The United Architects of the Philippines is the Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects (IAPOA) in the Philippines with more than 30,000 registered architects at the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC). This number is expected to increase with the advent of the automatic membership clause under RA 9266 and the registration of new board passers of the recent PRC licensure examinations. UAP is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as a non-stock, non-profit organization with SEC Registration No. 60782.

From the early 1930s to late 1950s, associations of architects were founded, but only three survived until the early 1970s—the Association of Philippine Government Architects (APGA), League of Philippine Architects (LPA), and the Philippine Institute of Architects (PIA). In June 1973, President Ferdinand E. Marcos issued Presidential Decree 223, creating the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) regulating all professions and accrediting only one organization to represent each profession.

At 42, UAP is all FOR YOU

This year, the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) is celebrating 42nd Anniversary through a simple yet memorable fanfare at the “Home of the Filipino Architect”, the UAP Headquarters in Scout Rallos, Quezon City. No less than the National President, Architect Guillermo Hisancha, spearheaded the event which started with a thanksgiving mass, well attended by National Officers, some Chapter Presidents, guests and staff. In a seemingly nonchalant celebration of the Organization’s founding, architects paid homage by looking back to the best of times both hard and exciting, began with a prayer and concluded with a prayer, as well. To note, our Organization is the fruit of the merger of three existent architectural groups which finally, in 1975, settled their whereabouts and united for the common goal of the Filipino Architect towards advancement and of the Profession in the decades to follow. This foundation deserves a worthy and memorable commemoration, not just by the fact a united group of architects was born, but an institution was created exclusively to protect the interests of hardworking professionals. With the advent of globalization and heightened competition, the Filipino Architect needs to get even or break through the challenges of the Profession. For years, the United Architects of the Philippines has utilized all its means possible to strengthen our profession by way of organizing programs and engaging all members as much as possible.

As we approach another phase in our timeline considering that the implementation of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) law is almost here, the UAP is committed to bring all the needed assistance as possible to every member, enabling us to practice our Profession based on responsibility and quality. Good thing that the administration of Arch. Guillermo Hisancha has used the very letters of our Organization to highlight the current fiscal year’s mission which is “Unity, Accountability and Professional excellence”. True enough, being a Filipino Architect encompasses the qualities of both a servant and leader in the delivery of uncompromising service for the benefit of all.

The call of our forefathers for a unified organization of architects became a reality not because of profitability or the opportunity it may bring, but due to genuine desire to protect the then hundreds of professional builders in the wave of modernization and openness. Forty-two years hence, the UAP is all for you amidst the times of unpredictable encounters of today’s professional development. It’s now our turn to respond through collaboration and exploration.

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With the clear direction in which this administration had vowed upon, let me highlight the value, UNITY, and its great importance for our organization. UNITY, such as common word, yet denotes an immense responsibility.

UNITY as per definition is: “the state or condition of being one, something whole or complete formed by combining or joining separate things or entities”.

UNITY is a direction that I will and shall always embark, sincere efforts to mend bridges and build back waning and lost relationships, motivate the membership towards common goals and visions, a reminder that we are not alone but as an organization, we are one and the same, bound together by the noble profession, with the same principles, shared by all architects and dreams for a fulfillment of a united front to weather hurdles that the profession may encounter in its steady road to progress.

Historically, we are separate entities before that merged into a unified existence. With our history coming from diversification, this became our stepping stone for a united front. Yes, we are joined together as one, but time, emotions, trends and issues had somehow eroded our team spirit.

As I am pondering what is to do, I have in my heart felt that this is the time to be sincere, honest and open to all who have been engaged by UAP, though the engagement maybe vague, adversarial and somewhat unsure on a lot of things. In my initiative, I personally went on a crusade to talk with leaders of various organizations. Being with us from the beginning, the PIA was on my to-do list to rekindle this lost fire of friendship and collaborations. Not forgetting our friends at AAIF is another initiative I have done The leadership of both organizations were very warm in my friendly overtones and promised to have more dialogues in regard to future partnership work, emphasizing we are all architects and issues that will affect us all should bind us in this cause of unity.

Everyone is aware that as we exist as architects, we are always in direct rivalry with that other historical profession: the engineers. This situation have lightened and worsened, depending on the issues involved and the benefits gained and lost. Admitting that we need to be humble and open minded, I have prioritized the mending of relationships with PICE and its leadership. In my efforts to secure peace and friendship among the two professions, I have reached out to PICE, especially to the PICE President herself, who graciously accepted our friendly requests for dialogue and professional discussions. Our humble requests were given fruit by the PICE President as she had attended UAP’s anniversary and delivered a speech encouraging accord between UAP and PICE. As this friendly relation gets further, I have accepted PICE’s request to attend their ceremonies and oath takings. Though small my efforts are, I pray that we will not be just friends but supporters of each professional body who will join forces to resolve professional issues but also partners in issues directly affecting the built and construction industry.

Sincerity is the keyword in which I had engaged many. My vision is to foster collaborations, mutual agreements, co-sponsorships and cooperative effort between these individuals, organizations and companies.

It is a testament of the drive to seek sincere relationships that will add value to promote UNITY with others and but also within our organization. The idea of positive agreement will enrich the image of the United Architects of the Philippines and present our organization as an open minded and harmonious partner in every commitment it accepts.

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Formoso. We witness the demise of Ar. Manuel Mañosa and Ar. Norberto Nuke. We can’t have 38,000 as the number of licensed Architects. Ar. Mario Yao need not renew his license as he is already a partner at SLCE Architects, a big firm in New York. He is a Filipino and a graduate of UST. You can Google SLCE and see their portfolio and the list of Partners. Why do I know? Because my classmate and group mate in UST who joined an International Competition, is a Project Manager at SLCE Architects and his husband a junior partner already. I visited them in their office in NY. So, the 38,000 cannot renew license anymore, some are dead, some are housewives, some are suppliers, some went to construction or into business and many whom I know are doing good in other countries. So let us not find that 24,000 because architects will come if they want to, just like in NATCON 43 this April 2017, we had an overflow of registrants. We need not look for them; they registered because they want to earn points.

