildings; disaster preparedness; and other similar topics;
3. Continuation of the Health Talk series;
4. Coordination with the Committee on National and Civic Affairs for the College’s participation in outreach projects;
5. Holding of at least two COF meetings in the regions;
6. Other projects that may be approved by the COF officers and members.

**COF Schedule of Activities (after GMM)**

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**Note:** Topics may be changed subject to availability of Resource Persons. In such cases, members will be advised.

As the advisory council of the UAP, the COF General Membership Meetings (GMMs) are conducted every first Saturdays of the month. GMMs are usually followed by activities of general interest like seminars, health talks. Annual programs of the College such as Balik Tanaw, a program that coincides with the World Day of Architecture celebration held every first week of October gives recognition to COF members who have reached 75 years old. The annual Convocation of Fellows, Investiture of New Fellows, and Honor Dinner are held during the UAP National Convention. The table below shows a shortlist of the COF Schedule of Activities for FY 2015-2016.

The COF Officers and Jury of Fellows meet regularly every third Fridays of the month to discuss issues and concerns of the College, and prepare for the regular GMMs. When called for and deemed necessary, issues affecting the UAP in general are included in its meetings’ agenda. So far, during its past two meetings this FY 2015-2016, important resolutions approved include: COF Resolution 15-16 No. 02, which streamlines operations of the different COF Committee by institutionalizing appointments of Committee Heads. The resolution approved the COF Officers’ decision of taking on the responsibilities by assigning themselves as Committee Chairs, thus:

- Committee on Ethics and Discipline - CCOF Miguel M. Carpio
- Balik Tanaw - Jury Chair Ma. Lisa V. Santos
- Committee on Ways and Means - Immediate Past Bursar Rolando B. Banzon in coordination with incumbent Bursar Amado E. Tandoc, Jr.
- COF Directory FY 2015-2016
- COF Necrological Service - CCOF-Elct Norma I. Alarcon
- Convocation, Investiture, Honor Dinner - Jury Chair Ma. Lisa V. Santos
- Sunshine Committee VCCOF-Elct Pamela N. Amador
- Conferment of Member Emeritus - Jury Chair Ma. Lisa V. Santos
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Furthermore, the Letter Calling for Nominees for Elevation to Fellows with the accompanying COF forms were sent on the first week of August 2015 to all chapters especially in the regions to give them more time to collate and prepare needed documents for submission and onwards review of the Jury of Fellows. The early date of release of the “Calls for Nominees” addresses concerns about document preparations being hindered by the Holiday Season.

To serve as an important reminder to the general membership reference Memorandum Circular No. 4, s. 2015 re: ONE-TIME GENERAL AMNESTY PROGRAM FOR PAST UAP NATIONAL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES AND CHAPTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP, issuance of the SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDELINES on the aforementioned Circular was made possible, through the Office of the Secretary General, thus (see memorandum)

Also, during its recent GMM held on August 1, the College approved its support to the re-nomination of Ar. Francisco Mañosa, fpau for the National Artist for Architecture Award. Accordingly, a letter addressed to the UAP National Board is being prepared as this becomes part of the required formalities.
The College wishes to inform the general membership that the much-awaited COF Achievers Book has been published in FY 2014-2015. The general membership is requested to avail themselves of copies of the book at P2,000.00. Request for copies can be made through the COF Coordinator Ms. Jenny Abanto at the following contact numbers: 0998-888-9463 / 412-6364

COF Feature

LIKHA is the highest award given by the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) to an architect in recognition of his/her exceptional practice in the profession and contribution in the field of architecture. At present, there are 12 LIKHA Awardees, are:

Felipe M. Mendoza 1982
Leandro V. Locsin 1987
Gabriel P. Formoso 1990
Cesar V. Canchela 1995
Manuel T. Manosa, Jr. 1996
Angel R. Lazaro, Jr. 2000
Francisco T. Manosa 2003
Geronimo V. Manahan 2005
Edilberto F. Florentino 2006
Norberto M. Nuke 2009
Froilan L. Hong 2013
Yolanda J. David-Reyes 2014

Ar. Amado E. Tandoc, Jr. COF-Bursar, a self-made painter did a contribution in recognizing the LIKHA Awardees by painting the portraits of each architect in an 18" x 24" canvass, please refer to the pictures of the paintings below. According to Ar. Tandoc, he will donate the paintings and will make a proposal to UAP Officials to house these paintings as a rich repository of memorabilia, works and achievements of the LIKHA Awardees.

