What’s inside? College of Fellows; WDA; NAW; NCA; Natcon 46 and Conex 2020; National Elections and the new normal; FOUR Area Assemblies; FIFTEEN newly chartered chapters; ONE new Davao UAP Property; NINE legislators champion 9266; PRC-ASEAN-UAP aid for COVID-19; IN MEMORIAM: Ar. Edilberto Florentino; SEVEN PDC webinars amidst quarantine; how to become a Civil Service Organization
Melba’s love for art began with simple dances and writing poetry. Architecture comes in only second to singing, her ultimate love. She is credited as the female voice behind UAP’s song “Bound as One” (One UAP).

The Chairman, Committee on Publications

Ar. Melba T. Benavides, UAP

Melba is a practicing Architect in a Manila-based real estate developer company. She is a Past President of UAP QC Tandang Sora Chapter, and Past District Director of RD A3. She continues to juggle and fit her schedule for her family, for her full-time employment, and for her generous service to UAP in various capacities.

The Editor-in-Chief

Ar. Napoleon M. Ibañez, Jr., UAP

Nap is a practicing Architect, Master Plumber and Planner.

One of his advocacies is to teach subjects on professional practice, through a review school for the Architecture Licensure Examinations, so as to contribute to the cause of educating not just the public, but also our aspirants, fellow architects and allied professionals when it comes to our practice.

Nap loves Marvel Comics, the MCU, Star Wars, as well as military history and history of Architecture.

The Editors:

IMMEDIATE PAST EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
Ar. Edlee S. Tusi, UAP

Eds, as he is fondly called, is a practicing architect in the field of design and real estate.

He is the immediate past Editor-in-Chief of the UAP Post, having served from 2016-2019. After producing a total of ten issues all throughout three fiscal years, he was given a new task in the UAP — to be the Editor-in-Chief of the UAP Architect’s Journal.

Despite his new assignment, he still has all-out support to the UAP Post, sharing advice and help to his family, the UAP Publications.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR AREA A
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She is currently the President of UAP Tabaco Chapter and Vice-President of the local chapter of Philippine Institute of Environmental Planners.

Kristine is dedicated to create positive impact in the community: she is a member of the Junior Chamber International, and Legazpi City Hos (MIF) Lion’s Club, both active in CSR activities.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR AREA B
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She has 3 years experience working in Kuwait, and 8 years experience working in Singapore, but decided to finally come home for good to be of service to the profession and to her own company.

Currently working as a Consultant Architect with Manila-based Company, she is also taking up AS Architecture in Bicol University Institute of Architecture to further her career and profession.

Drawn to art since her early years, initially wanting to study fine arts but fell in love with Architecture. Hobbies includes, reading, writing, doodling, painting and playing with puzzles and jigsaws. Loves taking things apart so she can put them back together well. Can put them back together, has an impulsive tendency to can put them back together, has an impulsive tendency to work on things apart so she can put them back together well. Can put them back together, has an impulsive tendency to work on things apart so she can put them back together well. Can put them back together, has an impulsive tendency to work on things apart so she can put them back together well. Can put them back together, has an impulsive tendency to work on things apart so she can put them back together well. Can put them back together, has an impulsive tendency to...
From the Chairman

No arduous task is too difficult to accomplish when enkindled with a passionate heart...Awaiting months of configuring what is best to write about and deliver is over. Let us go back to what has happened inside and outside of UAP this fiscal year from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. This UAP Post issue is one to commend with the hardworking architects who have diligently fulfilled to complete it despite the situation we have all been experiencing since the time the COVID-19 pandemic startled our country.

I personally would like to take this opportunity to thank UAP Post Editor in Chief Ar. Nap Ibanez and UAP Journal Editor in Chief Ar. Edlee Tusi, the associate editors and all contributors for their untiring efforts and commitment to the standards to which this publication aspires. In a few days, a change in leadership will mark the beginning of a new stage of development in our organization as we seek to unearth truth and integrity through transparency. We strive in continuing to publish substantial materials for a more consistent or even higher standard of publication. We look forward to working with the different UAP Areas as we continue to deliver more publications with the continuing support from the national and executive members of the UAP organization and make every publication a success. mnb

Ar. Melba T. Benavides, UAP

From the Editor-in-Chief

Technology nowadays, particularly the use of the internet and the capacity to store everything in the cloud gives people the choice to either let go of physical copies of documents, photographs and publications, or still keep hard copies for archiving, nostalgia and the feel of holding paper.

The need to hold on to material things such as copies of magazines, books, or photographs are now rapidly being replaced by the capability to have everything stored, shared, and accessed on-line via electronic devices. This became more apparent with the pandemic, when we are now being forced to rely solely on internet transactions and reading.

Why rely on physical versions when you can just read it in front of a screen? Excessive reliance on paper is not environmentally friendly, it takes up space, and can even be a fire or vermin hazard. And nowadays, why ask for a paper receipt for a transaction, or buy a newspaper or magazine, when these objects can be transmitted of the virus?

But on the other hand, can we really let go of physical versions of publications? What if the internet crashes, what if an electromagnetic pulse wipes out all of our data in the cloud, or simply, what if there is not enough storage space anymore?

