**uap, a multi-awarded professional organization**

Since 2002, the UAP has been receiving numerous awards including the Professional Regulations Commission’s Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization (APO), a distinction in which received for seven times including this year. This makes UAP one of the most awarded accredited professional organizations in the PRC. Also, UAP has been recipient of awards from the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Climate Change Commission, and the Department of Trade and Industry-Construction Industry Association of the Philippines (DTI-CIAP).

### “South is the New North”

On April 22, 2016, barely a month before a probinsyano was elected as the next resident of Malacañang, the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) already elected its president, not from a traditional location, but from the province of Iloilo in the person of Arch. Guillermo Hisancha. Two years later, during the second day of the 44th National Convention, another probinsyano was chosen to lead the country’s Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects. On June 30, a Davaoeño, Arch. Benjamin Panganiban Jr., finally took over the highest rein of the Organization, after winning in one of the biggest election turnout in years.

His elevation to the National Presidency of the Organization, though foreseeable, has got into twists and turns. There was a time when skepticism floated in some quarters, whether a probinsyano can handle loads of work while away from his family, and to the point of sacrificing his profession. Yet, his election by a majority of the electorate, is more than just a hype, but the offshoot of the tendency of the Organization, though having a leader away from the center is something unheard of, headquarters for practical reason, apart from political. And indeed, the time has come for the Southerner to lead an organization, whose primary cause is for all regions, and not confined to the periphery of its headquarters. Time has come that a Southerner will take over the helm of an Organization, whose traditional orientation is in the north, but with the advent of improved communication and related logistics, has made it possible for any UAP member to serve from any point of the archipelago, whether it is above or below Manila, geographically.

Time has come, the south is the new north.

Echoing the inaugural speech of the first Minadanaoan President right in his turf in Davao, “For forty-three years of UAP’s existence, it is only now that we’ll have a President from Mindanao… but it has long been overdue.” Indeed, the time has come for the Southerner to lead an Organization whose primary cause is for all regions, and not confined to the periphery of its headquarters. Time has come that a Southerner will take over the helm of an Organization, whose traditional orientation is in the north, but with the advent of improved communication and related logistics, has made it possible for any UAP member to serve from any point of the archipelago, whether it is above or below Manila, geographically.

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EDITOR’S NOTE:
This was the Valedictory Speech delivered by outgoing UAP National President during the UAP Inaugural Ceremony held at the Regal Grand Hotel, Davao City, last June 30, 2018.

To our Guest of Honor and Speaker, Hon. Sec Bello, Davao City Mayor; the Hon. Sara Duterte; UAP PNP, Likha Awardee, PRC Commissioner, YDR; PB Arch. Robert Sac; Past National Presidents, Members of the UAP outgoing and Incoming National Board of Directors, Officers and Members of the College of Fellows, Incoming Executive Directors and Chairs of Standing and Special Committees; Colleagues in the profession, all our Loyal and generous sponsors lead by our Major Sponsor Davies Paints, thanks so much for being there for us, distinguished Guests, Friends, Ladies and gentlemen.

Tonight, I will turn over my official duties and responsibilities of being the NATIONAL PRESIDENT of the United Architects of the Philippines, a position that I have been holding for the last two years.

I THANK YOU ALL from the bottom of my heart, for giving me the rare privilege, to carry the UAP’s mantle of leadership for two successive Fiscal Years, which inspirations and thrusts are, to UNITE all Filipino Architects, to PROMOTE the architectural profession, and to ADVANCE the continuing professional development of all Filipino Architects, under the theme: UNITY, ACCOUNTABILITY and PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE.

I would like to acknowledge, that with all of your support, since I started my first term last July 1 of 2016, having been elected as the 25th National President of this great organization, and trusted to be the flag-bearer of the Architecture Profession in the country, I have had very challenging yet fulfilling experiences in the exercise of my duties and functions.

I sincerely appreciate having got all the needed support from you, from our past NPs, NBD, EDs, Committee chairpersons and their members, Chapter Presidents down to the members, from our Secretariat and to all our avid loyal and generous suppliers whose significant contributions and achievements have made our great Professional Organization one of the best, if not the very best in the country.

With your help, we were able to deliver what are necessary to uplift our organization, to care about the welfare of our members, and promote the practice of architecture in our country and abroad. I hope that we were able to convey the genuine and unconditional services that the membership deserves.

With the wonderful and excellent degree of cooperation I received from the national and local leaders,

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ALL ROADS LEAD TO SM SEASIDE IN CEBU FOR THEIR CONSTRUCTION SHOW. It was a night to remember as the architects of UAP District C1 in Cebu City flocked to the SM Seaside in Cebu City to witness the opening affair of CEBUCON. This event runs from June 1 to June 4, 2018.

This is an annual event here in Cebu City organized by LA DUCUT Company headed by the energetic and a highly dedicated Ma’am Lilibeth Ducut-Abais and her company staff. A sticker for details, Mami Lib-

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Arch. Benjamin K. Panganiban, Jr.,
FUAP, AEC, APEC Ar.
National Executive Vice President

I challenge all architects to seize this opportunity to build the Architecture Profession and uplift its standing in the society positively. In fact, I encourage all architects to think of other ways to positively project the Architect in public, rather than criticize each other and bring us all down. For all of what you are worth as an Architect, it is expected of you to help one another, and help the profession.

There may be other avenues and other ways to promote the Architecture Profession. For when you do this act, you will come to know that you ARE PROTECTING THE PROFESSION, PROTECTING THE ARCHITECT. And that is what we need today.

