in our hearts and minds.

The men and women of the UAP Publications Committee, consisting of the UAP Post and the UAP Architects’ Journal is reeling to the loss of a mother, an adviser, and a confidant. The UAP Publications Committee Chairperson Arch. Ma. Elena Evangelista-Lamasan went home in God’s abode last October. She was also the immediate past Chairperson of the UAP Unifications Committee. The UAP Publications Committee, the UAP Professional Development Commission (PDC) in which this Committee belongs, and the whole UAP family will now be missing you forever, but your memories will always be in our hearts and minds.

“Not the Usual Quarter”

Convergence. Climate. Culture. These three words, are not merely slogan or a battle cry for a cause. These words comprise a common denominator - a common goal yet to be shared by all, as possible. These words constitute the work of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) towards the welfare of the membership, especially at the onset of the second quarter of the current fiscal year.

The months following the Inaugural proved to be a hectic period for the UAP. As the approaching Holiday Season usually gets people back on their feet, things are picking up for the men and women of the Organization, as major annual programs and activities are lined-up for the general membership. The three major activities which round-up the last three months of year include the Joint Area Assembly (JAA), the World Architecture Day (WAD) and the National Architecture Week (NAW). These essential programs, along with the rest of CPD Seminars, exhibits, and CSRs of respective chapters and districts, constitute the defining element of what could be the prime standpoint of the Organization in advocacy towards Unity, Accountability and Professional Excellence.

Bearing the theme, “Acting Against Climate Change!” the World Architecture Day (WAD), through the auspices of the International Union of Architects (UIA), has called on architecture groups globally to spearhead respective programs in response to the challenges wrangling the environment. The UAP adopted its local slogan entitled, “Luntiang Gisalat at Kapaligiran, Pangangulaga sa Ating Kalikasan”. This emphasizes the thrust of the Organization towards its advocacy of pushing for environment-friendly building strategies and programs.

As WAD commences the first Monday of October, the Joint Area Assembly (JAA) is a major con-fab of the month. This mid-fiscal year convention calls on members across Areas A, B, C and D to flex their muscles and push for helping the community. This in an annual exercise of the advocacy for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), apart from the yearly agenda on professional development.

The month of December heralded with the celebration of the National Architecture Week (NAW), an annual program being observed, not only by the UAP, but across schools and other groups nationwide. This was observed in pursuant to the Presidential Proclamation No. 934, signed in 1971 by former President Ferdinand Marcos. It stated that as architects it would be desirable to draw attention to the invaluable contribution towards planned urban growth, environmental planning and for overall social progress.

As the second term of National President Guillermo Hisancha ushers into a workload of challenges towards the goal of Unity, Accountability and Professional Excellence, an array of programs gather steam. Consequently, this quarter serves as a turning point for the realization of plans and programs formulated during the last Fiscal Year and into the current one. True enough, time flies faster than we can imagine. The Organization, equipped with vision and the goal of uplifting the professional excellence of the Filipino Architect, tried to keep with the time through engaging the membership, as possible. This is the cause that the Organization is undertaking since day one, and every member should take a sizeable part of the burden for all to cherish. We were called on to plant the seeds, carry out the plans, and in due time, harvest them little by little. As the months proceed, the programs start to bear fruit, so we are able to thread the steps and scale the heights. From this quarter, we therefore could have a standpoint of the things already in the process and of the tasks yet to be accomplished.

And that makes this different from the rest.

Editor’s Note

Arch. Edlee S. Tusi, UAP
Editor-in-Chief
MESSAGES

Continue to Lead the Way and Keep Going

I would like to express my sincerest appreciation, as always, to all of our UAP members and officers who chose among many other concerns competing for their time, to extend their effort and support and share their knowledge during the concluded 4th UAP Joint Area Assembly in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte, Celebration of World Architecture Day 2017 and National Architecture Week 2017, and the most recent Area Assemblies, to ensure that UNITY and FRIENDSHIP are present at all times.

During my first term, UAP has gone leaps and bounds, succeeded and obviously noticed that for the sixth time, was again awarded the PRC’s Most Outstanding Professional Organization of the Year; the only organization who was able to achieve the feat.

Once more, in just a few months ago, the Construction Industry Authority of the Philippines (CIAP), in cooperation with Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) and the Philippine Contractors Association, the UAP has been awarded the very first Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization by the DTI-CIAP during the 2nd Philippine Construction Congress held on 28 November 2017 at the Philippine International Convention Center among other reputable professional organizations.

I am truly honored, that the DTI-CIAP conferred the first time this award to our Organization recognizing our significant contributions to the Philippine Construction Industry and in nation building over the years as an Accredited Professional Organization (APO).

It is indeed that the UAP has been blessed, by good and noble leaders who have been working passionately, and selflessly to serve the best interest of our Organization, and it will be quite an achievement, to keep up the value and standard from its inception.

We are now almost closer to a full fiscal year, and as a review of the past six (6) months highlight the depth, challenges and opportunities, services and effort of the present administration, and the biggest challenge that we are now facing for our further preparation is the CPD requirements with the passage of R.A. 10912 or the CPD LAW.

UAP RECORD OF GROWTH

For the past two years, the membership of our Organization is growing swiftly with more than 22,000 members in good standing. We have now a total of 154 chapters: 132 in local and 22 abroad.

Last fiscal year during my first term (FY 2016-2017), a total of 9 chapters were formed and chartered, including Oman Chapter and for this second term (FY 2017-2018) with five (5) New Chapters together with the UAP Guam USA Chapter hitherto, a total of fourteen (14) UAP Chapters breaking previous records.

UAP AS OUR SECOND HOME

April this year, Davies Paints Philippines is set to repaint the UAP National Headquarters Building which will offer new corporate look. This partnership project was initiated by the Office of the UAP National President and the Committee on Ways and Means headed by Arch. Dante T. Aguirre.

Likewise, the main lobby area of the UAP Building will undergo renovation, improve accessibility of the entrance lobby and parking spaces, and a new landscape design that will add value to the aesthetic improvement of the building and make it more pleasant space and fitting to be truly called, a Home of all Filipino Architects.

UAP WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

It is worth mentioning the effort emanated from the Office of the Secretary General, to improve and redesign our Corporate Website, which now offers quick and easy access, to all essential information and features of our Organization. This effort of our Secretary General Arch. Renato A. Heny and Administration Department Head, Mr. Jason Ramos Alon is truly commendable. I am also proud to mention that we have already reached close to 350,000 website page views and more record breaking figures will be obtained in the years to come.

UAP POSITION ON CPD LAW

In response and to address the increasing concerns on the implementation of CPD Law mandating all professionals, the UAPs Policy directions for CPD – accessibility, affordability and appropriateness, seek to bridge the gap between compliance with the law, and our commitment to serve all Filipino Architects and the general public.