These are questions that we as a publication needs to face sooner or later. For now, with the pandemic, the UAP Post will mainly rely on the internet as it’s platform to share content for our organization and its members.

Being a traditionalist, I personally believe that the format, sequence, and experience of reading a magazine or newspaper from masthead to captions, should still prevail, from cover, to cover. Weaving through a website or browsing platform makes us impatient, or have shorter attention spans. Thus, we can still be online, but we should keep the experience of reading, cover to cover, no frills, no pop-ups, no links, no skipping in reading.

Welcome to the UAP Post’s double issue for Fiscal Year 2019-2020, which we can refer to as the yearbook issue. mni

Ar. Nap Ibanez Jr., UAP

The Correspondents:

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VERY VERY GOOD NEWS FOR ALL ARCHITECTS!

I have said this before. . What do we do while waiting for our case to be decided?

Answer is WE LET ARCHITECTURE BE KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC! WE PERSEVERE!

Why? So that society will know what architects do!

And now will appreciate the works of the Architects, WHAT they do and WHY they are different from other allied Services.

How do we do it? By EDUCATING AWARENESS and PROMOTING the profession. LET ARCHITECTURE BE KNOWN TO THE PUBLIC!

Why? So that those in the judicial system, and those in the public community will appreciate the works the architects do.

Why? So that they will be able to distinguish between the architecture work and other allied professions. And come to a favorable conclusion/ decision.

Why? So that our case will be heard and appreciated who the right professional is for vertical structures.

HAVE WE SUCCEEDED IN THIS? The answer is YES! By PERSEVERANCE! Malugot!

So what happens next! Our Certiorari in the SC was heard!

PRAISE GOD! I leave the national presidency with this fitting gift to all of the UAP Chapters and district who have made the GET AN ARCHITECT Advocacy Campaign a success.

For those who have helped us during the critical months from March to June on this, MARAMING SALAMAT PO SA INYO LAHAT!

AR. BENJAMIN K. PANGANIBAN, JR.
FUAP, ASEAN ARCH, APEC ARCH, DFRIA
UAP NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Message from the Area A Vice President

As of this writing we just got started work for the organization, working on and discussing pressing issues, hoping to turn these issues into positive actions. And at the same time, we are hoping for suspected positive COVID-19 cases that would eventually turn negative. While anxious and burdened doing both, now is a good time to express ourselves through an article, to give thanks to people within the organization.

It has been an honor and privilege to be given the opportunity to serve our fellow architects as your Area A Vice President for this fiscal year.

Serving for UAP is always found to be worthwhile because of the good relationships that we eventually forge within our organization, in the same way that we build worthy structures out of steel and stone. We are persistent in achieving our goals and objectives for the organization, similar to the way that we see our personal projects through their completion. For every achievement or edifice that we complete bears our signature and embodies our legacy to society.

We give value to posterity when we do our work, as we seek to set an example to others especially young architects. We have earmarked various activities for this fiscal year that are meant to fortify our strengths as an organization and share our God-given gifts to our colleagues.

Speaking of God-given gifts, I was blessed to work with seven Regional District Directors for Area A, to which I am very thankful:

Eugene Lumdang, Regional District Director for A1A, known for his quick use of verbal humor, while at the same time passionate in giving advices to his colleagues within his district.

Jeffrey Dupaya, Regional District Director for A1B, is a witty person, hard to locate at times but is full of enthusiasm once found.

Ardel Santos, Regional District Director for A2A, when found with his three cute sons, is full of clever humor. When it comes to work for the organization, is good in motivating people to act towards achieving a common goal.

Wilson Pineda, Regional District Director for A2B, my home district, he is blessed with a habitual fondness to make jokes, but is a person with good judgment.

Puji Cipriano, Regional District Director for A3, loves to dance, is full of energy, is a good writer, and is a person that exudes good ethical behavior.

Jose Hipolito, Regional District Director for A4, is always ready to see or express the goodness of people around him. Our prayer warrior in every step of the way.

Reginald Yaneza, Regional District Director for A5, the youngest amongst us, is ingenious in motivating colleagues and boosting morale within the group, by setting a good example with his work ethic.

To my seven district directors, I am full of gratitude in my heart. I thank you all for active participation and cooperation within our council, and for effectively responding to all our communications and conveying information to our chapter members.

Also, to all chapter presidents, officers and members under Area A: one thing that impressed me during this year is your giftedness and generosity. I truly appreciate your time, inputs to our endeavors and outputs for the organization. And above all, the friendship forged between all of us.

Let us continue to enjoy and nurture the natural rapport among us all. Thank you for being part of UAP!

May the Lord continue to bless us in all of our endeavors.

Ma. Cecilia C. Viray, UAP
Area A Vice President, FY 2019-2020

Area A Assembly, Arapaw, The Baler Boho Experience: A Tribute to the Hardwork of the Area A Council and Assembly Organizing Committee

By: Napoleon M. Ibañez Jr., UAP

After months of preparation that involved creation of publicity materials and assembly paraphernalia, meetings, ocular inspections and coordination on-site in Baler, Aurora, the organizers of the Area A Assembly was forced to yield to the pandemic, having re-scheduled the event twice.