I am thankful that the CEBUCON 2018 was well supported by the UAP Chapters in Cebu. In our midst were the UAP National Auditor Arch. Cesar Eldred Tan, our very hospitable DD Arch. Emmanuel Cuizon, our incoming UAP Nat. Auditor Arch. Roland Paolo Albert, our past DD of C1 Arch. Gus Lee, our very reliable chapter Presidents of C1, the beautiful Pres. Arch. Elise Denniar of Sugbu Chapter, the rela-

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the stakeholders of the architecture profession, and with the general membership, the CHALLENGE OF THE LEADERSHIP WAS MADE EASIER.

Indeed, in two years, there were great and historic achievements that we all can be very proud of. Our combined outstanding achievements of the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 and the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 bear eloquent testimony, to our collective will to further advance, the cause and sake of the organization and the profession.

We must be so proud, that in our 2-year journey, we have been recognized three times as outstanding APO of the Year, twice by the Professional Regulation Commission (back-to-back, Year 2017 and Year 2018) and by the DTI-
UAP meets with AIA Past President

The United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) held an exploratory meeting last June 23, 2018 at the New York Hilton Midtown Hotel, New York, with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) Past President Elizabeth Chu Richter, FAIA regarding some aspects affecting the Philippine architectural profession. This was held on Day 03 during the recently-held AIA 2018 Conference.

The Philippine delegation was led by past UAP National President Ana Mangalino-Ling, IA-AA, FUAP, AA, APEC AR, joined by UAP local officers, namely Bohol Chapter Pres. German Janus Guidaben, UAP, past Bohol Chapter Pres. Joseph Balonda, UAP, QC Silangan Past Chapter Pres. Norberto Zarate III, UAP and Chapter Vice Pres. Ferdinand Ferriol, UAP, British Columbia Chapter Director Guel Climacosa, D1 Past Regional Director Director Ma. Concepcion Dy, UAP, AA, Glenn Magistrado, UAP from Legazpi and Catherine Saldaña-Siegel, UAP of ARCO Group. The meeting was recorded by UAP Balangkasan Chair (and concurrently Chicago Tribune's Chicago Now: ArchXperience Press representative) Sylvester Seño.

Agendas were the requirements needed to form the AIA-Philippines Chapter, possible reciprocity on CPD providers coming from both sides, free platforms (at least more than twenty) for possible Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs for Filipino architects (which includes webinars), CPD resource speakers and workshop and/or training exchanges programs between the two organizations and future events for Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCSAIA) and AIA International where Filipino architects can participate for.

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It has been agreed thru a Balangkasan Resolution No. 7 held at Jaro, Iloilo last April 7, 2018 that the “Proposed Mechanics for Webinars be Formulated by the CPD Council for Architects.”

Again, my deepest thanks and appreciation to all of you my dear colleagues who have been with me throughout this wonderful and fruitful journey.

Madame PRC Commissioner YDR, a million thanks again, for always believing in me, as forever, I will be grateful.

Whether as President or not, I assure you, that I will continue to defend and uphold, the high standards and cherished values, of our noble United Architects of the Philippines.

God bless everyone!

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On the 21st day of July 2016, the Republic Act 10912 or the Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016 was released and took effect August 16 of the same year. The act aiming to promote and upgrade the practice of professions in the country required all professionals to gain credit units. By doing so, it ensures that all registered and licensed Filipino professionals will be doing their part on sustaining a competitive approach towards learning and developing their knowledge and skills on their respective field of endeavor.

These Credit Units also known as the Continuing Professional Development Units or simply CPD Units can be obtained through attending accredited activities and trainings organized by CPD Providers. Such provider is the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), the integrated and accredited Professional Organization of Architects of the Philippines. The UAP in its response to the Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016 created the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Council. The Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture-Continuing Professional Development Council for Architecture composed of the following, PRBOA Member Hon. Robert M. Mirafiante as Chairman, and Arch. Chona Elvas-Ponce, representing the UAP and Arch. Lorelei DC De Viana, representing CODHASP. The CPD activities shall be divided into five (5) major areas with corresponding minimum credit units. The following areas consist of Design, Practice, Building Science, Environmental and Sustainability, and Others each containing 20% of CPD units to be completed for the renewal cycle.

We at UAP-Professional Development Commission headed by Executive Director Arch. Virgilio Andres, Jr., produced a project for the compliance of this Law which makes all Registered and Licensed Architects to conform and gain CPD units. As my Brainchild and the collective efforts of the Commission with Vice Chairman of PDC Arch. Felicisimo Tejuco, Jr., produced the UAP PISO FAIR SERIES under the term of National President Guillermo Hisancha and will be carried over to the incoming administration of Arch. Benjamin K. Panganiban, Jr. As the name implies PISO FAIR, we have to register One Peso for every CPD Unit.

United Architects of the Philippines is providing quality seminars and trainings through preservation and integration of knowledge. This project is a clear indication that UAP is determined of giving good service and quality of seminars. It is also another way of bringing together Registered Architects to share innovative ideas and approaches with lifelong learning.

For as long as we can SERVE, we will GIVE.
PRC Most Outstanding APO for 2018

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PRC AWARD FOR UAP

THE United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) was hailed as the 2018 “Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization (APO) of the Year” during the 45th Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Anniversary and Awards Night last June 21, 2018, at the Manila Hotel. Last year, UAP also received the same recognition. The UAP made history by being the first and only APO to win the coveted award seven times (2002, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017 and this year).

The organization’s excellent programs, projects and accomplishments made it possible for UAP to earn the “Oscar” of Accredited Professional Organizations.