Architects and students of architecture will be benefited in their research and studies of these outstanding architects.
ASEAN Agreement on Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA) on Architectural Services intends to will facilitate the mobility of architectural professionals within ASEAN and enhance information exchange in order to promote adoption of best practices on standards of architectural education, professional practices and qualifications.

The main objective for the agreement is to conform to the spirit of ASEAN cooperations based on fair distribution of resources and benefits through collaborative research and set standards and commitment of technological transfer in architecture among ASEAN Member Countries.

An Architect who possesses the qualifications and professional experience requirements specified in the Assessment Statement may apply to be registered in the ASEAN Architect Register (AAR) and accorded the title of ASEAN Architect (AA).

Under the ASEAN MRA on Architectural Services, the Professional Regulatory Authority (PRA) of each participating ASEAN Member State or in the case of the Philippines, the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) shall authorize a Monitoring Committee (MC) to receive and process applications of its Architects for registration as AA, and to maintain the AAR.

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) made and entered into by and among the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), the ASEAN Monitoring Committee on Architectural Services of the Philippines (AMCASP) was created to serve the functions of the Monitoring Committee of the Philippines.

An AA of any other ASEAN Member State who wishes to provide professional architectural services in the Philippines shall register with the PRC, through AMCASP to be eligible as a Registered Foreign Architect (RFA).

APEC Architects
The APEC Architect Registry is a response to the strategic priority of facilitating mobility of qualified persons through the mutual recognition of professional qualifications among countries. It breaks down a major barrier that prevents Filipinos from practicing architecture abroad.

Through the APEC Architect Registry, qualified Filipino architects will be internationally accredited for the practice of their profession in member countries.

The Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), is an international forum composed of twenty-one member economies that have undertaken to act collectively to promote economic and technical cooperation within the Asia-Pacific region. On the initiative of the APEC Human Resources Development Working Group (HRDWG), one of the sectoral groups established to implement APEC programs, the APEC Architect Project was endorsed as a direct response to the strategic priority of facilitating the mobility of qualified persons by developing a means for the mutual recognition of qualifications.

The APEC Architect Project builds on the World Trade Organization (WTO) General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) principles for the progressive liberalization of trade in services through the reduction of regulatory restrictions, leading to reciprocal agreements between member economies. The fundamental idea behind the project is that using the APEC Architect Framework participating economies are able to enter into bilateral or multi-lateral arrangements which allow senior architects in these economies to access fast-track cross-border registration procedures.

The APEC Monitoring Committee Philippine Section is composed of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), Philippine Regulation Commission (PRC) / Prof and the Commission of Higher Education (CHED).

The conferment was graced by UAP National President Ar. Maria Benita O. Regala, PRC Chairman Florentino Doble, PRC Commissioner Yolanda David-Reyes, PRBOA Chairman Rolanda L. Gordiero, PRBOA Member Fidel Jose Siapno, UAP Past Presidents Ar. Prosperidad C. Luis and Ar. Edric Marco C. Florentino and representative from CHED.
MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

My Fellow Architects,

May I address the standing issue of the UAP as the Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects ("IAPOA") specifically on the proper interpretation of Section 3 (11) of R.A. No. 9266. For proper guidance on this issue, I sought the opinion of our lawyers who are trained to read, understand and interpret the law. Section 40 and Section 3(11) states:

"Section 40. Integration of the Architecture Profession. - The Architecture profession shall be integrated into one (1) national organization which shall be accredited by the Board, subject to the approval by the Commission as the integrated and accredited professional organization of architects. Provided, however, That such an organization shall be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a non-profit, nonstock corporation to be governed by by-laws providing for a democratic election of its officials. An architect duly registered with the Board shall automatically become a member of the integrated and accredited professional organization of architects and shall receive the benefits and privileges provided for in this Act upon payment of the required fees and dues. Membership in the integrated and accredited professional organization of architects shall not be a bar to membership in other associations of architects." (emphasis supplied)

Section 3. (11). Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization means the existing official national organization of all architects of the Philippines in which all registered Filipino architects shall be members without prejudice to membership in other voluntary professional associations;" (emphasis supplied)

Based on the opinion of our lawyers, the correct interpretation of the foregoing provisions are as follows:

1. The terms "integrated and accredited professional organization of architects" appearing on Section 40 has been defined under Section 3 (11) as the "existing official national organization of all architects of the Philippines. "As stated during the deliberations in Congress for the passage of the R.A. 9266, the UAP was referred to as the existing official national organization of all architects of the Philippines. Clearly, the UAP is the IAPOA referred to in the law.