Re-scheduled to March 13 to 14, 2020, from its original date of February 21 to 22, the organizers are forced to postpone the event, due to the challenges of Covid-19. Now the organizers enthusiastically face the duty of carrying over the event to the next fiscal year.
Area A Assembly: Arapaw 2020

"The Baler Boho Experience"

AREA A ASSEMBLY
BALER, AURORA
March 13 - 14, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENT:

SUBJECT : AREA A ASSEMBLY "ARAPA UW"
LOCATION : BALER, AURORA
March 13-14, 2020

This advisory from Area A Council and the Organizing Committee is confirming the new scheduled date of our event.

It will be on MARCH 13-14, 2020 (Friday & Saturday).

We look forward in seeing everyone on this confirmed date of Area A Assembly in Baler Beach Club, Baler, Aurora.

All paid registration fees are Non-Refundable but Transferable.

Thank you very much for your kind Patience and Understanding.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

SUBJECT : AREA A ASSEMBLY "ARAPA UW"
LOCATION : BALER, AURORA
March 13-14, 2020

This advisory from Area A Council and the Organizing Committee is to POSTPONE again our event to an unspecified date.

We would like to APOLOGIZE for this Unexpected Decision by the Local Government Unit of Baler, in taking back what they approved just recently.

We cannot do otherwise but to COMPLY.

After lengthy discussions at Mayor’s Council Meeting this afternoon, they finally gave the directive of disallowing United Architects of the Philippines Area A Assembly to have this gathering. This is beyond our control.

UNITED ARCHITECTS OF THE PHILIPPINES
The Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects
Message from the Area B Vice President

Enthusiasm...endeavor...commitment...challenge...these are the words that best describe our journey throughout Fiscal Year 2019 – 2020.

The enthusiasm to serve and lead this prestigious organization is evident in the active leadership of our five Districts comprising 40 local Chapters and 8 foreign Chapters. The plans and programs that were delivered to the general membership are concrete manifestations of our passion for service.

Endeavor is best described through the struggle of each and everyone to attain excellence in all aspects. Our achievements came into reality by the aspiration and hard work of the general membership for the common good.

Our devotion and capability to perform as individual architects reflects our commitment in realizing the results of our collective action as a whole organization. Commitment is further defined by endeavoring to meet the expectations in every responsibility that was given to us.

The countless activities that were performed throughout this fiscal year, not only within Area B but moreover in every corner of the Philippines, prove that we have championed the challenge—the challenge to serve for the common good of the greater majority.

Our organization is very capable in addressing issues, whether in legal matters of professional practice, environmental conservation, architectural heritage preservation, community service or the general welfare of the membership. This capability is mirrored in our individual capability to recognize and face the challenges that lies ahead of us.

Because of the challenges brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Area B Council and the Assembly Organizing Committee have developed, revised and enhanced a new way of delivery for the area assembly. Thus, we are launching the 1<sup>st</sup> UAP Area B Virtual Assembly. This milestone and pioneering event, which adapts to the current worldwide health crisis, is composed of two (2) Webinar Series and three (3) Tech Talk series to be held on July 2020 and August 2020, respectively.

International and local speakers have been invited to deliver talks regarding the impact of pandemic in the architectural landscape, strategic architectural practice and related professional practice, aside from technical presentations by our industry partners.

I am extending my deepest gratitude to everybody who became instrumental, in one way or the other, to the success of our plans and programs. I consider UAP as a family, more than an organization, having one mind, heart and soul.

We continue to excel as one, because of the support of all members, through the initiative of our Chapter Presidents and District Directors. Through the synergistic actions of our chapters and districts, we have achieved all the best for the organization.

The contribution of our industry partners is also worth mentioning, as they unselfishly dedicate all sorts of support for our organization’s goals.

Let us all continue the legacy of this great organization. Our individual actions leads to cooperation, unity and sincerity.

Indeed, I will treasure all the memories that I have gained in contributing to this organization.

It was an honor serving you as your Area B Vice President.

Thank you for all the love and support.

Mabuhay ang Area B!... Mabuhay and UAP!...Mabuhay ang Arkitektong Pilipino!

Junar P. Tablan, Ph.D., UAP, PIPE
Area B Vice President FY 2019 – 2020
ABOVE AND ON OPPOSITE PAGE: Publicity materials released by the Area B Assembly Organizers, showing the venue, schedule, and rationale for the logo of the area assembly.
Message from the Area C Vice President

+++ TEMPUS FUGIT... Time flies, and it did for me quite smoothly, at least for the first three quarters of my term as Area C Vice President.

The last quarter in contrast, passed excruciatingly slow and was fraught with a tempest.

From the very start of the term, the preparations, the planning, the transition and the ceremony was nothing less than impressive. For one who is no stranger to leadership in several other organizations, it made me proud to once again experience the dynamism and orderliness of our great organization.

You see, it had been my great fortune to have served in the National Board of UAP several years past as the National Auditor. This time around, I noticed much improvement: in procedure, in decorum, in attendance, in representation, in thoroughness, in passion, but most of all, in the caliber of leadership especially on the part of the National President.

We went through National Board of Directors (NBD) and Executive Committee (EXECOM) meetings which invariably lasted several hours, all regarding matters too consequential to merely gloss over; each item to be picked through carefully and discussed at length.