On winning the 2018 Most Outstanding APO award, UAP National President Arch. Guillermo H. Hisancha said, “UAP is indeed honored to receive this prestigious national award that recognizes the dedication and commitment of the administration in building a prime professional organization of architects, a community that accommodates different views and allows diverse talents to flourish. While this award marks a significant milestone in our journey towards Unity, Accountability and Professional Excellence; it is not the end of our quest for continuous improvements. The 2018 Most Outstanding APO Award will spur us to reach for greater heights.”

NP Hisancha said that the award will “engender a spirit of adventure and encourage each of us to strike out with confidence and our unrelenting quest for excellence in the virtuous circle of creating, imparting and applying knowledge.”

The Most Outstanding APO Award, the highest award that can be conferred upon an accredited professional organization by the PRC which is the central agency of the government charged with the licensing and regulation of professionals and the professions as well as the APOs, is presented annually to recognize the achievements, services and commitment of the APO to the profession.

UAP bested other professional organizations based on the following criteria set by the Commission for the 2018 Most Outstanding APO through PRC Memo Circular 12: (1) Active participation in PRC activities and/or PRC-sponsored programs/activities, such as: a. PRC Social Responsibility Program; b. Professional Branding, c. PRC Scholarship Program, and d. Gender and Development (GAD) Programs; (2) Quality and relevance of CPD programs administered and implemented by the organization, such as: a. Organization’s international exposure; leadership/participation and involvement; (3) Significant achievements as a corporate body in: a. attaining the objectives of the organizations, b. enhancing the welfare of its members in terms of placement and assistance in the practice of the profession, and c. enhancing the stature / prestige of the profession; (4) Effective discharge of the profession’s social responsibility through meaningful participation in socio-civic related activities; (5) Harmonious relationship among the officers and members of the APO and with the officers and members of the other registered professional organization in the same profession in terms of camaraderie, fellowship, and cooperation with regard to national programs and activities of the profession; (6) Leadership and initiative in undertaking programs, projects, and activities whether or not related to the profession, as well as improvement and/or contribution to the solution of problems affecting the profession which redound to the benefits of its members and to the community and the country in general; (7) Healthy relationship with the PRC and the PRB concerned in terms of cooperation and coordination; (8) Smooth turn-over of duties and responsibilities of incumbent to newly-elected national officers of the organization through peaceful and orderly elections; (9) Instrumental to the creation and/or maintenance of an integrated professional organization; (10) Sponsorship of international conventions, conferences, workshops, symposia and other similar gatherings of professionals; (11) Regular publication of new bulletin and technical journals; (12) Submission of annual reports (financial and operations) to PRC and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); (13) Ownership of its national headquarters; and (14) Financial solvency. (Courtesy: UAP website/UAP-KYP)

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dedication to the organization/s is a testament of his outstanding career.

Meanwhile, Architect and Environmental Planner Alli was accorded such honor for his active engagement in the sub-fields of the environmental planning profession, encompassing comprehensive land-water-air use planning (CLWAUP); the crafting of zoning ordinances (ZOs)/development controls (DCs); sustainable land reclamation planning; settlement/tourism planning; the preparation of various studies for public infrastructure (including transportation-related PPP-BOT-ODA-JVA projects), planning information dissemination; and environmental planning curriculum development. EnP Alli proactively promotes the following complementing notions: 1) that environmental planning and building/grounds design, being closely intertwined disciplines, must always work together; and 2) that the programmed densification/repurposing of built-areas shall help ensure future food and water security for future generations. (Courtesy: UAP website/UAP-KYP)
Delegates from different regions all over the country trooped once again to the SMX Convention in Pasay City for the 44th edition of the National Convention of United Architects of the Philippines (UAP). With the title “Sigasig: A Zeal for Excellence”, this annual convention was held last April 12 to 14 - the second edition which offered Continuing Professional Development (CPD) - credited Seminars to delegates.

Similar to the setup in recent years, the 44th National Convention’s series of events didn’t actually start on the first day, rather a string of related events already commenced on Day 0, or the eve of its Opening Ceremony. Arkilympics, an annual sports competition among the four areas of the UAP, featured basketball, badminton, bowling and billiards. After a day packed with action and thrills, Area A emerged as the overall champion (see story below). The event was held at the Quezon City Sports Club along E. Rodriguez Avenue, Quezon City. Meanwhile, the Association of Government Architects (AGA) held their second assembly at the UP Ayala Technohub in Quezon City. Resource speakers include Senator Sherwin Gatchalian; DPWH Secretary Mark Villar; DPWH Undersecretary Karen Jimeno; DILG undersecretary Austere Panadero; PRC Commissioner Yolanda Reyes and PRBoA Chairperson Robert Sac. Meanwhile in the UAP Headquarters, the third edition of the Architects in the Academe Assembly (AAA) was held under the catchy title “Starchitects” which featured four successful architects and how their former professors contributed to their breaks in the Profession (see story on page 15). NatCon heralded through a festive ceremony on the first day in which, keynote address delivered by renowned motivational and leadership speaker Mr. Francis Kong, while “Mr. Pure Energy” Mr. Gary Valenciano performs during the Opening Ceremony of NatCon. Renowned motivational speaker Mr. Francis Kong gestures during the Day 04; Ms. Shiela Lobien of Jones Lang La Salle talks about the Real Estate Situation, Day 02/Day X-Factor UK finalist “5th Impact” performs during the fellowship night, third day of NatCon.