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This year, a record 24 Architects were elevated to the UAP College of Fellows (CoF), as confirmed in the National Board of Directors (NBD) meeting last February 25. These are the distinguished architects who were hailed for the following categories:

Private Practice, Design Build, Construction Management, Government Practice and Education. Nine of them are for Private Practice, Four are in Design Build category, Two are for Construction Management, Two are for Government Practice, and Seven are for Education. Among those who will be conferred have been in the service for the Organization for several years, including the UAP Post Associate editor for Areas C & D, Arch. Karl Emerson Cabilao of Sugbu Chapter. Meanwhile, former UAP National President and past Chancellor of the College of Fellows, Arch. Prosperidad Luis, will receive the 13th UAP Likha Award. The UAP Likha is the highest award bestowed by the UAP to its members with exceptional contribution to the Profession and the Organization. They will be conferred during the Convocation of Fellows on April 27, the first day of the 43rd UAP National Convention at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City.

**NEW FELLOWS ANNOUNCED; FORMER NP LUIS NEW LIKHA AWARDER**

**Ar. Emmanuel Jesus R. Arbo**
PRIVATE PRACTICE

**Ar. Caro Guzman B. Fausto**
PRIVATE PRACTICE

**Ar. Elgin S. Galina**
PRIVATE PRACTICE

**Ar. Enriqueto F. Gozum**
PRIVATE PRACTICE

**Ar. Nestor O. Jumantag**
PRIVATE PRACTICE

**Ar. Ma. Luisa Patricia M. Gutierrez**
PRIVATE PRACTICE

**Ar. Manolo I. Merhan**
PRIVATE PRACTICE

**Ar. Norman B. Morales**
PRIVATE PRACTICE

**Ar. Jemma Sarol**
PRIVATE PRACTICE

**Ar. Ruby Teresa M. De Leon**
EDUCATION

**Ar. Markel Cesar A. Luna**
EDUCATION

**Ar. Ma. Saturnina C. Parungao**
EDUCATION

**Ar. Fatima Nicetas A. Rabang**
EDUCATION

**Ar. Elmer C. Villas**
GOVERNMENT PRACTICE

**Ar. Margret I. Deguilmo**
EDUCATION

**Ar. Emmanuel Jesus R. Arbo**
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**Ar. Norman B. Morales**
PRIVATE PRACTICE

**Ar. Jocelyn A. Rivera**
PRIVATE PRACTICE

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**Ar. Karl Emerson F. Cabilao**
EDUCATION

**Ar. Bobby Teresa M. de Leon**
EDUCATION

**Ar. Margaret C. Arguelles-Rosario**
EDUCATION

**Ar. Nurhiefera A. Luna**
EDUCATION

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GOVERNMENT PRACTICE

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13th UAP LIKHA GOLD MEDAL AWARDER
The CoF
General Membership Meetings


Right: PHOTOGRAPHY & BEYOND: A Lecture on Basic Photography, plus Updates on the Continuing Professional Development, January 14, 2017; Below: HEART UNDER ATTACK: A Lecture on Heart Diseases, February 4, 2017. Both were held at 3rd Floor, UAP National Headquarters, Quezon City.

Below: On December 3, 2016 GMM, the Overview of the SEED Project (Meritxell Children’s Home) - A Christmas Fund Raising program for the construction of the new Meritxell Children’s Home. This was held at 6th Floor, UAP National Headquarters, Quezon City.

Below: “KALMA LANG: A Lecture on Anger Management”, the 7th GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, held last March 4, 2017 at 3rd Floor, UAP National Headquarters, Quezon City.

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“Balik-Tanaw” at WAD

Below: World Architecture Day Celebration and CoF BALIK-TANAW Recognition Program, held last October 1, 2016 at 6th Floor, UAP National Headquarters, Quezon City. This was held in conjunction with the 2016 World Architecture Day Celebration, Balik-Tanaw Annual Program of the CoF was held immediately after the 3rd GMM.

CoF Breakfast Meeting

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Since its registration, UAP has received many awards, including the highly-acclaimed PRC's Most Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization. To date, it is still the first and only APO to win the award five times in the Award's nineteen-year history. These were in years 2002, 2007 and 2008, 2011 and 2014. The award is presented annually to recognize the achievements, services and commitments of the APO to the profession. UAP bested forty five (45) other professional organizations, through 12 stringent criteria set for the award.

The UAP has been instrumental in the passing of Republic Act 9266: The Architect's Law of 2004, effective April 26, 2004. On 22 June 2004, the PRC, through its Board of Architecture, accredited the UAP as the Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects (IAPOA). The new law granted Filipino architects more definitive rights, benefits and distinction as against other professionals in the construction industry.

The UAP today claims an active membership of over 16,000 architects scattered over four strategic areas of the country: Area A, comprising the central and northern portion of the Island of Luzon including Metropolitan Manila comprises 7 regional districts; Area B composing southern Luzon as well as the members from the islands of Mindoro, Masbate and Palawan containing 5 regional districts; Area C comprises members from the Visayan Islands, comprising 3 regional districts; and Area D, comprising Mindanao, which were further divided into 4 regional districts.

The UAP is a member of the following international organizations: The International Union of Architects (UIA); Architects Regional Council for Asia (ARCASIA); Eastern Regional Organization for Planning and Human Settlements (EAROPH); the APEC Architect Central Monitoring Council, and the ASEAN Architect Council.
DAVIES PAINTS SIGNED CONTRACT WITH THE UNITED ARCHITECTS OF THE PHILIPPINES as the Major Industry Partner in the much-awaited 43rd National Convention to be held on April 27-29, 2017. Bearing the theme, “SHIFT: Shaking Up the Architecture Practice”, the event will be held at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City.