It is no wonder our organization has been awarded the most outstanding accredited professional organization by the Professional Regulation Commission for eight times, consistently the last three consecutive years of 2017, 2018 and 2019. These, aside from the multitude of other recent accolades and awards from various organizations local and foreign.

As the Vice President for Area C, I must admit that there was nothing much for me to do; most of the work of administration being ably handled by our indefatigable District Directors: Janice Garol for District C1, Segundo Inumerables, Jr. for District C2, Vanessa Ayllon for District C3, and Ramon Duena, Jr. for District C4. These fine men and women hit the ground running immediately upon assuming their positions and kept a tight ship in their respective districts throughout this term.

I was not surprised when they quickly gained the respect of their respective Chapter Presidents, who in turn were most cooperative in their district activities. Among the most notable accomplishments of the District Directors aside from the plethora of meetings, seminars, workshops and exhibits was the establishment of new Chapters. In quick succession, the following Chapters were chartered: Buglas Sur Chapter on August 15, 2019; Bacolod Azucar Chapter on September 28 to March 1, just a hair's breadth before the onslaught of COVID-19. And although the preparations for such an undertaking were daunting, it was made all the more easy and enjoyable due to the abundance of cooperation we got from the host Chapter of Datu Lapu-Lapu and the host district of District C1. You will find elsewhere in this spread a review of that event and I can say that we can be proud of this signal achievement not only for the edification of the participants but also for the camaraderie it engendered.

The last quarter of this term, unfortunately has been less than ideal, not only because of the chaos the COVID-19 pandemic has wrought in its wake, but also of disagreements within the NBD, much of which were entirely avoidable. That we have been upheld by a majority in the NBD, affirms my faith in the organization and its processes. It is my expectation that in keeping with our traditions, the rule of the majority be respected.

As we turn over the baton to you, the incoming officers of the Organization, I would like to request you to take heart the ideals of our organization; that fair play and charity rule your discussions, and that humility guide you in accepting the decision of the majority.

I would like to thank all the sterling men and women of Area C who have quietly worked in the forefront as well as those who heroically served in the background. You have made this year truly memorable for all of us.

Finally, I would like to express my deepest admiration for the vision, passion, fortitude, and humility of our National President, Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr., who steered the organization these past two years with distinction and unusual resoluteness. It has been an honor to serve in his board.

Omar Maxwell P. Espina, FUAP, APEC, CE, EnP
Area C Vice President FY 2019 – 2020
Area C Assembly: Visayan Architects Gear Up for Cross-Border Practice

By Karl Aries Emerson F. Cabilao, FUAP

Visayas was the first Area which held its annual assembly in the UAP with a pristine beachfront in Mactan Island, Cebu as its backdrop.

Held at the J-Park Resort Mactan last January 31 until February 2, 2020, the assembly theme was rooted on the Visayan term, “Pagpakatakus”, which UAP Vice President for Area-C Omar Maxwell Espina, FUAP described as a term “that evokes several layers of meanings” in his speech during the opening ceremonies in front of around 250 delegates at the resort’s Triton Hall. He added that the word holds relevance to architecture today since it is closely defined in English as “making oneself worthy” and is timely in this period of cross-border practice. Moreover, the assembly aims to promote the local architect’s value of being equipped to accept the challenge of the welcoming competition and novel innovations in the field.

The steady flow of plenary continuing professional development (CPD) sessions on Day 1 got the architects into “serious mode” after the Area-C Sportsfest on Day 0. Resource speakers included Philippine Green Building Council’s Christopher dela Cruz, UAP, who talked about compliance to ASEAN Green Building Standards, Ramon Abiera, UAP, who presented about advancements in the design of high structures, and Singapore-based Sheila Marie Conejos, PhD, UAP, who gave a lecture about energy-efficient buildings.

After a long and informative afternoon in the ballroom, this was also the venue for the exhibits of industry partners. Here, delegates changed attire from formal Filipiniana to their best floral tops and dresses. They later on trooped to the Tambuli Resort for the Welcome Dinner to cap the first day of the assembly.

The second day started off with a breakfast meeting of the UAP College of Fellows (COF), presided by Chancellor Gloria Teodoro, FUAP. The key discussions were on the activities of the COF and internal matters. After that, the area assembly kicked off with messages from UAP Vice President for Area-C and National President Benjamin Pangani-ban, Jr., FUAP. The delegates listened to organizational updates including amendments of the UAP By-Laws, which was presented by the Chair of the UAP Committee on By-Laws, Delano Marzo.

Capping the plenary sessions was Secretary of the Department of Tourism, Hon. Bernadette Puyat, who gave updates on the activities geared towards enhancing tourism in the Visayas and brought up possible opportunities to work with architects especially in enhancing heritage destinations.
With the theme MINDANAONE ARCHITECTS, “LAHONG or Join Together, it is bringing together all Mindanao Architects as ONE under the UAP organization.

I was fortunate to attend this Area D Assembly as the UAP National President together with NEVP Rene Heray, AVP Salvador Rosauro Sandoval whose area assembly this is, District Director for D3 Romeo Bucol whose district is the host, UAP Butuan Chapter prez Charles Salcedo Amandor whose chapter has been busy working things out for the successful hosting, our UAP exec. sec. to the NP Ms. Jeni Abanto, DD of D2 Ramil Marbu, past DDS Albert Rosel, MJ Telin, Amado Joveliano among others, chair Minerva Minnie Cabrera Rosel as one of the speakers too, and the rest of the chapters and their presidents who attended the assembly.