All Areas, Districts and Chapters were directed to offer CPD Seminars and Trainings for free or at the most minimal cost to be of purely service to our members.

On 14 February 2018, the UAP was invited to attend the Public Hearing on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) conducted by the Committee on Civil Service, Government Reorganization and Professional Regulation at the Session Hall of the Senate of the Philippines. Our Organization is well represented through the Committee on Continuing Professional Development headed by Arch. Alberto C. Burias, the Committee on Professional Development Commission Vice Chairman, Arch. Felicisimo A. Tejaco, Jr., and the Committee on Ways and Means.

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UAP NEVP PANGANIBAN ENCOURAGES CHAPTERS AND DISTRICTS TO CONDUCT CPD PROGRAMS

National Executive Vice President, Ar. Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr., through the instructions of the UAP National President, has encouraged chapters and districts of the United Architects of the Philippines to conduct their own Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs and seminars in their locality.

The CPD programs, aimed to educate and enhance the learning capabilities of the professional architects in preparation for the advent of the ASEAN integration and eventual global practice, are tools that can be used or learned by the architects to level the playing field in the practice of the profession. This is a Professional Learning Track. The Continuing Professional Development application is mandated by law under the Professional Regulations Commission by virtue of R.A. 10912. This is not a UAP creation but UAP as the IAPOA and all other Accredited Professional Organizations of the government thru the PRC are mandated to implement this law which has been passed in Congress.

The CPD Law mandated by the government is now a law which ALL the accredited professional organizations under the PRC are obligated to implement for their members. To do this, the UAP has looked into this law with cautious consideration for the members and would want to have a win-win arrangement for the government, the Accredited Professional Organizations (APOs) and will evaluate their programs that are relatively free or cheaper, most convenient and assessable to the members including inactive members and those that negate the CPD law for their convenience.

1) AFFORDABILITY - During the start of this fiscal year since Day 1, UAP National has instructed all chapters to bring down the CPDs to their General Membership Meetings as literally most of the GMMs are FREE or with less expenses. All the chapters have to do will be technically the paper works for the CPD programs. UAP National has stressed to the chapter presidents that the holding of CPD Programs are service-oriented activities for the members and not profit-oriented;

2) ASSESSIBILITY - for those working in the government, the CPD programs are now integrally part of the Government’s personnel growth as mandated. In the private sector, corporations are encouraged and instructed by the government to do the CPD programs as part of their HR development;

3) CONVENIENCE - for other professionals, the UAP National has instructed the chapters to accommodate inactive members wanting to take the CPD programs in their locality, and eventually bring them back to the folds of the IAPOA;

4) ONLINE CPDS - UAP National has embarked on the online CPD system yet to be approved by the PRC-CPD Council so as to address the concerns of the well-meaning members including inactive members and those that negate the CPD law for their convenience;

5) UAP National has collated other CPD programs of different Accredited Professional Organizations (APOs) and will evaluate their programs that are relatively free or cheaper, most convenient and assessable to the members that can be applied by UAP National to our members;

6) UAP WEBSITE - The UAP National has recently launched their highly sophisticated website, www.united-architects.org for the members to appreciate and use to their advantage information on CPD programs happening each month around the country and even abroad where there are UAP Chapters;

7) CPD PROGRAMS AT THE UAP HQ - UAP National through the Professional Development Commission (PDC) is now coming up with a schedule to conduct CPD programs bi-monthly at the 3rd floor of the UAP HQ so that walk-in participants can enjoy the benefits of the CPD.

It is stressed by the UAP National that the CPD Law is already a law recently promulgated. And as such any new law cannot be amended yet as the law has to be implemented, tested and evaluated during its gestation period. Work can be done by well-meaning architects as what UAP is now doing is to recommend suggestions to the PRC CPD Council to strengthen and/or amend provisions of the Operating Guidelines of the CPD to suit the majority of the members in order for the Law to be more effective and more acceptable to all.

These CPD Programs for architects are based on the matrixes of the UAP Professional Development Commission for approval to the PRC-CPD Council as created by the PRC. All Commissions, committees, chapter and district are enjoined to coordinate with the Professional Development Commission of Executive Director Virgilio Andres Jr. thru their registration of their CPD Programs with the UAP National Membership Care UAP-CPD office under Mr. Mars Cuevas in coordination with the Committee of the Continuing Professional Development Commission chaired by Ar. Albert Durao.

As can be gleaned, immediately on the eighth day of the first month of this fiscal year, the UAP National has already launched the first CPD Program in the Queen City of the South, Cebu City with the holding of the Design Build Service Seminar chaired by Ar. Donato Magaye.

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Having been entrusted as the UAP’s Secretary General, it is the core function of my Office to continuously provide efficient communication, proper management of documents and effective dissemination of information to members of the Organization. It is also my passion to attend to the needs of our countrymen thru our profession by having various corporate social responsibility projects, especially nowadays with what had happened to Marawi and Leyte among many other social needs within the country. In line with this, below are some of the implemented projects/ accomplishments of the Office of the Secretary General.

UAP CORPORATE WEBSITE Launched

The newly redeveloped UAP website has been accessible from the start of the Fiscal Year. It becomes a platform where architects from every part of the world can be informed with the latest news, updates and events regarding the profession and organization. This definitely contribute in strengthening of communication through maximizing the use of technology by having UAP Corporate Website. Statistically, it has been visited 158,222 times as of Oct. 2017.

With this, I encourage everyone to visit the newly updated website of the organization to experience the advancement of communication that we are enjoying as of the moment.

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY PROJECTS (UAP BAYANIHANG ARKITEKTURA)

A. FEMALE WARD RENOVATION AT GRACES

One of the wards at GRACES which was already dilapidated has been designed and renovated by Arch. Rene Heray, FUAP, AA, PALA

“The Journey Continues: serbisyo garantisado
A Sequel to Unity, Accountability and Professional Excellence

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As part of the UAP Balangkasan National Committee’s commitment to translate resolutions to meaningful actions, it has conducted inter-committee coordination meetings in coming up with worthwhile programs for architects.

With the timely Balangkasan topic, "How can we empower architectural aspirants (students and graduates) in addressing RA 9266 violations?", this nationwide forum is the first to be conducted simultaneously and the first to involve BS Architecture aspirants (students and non-licensed alumni), with professional resource speakers, in addressing the chronic problem besetting the Architecture profession, the prevalence of Republic Act 9266 violations. Each forum consists of two parts: first, the sharing of actual experience on illegal practice, the recommendations in addressing such, and a workshop, eventually leading to the crafting of Balangkasan resolution to be approved in consensus by professional and aspirant-participants for each host venue.