UAP National Executive Vice President, Arch. Ma. Nina Bailon-Arce (seated, 2nd from left) signs on behalf of the UAP National President, together with Mr. Johnlee Gracia (seated, 2nd from right), President of Davies Paints. Also present during the signing ceremony were (left-right) Architects Dante Aguirre, Marketing Chair, 43rd NatCon; Michael Peña, CONEX 2017 Director; Willie Chua, NatCon 43 Director; Ms. Jojie Quintos, Vice President for Marketing, Davies Paints; and Arch. Tony Valdez, Executive Director for Conventions and Assembly. The signing ceremony was held last April 2 at the UAP Headquarters in Quezon City.

To Davies Paints, thank you very much for the continuous and overwhelming support to the programs of the Organization, for the past years and into the future.

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The UAP National Commission on Professional Practice for this FY 2016-2017 hopes to address two concerns of the Hisancha Administration, and that is ACCOUNTABILITY and PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE, by doing two major projects of their commission for the year. At the start of the pre-planning stage and as the Commission on Profprac started, the Executive Director Ar. Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr. who is a FUAP, an APEC Architect and an ASEAN Architect led the way for their commission in being visible to the members, reaching out to the various chapters so that the members will feel that the UAP National IS part and parcel of their chapter’s concerns.

In the field of ACCOUNTABILITY, the Commission felt that addressing the welfare of the chapters and their members will make them realize that UAP is on top of the situation. Being an advocacy commission, the committee heads had to feel the pulse of the members by going to the members and the chapters as what their energetic and passionate Executive Director Benjamin Panganiban Jr had been doing last fiscal year as head on the Committee on Private Practice, and this fiscal year as the Executive Director for Professional Practice.

Ar. Henry Steve Olonan participated in concerns of advertising in the professional practices in the private sector, Ar. Ritchie Tumambing continues to inspire young architects starting up their office firms with talks on this, and Ar. Paolo Alberto came out with a basketball sports fest in Cebu to unify the Architects and the Allied Professionals. Ar. Rosette Santos gave out talks on green architecture nationwide, Ar. Ma. Luisa Gutierrez took care of the Supreme Court International Competition where a lot of UAP members participated and Ar. Ram Aurelio posted construction disputes and arbitration procedures to inform, educate and help out the members, while Ar. Rey Acosta chair for government service had been working out government architects concerns for the first Assembly of Government Architects to be conducted during the 43rd Natcon. Ar. Edilberto Florentino and his committee together with ED Panganiban had been resolving ethical concerns of the members travelling to and sitting down with various chapters and districts, advocating the members concerns and complaints, their passion and desire to be part of the duly accredited and professional organization and their contribution to the practice of the profession.

Eventually, the Commission on Professional Practice came out with a module on accountability for the members addressing certain questions like “What is UAP doing about this?” And “What should architects do?” and “How do we go about it?” The end result for the first six months is a module the Commission on Professional Practice produced thru the Office of the NEVP for approval by the National Board entitled “HOW TO TACKLE COMPLAINTS OF ILLEGAL PRACTICES OF ARCHITECTURE IN THE PHILIPPINES”.

In the field of PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE, the Commission has had a series of dialogues with the Professional Regulation Board of Architecture Chairman Robert Sac and his members on the possible amendments of the Codes of Ethical Conducts for architects in relation to the present situations of Advertisements surrounding the profession. Here the thrust of the Commission was to seek approval and support from the UAP National Executive Officers and the UAP National Board to conduct a survey among the various chapters and members on the question “SHOULD THE FILIPINO ARCHITECTS RE-VISIT AND POSSIBLY AMEND THE CODES OF ETHICAL CONDUCT, AND EVENTUALLY ADVERTISE?” The purpose and intent of this second major activity of the Commission is to gather data, opinion and support so as to address accountability of the first module and eventually uplift the Architect’s Professional Excellence. Here a Technical Working Group was given the task to collate, evaluate, review and eventually submit a proposal to the UAP National Board thru the Office of the NEVP. In fact, the district director for Area A3, AA Cecil Cayman-Gamana led the way by conducting the first Balangkasans on Architects and Advertisement together with Balangkasan Committee head Ar. Sylvestre Seno and his members for her district.

While the head of the Committee on Ethics Ar. Edilberto Florentino had already submitted his committee’s position on the matter of architects advertising, their recommendation included a formulation of an IRR with regards to advertising including sanctions and restricted parameters. As to the other members of Panganiban’s Commission, their role now is to support the commission in crafting the survey, gathering the data and evaluating logical and rational opinions of the members. It is the fervent desire of Executive Director Panganiban that this important segment of possibly amending the Ethics Codes of Conduct be finished before the fiscal year of the Hisancha Administration ends.

Panganiban visited and talked to several uap chapters nationwide and recently this January 2017 to UAP Baguio headed by Pres. Shiella Perez-Soriano, UAP Makati CBD chapter headed by Pres. Sofia Avendano, UAP Bohol chapter and UAP C1 District Officers Assembly headed by DD Gus Lee, suggesting and discussing the possible changes to the Ethics Codes of Conduct in relation to Advertising. These suggestions and comments were received positively on the matter.
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On the side, as the UAP National Commission on Professional Practice had been working out their two major projects, Ar. Panganiban continuous to go to the chapters and districts wanting to invite him or his commission to talk on the current situation of the profession. He had been giving talks on the “ASIAN PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION” and “GLOBALIZING THE PROFESSION”, “TACKLING COMPLAINTS OF ILLEGAL PRACTICE IN ARCHITECTURE” and “UNDERSTANDING R.A.9266 AND THE... CASE NOW PENDING IN THE SUPREME COURT” and a lot more. Included in his travels as Professional Executive Director is his visits to the Local government officials and Office of the Building Officials promoting the profession and giving out talks on R.A.9266. He was fortunate to be instrumental in giving advises to UAP Pangasinan Scale Chapter President Ann Gutierrez-Laforteza as the Pangasinan architects were successful in having the R.A.9266 implemented in the Province. This time, ED Panganiban made a personal visit to the Governor of Bohol, Edgardo Chatto together with the UAP Bohol chapter President headed by Ar. Rony Malanog and Ar. Nino Guidaben in persuading the Governor to have the R.A.9266 implemented. This was positively responded by the good governor.