I was happy to see old acquaintances such as Zambo chapter presidents Aileen Ih, Dipolog Prez Catherine Villarino, North Davao Prez Arthur Gorospe Mabanglo, Past Chapter Prez of UAP CDO Kagay-an Prez Maggie Caballero, Chair Banger Baxal Estepa as one of the speakers, Vice Chair Isidoro Malaque III and Gloryrose Dy Metilla as the other two speakers. And also, good friends Ar. Ryan Songcayason and Ar. Meryll Cid and many more. It was also good for me to make new friends from Area D.

My gratitude to all the architects that prepared for this successful event and also to our major business partner Davies Paints represented by Sirs Victor, BDO for D3 sir Charry and BDO for D1sir Lito and the rest of the Davies Paints team. Also thankful for Citihardware, Daikin, Oliver steel among other sponsors for the two day event. MARAMING SALAMAT PO

Mabuhay UAP Area D , Mabuhay District D3, mabuhay UAP Butuan Chapter and mabihay ang probinsyang arkitekto. Mindanao architects as ONE. Onward to the next Area D Assembly in Zamboanga City for 2021.
Area D Assembly in Butuan City:
The Conference of MindanaOne Architects (CMA 2020)

By: Ar. Am Ruth Delanto, UAP Butuan

Architects from all over Mindanao gathered in Caraga Region as Butuan City hosted this year’s UAP Area D Assembly, also known as the Conference of Mindanaone Architects (CMA). The annual event, held at the Almont Island Hotel in Butuan City on February 28 to 29, 2020, carried the theme, “Lahong . . . Join Together.” Lahong, which means “come together,” emphasizes the need for architects to unite and move forward as one.

As first time hosts, members of UAP Butuan Chapter welcomed guests and delegates from different parts of Mindanao to the annual gathering of Mindanawan architects with warm and friendly smiles. A sunny weather greeted day one, perfect for the opening motorcade parade, which kicked off the two-day event.

The opening ceremony followed, with Butuan City Mayor Hon. Ronnie Lagnada as guest of honor, who was represented by Atty. Kent Joel Cahilog. Members of the UAP National Board of Directors who graced the occasion were UAP National President Benjamin Panganiban, National Executive Vice President Renato Heray, Area D Vice President Salvador Sandoval, and District Director for D3 Romeo Bucol. After the formalities, the delegates were treated with an amazing performance by Hugis Dance Troupe showcasing the traditional Butuanon dance.

Two CPD seminars were conducted in the afternoon. These were “Branding and Marketing for Architects – Social Media Culture” and “Landscape Architecture and Benefits of Interior Plantscaping” by Ar. Timi Artuz and Ar. Renato Heray, respectively. Capping the first day of the assembly was the fun-filled Fellowship Night/Welcome Dinner. The delegates, dressed in tribal accent attire, were once again entertained by the exceptional performance of Hugis Dance Troupe.


After a whole day of CPD seminars, the 2020 Area D Assembly came to a close with the much-awaited Davies Night. The delegates, now in their tropical attire, enjoyed the acoustic presentation of the UAPSA Band and Fashion Show by product endorsers.

The CMA was a huge success. The hard work of the organizing committee, headed by UAP Butuan Chapter President Charles Amandoron, with the support of the sponsors, namely: Davies Paints, Citihardware, Metrocoolair, Westeel, and Oliver Doors, indeed paid off.
Message from the Chancellor of the College of Fellows

The current pandemic has affected both our personal and professional lives. Because of it, we are enduring a sobering new reality with its threat to health and life, especially of the more senior members of the College of Fellows. This new reality has clearly impacted our professional practices organizationally and economically.

The economic slowdown affects the livelihood of professionals globally, architects included. Our response may well be to adapt to fill positions that are unfamiliar and possibly unappealing. For many of us, we will repurpose in new enterprises, new business models, and new opportunities for work productivity and life utility. We hope that the UAP as a professional organization may be sensitive and responsive to this current plight of our members.

I suspect the messages from many of my colleagues here in the UAP Post will echo similar sentiments of a constructive call to action and unity of purpose. As a professional organization, we are grappling with canceled professional meetings and events as much as institutions are wrestling with limited resources. Thankfully, we are in an age of remote electronic communication and learning. Virtual meetings and webinars focused on effective responses to this new normal will be vital for progress in our profession and service to our clients.

Undoubtedly, we are challenged by the circumstances of this pandemic, as it could bring out either the worst or the best in us. Nonetheless, the Filipino architect will be resilient.

Ar. Gloria B. Teodoro, FUAP
Chancellor, UAP College of Fellows
Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Architectural Education: Beyond the Classroom’s “Four Walls”

By Ar. Karl Aries Emerson F. Cabialo, FUAP

Three years ago, I was formally conferred the title “Fellow” by the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) – a momentous event in my short stint as licensed architect and a member of the professional organization. Towards the end of 2016, my chaptermates included me in the board resolution that shortlisted of possible nominees for the College of Fellows (COF) that fiscal year. A dose of apprehension filled me since the chapter board said that they would nominate me under the category of “Architectural Education” since I had only been in the academe for not that long.