CPD-credited Confabs
The second day of NatCon was packed with resource talks, all had their corresponding CPD credits. In the morning, three plenary talks were conducted. These include: “Business Development and Branding for Architects”, by Arch. Catherine Saldaña-Siegel; “The Real Estate Situation in the Philippines”, by Ms. Shiela Lobien of Jones Lang La Salle; and “Architectural Education and Competitiveness” by Arch. Jorge Yulo. By the afternoon, talks proceeded with diverse technical seminar known as “Breakout Sessions”, wherein delegates were directed to respective seminars according to the chosen slot in the online registration. These were: “The Basics of Lighting” by Ms. Mary Anne Nicolas; “Roof Garden Systems” by Ms. Mary Agnes Afuang; “Concrete Repair of Old Structures” by Engr. Christian Cesar Dimalibot; “Innovative Plastic Solutions” by Mr. Winchester Lemen; “Proper Toilet Plumbing Installation” by Mr. Romuald Boyd Ponce; and “Paint 101” by Ms. Anita Agustin.

Meanwhile, Arch. Rey Gabitan discussed the very timely lecture about “The Architects Revised Methods of Compensation”… followed by the UAP General Assembly and Business Meeting which was presided by the National Board of Directors. The ratification by the General Membership of the proposed amendments to the Architects’ Credo was the highlight of the said assembly.

The third day had another set of CPD seminars, held at the plenary and on-site venues. Plenary talks include, “The Social Dimension of Sustainability and the Call for Architects to Actively Engage its Public” by Arch. Nicolo C. Del Castillo; “A Holistic View of Designing and Building with...
The UAP Emergency Architects (UAP-EA) and GMA Kapuso Foundation (GMAKF) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for the design and reconstruction of Datu Saber Elementary School in Marawi City, held at the Hall 1 of the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City last April 14, 2018.

Present during the signing ceremony from UAP were Architects Guillermo Hisancha, National President; Benjamin Panganiban, Jr., National Executive Vice President; Marie Stephanie Gilles, UAP-EA Chairperson; and Jose Miranda, UAP-EA Deputy Chairman. GMA-Kapuso Foundation Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Ms. Rikki Escudero-Catibog signed on its behalf.

Meanwhile, Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) were also entered between UAP Emergency Architects and two Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), which serve as partners in the fulfillment of programs regarding disaster resiliency and response. The first MoU signed by UAP-EA was with the Assistance and Cooperation for Community Resilience & Development, Incorporated (ACCORD) about their joint project, the MOVE for Community Resilience & Development, Incorporated (ACCORD) components namely, risk transfer modalities, resilient livelihood training and the development of Alternative Transfer Shelter (ATS) models. According to its website, ACCORD is an organization that draws its strength from its members who possess long local and international experience in diverse yet interrelated fields and disciplines including disaster risk reduction, environment and natural resource. Another MoU of UAP-EA was with Action Against Hunger (AAH) Philippines, which deals with the application of Alternative Temporary Shelters (ATS) in retrofitting of evacuation shelters in Mindanao. ATS is a prototype project of the UAP-EA. Originating from France, AAH is a global humanitarian organization that takes decisive action against the causes and effects of hunger.

Under the signed MoA, the UAP-EA and GMAKF agreed to construct a new one instead of rehabilitation, since the old school building is already dilapidated and will be demolished.

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44th uap national convention highlights

Another ‘Man from the South’ will succeed National President Arch. Guillermo Hisancha after the Organization’s second highest leader eventually won the UAP National Elections for Fiscal Year 2018-2019, on the second day of the 44th UAP National Convention held at the SMX Convention Center.

Arch. Benjamin K. Panganiban, Jr., the incumbent National Executive Vice President and a member of the UAP-Davao Kadayawan Chapter, earned 1364 electoral votes, against incumbent National Treasurer, Arch. Pamela Arradilla of UAP-Quezon City Chapter, with 673 votes.

Meanwhile, Arch. Rey Gabitan of UAP Manila-Sta. Mesa Chapter handily won the position of the National Executive Vice President (NEVP) for his third term, this time against incumbent Executive Director for Bayanibang Arkitektura, Arch. Robert Benedict Hermoso. Arch. Gabitan garnered 1358 electoral votes against Arch. Hermoso’s 660. Arch. Gabitan previously served as NEVP from 2014-2016 under National President Beth Regala.

For the Area A Vice President, Architects Rosario Roxas of UAP-San Juan Pinipiguban and Conrado Kison of UAP-QC Capitol Chapters contended, in a rare occasion wherein Area Vice Presidents were usually nominated by way of rotation. Arch. Roxas, the incumbent Chair of the Committee on National and Civic Affairs won 685 electoral votes against Arch. Kison’s 236. Meanwhile, former Chair for UAP Council on Continuing Professional Education Arch. Chona Ponce was elected Area B Vice President; Arch. Rolando Ignacio of UAP-Capiz Chapter will be the next Area C Vice President, while Arch. Trinidad Saligumba of UAP-Iligan Chapter as the Area D Vice President. Arch. Saligumba will serve as the Vice President for Area D for the second term, since last year.

For the Secretary General, both men from the Area A vied for the fourth highest post of the Organization. Incumbent Regional District Director for A3, Arch. Ronnie Yumang of UAP-QC Capitol edged out Design-Build Services (DBS) Committee Chair Arch. Donato Magcale of UAP-Nova Central Chapter, 1037 to 987. On the other hand, Commission on Education Executive Director Arch. Wilfredo Gacutan won comfortably in the position of the National Treasurer. Having no opponents, his electoral votes garnered 1963.

For the position of the National Auditor, Arch. Rolan Paolo Alberto of UAP-Rajah Mabahid (Cebu) Chapter won 1194 electoral votes against Arch. Peregrino Baclit Jr. of the UAP-Rizal Cainta 101 Chapter, 800.