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PHOTO gallery

With the Mandaluyong Drum & Lyre Ensemble (kids in yellow/red shirts) provided the music for the opening program.

DPWH Undersecretary & PICE President Hon. Catalina Cabral addresses the audience at Teatro Arkitekto, during the UAP 42nd Anniversary

Balangkasal MoU Signing during 42nd Anniversary

PRBoA Chair Robert Sac during the CPD Forum, part of the UAP 42nd Anniversary
National NEWS

UAP CELEBRATES 42nd FOUNDING ANNIVERSARY

PIECE PRESIDENT VISIT UAP HQ

The United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) celebrated its 42nd Foundation Anniversary as the President of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PIECE) visited in a historic gesture on March 25, 2017 at UAP Headquarters in Quezon City.

Bearing the theme, “#unity”, the foundation program began with a flag-raising ceremony at the steps of UAP headquarters, followed by the Holy Mass held at Teatro Arkitekto, 7th floor. These were attended by no less than the UAP National President, Arch. Guillermo Hisancha, as well as the presence of other members of the National Board and guests. At the side lines of the Celebration, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed for the RA 9266 and Architect’s Code of Ethics Comics Strip series (Year 3) and launching of the Value of an Architect comics and video clip series. This was spearheaded by Balangkasan Committee headed by Arch. Sylvester Seno, its chairman.

The day’s event is also considered historic, as the President of the Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers (PIECE) set her feet in the halls of the Filipino Architect for the first time in the Organization’s history. Hon. Ma. Catalina Cabral, who is also the current undersecretary of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) met with Arch. Hisancha and some members of the National Board and senior members in a quite casual mood, as a symbolic gesture of unity and cooperation between the architects and civil engineers—the perceived rivals of today’s construction industry.

Meanwhile, a forum on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) was held in the afternoon. The program focused on the discussion of the guidelines on the new CPD Law, and how architects can generate benefits through understanding the provisions of the law. The event was attended by past UAP National President and Chairman of the Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBoA) Hon. Robert Sac. The lecture was delivered by Hon. Robert Mirafuente, member of the PRBoA and chairman of the newly-formed CPD Council. PIECE President Hon. Cabral also gave her remarks during the program. NP Hisancha, in one of interviews before the celebration, expressed admiration and welcomed the visit, as a return for his first visit to Hon. Cabral’s office at DPWH headquarters in Manila last March. “This visit is truly a landmark one and did not happen in any point of our Organization’s history until recently. I do hope that this would be the beginning of unified cooperation and reconciled differences among civil engineers and architects…” Arch. Hisancha, noted.

Established in March 1975, the United Architects of the Philippines maintained a low-key celebration compared to the National Conventions held every April. The day’s program is usually marked by morning mass, followed by seminars and exhibits. This year’s celebration of the Foundation Anniversary of the UAP was organized through its Committee under its chair, Arch. Rosario Roxas, and was made possible through the corporate partners, Davies Paints, Bostik and Crown Pipes.
FIRST ASEAN ARCHITECTS CONGRESS SLATED

The Philippine Association of Professional Regulatory Board Members (PAPRB), Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBoA) and the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) through its Committee on ASEAN and Global Practice will jointly host the First ASEAN Architects Congress this coming April 2017, in conjunction with the 43rd UAP National Convention.

The Congress will promote mobility of ASEAN Architects through collaborations.

The steering committee composed of Hon. Robert S. Sac, Chairman of the PRBoA and currently the executive vice president of the PAPRB, Hon. Robert Miraflente, PRBoA member and Chairman of the PRBoa-CPD Council for Architecture, Hon. Fidel Jose Siapno, PRBoA member, Chair and members of the UAP Committee on APEC Architect, ASEAN Architect and Global Practice composed of Architects Alfred Geoffrey Carandang, Cecil Cayman-Gamana, Donato Magcale, Claudio Rillera Jr and Joey Rivas met on several occasions together with the UAP National Convention Organizing Committee headed by Arch. Willie Chua, to discuss the operational requirements of the said Congress.

The First ASEAN Architects Congress is slated on April 27, Day One of the 43rd UAP National Convention, at SMX Convention Center, Pasay City. Detailed information will be posted at Official UAP Facebook Forum. (UAP-KYP)

UAP COMMITTEE ON DESIGN-BUILD SERVICES FORMED

To address the concern of architects performing Design-Build Services, The United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) created a special committee on Design-Build Services (DBS) which will be chaired by Arch. Donato Magcale.

The scope of Design-Build Services, according to the Guidelines include: the Design-Build Services by Administration, and Design-Build Services with Guaranteed Maximum Project Cost. The goal of the Committee is to be properly guided by the scope of Design-Build Services as a lawful professional practice of the Registered and Licensed Architect (RLA) in implementing his own design from conceptualization through construction with maximum optimization.

Among the objectives of the newly-created Committee are the following: 1) to be informed, comprehend and promote the Design-Build Services of the Registered and Licensed Architect (RLA) as a specialized field of practice in the realization of the project and as a method of project delivery; 2) To be able to regulate the practice of DBS subject to the capability, category and competency of the RLA to provide DBS, therefore formulating guidelines in issuing DBS certificates and/or license; 3) To gather base line data of the facts, integrated people, system, business structures, approaches and grass-root practices among the RLAs involved in the DBS; 4) To formulate the creation of a Design-Build Services handbook, and manual as a guide to DBS RLA practitioners in the Philippines including a Module Program that can be submitted and considered as a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program with points for the RLAs, and 5) To establish a DBS institute of the Philippines.