So it came as a pleasant surprise when I became part of the 24 new Fellows (a standing record until this time) endorsed by the COF Jury and approved by the UAP National Board. It was truly an honor to be recognized by esteemed peers for humble efforts in promoting the profession beyond the classroom setting.

I started writing about architecture on SunStar Cebu’s lifestyle section after I passed the architecture licensure examination in January 2004. By featuring architecture in print media, the “education” about architecture was not only channelled to architecture students but also to the public, who still needs better appreciation of good architecture in their cities and towns. For a profession that is still often misunderstood by many, education about architecture and its importance should also be extended to the architects’ allied professionals, some of which sometimes disregard the limits of their work and overlap on the architect’s professional services.

Just like continuing professional development for professionals to keep them abreast with innovations in their fields, architecture needs a sustained and enlightened promotion to constantly remind the public about the vital role of architects in their lives as well as that of the community where they are living. (continued on page 47)

College of Fellows FY 2019-2020
In Pursuit of “Respect” for the Architect

By Ar. Gloria B. Teodoro, FUAP
Chancellor, UAP College of Fellows

The activities of the UAP College of Fellows revolved around the theme “Respect” which were translated into four thrusts namely:

1. Specialization
2. Election of Officers
3. Reaching out to Regional Members
4. Reaching out to the Marginalized

The following activities were conducted to pursue these thrusts:

WAD 2019 The COF honored eight of its members in the Annual Balik-Tanaw program held during the World Architecture Day in Iloilo Convention Center on 7 October 2019. Two honorees from the Western Visayas region received their awards in person, namely Ramiro L. Garcia, Jr. of Bacolod Chapter and Ramon L. Teruel of Hamili Chapter (4th and 5th from left).

BALIK-TANAW The remaining six awardees were honored at the UAP HQ on 12 October 2019. Antonio A. Turulha, Diliman Chapter; Ricardo S. Dela Rosa, Jr., Makati Chapter; Maximo V. Tan, Pangasinan-Dagupan Chapter; Armando S. De Guzman, Jr., QC Chapter; Lumininda A. Fajardo, QC Chapter; and Nathaniel A. Von Einsiedel, Diliman Chapter.

NCA 2019 BREAKFAST MEETING A Special COF Breakfast Meeting was held at the NCA 2019 in Koronadal, Cotabato on 19 October 2019 as part of the thrust to bring the COF to the regions.
CHRISTMAS PARTY An early Christmas celebration of the COF was held in Annabel’s Restaurant on 30 November 2020 with Ivy Violan as our guest crooner and Richard Villanueva as special emcee to the members. To reach out to the marginalized, the COF collected donations from members to support Green Thumbs Up Project Outreach to San Guillermo, Isabela.

JANUARY GMM For this GMM, the focus returned to Specialization with PRBOA Member Robert Mirafuente, fuap, giving a briefing on Specialty Councils on 11 January 2020.


JACA 2020 BREAKFAST MEETING Again, as part of reaching out to the regions, another Special COF Breakfast Meeting was held during the Joint Area C Assembly or JACA 2020 was at the J Park Island Resort on 01 February 2020.

NOVEMBER GMM focused on Specialization with Fellows Domingo Ll Tablizo, Jr. and Armando Eugene C. De Guzman, III talking about their specialization on Government Contracts and Hospitality Design, respectively.

FEBRUARY GMM To guide us on the coming year, Ka Kuem Chua, FUAP, gave a Feng Shui lecture on 08 February 2020.

In MARCH, when the pandemic was seriously affecting the Philippines, the GMM invited Dr. Ofelia C. Tordecillas, MD to give a lecture entitled "Be Proactive, Take Charge of your Health" on 07 March 2020. The Jury of Fellows also announced the names of those who will be elevated to the College and of the new Likha Awardee. A series of orientations were held for the conferment of their awards.

CHRISTMAS IN CEBU Again, to reach out to Fellows in the region, another Christmas celebration was held with Area C Fellows in Carcar City in 05 December, 2020. The COF officers toured the heritage city of Carcar.

COURTESY CALL The COF officers and Cebu Fellows with Carcar City Mayor Mercedita Apura.
NCA 2019 South Cotabato

Ugyon...Pagkakaisa

By: Ar. Erickson P. Europa, FUAP

More than eight hundred delegates from different UAP chapters across the country and abroad converged in beautiful province of South Cotabato for the 2019 National Conference of Architects (NCA) held at The Farm at Carpenter Hill in Koronadal City on October 17 to 19, 2019. The event had the theme, "Ugyon... Pagkakaisa," two translations of the word "united" or "coming together as one," the first one in Hiligaynon and the other in Filipino.

The three-day event kicked off in the morning of October 17 with the NCA Invitational Golf Tournament held at Kalsag Golf Course in the adjacent town of Polomolok. This was followed by the Chapter Presidents’ Assembly and the third UAP National Board of Directors Meeting for this fiscal year.

The Opening Ceremonies was held on the second day, with Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Assistant Secretary Hon. Maximo Carvajal as Guest of Honor. Also gracing the occasion were UAP National President Benjamin Panganiban, Jr. and Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture Chairman Robert Sac. Continuing Professional Development (CPD) seminars and the General Assembly were held later in the afternoon.