THE VICTORS. UAP National President Arch. Guillermo Hisancha (3rd from Left), and UAP Commission on Elections Chair Arch. Randy Banzon (3rd from Right) raise the hands of incumbent UAP National Executive Vice President Arch. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr, (center) as the winner for the National President during the Fellowship Night of the 44th National Convention. Joining him were Architects (Left-Right) Rene Heray, incumbent Secretary General; Arch. Ronnie Yumang, the incoming Secretary General; Wilfredo Gacutan, the incoming National Treasurer and, Rolan Paolo Alberto, the incoming National Auditor.

The annual election was held on April 13 at the Meeting Room 1, SMX Convention Center, during the second day of the 44th National Convention. The canvassing was held shortly after all the electoral votes were cast by afternoon, with results being displayed through LED TV outside the hall. This was organized by the UAP Commission on Elections led by Arch. Roland Banzon, FUAP.

Two distinguished members of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) were honored during the PRC Awards Night held last June 21, 2018 at the Fiesta Pavilion, Manila Hotel. Former Chairman of the Board of Architecture, Arch. Armando N. Ali, was recognized as the 2018 Outstanding Professional of the Year in the field of Environmental Planning while UAP Committee on Architects Working Abroad Chairman Arch. Liyo Celi Cefre was honored as the 2018 Outstanding Professional of the Year in the field of Architecture.

The Outstanding Professional of the Year award is the highest award bestowed by the Commission on a professional for having sufficiently demonstrated professional competence of the highest degree, conducted herself with integrity in the exercise of her profession, and significantly contributed to the advancement of the profession and to the effective discharge of the profession’s social responsibility through meaningful participation in socio-related activities.

In addition, Arch. Cefre has been short-listed and nominated with four other professionals, for the Nubla Excellence Award, given to an OPY awardee who excels not only in his or her profession but also in contribution and impact to the society.

Arch. Cefre was recognized for this distinguished contribution in the field of Architecture, his exemplary service in his profession such as showing exemplary leadership in the Middle East and North African nations, aiding in the unity of each chapter which allowed countless Filipino architects in becoming full-pledged architects; and playing a vital role in the petition for the annual architecture licensure examinations abroad which was granted and approved by the Philippine President resulting to EO 835, benefitting many OFWs who aspire to become registered and licensed professional through SPLBE back in 2009, show his commitment and professionalism in his field. His competence, excellence, and commendable track records have earned him various awards and recognition such as Special Citation Award as Outstanding Professional in the field of Architecture 2015 by the PRC, No. 1 2015 Most Outstanding Migrant Worker Award by the Philippine Embassy, POLO-ERO and All Filipino Community Committee Organizations in KSA Eastern Province, and 1st Filipino ASEAN Architect in the Middle East and North African nations. As a member of the UAP-MENA Chapter, ASEAN Architects, and Eastern Regional Organization for Planning and Human Settlements (EAROPH), his relentless

Cefre, Alli honored during PRC Awards Night
The Commission on Education of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) has successfully organized for the third time, the annual Architects in the Academe Assembly (AAA), held at the Teatro Arkitekto, 7th floor of the UAP Headquarters, Quezon City, April 12. This coincided with the Day 0 of the 44th National Convention (NatCon).

Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chairman Danilo Lim (Gen. Ret) presents the awards to the winners of New MMDA Building Complex Design Competition, held at MMDA Auditorium in Makati City, April 25, 2018; BELOW: Top ten finalists to the said competition which were presented two weeks prior to the awarding. (Photos c/o MMDA)

Attended by 283 delegates representing 62 academic institutions across the country, this year’s AAA aims to gather various architect-educators and engage with well-known resource persons from both the academe and the profession as part of the continuing professional development.

Arch. Vasquez, a Dubai-based designer, has met various international architects, including the late Zaha Hadid, in which furthered his approach in design. He...

While it was a big day for society to catch Avengers: Infinity War on screen, we, in UAP Makati Chapter, architects nationwide and the MMDA were excited to know who will be the Grand Winner of the MMDA Conceptual Design Competition.

The awarding was held in the MMDA Auditorium Building in Guadalupe, Makati City, which was just right across the MMDA Main Building. Members of the Media & Press were invited to cover the said event. It was attended by UAP Makati headed by Ar. Michael Carandang and his Board of Directors and all of the judges of the design competition as well as the officials of MMDA headed by Chairman Danilo Lim. Of course this day would not be complete as the architects & teams of the Top 10 entries were also present on this special day.

We waited for everyone to get settled in before starting the event proper at 2:00 PM. To further increase the anticipation and excitement, we had to hear some final words from UAP Makati & MMDA. Thus, Chapter President Michael Carandang and MMDA Chairman Danilo Lim had their piece separately on stage. Thankful enough for the efforts and passion that everyone gave into this successful event, the video presentations were once again flashed to the audience before announcing the Big Winner.

After all the tedious discussions and meticulous judging, being in the Top 10 was in essence being a winner already at that, because what they have given were beyond love and passion for our country. But of course, there could only be One. The Grand winner for the MMDA Design Competition went to Ar. Daryl Van Abaygar of UAP Manila Alcaldia Chapter. He was the lone individual entry to be in the Top 10, with his winning design entitled “SOLIHAY MODERNO” which bagged the best design for the MMDA Complex. His design speaks that of an evolved concept of traditional Filipinism translated into sustainable, urban modernity which will foster a good working environment, ensure proper health and responsibility for the MMDA to...
Behold of the roaring lion.