2. Based on the above definition, the UAP is the only existing official national organization of all architects in the Philippines, prior, during and after the passage of the law. Thus, based on the above definition and the deliberations in Congress, there is no doubt that what is being referred to as the IAPOA is the UAP and no other organization.

3. The Law has imposed additional requirements a) it must first be accredited by the Board of Architecture and b) approved by the PRC.

4. RA. 9266 did not provide for the procedures and requirements for accreditation by the Board and the PRC. However, separate pieces of legislations have provided for the accreditation by the Board and approval by the PRC.

5. There is nothing in RA.9266, which required that the IAPOA to be accredited by the Board and approved by the PRC must be a new organization. What the law clearly provides is that the Board shall "accredit" and the PRC to approve the IAPOA.

6. There is nothing in the law, which mandates, directs or cause to be organized a new organization after the passage of RA. 9266. Neither did the law provide for appropriation for the organization, formation and establishment of the new organization.

7. RA. 9266 did not dissolve the UAP as an organization nor has invalidated its accreditation as the IAPOA after the passage of the law.

8. Despite the integration of the three (3) organizations then existing namely: 1) Association of Philippine Government Architects ("APGA"); 2) the League of Philippine Architects ("LPA") and the 3) Philippine Institute of Architects ("PIA"), into one integrated organization, the UAP, other architects organizations have been formed and have retained their respective independent identities, thus, giving every architect the inalienable right to join such organizations, in absolute harmony with Section 40 of RA9266.

With these clarifications, I appeal and ask every Architect to stand by and defend the principles and ideals of UAP as the Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects.

Mabuhay ang UAP! Mabuhay ang Arkitektong Pilipino!

Maria Benita Ochoa-Regala, fuap, aa
National President

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ARCHITECTURE IS FOR ARCHITECTS
ENGINEERING IS FOR ENGINEERS

What is the practice of Architecture?
For the interest of public welfare and safety, Sec. 3.3 of Republic Act No. 9266 (Architecture Act of 2004) clearly defines that the practice of architecture is “the act of planning and architectural designing, structural conceptualization, specifying, supervising and giving general administration and responsible direction to the erection, enlargement or alterations of buildings and building environments and architectural design in engineering structures or any part thereof...”

What it is NOT?
The practice of architecture does NOT include civil engineering/structural design, electrical design, mechanical design, sanitary/plumbing design, electronics and communication design, geodetic engineering, agricultural engineering, other engineering specialty and allied services.

It does NOT cover engineering design for electrical transmission towers, dams, oil pipelines, rocket launchers, highways, and railroads.

HOUSE BILL 5127 and SENATE BILL 2623 provide that architectural design shall be exclusively prepared by an architect and do not include engineering designs. Therefore, these bills do not affect the practice of other professionals.

Who may practice ARCHITECTURE?
Under Art. III, Sec. 20 (5) of R.A. 9266, “all architectural plans, designs, specifications, drawings and architectural documents relative to the construction of a building shall bear the seal and signature ONLY of an architect registered and licensed under this Act...”

The spirit and letter of R.A. 9266 is clear in granting architects the exclusive right to prepare and sign architectural documents. Sec. 43 cannot be used to allow other professionals to practice architecture. It cannot be that the law gave exclusivity to architects with one hand, and took it back with the other. The repeal of this provision will finally remove any doubt as to the intent and language of the law.

Why regulate the practice of ARCHITECTURE?
Public Safety and Welfare is also about accessibility, sustainability, fire and safety standards, and livability not just the strength of the structure. ALL these must be taken into consideration in architectural design. THIS IS WHY Architecture is a regulated profession to be practiced only by registered and licensed architects.

In preparation for ASEAN integration and globalization, we must ensure that our laws on professionals are aligned with international and regional standards, as well as attuned to global best practices wherein ARCHITECTURE IS FOR ARCHITECTS and ENGINEERING IS FOR ENGINEERS.