The committee members include Architects Rafael Brio-nes, Jr. as co-chair; Eva Guinto as Secretary; Mafe Caidic as Treasurer; Normandy Canlas; Alfred Geoffrey Carandang; Amado Tandoc, Jr. and Ramon Vios, Jr. as members.

DBS Committee chairman Arch. Magcale and members took their oath of office before National President Hisancha on January 11, 2017 at UAP headquarters, Quezon City. As one of its programs for the current fiscal year, the Committee will hold a Seminar on Design-Build Services on June 23 at Cebu City. (Courtesy: UAP-KYP)

Left: UAP National President Arch. Guillermo Hisancha takes the oath of office before National President Hisancha on January 11, 2017 at UAP headquarters, Quezon City. As one of its programs for the current fiscal year, the Committee will hold a Seminar on Design-Build Services on June 23 at Cebu City. (Courtesy: UAP-KYP)

PREPS UNDERWAY. Architects (Clockwise from Left) Claudio Rillera, Jr; Donato Magcale; Alfred Geoffrey Carandang; Robert Sac, PRBoA Chairman; Fidel Jose Siapno, Robert Miraflente, PRBoA members; Cecil Cayman-Gamana; and Joey Rivas met in one of several occasions leading to the first ever ASEAN Architects Congress, to be held in conjunction with 43rd UAP National Convention this April.

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LETTER FROM THE UAP NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 25, 2017

To the UAP GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

We would like to inform the general membership that registration to the 43rd UAP National Convention come 27th – 29th of April 2017 has been declared permanently closed pursuant to the Board Resolution No. 117 Series of 2016-2017 passed and approved during the National Board of Directors’ Meeting held on February 25, 2017 at the AllHome Wil Tower, Eugenio Lopez Drive, Quezon City.

This year, we have registered an unprecedented and unexpected 4,000 architects – a staggering 60% more than the largest delegation back in 2012 – which has caused much concern, alarm, not to mention anger among those who were not able to register due to the sudden closing of the registration last February 4th.

We understand that with the recent implementation of the CPD Law on all professions under the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), especially those architects up for CPD renewal this year, the demand for CPD points has been fever-pitch. We regret, however, that despite the efforts by the NatCon 43 Organizing Committee (OrCom), trying to make adjustments in terms of venue capacity, program, operations accessibility, safety, and food while balancing the financial aspect of this event through convention fees and sponsorships, we could simply no longer accommodate additional delegates.

Anticipating the effects of this large delegation, the OrCom will be releasing a circular to all Chapter Presidents informing the NatCon participants of the procedures and guidelines so that things run smoothly on those days.

We recommend to the rest of the general membership, therefore, to avail themselves of the seminars already provided for by the UAP’s Professional Development Commission. Moreover, we also encourage the District Directors and Chapter Presidents to provide point-earning seminars to their constituents being official providers themselves under the UAP umbrella.

We appeal to your understanding and hope that you continue to support efforts made by the National Board in delivering services to its members.

Thank you very much.

We remain faithfully yours,

UAP NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (FY 2016-2017)

UAP’s First President Passes, 86

Arch. Norberto M. Nuke, FUAP, LIKHA Awardee, APEC Ar., ASEAN Ar., the first National President of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), and being one of the pillars of then fledgling organization, died peacefully in his home in Quezon City, last February 7. He was 86.

Considered as the founding father of the UAP, Arch. Nuke devoted much of his life in the integration of three Professional Organizations for Architects, namely the League of Philippine Architects (LPA), Association of Philippine Government Architects (APGA) and the Philippine Institute of Architects (PIA) into one professional organization in 1975. Eventually, he was selected as the Charter President of the UAP, and has since then, served in various commissions of the Organization. His recent service to the UAP was being the Chairman of the Consultative Committee which reviewed the proposed amendments to the UAP Constitution and By-laws. He even held various consultations with different areas and districts and actively reached for concerns of various sectors regarding the proposals to the by-laws.

Aside from being a Fellow in 1975 and Likha awardee in 2009, Arch. Nuke had a long list of other awards and distinctions, including the Most Outstanding Technological Professional in 1989, PRC’s most Outstanding Professional (1990), and Outstanding Professional in Architecture (2010). Graduated from the National University (NU), he garnered 2nd place in the Architecture Board Examination and eventually worked in various committees and agencies in the government and professional organizations, as well. He was president of the League of Philippine Architects (LPA) and He has served as Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBoA) and consultant to the Urban Design and Development of the Office of the Commissioner of the defunct Metro Manila Commission (MMC). He also became chairman of the Philippine Council for the Architecture Profession (PCAP) from 2012-2013.

At the day of his demise, the UAP flag was flown half-mast in its headquarters in Quezon City. A memorial service was organized by the College of Fellows (CoF) last February 7 and was attended by members of the CoF, including friends, colleagues, and several past National Presidents of the UAP. His colleagues relived the dedication of the late architect in service of the profession and to the Organization until the end of his life. His remains were viewed at the Loyola Memorial Chapel in Quezon City.

Arch. Norberto M. Nuke
UAP Charter National President
October 13, 1930—February 7, 2017
Manila – United Architects of the Philippines National President, Arch. Guillermo H. Hisancha, has been recently elected 2nd Vice President of the Philippine Federation of Professional Associations (PFPA).