The Annual Awards night of the United Architects of the Philippines held during the second day of the 44th National Convention opened the door to more nominations and eventual winners, many of which were new players in the organization. This year, a foreign chapter proved its worth as a game changer despite the distance. From the renowned lion city, the UAP-Singapore Chapter roared its way through various candidates and reaped six awards, including the Best Foreign Chapter for Group 1. The awards ceremony was held last April 13, 2018, the second night of the 44th NatCon at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City.

Among the awards garnered by the UAP-Singapore include three meritorious awards namely, Best in Bayanihang Arkitektura, Green Architecture Program, Professional Development and the World Architecture Day. UAP-SG then received the Best Chapter President for Group 1-Foreign Category in the person of Arch. Joan De Leon Tabinas.

Other Meritorious Awards were the Best in Heritage Architecture won by the UAP-Camnanava AB Bantayog Chapter; Best in Media and Public Relations won by the UAP-QC Central Chapter; Best in National Architecture Week (NAW) won by UAP-Duraga Chapter; and Best in Unity and Camaraderie Program which was won by UAP-Marvalley Chapter.

As for the individual awards, the Best New Member for Local Category was awarded to Arch. Justin Owen Francisco, while the Best Member went to Arch. Enrico Abordo, both from the UAP-QC Central chapter. Meanwhile, for the Foreign Category- Group 3, Arch. Romeo Nabong III of UAP-Brunei Chapter received the award.

Aside from Arch. Tabinas of UAP-Singapore, four more Chapter Presidents were presented with awards, in different categories. For Foreign Category, Arch. Alan Filo of UAP-Brunei bagged the Group 3 award. Back in the local scene, Architects Francis Jude Veraoza of UAP-Duraga and Honesto Uy of UAP-Maynilad bagged the awards for Groups 1 and 2, respectively. Arch. Mary Janessie Turnamhing of UAP-Lipa Chapter received the Best Chapter President for the New Chapter category.

Selected Chapters and Districts were also awarded, as one of the most sought-after segments of the ceremony; also a source of pride by some UAP groups. Apart from UAP-Singapore, the UAP-Brunei Chapter brought home the Best Foreign Chapter in Group 3. In the Local Category, UAP Chapters Diliman, Maynilad and Del Pilar-Bulacan bagged the Awards for Groups 1, 2 and 3, respectively. Meanwhile, the Best New Local Chapter was the UAP-Lipa Chapter. District A2A was awarded as the Best District, while its District Director Arch. Owen Tolentino received the Best District Director Award.

Before the wrapping up of the ceremony, the Hall of Fame Awardees were bared. The Hall of Famers include, UAP-Iloilo Marikado, UAP-Marvalley, UAP-Bacolod, UAP-Manila Metro, UAP-Makati CBD and UAP-Maharlika chapters. The Bronze Hall of Famers include, UAP-Lipa Chapter, UAP-Maynilad, UAP-Diliman, UAP-Bacolod, UAP-Quezon City Chapter, UAP-Maynilad, UAP-Diliman and UAP-Makati CBD. The Bronze Hall of Famers included, UAP-Lipa Chapter, UAP-Maynilad, UAP-Diliman, UAP-Bacolod, UAP-Quezon City Chapter, UAP-Maynilad, UAP-Diliman and UAP-Makati CBD.

The 44th National Convention opened the door for increased networks and stronger partnerships to various groups and sectors, in conjunction with its steadfast commitment to disaster response management, risk reduction, resilient design, and community rebuilding.
BAYANI-han 2: Presidential Excellence Awards Night
Arch. Edlee S. Tusi, UAP

As Fiscal Year 2017-2018 drew to a close, several officers and members of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) were given recognition for their service and contribution to the Organization by way of holding the awards night dubbed, “BAYANI-Han 2: The Presidential Excellence Awards Night”, held at Club Filipino, Greenhills, San Juan City, June 27.

Attended by several UAP officers and members from the National Board of Directors (NBD), Executive Commissions, Standing and Special Committees, Bayani-Han 2 primarily focused not only on the recognition of elected and appointed officers of the Organization, but also highlighted the efforts of various individual members, which contributed to the success of various annual and major programs of the UAP. The first part of the program was the Presidential Award of Merit, which emphasized the service of men and women either elected or appointed for the current fiscal year. Among those awarded were members of the National Board of Directors, in which the term will end by June 30. Aside from the NBD, Executive Directors (ED) of Executive Commissions namely, the Professional Practice, Education, Internal Affairs, Professional Development Council, Conventions, Assemblies and Exhibits, and Sentro ng Arkitecturang Filipino were also awarded with Presidential Citations. Heads and members of Standing Committees, as well as Special Committees stipulated under the 2009 UAP by-laws were also recognized. Officers of the College of Fellows (CoF), whose tenure is coterminous with the current National Board were also given awards for their service. Also awarded were the members of the Organizing Committees (OrCom) such as those of the 44th National Convention, Joint Area Assembly 2017, World Day of Architecture (WAD) and National Architecture Week (NAW) 2017, UAP Awards and the 2017 Inaugural.

Meanwhile, the Presidential Award for Leadership and Service, the second part of the program, featured some outstanding individuals and members of the Executive Committees of the Organization personally awarded by no less than the UAP National President, Arch. Guillermo Hisancha. The program was capped by the recognition of the members of the UAP Secretariat, whose tireless dedication and service kept the daily operations of the Organization successful and assisted the UAP members in every possible way.

Bayani-Han 2 was organized by the Secretariat of the UAP, while the award trophies were designed by Arch. Francis delos Reyes, the incoming Director of Regional District C2.