This is a partnership project of UAP Balangkasan FY1718, UAP Special Committee for Illegal Practice FY1718 and UAP National Architecture Week 2017 committees. This was credited with 3.5 PRC CPD Units under the Professional Practice track (with very minimal registration fees) and was held in four different locations: the Balangkasan FY1718 Forum No.3 at the University of San Carlos Cebu, December 13; the Balangkasan Forum FY1718 No.4 at the National College of Science and Technology (NCST), December 13; the Balangkasan Forum FY1718 No.5 at La Consolacion College-Bacolod, December 15, and Balangkasan Forum FY1718 No.6 at the UAP National Headquarters, December 16.

This event was supported by the Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBoA), the UAP Commission on Professional Practice, the UAP Commission On Education, the Student Auxiliary (UAPSA), the UAP Graduate Auxiliary (UAPGA), Council of Deans and Heads of Architecture Schools of the Philippines (CODHASP), and the Philippine Institute of Architects (PIA) with UAP Regional Districts B3, C1 and C4 and Major Industry Partner, Davies Paints.
The College of Fellows have had a very busy eight months since July 2017. There have been opportunities and challenges which through the months the College has been appreciative of gaining from and successfully dealing with which is hoped benefited the COF membership in particular and the UAP members in general in the COF’s pursuit of the UAP’s goals of Unity, Accountability and Professional Excellence.

From July 2017 to February 2018, the College has conducted the Balikatanaw 2017 Awards and Recognition Program during its 4th COF GMM, 3-COF CDI Activities all held at the 6th Floor of UAP Headquarters during 3, 5 and 9 COF GMMs. 2-Special lectures for the members during its 2nd and 8th COF GMMs, the COF Christmas Festivities and Launching of the COF CSR Project 2017-2018 during its 6th COF GMM, the COF IRR Amendments 2017-2018 discussions during its 6 and 8 COF GMMs and the designation of the New Fellows of the College for 2017-2018 during its 8th COF GMM.

December 2, 2017. The theme for the event was “Barnio fiesta” and the centerpiece was a native boodle lunch menu eating with the hands which was enjoyed by all. There were games, bingo, raffle and “lotto” bags shared with all members present. In lieu of exchange gifts, members donated to a fund pool to support the COF CSR Project for the year. As part of the Christmas Program, the COF CSR for 2017-2018 was launched. The College is teaming up with the Green Thumbs UP (GTUP) Project whose focus is “Motivating, Motivating and Mobilizing Kids for Environmental Leadership”. The COF as Partner Organization will be Torch Sponsors for all 133 students targeted for the Doha Remedios Trinidad, Bulacan Project of the Group. As Torch Sponsor, the College will donate kits for every student comprised of a school bag, school supplies, raincoat and slippers.


As part of this thrust, the College is reaching out to COFs nationwide to consult and inquire of them how best they can participate in the COF and how best the COF can serve them.

Exhibit, “Malasa, Beyond Architecture” launch last December 11, 2017 at Robinson’s Magnolia Main Lobby. The COF was also engaged in the NAW 2017 Grand Confab 1.0 last December 13, 2017 at the UAP Headquarters where it mustered COF members and other UAP mentors to participate in the encounter with graduating students to advise them on possible architecture theses.

Also on February 3, 2018 the Jury of Fellows announced that they have completed their deliberations and have readied the appropriate documents for endorsement of the names of the New Fellows of the College to the NBID on February 10, 2018. The official list of the New Fellows of the College will be released upon confirmation and approval of the NBID.

The activities of the COF for the final 4 months of the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 include other COF Special Membership Meetings, the 4th and last COF CDI Activity, the New Fellows Briefing, the Activities of the COF during the 44th UAP National Convention, The International COF Architect, the Local COF Architect and the turn over ceremony in June 2018.

On the COF Special Membership Meetings, last February 2-3, 2018, the COF participated in the Padigong UAP JACA (Joint Area C Assembly) in Bohol. The COF conducted its 3rd COF Special Membership Meeting on February 2, 2018 at Bohol Tropics Resort, Tagbilaran City. The College will also join the Area B Summit on February 16-17, 2017 themed Bunyog: Unity-Pagkahaisa in Legazpi City. The College will hold its 4th COF Special Membership Meeting on Day 0 February 15, 2018 after which it has been invited to join Q&A during the Presidents’ Assembly. The area A Summit in Vigan will host the 5th COF Special Membership Meeting on Day 1, February 23, 2018 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Safari Village. The 6th and final COF Special Membership Meeting will be held in Cebu at St. Marks Hotel Cebu City for COF members in Cebu.

All these COF Special Membership meetings are geared towards eliciting fruitful and doable ideas on how best the COF can functionally and contribute with all the COFs in the country. The College is grateful to the National and the Vice Presidents of Areas A, B, C and D, and the organizers of the Joint Area Assemblies and the COF members of Cebu for the opportunities opened to the COF to touch base with the students to advise them on possible architecture theses.
Laog City – Hundreds of delegates trooped to the Ilocos Centennial Arena in this City for the Joint Area Assembly, an annual mid-fiscal year convention aimed at uniting the four areas of the UAP through continuous learning, camaraderie and tourism, October 20-21.

Entitled, “Buklod: Transcending Unity Within”, the two-day assembly was attended by UAP delegates from various chapters nationwide. Prior to the two-day event, Chapter Presidents Assembly were held at the Plaza del Norte Convention Center, being the “Day 0” of the event. Arch. Fatima Nectas Alonzo, dean of College of Architecture of the University of Northern Philippines was the resource speaker.

Each program of two-day event was given local terms to emphasize the essence behind the Assembly which is “Sama-sama at ‘di Kanya-kanya”. Aside from the Opening Ceremony spearheaded by the UAP National Board, the day one of the Assembly was packed with CPD seminars delivered by resource speakers from various standpoints in the field of architecture. Architects Michaela Rosette Santos and Dominic Galicia, and Mr. George Keefe were the resource speakers on the said day, also known as “Pagbubuklod” or

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United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) National Headquarters and its Chapters simultaneously celebrated the World Architecture Day (WAD) through an array of programs and activities for the members and beneficiaries as well, October 2, 2017.

In view of this year’s international theme: “Acting Against Climate Change!” UAP adopted its local slogan entitled, “Luntian Gusali at Kapaligiran, Pangangalaga sa Ating Kalikasan.” This emphasizes the thrust of the Organization towards its advocacy of pushing for environment-friendly building strategies and programs. The culminating activity was held at the Ramon Magsaysay Building, Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

Heeding the call of National President Arch. Guillermo Hisancha in promoting green architecture which eventually leads into environment-friendly building technologies and occupancies, various UAP districts and chapters nationwide pushed through with their respective WAD Projects. Seminars, student competitions, and exhibits were some of the activities espoused by different chapters aimed at advocating the fight against climate change from business districts to the grassroots.

Every first Monday of October marks the celebration of the annual World Architecture Day which was created back in 2005. The World Architecture Day is a program to show appreciation for the work architects do and to celebrate some of the great global architectural works.