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Fiscal Year 2015-2016

July 2, 2015

TO : THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
UNITED ARCHITECTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

THRU : AREA VICE-PRESIDENTS
REGIONAL DISTRICT DIRECTORS
CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

RE : ONE-TIME GENERAL AMNESTY PROGRAM FOR PAST
UAP NATIONAL ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES AND
CHAPTER ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

Pursuant to the desire of the current administration to restore the good standing status of UAP Members and their active participation in all UAP activities, by providing relief to delinquent UAP Members through condonation of accumulated arrears and penalties, the National Board of Directors in its regular meeting held last June 25, 2015 at the UAP National Headquarters passed and approved Board Resolution No. 15-16 No. 1-11 adopting the One-Time General Amnesty Program for Past UAP National Annual Membership Dues and Chapter Annual Membership Dues, including corresponding Penalties.

The following guidelines and procedures on General Amnesty Program for Past UAP National Annual Membership Dues and Chapter Annual Membership Dues for reference, including any penalties thereof, and guidance of the General Membership:

1. Coverage
   All interested UAP Members who are delinquent in the payment of their UAP Annual Membership Dues (National and Chapter) since membership with the UAP until Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

2. Payment
   No payment for the Amnesty Program.

3. Implementation Period
   The Amnesty Program shall be implemented beginning **July 1, 2015** until **September 30, 2015**.

4. Procedures for Availing the Amnesty Program
   a. Fill-up the UAP General Amnesty Application Form. The form can be accessed at the UAP Official Website (www.united-architects.org).
   b. Submit the form to your respective Chapter President for processing and recording.
   c. Submit the form to UAP National Office as properly endorsed by the Chapter President.
   d. Pay the UAP Annual Membership dues for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016.
   e. Receive the Membership Certificate from the UAP National for the Fiscal year 2015-2016.

5. Terms and Condition
   a. The Amnesty Program shall apply to both National and Chapter Dues.
   b. The UAP Membership Number of the delinquent UAP Member who availed the Amnesty Program shall be retained however will have a suffix of “0” after the UAP Number indicating that said member has availed the amnesty.
   c. The Membership Status of the delinquent UAP Member who availed the Amnesty Program shall start on the Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

All Area Vice-Presidents, Regional District Directors and Chapter Presidents are encouraged to disseminate the Order immediately. Further, the Office of the National Treasurer is instructed to submit a report to the National Board of Directors the upshot of the Amnesty Program.

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National President

**SGD- MARIA NINA BAILON-ARCE, FUAP, AA**
Secretary General
18th ARCASIA
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Session 1: Dr. Tan Luke Mun
How to develop an International Practice

Session 2: Sunanthapapat Chalermpanth
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Roundtable on International Project Case Studies

Introduction to BIM
Autodesk Inc.
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Earthquake Resistance Structures
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ARCASIA Professional Workshop
9:00 - 12:00

ARCASIA Technical Workshop
09:00 - 12:30

ARCASIA Design Analysis Forum
08:00 - 18:00

Re-Articulating the Past
MR Chakrarot Chitrabongs

Housing for the Less Fortunate
Patama Roonrakwit
Satoko Shinohara
Yuli Kusworo

ARCASIA Prize Awards
08:00 - 12:30

Projwol Raj Bajracharya
Traditional Newari Houses, Nepal
Made Suprana Wibawa
Jineng Roof, Indonesia
Hang Mei Mary Grace Chiu
Steel Folded Rooftop Houses, Hong Kong

ARCASIA Design Research Lecture Series
09:00 - 17:00

Studio Mumbai | Demolition, India
Lekker Architects | Unnatural Ecologies, Singapore
Studiomake | Digital Fabrication, Thailand
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One entry per student.
Submission: Both hand and soft copy required.

TIMELINE

ACTIVITY
Launching / Start of Design Stage
Submission of Questionnaire
Deadline of Submission of all Entries
Preliminary Judging
Final Judging
Announcement / Awarding of Winners

DATE
September 1, 2015
October 21, 2015
December 30, 2015
February 20, 2015
April 2015 (Announcement)

MAJOR PRIZES
1st Prize: P100,000
2nd Prize: P50,000
3rd Prize: P30,000

SCHOLARSHIP
ArchINEXT 2015 shall accommodate a maximum of ten (10) scholars to be given financial assistance worth BPhP 80,000.
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PROGRAM ENQUIRIES:
UNITED ARCHITECTS OF THE PHILIPPINES
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