Thrust
According to the statement of the Convention Organizing Committee (Orcom) stated in the souvenir program, this year’s theme “Sigasig” was drawn out of the call for every architect to pursue quality of service and go the extra mile. “With globalization at our doorstep and with other professions boldly drawing the lines between their practice and that of the architect, the Filipino architect is faced with the challenge of increasing his competencies to prove his relevance.” The NatCon 44 Orcom stated.

That is why architects should reinvigorate the zeal within to cultivate excellence in work, based on a proactive stance by way of education and collaboration.

“We need SIGASIG to ignite our desire for continuous self-improvement, to persist in our vision despite adversities, and to push for professional excellence”, the Orcom added.

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“Philippines has the biggest population of Architects thus has most number of qualified candidates to be ASEAN Architects. Let us discover our potential! Let us show Filipinos can!” Arch. Sac added.

Bamboo” by Arch. Rosario Encarnacion-Tan; “Architects of Geohazard Resilient Homes and Communities” by Mr. Raymond S. Rodolfo and “Neoliberalism and Filipino Architecture: Prospects in the 21st Century” by Arch. Edson Roy G. Cabal-fin. Heritage on-Site Tours featured two of the country’s conservation architects, which provided tours and delivered resource talks. Architect Jeffrey Cobilla discussed about “Safeguarding our Built Heritage: The Conservation of Malate Church” while Arch. Gerard Lico delivered a two-part series namely; “Metamorphosis” for the first part, and “Plaza Mayor – Revisiting the Manila Cathedral and Ayuntamiento de Manila” for the second part. The aforementioned guided tours offered highest CPD points in any single event of the Convention. Every night concludes with fellowship dinner, wherein cars were raffled off to lucky delegates. This was made possible in cooperation with the UAP ConEx team and all the industry partners.

Innovations
According to the convention director, Arch. Florencio Sebastian III, several improvements were introduced in this year’s NatCon, and looked forward to eventual adaption for all the future UAP conventions. This include the online registration and usage of RFID, to facilitate faster and organized registration. The Convention’s Souvenir Program, added by Arch. Sebastian, was patterned after the ‘Trapper-Keeper’ loose-leaf binder of the 80s, where you can take notes during the seminars, thereby increasing your participation in the CPD talks.
even lamented that most clients he encountered had no problems with the budget, yet much of the time constraints. He then managed to adjust to these challenges, coming from his personal experiences.

A partner of the emerging firm Budji Royal, Arch. Pineda highlighted the importance of collaboration in the profession, stressing that architects ‘need not to be alone’ when pursuing for the success of the projects. He also told of his partnership with designer Budji Layug and mentioned several of their firm’s successful projects, including the New Clark City, which is now under construction.

One of the key people of the design firm Aidea, Arch. Tolentino emphasized the value of a young professional in the success of his career. He even stated that the so-called ‘hard’ and ‘soft’ skills of a person and attributed the latter, as a catalyst for his professional development in a corporate world, for instance. Arch. Tolentino was also awarded as the most outstanding architect by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) last year. Meanwhile, University of Cincinnati-trained designer Arch. Cabalfin discussed education as a colonial tool, the evolutionary architecture and how it affects the Filipino architecture and culture as a whole.

An open forum proceeded right after every module. Arch. Joseph Michael Espina, Dean of University of San Carlos (Cebu) – College of Architecture and president of the Council of Deans and Heads in the Architecture Schools in the Philippines (CODHASP), delivered the inspirational message.

“You may not know but you taught us more than architecture... as for me, our dear professors, are our true starchitects.” Arch. Vasquez concluded.

A business meeting and program evaluation was held upon the culmination of the program led by Arch. Jonathan Manalad, the assembly convenor. The UAP-Commission on Education was headed by Arch. Wilfredo Gacutan, the Executive Director. Offering seven (7.0) CPD credit units upon the attendance to all modules, this was also made possible in collaboration with CODHASP and was supported by Davies Paints, the industry partner.
Just a few weeks after attending the 44th UAP National Convention, UAP Sugbu Chapter did not waste time getting their hands busy for their 5th continuing professional development seminar. This time, World Architecture Festival 2017 awardee, Sudarshan V. Khadka, Jr. was invited to speak on a topic that would surely tickle the intellectual side of architects.

Dubbed as “In Search of Meaning: Metamodernity + Architecture”, the CPD lecture tackled discussions that dealt with architectural development along the seemingly thin line that divided modernism and post-modernism. Just like previous CPD events organized by the chapter since the start of the fiscal year, it attracted not just members of UAP Sugbu but also architects from other chapters in Cebu as well as from other provinces.

The event, which was held at the main theatre of the University of San Carlos School of Architecture, Fine Arts and Design building, was organized by a dynamic team of officers and member volunteers headed by Chapter President Elise Demiar and Chapter President-elect Jumhaila Monette Morgia.

Although the debate continues about whether to continue or phase out the CPD requirement for professionals mandated by law, UAP Sugbu has always been steadfast in providing opportunities for professional enrichment to its members as well as architects who wish to upgrade their knowledge stock.
The Davao and North Davao Chapters of the UAP joined forces to spearhead a project to paint wall murals in a newly-built section of the Southern Philippines Medical Center (SPMC) in Davao City last May 25 to 27.

The five-storey Institute of Women and Newborn Health (IWNH) Building was completed in March this year and is considered to be one of most modern facilities in the SPMC complex. It is aimed to address the demand for maternity care of mothers and neonatal care of newborns with sensitive health conditions in the southern part of the country.