PFPA is the umbrella organization of all accredited professional organizations in the Philippines duly recognized by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC). As a cornerstone of professionalism, integrity and diversity, PFPA is composed of four permanent councils, namely: Council of Professional Health Associations (COPHA), Council for Business and Management Professionals (CBMP), Philippine Technological Council (PTC) and Council for the Built and Natural Environments (CBNE).

United Architects of the Philippines is an active member of the PFPA under the CBNE.

In order to uplift the value and importance of the professionals in nation building and public, the PFPA aims to a) promote professional interdisciplinary collaboration and interaction to keep abreast with developments in the rapidly changing world; b) galvanize a multi-professional approach to economic, social, educational and techno-scientific problems of the nation; c) establish a united rapport among the different professions; d) establish a single clearing house for the problem of the members associations; e) provide a forum among the members of the PFPA for the settlement of interdisciplinary differences and disputes; f) and assist and advice each member of PFPA towards healthier and stable existence; and g) strengthen the lies with the Professional Regulation Commission, the Philippine Association of Board Examiners, the Government, and the people in general.

The establishment of PFPA came into fruition when after the accreditation of various regulated professional associations in the country in compliance with PD 223, Commissioner C. Nubla in 1975 instructed all Board Examiners to slowly but not forcing the newly accredited professionals be dealing with government and the professionals be respected by our people on their contribution to national development. The gem of an idea became a living reality when the Federation of Professional Association (FPA) Philippines with General Ceferino S. Carreon as the first Chairman. It was under General Carreon that the objectives of the Federation were fully identified and its potentials surveyed with the participation of founding presidents.

In 1981, then UAP National President Architect Felipe Mendoza took over the reign of the Federation as President. It was during his term, after the pains of organizational birth pains were weathered, that the Federation expanded its involvement in the professional and social concerns of its members. It was also during his time that the name of the Federation was changed to Philippine Federation of Professional Associations (PFPA), Inc. and the Council of Professional Health Associations (COPHA), and the Business Management Council (BMC) were formed. While previously, the main activity of the Federation was the joint seminar and participation with the Philippine Association of Board Examiners (PABE) during the Professional Consciousness Week, it asserted its role in national policies in compliance with PD 223, Commissioner Eric C. Nubla in 1975 instructed all Board Examiners to slowly but not forcing the newly accredited professionals be dealing with government and the professionals be respected by our people on their contribution to national development.

Two past National Presidents already served as President of PFPA: Architects Felipe Mendoza and Edric Marco Florentino. For the year 2017, PFPA officers include: RANULFO C. FELICIANO (President); LILIA F. ECHIVERRI (1st Vice President); GUILLERMO H. HISANCHA (2nd Vice President); CHARLIE HO (3rd Vice President); CEZAR S. DELA CRUZ (4th Vice President); JOEY E. AUSTRIA (Secretary); REYNALDO UMALI (Treasurer); FREDERICK PETER C. ALTAVAS (Auditor); and EDRIC MARCO C. FLORENTINO (PRC Liaison Officer). Meanwhile, the official representatives include: Amado Tandoc, Jr., Nenita C. Lee Tan, Lydia Mangahas, Violeta Josef, Romulo R. Agatep, Erilda V. Reyes, Enriqyue C. Cuadra, Alfredo D. Antonio, Hercules P. Baldos, and Marie Grace Gomez. (Courtesy: UAP-KYP)

**UAP COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS CONDUCTS EDUCATIONAL TRAINING**

The Committee on Research and Academic Institutions under the Commission on Education has responded to the call and invitation of Bataan Peninsula State University Architecture Department under Arch. Robert Aguilar, UAP to conduct a two-day seminar-writeshop on Outcomes-Based Education (OBE).

The Committee Chair, Arch. Jonathan Manalad, UAP steered the said seminar-writeshop based on the modules that he developed specifically for this Committee through the assistance of UAP Executive Director for Education, Arch. Wilfredo G. Gacatan, FUAP. (Courtesy: UAP-KYP)
TSC Barangay Makeover Continues

Now on its fourth year, the UAP-Tandang Sora Chapter (TSC), in cooperation with UAP-District A3 successfully held the Barangay Makeover Architectural Clinic, held at Gawad Kalinga (GK) Tabora Village, Banlat road, Tandang Sora, Quezon City, January 7.

The event was graced by officials of the UAP, such as Vice President for Area A Arch. Jun Andres, District A3 Director Arch. Cecile Cayman-Gamana and Presidents of six chapters under A3. Participated by 28 architects mainly from the District and around 90 residents of the said village, the consultation went all throughout the morning after a registration and briefing for designated beneficiaries. Since the said community is a socialized housing site, most residents raised concerns on expanding their little flats, interior decorations, drainage improvement, among others. Participating architects, armed with nothing but pens, paper and clipboards, gave their recommendations in the simplest, most practical way possible.

Barangay Makeover Architectural Clinic borne out of a random discussion in 2011, and had painstaking initial steps since, with the idea of providing free and accessible professional services to less fortunate people, just like what other professions, such as doctors or dentists did. Initially with a working name of “Red Architecture”, the fruition of this took place during the term of Arch. Jose Mari Badilla. The very first Architectural Clinic, touted as Barangay Makeover Architectural Clinic was held on January 26, 2014, and has since been followed at Barangay Culiat (February 2014 and January 2015), and GK Tabora (2017). Eyeing a diversified coordination among NGOs and community leaders alike, the organizers also hoped that their initiatives will be replicated by other UAP chapters in their respective barangays. (With text from Ar. Joana Dungca)

Filipino Architect Delegate to ASEAN Accessibility Program in Malaysia

By Arch. Abigail Ko, UAP

Last January 2017, Architects for Accessibility (AFA) Co-founder and Alternative Director for Accessibility in UAP Quezon City (QC) Central Chapter, Ar. Felizardo “Peji” B. Cipriano Jr., UAP, has attended as the only Filipino delegate, together with other delegates from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries, to the accessibility and universal design program, entitled “ASEAN University Network – Disability and Public Policy (AUN-DDPnet)” hosted by the University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Joining him, also from QC Central Chapter, is Ar. Erico “Rix” G. Abordo, not as a participant but as his official title, “Philippine Correspondent - United Nations ESCAP Publication for Good Practices on Accessibility, U.N. Bangkok, Thailand” and “Philippine Delegate- United Nations ESCAP South-South Cooperation Programme on Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities, Guangzhou, Macau and Hong Kong, China.”