The WAD is spearheaded annually by the International Union of Architects (UIA), in which UAP is a member. This year’s WAD was facilitated under the auspices of the UAP Commission on Governmental and External Affairs (CGEA) and the UAP Committee on World Architecture Day Celebration.

Despite the unpredictable rain showers that evening, the welcome dinner, dubbed as “Pagpupugay” pushed through at Ilocos Centennial Arena which was originally intended on Paoay Church grounds. The second day of the event, tagged as “Lakbay,” featured tours to the renowned tourist spots in Ilocos Norte. Delegates were given one whole day of enjoying the tour around the province, such as Sta. Monica Church, Malacañang of the North, Paoay Lake, Sitio Remedios, Cape Bojeador Lighthouse and Burgos Windmills.

Finally, the event wouldn’t be complete without the culminating program in the evening. Delegates trooped to the Suba sand dunes for the much-awaited Fellowship Night, also known as “Illuminasyon.” Chad on their comfty white and khaki outfit, delegates were treated in a comfy setup as the whole sandy area were lit up with torches and oil lamps. Folk dances and ceremonies kept the audience entertained, while the report of Joint Area Assembly was also delivered hereafter. The featured event was the releasing of sky lantern, symbolizing the hope of the membership for the Organization and the Profession. Lastly, raffle prizes and live band performance wrapped up event the minutes before midnight.

The Joint Area Assembly stresses the importance of drawing architects together for a cause and engaging everyone to help and sustain. Thus, the CSR Projects such as, “Book Load” and “Luntian-Muli” were benefit projects of JAA 2017. Project “Book Load” aims to furnish and operate a mobile truck library roaming around the streets of Marawi that would serve as a signal for children to come out on streets loading knowledge, loading experience from this caravan. UAP is working to spread the project in all LGUs nationwide in collaboration with UAP Bayanibang Arkitekto and UAP Emergency Architects. Meanwhile, the “Luntian-Muli” is a reforestation project which provides 2000 seedlings for Nueva Era, Ilocos Norte, as well as each UAP Area should be tasked for their respective tree-planting activities.

“I invite all the delegates to earn for points, learn from the seminars and yearn for the revelry in your stay, in the illustrious province of Ilocos Norte”, said Arch. Arniel Caesar “Arni” Idos, JAA 2017 Chairman.

Davies Paints was the major industry partner of JAA 2017, together with Bostik, Crown Pipes, Emerald, HCG, Holcim, Jecams, Koten, LG Electronics, Moldex, Robinsons Builders, West Point Industrial and Wilcon Depot.
United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) continues to expand its reach with the inclusion of two more Chapters upon the end of the year 2017, a clear indication of an ever-growing Organization not just nationwide but also overseas. The UAP-Camanava AB Bantayog and UAP-Guam USA Chapters are the latest inclusion to the list, totaling the UAP’s Chapters to 154.

The UAP Camanava AB-Bantayog Chapter, granted the 153rd chapter of the Organization, held its Chartering Ceremony at the Luxent Hotel, Timog Avenue, Quezon City last Nov. 8, 2017. The sponsoring chapter is UAP-QC Elliptical chapter under the presidency of Arch. Consuelo “Peach” Buencamino and through the District A4 under its Director, Arch. Roaul Agapay.

According to Arch. Jojito Ubina, Charter President, despite the fact that the name “CAMANAVA” was chosen it was given a new extension, “-AB-Bantayog” because after all, we are all living monuments built because of reputation, integrity, and having the innate burning passion to continue with our perfections. 

Mearly a month after Induction, the UAP-Camanava AB Bantayog became active and took part in the nationwide activities such as the National Architecture Week (NAW), in which the Chapter spearheaded information dissemination for a Tri-cycle Operators and Drivers Association (TODA) and Parol Making Contest. The Chapter also took part in the commemorative ceremonies of the birth of Gut. Andres Bonifacio at the Monumento Circle, Caloocan City last Nov. 30, 2017. They also launched community outreach projects, such as the “Good Work Act Properly and Orderly” (GWAP0) and “Good Attitude Non-stop Delivery of Achievements” (GANDA) Wash Area for turnover by January 2018.

Meanwhile, another UAP Chapter was chartered two days before the year 2017 came to a close. The UAP Guam USA Chapter, the first ever UAP Chapter in the said island were formed by young and vibrant architects, some of whom were American Institute of Architects (AIA) Associates. Entitled, “Extreme Architecture in the Pacific”, the Chartering Ceremony was held on Rizal Day, December 30, 2017 at the UAP Headquarters in Quezon City. Attended by the National Board of Directors headed by National President, Arch. Guillermo Hisancha, the Guests Speakers were Architects Robert Sac, PRBoA Chairperson; Edmond Samuel, B3 District Director and Rosanno “Sonny” Rosal, UAP 23rd National President.

The conception of Guam USA chapter started back in February 2016, when the challenges of Guam-based Registered Architects (RA’s) were first highlighted through a meeting of Arch. Neilljene Mercado and Arch. Sonny Rosal. Among the concerns included the inactivity of Filipino RA’s in their respective UAP Chapters back home and challenges in renewal of licenses due to lack of representation of Filipinos Architects in the island. Arch. Rosal then advised the RA’s in the island to establish contacts and form a UAP chapter.

“...to all the elected and appointed officers of UAP Guam Chapter, I encourage you to be creative, resourceful, diligent, patient and generous, for our great Organization depends on your willingness to work with resolve and zeal, qualities that we all have but must be polished to perfection to bring out the best in all of us, not only personally but for the Organization importantly,” National President Hisancha said in a message. Months before the formal entry of Guam into the roll of UAP Chapters, the group was already active and members were eager in participating with various UAP programs including the Padayon: Inaugural 2017 in Manila, the World Architecture Day (WAD) and the National Architecture Week (NAW) 2017.

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its members in these ways this year.

The 4th and last COF CPD will be conducted on March 3, 2018 with the theme, “Design Research or Research Design” inclusive of the following lectures: “Why Architects Need Research” by Ar. Romeo B. Santos, “Design Build Service” by Ar. Suzette C. Chua-Caringal, “Construction Project Management” Ar. Jose Erwin B. Sebastian. The total CPD points to be earned will be 4.5.

On April 13, 2018, and the 44th National Convention, the College will hold its annual Convocation of Fellows and Elections, its Investiture Ceremony and the introduction of its New Fellows during the Honor Dinner.

There are also 2 penultimate special activities of the COF: the International COF Architect to Spain open to COF and UAP members to be held March 13-25, 2018 and the Local COF Architect for COF members on May 5, 2018 involving a lecture and tour hosted by Ar. Dominic Galicia of his work on the National Museum of Natural History in Luneta.

The final month of the year will be to turn over all what has been accomplished and highlight the programs and projects to continue for 2018-2019 for the next set of COF Officers.