However, within the institute, the setting can be very stressful for patients with all the medical and nursing personnel moving about, different alarms and buzzers sounding off continuously and medical machines installed all over the place. This is particularly true for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), which is a special nursery for high-risk newborns who are born premature, are sick or those who may need ventilator support (intubated babies) and surgery.

The concept team, composed of the Head of the Section of Neonatology (NICU) Dr. Melanie Adolfo, Ms. Jehsryl Apolo and Architects Sweet Casas and Rjin Dacanay, came up with a “woodland creatures” and “mother and child” theme for the NICU and Breastfeeding Area, respectively.

With 70 volunteers, consisting of architects, members of Davao Artists and Muralists Davao, and students from the University of Mindanao College of Architecture and Fine Arts Education (UM CAFAE), taking turns doing the actual painting, the entire masterpiece was completed in three days.
UAP North Davao Chapter observed this year’s Labor Day with the successful staging of the Architects’ Construction Expo or ARCXPO 2018 last April 30 to May 2, 2018 at the atrium of Gaisano Mall of Tagum in Tagum City. The event carried the theme, “Global Advancement for Mindanao Architects,” wherein the first letters of each word formed the acronym, GAMA, which in the local dialect, means “to create” or “to produce.”

The three-day activity kicked off with a motorcade through the major streets of Tagum City and terminating at the exhibit venue. Aside from 40 booths showcasing various construction and architectural materials, it also featured construction manpower skills contests. These included competitions in basic wiring and masonry construction. Not to be missed was the body-painting contest, wherein local artists competed in interpreting the event’s theme through creative artworks using the human body as canvas.

The event was supported by around 30 suppliers with Boysen, Davies and Mazzini as major sponsors. This was the second edition of the chapter’s annual construction show, which is the first of its kind in the whole province of Davao del Norte. Chapter President Artemio Ian Collo, Jr. is hopeful that UAP North Davao will continue this endeavor in the years to come to be able to cater to the booming economy in the northern side of the Davao Region.
Architects from all over Southern Mindanao gathered in the country’s tuna capital of General Santos City for the UAP District D1 Assembly. Held at Venue 88 Hotel and Resort on June 22 to 23, 2018, the confab bannered the theme, “Silaob, Keeping the Passion Burning for Perfection,” which highlights the aim of the Filipino architect of keeping the zeal for continuous self-improvement and professional excellence aflame. “Silaob” is a local term for fire.

However, the highlight of the assembly was a Balangkasan, entitled “CPD Law: What Comes Next for the Filipino Architect?” It had National Executive Vice President Benjamin Panganiban Jr. and Professional Development Commission Executive Director Virgilio Andres Jr. as resource speakers, while Past Chapter Presidents of UAP Davao and UAP Kadayawan Dabaw, Noel Chavez and Leonida Santos, respectively, served as reactors.

Around three hundred architects attended the conference, organized by the District D1 Council headed by District Director Elwyn Banares, hosted by UAP Socsksargen Chapter and with Boysen Paints as major sponsor. Other UAP national officers who graced the event were National President Guillermo Hisancha, Secretary General Renato Heray, Vice President for Area D Trinidad Saligumba and Chancellor of the College of Fellows Maria Lisa Santos.
PRBoA APPROVES THE PROPOSED AMMENDMENTS TO THE ARCHITECT’S CREDO

The Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBoA) of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) has approved Board Resolution No. 05, Series of 2018 which promulgates the amendment to the Architect’s Credo being proposed by the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), last June 4, 2018.

Entitled, “Adoption and Promulgation of the Architect’s Credo, amending for the purpose Board Resolution No. 02, S. of 2006, entitled ‘Adoption and Promulgation of the Code of Ethical Conduct for Registered and Licensed Architects and for the Holders of Temporary/Special Permits under Republic Act No. 9266, known as the Architecture Act of 2004’”, the PRBoA cited the need to update the Architect’s Credo, “to be attuned to the present times”, in regard to the proposal of the UAP, through its Board Resolution no. 99, S. of 2017-2018.

Adding to that statement is the PRBoA’s support to the ideals and principles embodied in the Proposed Architect’s Credo as endorsed by the UAP, being the Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects (IAPOA).

This was signed by PRBoA Chairman Arch. Robert S. Sac, also a past National President of the UAP, and Arch. Robert Mirafuente, PRBoA member. This was then approved by PRC Chairman Hon. Teofilo Pilando, Jr., Hon. Yolanda Reyes and Hon. Jose Cueto, Jr., as PRC Commissioners.

The revised Credo took effect fifteen (15) days after its publication and was furnished to the UAP for information and dissemination.

THE ARCHITECT’S CODE OF ETHICS

ACCOUNTABILITY
I shall work with this general objective: that I am accountable to God, to mother earth, to my country, to my fellowmen and to myself.

NORM OF CONDUCT
I shall uphold the ideals and follow the norms and ethical conduct of this noble profession.

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE
I shall pursue moral and professional excellence to the utmost level of integrity through industrious dedication and meaningful application to my work that merits a reputation for quality of services worthy of fair remuneration.

ETHICAL RELATIONSHIP
I shall pledge myself to the highest standard of professionalism in relation to clients, colleagues, industry partners, and society.

SHARING
I shall dedicate myself to the pursuit of creative endeavour towards the goal of enlightened Art and Science, generously sharing it.

RESPECT
I shall respect the rights and works of my colleagues in the profession and confine my comments to constructive intents.

LEGACY
I shall endeavour to do my duty in the protection of our common environment and the preservation of architectural heritage for the sake of the present and future generations.

So help me God.
For your plans and design, consult an Architect.