Day three started with the breakfast meeting of the UAP College of Fellows. The delegates then got the chance to tour and appreciate some of South Cotabato’s natural attractions, such as the picturesque Lake Sebu, the majestic Seven Waterfalls, and the Mount Matutum mountain range. They were also able to learn more about the T’nalak cloth and the weaving tradition of the Tboli at the Lang Dulay T’nalak Weaving Center.

The Closing Ceremonies and Fellowship Night marked the culmination of the conference. Guest of Honor for the evening was Hon. Eliordo Ugena, Mayor of Koronadal City, who thanked the UAP for choosing their city as the venue for this year’s NCA. Later in the evening, the delegates not only enjoyed the performance of various live bands, but were also treated to a breath-taking fire dance presentation and fireworks display.

This year’s mid-year gathering of architects was a big success, despite being jolted by a strong earthquake and a number of aftershocks, which did not dampen the spirits of the delegates. Credit is attributed to the hard-working and energetic organizing committee headed by NCA 2019 Director Rosario Roxas and the host chapter, UAP South Cotabato - Koronadal, led by Chapter President Jim Harris Bastes. Also lending their support were the members of the United Architects of the Philippines Graduate Auxiliary (UAPGA) Socskargen Chapter, LGU of Koronadal, and Davies Paints, the event’s major sponsor.

Special guest DPWH Assistant Secretary Hon. Maximo Carvajal (5th from left) leads the ribbon-cutting rites during the Opening Ceremonies. Joining him are, from left, Conventions ED Ar. Antonio Valdez, President of UAP South Cotabato - Koronadal, Ar. Jim Harris Bastes, NCA 2019 Director Rosario Roxas, PRB-AR Chairman Ar. Robert Sac, Asec Carvajal, NP Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr. and NEVP Ar. Renato Heray.

Local performers entertain the architects with their presentation of indigenous ethnic dances of Mindanao.

NCA Director’s MESSAGE

On behalf of the United Architects of the Philippines NCA 2019 Organizing Committee, I wish to extend my warmest greetings and gratitude to all those who participated, co-organized, and sponsored for the 2019 National Conference of Architects, held last October 18-19, 2019, in Koronadal, South Cotabato.

The National Conference of Architects, being the precursor of UAP’s regular Summits and Assemblies, is a reflection of our historical roots. More so, it is part of our values, and it was the spirit conveyed by all who attended.

This annual mid-year NCA has always provided the venue for the enhancement of the architect’s professionalism, skills and talents. It was a time for us to commune as a community, to take stock of our progress, update our understanding of issues involving the profession, and compare notes on our different approaches. The conference let everyone reflect on our role as designer, planner, conceptualizer, specifier, and advocate of utility, strength, and beauty.

Like in previous conferences, summits, and assemblies, last year’s NCA was full of fun and learning activities, held at the Most Competitive City in the Philippines, one of the Planned Cities of the Philippines, the Ilonggo City of Mindanao, the Crown City and the Sports Mecca of the South — Koronadal. NCA kept us abreast with the significant information related to the profession, including intellectual inputs from seminars and workshops, which led to a paradigm shift, and made a difference in the professional practice.

Its theme “Ugyon: Pagkakaisa”, made us not only spectators, but active participants to an event bent on generating new ideas, and empowering us to lead not just follow, be united, and move forward as one.

Thank you, members of the National Board, fellow organizers, speakers, presenters, participants, guests, and sponsors, for entrusting me with this task. Mabuhay ang Arkitektong Pilipino!

Ar. Rosario Q. Roxas, FUAP
Director, National Conference of Architects 2019
By-Laws Committee Chair Ar. Len Marzo delivered a talk explaining the proposed amendments to the UAP By-Laws for this fiscal year.

Koronadal City Mayor Hon. Eliordo Ogena receives a plaque of appreciation from NCA 2019 Director Ar. Rosario Roxas and UAP South Cotabato - Koronadal Chapter President Jim Harris Bastes during the Closing Ceremonies.
The United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), together with its 166 strong and active Chapters, spearheaded the national celebration of World Architecture Day (WAD) on October 7, 2019 held at the Iloilo Convention Center in Iloilo City.

Traditionally celebrated every year on the first Monday of October, WAD coincides with the United Nations World Habitat Day. The theme for this year, as announced by the Union Internationale des Architectes (UIA), is “Architecture…housing for all”, focusing on how architects can contribute to the realization of affordable housing for all, the implementation of the New Urban Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG’s), specifically Goal 11 - “to make human settlements safe, inclusive, resilient and sustainable.”

Highlights of the Iloilo event were the “Housing for All” symposia with speakers from UN Habitat and key government agencies on housing, the UAP College of Fellows Baliktanaw Awards, and the Design Esquisse Competition.

The keynote speaker, Iloilo Governor Arthur Defensor, Jr. emphasized that housing should be one of the priority programs of the government as it impacts other sectors such as health and education. He further called on architects to participate and assist LGUs in the planning of settlement sites and on delivery of affordable housing for all.