The College this year has striven to renew its mission and purpose to pursue its commitment of being a mainstay of leadership and responsibility within the UAP. It is hoped that the completed and still upcoming Programs and Projects of the College in 2017-2018 has shown its faithfulness to consistently continue promoting the interests of the UAP in general and the College of Fellows in particular in advancing the architectural profession through the College by motivating sharing and interests between COF members, the organization and the members at large as well as enhancing its service to all particularly the young practitioners through inspiring mentorship.

UAP MOURNS THE PASSING OF PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT ALCORDO

It is with great sadness but a tremendous sense of gratitude that the United Architects of the Philippines acknowledges the passing of its Past National President, Arch. Richeco A. Alcordo.

Arch. Alcordo is a graduate of Bachelor in Architecture from Cebu Institute of Technology, Cebu City, in 1964 and Master in Architecture from the Graduate School of Design, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA in 1970.

A consistent academic scholar during his college days, he was president of the Honor Society of the Cebu Institute of Technology in 1963. After his graduation, he became an instructor at the Freeman Design Studio, Department of Architecture of the Cebu Institute of Technology and at the Senior Studio, Department of Architecture, University of San Carlos in Cebu City. After studying abroad, he started his professional practice as senior partner of Alcordo, Concepcion and Associates, Architects from 1971 to 1972; as the principal architect of his own firm, RGA Alcordo & Associates from 1973 up to the present, and president of Synthesis, Inc. from 2004 up to the present. He was a recipient of an Architectural Competition Award in 1989 for the achievement on your willingness to work with resolve and zeal, qualities that we all have but must be polished to perfection to bring out the best in all of us, not only personally but for the Organization importantly.” National President Hisancha said in a message. Months before the formal entry of Guam into the roll of UAP Chapters, the group was already active and members were eager in participating with various UAP programs including the Padayon: Inaugural 2017 in Manila, the World Architecture Day (WAD) and the National Architecture Week (NAW) 2017.

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to the present, and president of Synthesis, Inc. from 2004 up to the present. He was a recipient of an Architectural Competition Award in 1989 for the
The National Architecture Week (NAW), an annual art celebration held for more than forty years, was observed by the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) last December 11-16, 2017. Themed Ugnayan + Kultura, this year’s National Architecture Week features a load of programs aimed at continuous professional development by way of CPD seminars, workshops, school competitions and programs, exhibits and outdoor participation, held at the UAP headquarters, Robinsons Mall Magnolia, and various UAP chapters and districts nationwide.

A flag ceremony was held on the first day of NAW, at the UAP headquarters, attended by no other than National President, Arch. Guillermo Hisancha, UAP national officers, guests and members of the UAP-NAW 2017 Committee. The opening ceremonies were held at Robinsons Magnolia, in a festive Pinoy atmosphere. This coincided with the opening of an exhibit entitled, “Malasig: Beyond Architecture” featuring the works and design inspirations of the multi-awarded architect, not confined primarily to the architectural profession itself, but in relevance to the rich and colorful Filipino culture.

NAW 2017 provided an avenue for the members to avail of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) seminars by holding a week-long NAW CPD Talks. Each day consists of seminar and workshop with corresponding CPD Credit Units (CU). On December 11, NAW CPD Talks include “Addressing the Generation Gap in the Architectural Practice” by Arch. Joey Manalad; “Integrating Feng Shui in Basic Interior Space” by Arch. Annie Pugeda and “Primer on the CPD Program for Architects” by Arch. Robert Mirafla. December 12 set of seminars include: “All About Paints: Paints 101” by Ms. Anet Agustin; “Corrosion Protection by Protective Coating Seminar” by Mr. Camilo Cuaneras; “The Fire Code of the Philippines” by Arch. Edison Ching Padilla and “Architects: Writing With Authority” by Arch/Dr. Jocelyn Latup. Seminars on December 13 were: “Climate Change and Resiliency” by Arch. Vinson Serrano; “Resilient Design versus Seismic and Flood Hazards” by Arch. Stephanie Gilles; The Filipino Church Setting” by Arch. Roy John de Guzman and “Hydro-meteorological Risk Assessment-Guided Demand Forecasting in Humanitarian Logistics Management: The Case of Tacloban City, Philippines” by Arch. Geoniale T. Guttap.

On December 14, CPD talks include: “Making Powerful First Impression” and “Effective Communication and Public Speaking”, both by Ms. Arlyce Pimentel; “Architectural Acoustics” by Ms. Reina Reyes; “Fire and Impact Resistant Building Construction” and “Building Movement and Sustainable Building Materials” both by Mr. Sanguansak Sarangkasiri; “Shafwall for Residential and Commercial Building” by Mr. Jose Bolo; The Architecture of Eco-tourism for Biocultural Diversity” by Arch. Grace E. Servino, and “Hospitality Design” by Arch. Armando Eugene De Guzman. The seminars on December 15 were: “UN Sanctions on Accessibility and Universal Design for the Decade of Persons with Disabilities” by Arch. Enrico Abordo; “Pasigngtal ng Aldo amping Jugnay (Homage to the Sun and Wind)” by Arch. Rosette Santos, and the “Asian Practice of the Profession” by Arch. Benjamin Panganiban. Finally, the CPD seminars were capped by a lecture from Arch. Robert Sae, PRBoA Chairman, entitled, “Continuing Professional Education, What is all About?”, December 16. With this gesture, the UAP National has released an all-day pass for interested participants to conveniently take part of all the seminars from Days 1 to 6.

Meanwhile, Rakangkon Activities were also conducted during the week-long event, held at the National College of Science and Technology (NCST), Dasmarinas, Cavite, December 13; La Consolacion College (LCC), Bacolod City, December 15, and at the UAP headquarters, December 16, 2017 (See story on Page 8).

On December 13, 2017, a seminar and workshop aimed at providing specialized consultation for graduating architecture students was held in collaboration with the distinguished UAP members in the academe. Entitled, “Tugatog, the Grand Confab 1.0”, this was held at the 7th Floor, UAP Headquarters, Quezon City. Resource speakers include Architects Annie Pugeda, Vinson Serrano and Dr. Jocelyn Latup. This workshop is composed of three segments namely, Thesis Preparation, Thesis Presentation and Thesis Consultation. Tugatog was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the UAP National, UAP Graduate Auxiliary (UAPGA) and the UAP-Student Auxiliary (UAPSA).

“Cannot unite without understanding each other’s differences and diversities. In a country with over 7,641 islands and because of history, every Architect has his or her own style and opinion. Continuing last year’s NAW theme “Kolaborasyon”, we have to work side

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When ‘nothingness’ is not empty after all.

The UAP Angeles Aláya Chapter, being one of the newest Chapters of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), commenced its first Fiscal Year with lineup of activities for the remaining months of 2017. The most prominent were the World Day of Architecture (WDA), Joint Area Assembly (JAA) and National Architecture Week (NAW).