Participants immerse in accessibility and universal design through tours and discussions in both private and public facilities. Participants get the opportunity to access audit popular facilities around area A.
Coinciding with the month-long commemoration of the founding of the first Republic in Asia, two UAP Chapters in Bulacan organized a construction exposition in partnership with the Malolos City Government. The UAP-Barasoain and UAP-Malolos Republica chapters forged partnership at the birthplace of Philippine democracy with the holding of the first Arkilikha Construction and Development Expo. This was held last February 22-24, 2017 at Malolos Sports and Convention Center.

That was cold and sunny Friday morning of 27th January 2017 when we, the BOD and members of the UAP-KSA Eastern Region Chapter gathered ourselves at the Philippine International School Al Kharob (IPSA) parking grounds at 7:00 o’clock in the morning and convoyed our vehicles bound for public Halfmoon Beach in Azizia. The district is still a part of the Al Kharob Municipality.

The delegation of the National Board of Directors headed by National President Arch. Guillermo Hisancha graced the opening ceremonies. Various partners in construction industry also took part in the setup of booths open to public. Meanwhile, the Malolos Convention center grounds were also filled with activities catered to creativity and excellence of Bulakenyos. The annual “Kanitig Jeepney Painting Contest” was held, and participated by the students of Bulacan State University. Another event was the “Kulaysaysayan Mural Painting Contest” which were also packaging the country’s icon of transportation.

While one of our Board of Director (Arch. Leo Losaria) picking garbage at the beach coastline, my attention was caught by a call from a local Saudi national and he said “Hey my friend would you please come here please?” He wants me to come to the cottage where he is staying and when I reached his place, he said “what is this all about?” I replied to him “We are a group of Filipino architects residing here in Eastern Region and we are conducting our CSR activity which is the coastal clean up drive and further explaining that in our own little way we help maintaining the cleanliness of the environment. As I explained further, I said that being an OFW, Saudi Arabia is also considered our home, our second home away from home and perhaps because of our huge presence here we are also contributing to the pollution and in return, we need to pay services for cleaning our mess. As we continue exchanging discussions and views regarding the environment, I noticed that he is also collecting garbage.

The activity we have just concluded gained a lot of positive outlook in life. Friendship, Solidarity, Respect and Environment Care. Mabuhay ang mga Arkitek-tong Filipino!
Some folks says that ‘Faith without charity is dead’, but for UAP-Cavite Chapter, both faith and charity really works with them, just as alive and kicking! Amidst the bad weather brought by the coming typhoon then, nothing could stop the Cavite Architects’ hearts and spirits as far as ‘reaching-out’ is concerned.

Nearly 120 Special Education (SPED) pupils, street children, orphans and young ones with Cerebral Palsy became the recipients of UAP-Cavite’s outreach activity for this year. The beneficiaries, who are from Children of Dasmariñas Center for Special Needs and De La Salle Dasma’s Bahay Pag-asa, were given an early Christmas treat. Dubbed as, UAP-Cavite Happy Day: A Day of Sharing our Blessings to Children with Special Needs, the Arkitektong Kabitenyo allotted their free time and effort to bring smiles, happiness and joy to the kids of Bgy. Burol II, City of Dasmariñas last November 25, 2016. It was a day filled with fun, food, games, gifts and music. Indeed, with the combined amount of pledges from Cavite Architects and generous help from some of the sponsors, the event was a huge success and an inspiring and a memorable one. Truly, the real essence of Christmas of giving and sharing comes from within.

The event went on, despite the time which coincided with Sunday lunches and family reunions, and are well attended by the national officers, guests and friends from the UAP and beyond. The supposedly guest speaker, Hon. Maynard Sabili, mayor of Lipa City, was represented by his chief of staff, Atty. JR Macasaet. In his speech, he expressed gratitude that the UAP has embarked on a new branch in the city and assured everyone of the continuous growth and development in this part of Batangas province. The charging of officers were performed by UAP Secretary General Arch. Rene Heray, while presentation of the Certificate of Charter was presented by National President Arch. Guillermo Hisancha. One of the most awaited part of the program is the symbolic candle lighting ceremony of 26 Charter members, and the presentation of Chapter Banner and Gavel to Arch. Mary Janessie Tumambing, the Charter President. She ultimately gave her speech expressing gratitude after years of hard work to make the formation of Lipa chapter a reality.

The UAP Lipa Chapter was first envisioned in 2013. Over the years it was held back and remained in silent planning until 2015, when UAP Batangas chapter expressed willingness for a supplementary Chapter. Then UAP National Chairman for Membership Arch. Mary Janessie Tumambing took the lead role to expedite the proceedings. After a series of discussions, including the option of which Chapter would sponsor the proposed group, the vision was fast-tracked by the last quarter of 2016 and ultimately approved by the National Board on their December 2016 Board Meeting.
The United Architects of the Philippines Makati Chapter (UAPMC) and Architects Mountaineering Group (AMG), in partnership with D’Conquerors headed by Sir Wilsan Gabriel Chy, conducted Gift Giving Activity (school supplies) for the children in Sitio Balagbag, Brgy. San Isidro, Rodriguez, Rizal.

The UAPMC through the "Lapis Is More Project" donated pencils and other school supplies. The AMG also answered the call of our fellow mountaineer, Sir Fredd, for the #ReforestTheRoad project in Mt. Balagbag.