Chartered last August 27, 2017, the Induction took place at the Midori Hotel and Casino, Clark Freeport Zone, Pampanga. UAP Aláya officially joined the UAP Family as the 151st Chapter. It set a record being the largest group to be chartered in the history of the UAP.

Also undertaken by the UAP Del Pilar-Bulacan Chapter which was the Courtesy Call to the Honorable Mayor Juanito Santiago in that progressive Municipality of Marilao, Bulacan. The group had a fruitful talk with the mayor on how this local chapter can help in the constituents of the municipality and extend support in their small ways. Looking back, this UAP chapter adopted a local elementary school and gave uniforms and some school supplies to the children, gave a talk to high school students and educated them about Filipino heritage structures. Some students were inspired to become architects too. That was during their first year of their existence. The mayor then was grateful for all those actions. He recognized the important role of the architects in the vertically built environment. Otherwise, according to him, he and his constituents may not have enjoyed an architecturally sound municipal hall wherein they hold office now.

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The UAP Del Pilar-Bulacan Chapter Joins WAD 2017

by Arch. Leah Ybañez-Martin, UAP

The UAP Del Pilar-Bulacan Chapter joins in the celebration of World Architecture Day (WAD) last October 2, 2017 with the global theme, “Acting Against Climate Change”. The Philippine theme is, “Luntiang Gusali at Kapaligiran: Pangangalaga sa Ating Kalikasan”. To be one in this celebration, this local chapter unit of District A2a launched the project C.A.R.E.S., meaning Community Activities to Regenerate the Environment and Society, at the Marilao Municipal Hall in Marilao, Bulacan. The main objectives of the project are: 1) To unify the people and encourage them to come up with innovative ideas to become part of the solution in saving the environment and society, and 1) To showcase some best practices on environmental conservation, protection and preservation thru simple but dynamic ways each and everyone is capable of doing.

In relation to the project C.A.R.E.S., the chapter had a tree planting activity last September 17, 2017 in Mt. Balagbag, San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan. A piece of land is under the care of this organization for them to re-plant trees and revive the ecology in that locality. At the same time, the project was launched.

In conjunction with the WAD celebration, the group set up an exhibit at the Marilao Municipal Hall Courtyard which was formally opened by no other than the Municipal Mayor, the Honorable Juanito H. Santiago. Prior to the exhibit opening, Ar. Eric Estinopo, the UAP Del Pilar Chapter President, made a speech before the Marileños about the WAD and presented the environmental project. He enjoined the community in their advocacy on how each and everyone of them, young and old, no matter how small, can contribute in saving the environment. Some examples are being done personally by their members which are being showcased in the exhibit to set as examples of their project. These Bulakeño Architects posed a challenge to all concerned Filipinos: To post any related activities anybody is doing to help save the environment thru social media like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Youtube using the official hashtag #UAPDPicareishare. According to them, “Because We Care, We Share!” After all, Mahatma Gandhi said, “You must be the change you wish to see in the world”.

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In Celebration of the World Architecture Day with theme “Luntiang Gusali, at Kapaligaran, Pangangalaga sa ating Kalikasan”, October 2, 2017, the UAP Legazpi Chapter organized a Mural Painting Activity in coordination with Brgy. Buraguis and CDRRMC of Legazpi City. The activity was held at the Buraguis Evacuation Center and was sponsored by Davies Paints. The Mural Paintings were based from the artworks of elementary students who won the poster making contest last July 3, 2017 in celebration with the National Disaster Consciousness Month. With the help of UAPSA UST Legazpi and UAPSA Bicol University the activity was a success.

Indeed all talented people young and old professionals and students gathered and joined forces to create a wonderful work of art. The activity was also featured in ABS CBN local. The Chapter President Arch. Arr Jay B. Joquico along with Ms. Alaissa Macinas President of UAPSA Bicol University was interviewed regarding the said activity. In doing this activity it did not only showcased the talent of the architects and the architecture students but it also aimed to raise awareness on how to take care of our environment.

UAPLC Members Headed by Chapter President Arr Jay B. Joquico with Brgy. Chairman Cristina Pamorada Ajero, together with the UAPSA Bicol University and UAPSA UST-Legazpi.

Environmental Planner Karima Palafox listens to one of the participants’ queries during the first day of the National Architecture Week (NAW) Seminar organized by the UAP-Angeles Chapter and the Holy Angels University (HAU) Architecture Department. Aside from seminar, exhibits and design competitions among architecture students of HAU were organized with the support of corporate partner, Boysen Paints.

In conjunction with the National Architecture Week (NAW) 2017, the UAP-Angeles Chapter, in partnership with the Department of Architecture of Holy Angel University (HAU) held its two-day NAW Celebration on December 11-12, 2017. The activity is composed of seminars, exhibits, and design competitions among architecture students of HAU. The activity was sponsored by Boysen Paints, Phils. Guest speakers for Day 1 include Architects Gerard Lico, and Mia Quimpo, and EnP Karima Palafox. Speakers for Day 2 are former architecture students of HAU, Architects Jeffrey Bati, Rob Francisco, and Jerome Cruz. Awarding of winners in the various design competitions were also done on second day.

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Aláya is another term for Arayat, the single most prominent geographical feature of Pampanga. It also refers to the Kapampangan concept of the intangible, the metaphysical, the universal, the infinite, the divine; the life force or spirit (Pangilinan, 2012). Aláya is derived from two Kapampangan words “alâ”, meaning, nothing and “ya”, a third person singular absolute pronoun, which literally translates to “that which is not there”.

The UAP-Angeles Aláya Chapter is part of the UAP-District Council A2B which consists of Eight (8) UAP Chapters in the Central Luzon region. (With Reports c/o Arch. Tarcisius Tiotuco)
In Collaboration with Singapore Chapter

HAMILI CONDUCTS

6th LIBRO KO, LIBRO MO

By Arch. Theo Dave Benedicto

Continuously extending a hand to Ilonggo communities, the United Architects of the Philippines - Hamili Chapter, in collaboration with UAP-Singapore Chapter culminates its sixth “Libro Ko, Libro Mo” Project at Barangay Binolosan Pequeño, Calinog, Iloilo City on October 30-31, 2017.

In upholding the architect’s role in community development and help less-privileged communities, the UAP-Hamili Chapter’s “Libro Ko, Libro Mo”, since its launching in just a year, has already provided free access to reading materials to barangays Tigmalapad in Miag-ao, Asluman in Carles, Bacari in Leon, Tigbanaba in Igbaras, and Umingan in Alimodian, all in Iloilo province.

The signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) between LGUs headed by Barangay Captains and the UAP Hamili and Singapore representatives during the arrival to the Calinog municipal hall while the Panay-Bukidnon Tribes showcase and welcome the volunteers as the UAP joins the indigenous people celebration.

The volunteers of the project too part in tree-planting activity as part of the UAP Tanim + 58: Road to 100 Years. Then, they spearheaded exercises for local kids to display their creativity through drawings and other skills such as singing and dancing. Aside from books, the children were given school supplies, art materials and clothing through the sponsorship of various organizations such as business groups, local government units and generous individuals.

Moreover, the volunteers experienced mountain hiking and toured the beautiful rural landscapes in the area. The “Libro Ko, Libro Mo” Project is looking forward to Aglalana Elementary School in Passi City as the next recipient in the upcoming months.

The UAP-Hamili Chapter welcomes sponsors and generous benefactors in kind or in any form. For inquiries, you may reach us through: Arch. Rosa Lea Ajesta, mobile number 0917-542-9525; Arch. Nonard Suvisor, thru his Facebook Page and Arch. Lucia Suarnaba thru hamili.uap Facebook page.

UAP NEGRENSE CELEBRATES WORLD ARCHITECTURE DAY (WAD) 2017

The United Architects of the Philippines-Negrense Chapter celebrated World Architecture Day (WAD) 2017 with two special activities last October 2 and October 6, 2017 with the theme: “Greening Our Built Environment: Addressing Climate Change” and “EC-Up PLUS Career Development & Green Initiative Series by AJAT Philippines, Inc.” respectively. Also, embedded within UAP Negrense’s Core Values, Mission and Vision is the EC-Up PLUS Career Development & Green Initiative Series as new addition.

Junior high students, architect-aspirants and architects of the UAP Regional District C2 gathered at the Main Atrium of SM City Bacolod, Reclamation Area, Bacolod City for an Audio-Visual Presentation and Lecture entitled: “Greening Our Built Environment: Addressing Climate Change” with guest speaker Mr. Mark dela Paz, a marine biologist and Research Associate of University of St. La Salle-Bacolod.

Also, the UAP – Negrense Chapter held the WAD 2017 Culmination last October 6, 2017 at the Business Inn, 28th South Lacson St., Bacolod City, Negros Occidental with the theme: “EC-Up PLUS Career Development & Green Initiative Series” by AJAT Philippines, Incorporated.
Recognizing the need for lifelong learning and professional growth for every professional, UAP Sugbu Chapter, led by its chapter president Elise Ezpeleta-Demiar, has lined up at least ten continuing professional development (CPD) seminars for the entire fiscal year.

The first of these seminars, dubbed as “Community Architecture: Participative Design Approach for Informal Settlements in Urban Areas”, was held last October 14, 2017 at the University of San Carlos School of Architecture Fine Arts and Design main theater. The afternoon seminar-workshop attracted 170 architects from different chapters and was worth 3.5 CPD points.

The resource speaker was architect and master plumber, Danilo V. Ravina, who shared his experiences and knowledge about the design and construction of sustainable dwellings for the poor. He was very active during the time when Cebu was hit by major natural disasters (earthquake and then super typhoon Yolanda) almost in succession back in the late 2013. Architect Ravina imparted valuable knowledge in terms of getting the pulse and involvement from the users themselves in order to come up with a truly functional and relevant design. The lecture also dealt with specialized construction techniques using readily-available and low-cost building materials.

The chapter looks forward to two more CPD seminars before closing out 2017. This November 25, 2017, their very own charter president and current UAP National Auditor, architect Eldred Caesar Tan, FUAP will be the resource speaker of an afternoon seminar entitled, “Introduction to Construction Management” at the Quest Hotel, Cebu Business Park, Cebu City.

Then on December 9, 2017, the third CPD seminar is dubbed as “LEED for Homes: Greening your Residential Projects Using LEED Matrix” will be held at the Rigney Hall, University of San Carlos, Talamban, Cebu City. Participants of the November 2017 seminar are automatically registered for this activity, free of registration fee. Truly, UAP Sugbu does not only continue quenching the thirst for professional growth among its members but also providing architects in its area additional opportunities for these CPD seminars.
UAP DISTRICT D1 marked the 2017 World Architecture Day with a series of activities in various sites and venues in Davao City and other areas in Southern Mindanao.

In line with this year’s theme, “Luntiang Gusali at Kapaligiran: Pangangalaga sa Ating Kapaligiran,” UAP-Kadayawan Dabaw started D1’s celebration with a Mangrove Tree Planting Activity on October 1, 2017 at Sitio Malamboon, Bucana, Davao City. It was a remarkable feat as the architects were able to plant 1,500 saplings within two hours, in coordination with the City Environment and Natural Resources Office.

The following day, two simultaneous activities took place. One was UAP-Davao Chapter’s Feeding Program held at the Archdiocesan Nutrition Center in Fatima, Davao City, wherein around 30 undernourished indigent children were able to enjoy free nutritious meals. The other was the Free Design Clinic of UAP-Socsksargen conducted along General Paulino Santos Drive in Koronadal City. It was an opportunity for the public to consult with the architects for free regarding their proposed or ongoing projects.

On October 6, UAP-Mount Apo opened the 9th Construction and Building Expo or CONBEX 2017 at the Abreeza Mall in Davao City, which featured several construction and architectural products. During the three-day exhibit, senior Architecture students from the University of Mindanao also had a chance to present their thesis projects. Proceeds of the exhibit partly went to the Davao City Water District Adopt-A-Site in the Mount Talomo-Lipadas watershed.

Also on the same day, members of UAP-North Davao lent technical assistance to a community of Mansaka families in Barangay Anislagan, Nabunturan, Compostela Valley by installing an efficient water supply system in the village. This was achieved by connecting pipes from the spring source to the different households in the area.

Bringing up the rear was the Ride for Hope 2017, organized by UAP-Balladaw Dabaw Chapter on October 22. This was a fun ride, where people from all walks of life bicycled around Davao City to raise awareness and support for the children battling cancer at the House of Hope in the Southern Philippines Medical Center in Davao City.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND PROMOTION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL PROFESSION

- With the case still pending and contingent on the crucial decision by the Supreme Court of the Philippines, our most important undertaking is our never ending advocacy for the full implementation of R.A. 9266 through improved UAP-LGU relationship.
- Our Task Force on R.A. 9266 and the Commission on Governmental and External Affairs under the Office of the National Executive Vice President are set to initiate the campaign and dialogues with LGUs and other government agencies.
- As of today, figures show that a lot of local government units like cities, municipalities or provinces have already implemented R.A. 9266 in their localities.

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- Involvement and collaboration of our local and international Chapters, Commissions, Standing and Special Committees with private and public sectors, such as the Philippine Council’s League, Department of Trade and Industry, Construction Industry Authority of the Philippines, Nippon Paints, Metrobank Foundation Inc., Bureau of Fire Protection, National Commission for Culture and Arts, Department of Public Works and Highways, and Commission on Elections, including some of foreign-based professional organizations.
- On International participations, UAP is well represented at the ADVA 4 in New Delhi, India, September 1990 and the 6th ARCASIA Forum in Beijing, China, September 1991. He was elected as deputy chairman for Zone B of the Argentine Chapter, Commissions, Standing and Special Committees.
- He also continued to serve as deputy chairman for Zone B. He was elected as deputy chairman for Zone B of ARCASIA for 1990–1992 and was elected as the 7th ARCASIA Chairman for 1992–1993. He continues to serve ARCASIA as its advisor.