As part of the AMG's advocacy of promoting responsible mountaineering, preserving our natural environment and protection of mountain habitats, the team together with UAPMC & D’Conquerors conducted Tree Nurturing Activity which is a part of the reforestation in the area.

UAP-MAKATI AND AMG GIFT-GIVING ACTIVITY

While many would say that UAP was conceived in Manila, it was Cebu who actually realized its existence. Organized on January 1976, UAP Cebu Chapter holds the distinction of being the first ever UAP chapter in history.

That is why the officers and members of UAP Cebu, led by its president Nheil Crisostomo, made it a point to hold their charter anniversary on the anniversary month itself, since the annual Sinulog festivities usually move the holding of previous charter days to the next month. This year, the celebration was held at Harold’s Hotel, Cebu City.

The night was highlighted by a fun, relaxing and laid-back vibe as the members bonded and had fun with their trivia night games. Even dinner was casually shared by members with soothing music from a live band which came from a non-profit organization which sponsors and helps teens who got into drug addiction. During the program, the chapter introduced its nominees for elevation for the UAP College of Fellows. (UAP Cebu Chapter welcomes two more Fellows this year with past presidents Margret Rosario and Aurora Achas to be conferred the title during the 43rd UAP National Convention)

Past chapter president, Jose Mari Canizares, FUAP, APEC Ar., made a testimonial for the chapter after recalling the highlights of their group’s 42 years of service.

Continuing a chapter tradition, the past chapter presidents together with the incumbent led in the slicing of the chapter’s anniversary cake. The members then shared the slices for their dessert and capping off another year of promoting the architecture profession.

Below: Mostly clad in white, members and guests gather for a group photo upon the culmination of the 42nd Anniversary Dinner of the UAP Cebu chapter. This was held last January 10, 2017 at Harold’s Hotel, Cebu City.
Last February 11, 2017, architects of UAP regional District C1 gathered in the cinema of Robinsons Galleria Cebu for a symposium on R.A. 10912, which is the mandatory continuing professional development for architects. Arch. Robert Mirafuente, FUAP, who is the chair of the CPD Council of the Professional Regulatory Board for Architecture, was invited as the main speaker for the affair which attracted architects from all nine chapters of the District.

Arch. Mirafuente presented the important procedures on how to acquire CPD points for accreditation with the PRC. He also gave a rundown on the various activities in which an architect could attain points so he could renew his PRC license. Moreover, he underscored the importance of the CPD in making sure that the Filipino architect is at par with his colleagues from other countries and that he is up to date on the latest innovations in the profession.

Just a few days after the symposium, the architects were back in Robinsons Galleria for the first exhibit of Arkisketchers, a group of UAP District C1 architects who share a common passion for architectural sketching and painting. Dubbed as “Strokes”, the event was organized under the guidance of UAP District C1 Director Augusto Lee for the benefit of the Cancer Warriors, Inc.

During the opening of the exhibit, the beneficiaries of the project also took part in the affair, giving visitors a glimpse of where their money would go if they buy artworks creatively done by architects. Many of the artworks, which were outputs of the group in their first few drawing sessions held in different parts of Cebu City, were sold even before the cutting of the ribbon began. This painted a smile in both the group in their first few drawing sessions held in different parts of Cebu City, and planning ideas on how class” resort projects. His attendance design to tackle “world-experience as project manager of HPL Hotels and Resorts in the world-renowned tourist destination, the Maldives, came in handy in his sharing with colleagues.

The next month, UAP Sugbu invited an experienced and multi-licensed professional, Mr. Tom Academia, to talk on contracts and construction arbitration. This time, the GMM venue, the Living n’ Style Showroom inside Parkmall in Mandaue City, almost literally overflowed as 140 members attended the meeting. The large attendance was also timely as the chapter held its election of officers, where Vice President Elise Demiar was chosen as UAP Sugbu’s 18th chapter president who will assume the position for fiscal year 2017-2018.

With the Professional Regulation Commission’s (PRC) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Law in full swing, architects in the chapter are more interested in the organizational affairs more than ever. It looks like things are looking up for UAP Sugbu Chapter as they just went through the so-called “warm-up” towards a possible introduction of CPD -points-rich talks and lectures in their chapter GMM’s and activities.

The first two general membership meetings (GMM) this year of UAP Sugbu Chapter, led by president Panfilo Castro, Jr., saw two speakers sharing their knowledge and expertise to member architects.

Last January, 104 member-architects trooped to the roof deck of the Mabolo Garden Flats Condominium for the first GMM of 2017. UAP Sugbu member, Ferdinand Wong, who has been working in years now, was the main GMM. He talked about and provided architects in planning ideas on how class” resort projects. His attendance design to tackle “world-experience as project manager of HPL Hotels and Resorts in the world-renowned tourist destination, the Maldives, came in handy in his sharing with colleagues.

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On April 28, 2017, the second day of the UAP National Convention, Chapters across the country and overseas will cast their ballots for the election of new set of officers for the National Board for Fiscal Year 2017-18. This democratic exercise, being practiced from the early years of the Organization, proves that the General Membership has the real authority in selecting leaders of the UAP. There is a Committee on Nominations, tasked to select and screen the candidates, and the Committee on Elections, which oversee the electoral process, until the new set of officers are proclaimed before the NatCon delegates.

After a month of evaluation of candidates, the Committee on Nominations under the leadership of Arch. Norma Alarcon, which is the concurrent Chancellor of the College of Fellows, released a list of qualified candidates by way of Memorandum Circular 27 s. 2017. This was signed by Arch. Alarcon, together with immediate past District Directors comprising the Committee. Official ballots with code/reference number for Chapter Vote were disseminated to UAP Chapters through Chapter Presidents on March 30, 2017. This article shall give you a glimpse of the candidates and their basic profiles, as well as their current affiliation.
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