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modelling. Through 5d digital technology, architects can be guided in designing or retrofitting an office building to achieve energy savings. Ramirez was assisted by researchers Seno, Sambit Datta, PhD and Mohamed Rashid Embi, PhD.

On the other hand, Sylvester Shaun D. Seno, UAP, PIEP together with Ramilo, discussed "The Sustainability Issue of Housing Material Loans (HML) for Public Housing in the Philippines: Recipe for Cyclical Disaster Risk?" The Philippines’ pilot housing agency, the National Housing Authority (NHA) has attempted to disseminate materials for housing delivery for the lowest thirty percent income Filipino earners. One of these modes is the awarding of the housing material loans (HML).

The study intended to investigate if the housing material loans (HML) mode of the National Housing Authority (NHA) translate to a disaster-resistant design. The study area covered former residents along the Philippine National Railways (PNR) who were relocated to Southville 1 Cabuyao, Laguna last 2007. Findings indicate that the built houses did not possess structural integrity in terms of faulty roofing construction and short-changing of materials against NHA-provided minimum design specifications, increasing likelihood of future cyclical natural disaster risks.

With the rapid densification of the city and the continued influx of people living in the urban centers, much of the demographics of these urban dwellers will go to school to get an education. In response, Noel E. Nicolas, UAP, presented "The Formulation of Guidelines for a Sustainable Vertical Learning Facilities for Higher Education." Nicolas noted that despite the rise of vertical campuses, they lack the layers and the elements present in a horizontal campus development. The findings of his study resulted to the formulation and the creation of a design guideline for a sustainable vertical learning facility.

“Place making and Heritage in the Community”

During the second session, selected case studies on architectural and heritage significance were presented. These include "Repurposing Historic Hidalgo: Strategies to Make Historic Properties Vital Community Assets" by Ronnie R. Yumang, UAP, PIEP, RMP, and "The Significance and Impact of arts into architecture." presented the transparent area between the Bicol Region. It surmises the de-

"The Filipino Living Space"

From architecture, the third set of research presentation delved on urban design and planning. On "The Filipino Living Space," Mary Rajelyn J.

Bustamente, UAP, MS in Architecture shared her insights on "Heritage and Technology." Today, documenting of heritage buildings can still be done manually. Moreover, many tools, gadgets, equipment and applications make the tasks easier for architects and heritage planners.

Sepideh P. Ahmadrezaei, UAP, MS in Architecture presented "The Role of Monuments in Place Identity: A Comparative Analysis between Quezon City Memorial, Quezon City and Azadi Square, Tehran Iran." The author shared similarities of these two monuments, which includes its role as city landmark and how they affected their nations, and vice-versa. Highlights of the research were recommendations on urban streetscapes, pedestrianization and landscaping of the Quezon City Memorial.

Two complementing papers were "Revitalizing the Sidewalks of España Boulevard (Welcome Rotunda to Lerma/ Morayta) through a Street Management Plan vis-à-vis Community Empowerment" and "Sampaloc Skywalk, An Innovative and Alternative Pedestrianization Strategy Along España Boulevard." Authors were Felicisimo A. Tejuco, Jr., UAP, PIEP, MS in Architecture and Henry Felix E. Herre-

ra, UAP, PIEP, MEM-CM, respectively.

Heavy vehicular traffic, obstructed streets, and flooding are common urban problems, which affect España Boulevard. The scope of the study is the stretch of España Boulevard, starting from Mabuhay (Welcome) Rotunda (near the United Doctors Medical Center) to Morayta, which includes Lerma and Nicanor Reyes Street (near the office building of the Professional Regulatory Commission). To address the problem, Herrera proposed an elevated walkway while Tejuco recommended a street management plan with responsibilities and roles assigned to the private and public sector.

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by side and install our “kultura” to remind us of who we are, ‘mga Arkitektong Pilipino nagtatagutan ngayon sa bayan’, said the Naw 2017 Committee in a re-

leasement.

This year’s celebration of Naw was brought through the efforts of the UAP National Architecture Work 2017 Committee headed by Arch. Cesar Turla, under the UAP Commission on National Government and External Affairs (CGEA) led by Arch. Gil Japitana, Executive Director. Industry partners include Davies Paints and Robinsons Magnolia as major sponsors, DML Products, Knauf, NuPon, Teresa Marble as patron sponsors, while VBLU Inc., Moldex Pipes, Supreme Steel, Crown Pipes, Praboda, Eternal Pipes, Eurotubes, Mitsubishi Electric, IEE and World Home Depot as advertising sponsors.

"Architecture: Education, Culture & Heritage"

On education, Creselda M. Roldan, UAP presented "The Pedagogy and Andragogy in Architecture Education." Pedagogy can be defined as the teacher-centered model while andragogy is student-centered model of teaching and learning in Architecture education. Through her research, the Divine Word College of Calapan, Roldan recognizes the transmittal of knowledge through lectures and the development of skills through conceptualization and problem solving.

On a related topic, Fredinel F. Ba-

naag, UAP, Master of Architecture presented "The Cross-Pollination from the Arts to Architecture – an Approach for Newer Expression." His paper presented the transparent area between architecture and the arts and how they can result into hybrid architecture. He also presented case studies on the fusion of arts into architecture.

With the school, the climate condi-
tions and transcending culture, Alwin S. Calig, UAP and Reynaldo O. Nacional, UAP authored “Kurob: The Indigenous Architecture of the “Pulang-Agta” of the Bicol Region.” It summarises the de-

ign and construction philosophies as rendered by the Indigenous Peoples (IPs) of Lidong, Polangui, Albay literal-

ly coined the “Pulang-Agta” as the demographic observatory unit. Highlight of the presentation was the video anima-
tion showing how the indigenous house was constructed.

Tejuco’s second paper, "Commemorating the Heroes of the Second World War through a Heri-

tage Tourism Trail" proposes study a trail, which will map out the relevant sites to strengthen and promote the national tribute to all those who have died. Through this, the lessons and legacy of the unsung heroes of the Japanese occupation will remain alive.

Panel reviewers of the two-day event included architects in the academe John Joseph T. Fernandez (UST) and Lorelei DC de Viana (Far Eastern University-Institute of Architecture and Fine Arts); and UAP fellows Norma I. Alarcon, and Tobias A. Bonaobra, (UST); and Jocelyn T. Lutap (UST and PUP), Maria Elena E. Cayanan (Perpetual Help), Chona E. Ponce (National University), and Gloria B. Teodoro (Mapua Institute of Technology).

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