Two distinguished members of the UAP College of Fellows (COF) were awarded the UAP COF Baliktanaw Lifetime Achievement, namely Ar. Ramon L. Teruel, FUAP of UAP Iloilo-Bahandi Chapter and Ar. Ramiro L. Garcia, FUAP of UAP Bacolod Chapter, in recognition of their meritorious lifetime achievements and invaluable service to the organization.

The housing talk tackled issues such as housing backlog and efficiency of delivery of government housing programs. Country Manager Christopher Rollo shared UN Habitat’s Programmes and Advocacies towards Housing for all and encouraged active engagement and partnerships involving the private sector, communities, government agencies and nongovernment organizations like UAP, to achieve sustainable and resilient human settlements.

Speakers from national agencies such as Atty. Angelo Aguilta of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC), Ms. Elsie Trinidad of the National Housing Authority (NHA), Atty. Maria Antoinette Diaz of Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF) and Atty. Juanfe Payot of the Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC) discussed policies, regulation and management, financing schemes and government programs for socialized housing.

Ar. Sylvester Sello, Chairman of the UAP Balikutawan Committee, capped the housing symposium with “WAD went right on Housing in the Philippines”, highlighting the role of architects and design in the successful delivery of affordable housing and liveable communities.

The event was attended by UAP National Officers, National President Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr., FUAP, National Executive Vice President, Ar. Renato Heray, FUAP, COF Chancellor Ar. Gloria B. Teodoro, FUAP, architects from UAP Regional Districts C2 and C4, Iloilo executives and representatives from city, province and different municipalities and UAPGA/ UAPSA from six architecture schools in the region.

The event also saw the launching of UAP Regional District C4’s Masterplan and Mini Home Design Competition.

Ar. Rosa Lea V. Ajestia, UAP World Architecture Day 2019 Chairperson
UAP Area B WAD Celebration
Holds month-long exhibit in new Ayala Malls Manila Bay

UAP Area B celebrated World Architecture Day 2019 through a month-long exhibit of various works and advocacy of the Area, Chapter and individual members.

With this year’s theme “Architecture...Housing for All”, the exhibit ran from October 13 to November 12, 2019 in the newly opened Ayala Malls Manila Bay. The opening ceremony was held last October 15, 2019 and attended by officials from the Local Government Unit of Paranaque, including Mayor Edwin Olivares, Vice Mayor Jose Enrico Golez, 1st District Congressman Eric Olivares and 2nd District Congressman Joy Tambunting.

This is a rare event where the such delegation from an LGU were all present in a UAP function. It was also attended by no less than UAP National President Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr. who was the keynote speaker, Area B VP Ar. Junar Tablan, who delivered the Welcome remarks, Chairmen of various UAP Committees, the Chapters of Regional District B3, some Auxiliary members, industry partners and the public.

In their speeches, the officials from the LGU of Paranaque showed their full support of the advocacy of UAP for full implementation of RA 9266 and the importance of the Architects in nation building.

NP Panganiban shared the progress of the campaign for promoting the profession and the programs that UAP so far had achieved.

UAP District A2A WAD 2019
“My Dream House” Exhibit held in Hiyas ng Malolos Museum

Answering to the call of UAP NP Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr. encouraging chapters and districts to conduct activities in celebration of World Architecture Day 2019, UAP RD A2A led by District Director Ar. Ardel J. Santos, through its six chapters in Bulacan and Nueva Ecija held poster making contests one week before WAD, in coordination with local public elementary schools in their jurisdiction. Each chapter partnered with at least one public school.

The aim of this activity was to involve the youth in the discourse of housing, and impress upon their young minds the value of the architecture profession in the realization of providing quality housing for all.

The winning entries and other selected works from each chapter activity were then exhibited at the Hiyas ng Bulacan Museum, Malolos City Bulacan from October 7 to 12, 2020.
National Architecture Week 2019
“Abot-taNAW: Tahanan para sa lahat”

The United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), kicked off the celebration of National Architecture Week (NAW) on December 8, 2020 with a Holy Mass at the UAP HQ in followed by a motorcade to the main venue, the Ayala Malls Manila Bay.

Traditionally celebrated every year on second week of December, the NAW gives pays homage to the signing and approval of the Constitution and By-Laws of the UAP on December 12, 1974.

The theme for this year, “Abot-taNAW: Tahanan para sa lahat,” aligns the NAW programs and activities with that of the World Architecture Day theme of “Architecture... housing for all.” The week-long program was organized by the UAP NAW Committee chaired by Ar. Christian Guerrero and co-chaired by Ar. Jake Lazo.

The main activity for Day 1 of the NAW was the Balangkasan on RA 9266 dubbed “Is our Architectural Law Future Proof?”, jointly organized by the NAW Committee with the following: UAP Committee on Balangkasan, chaired by Ar. Sylvester Seño; the Committee on Legislation and Codes, chaired by Ar. Joselito Francisco; and UAP Regional District A3 under District Director Ar. Peji Cipriano. The three main Speakers included:

(1) Ar. Armando Alli, FUAP, APEC AR, HPPIA Past Chairman of Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRB-AR);

(2) Ar. Alfredo Fernandez, LLB, PIA, PDRCIARB, PIARB, Author of the book, The Law Regulating the Practice of Architecture in the Philippines; and

(3) Ar. Armin Sarthou Jr, FUAP Dean, College of Architecture UP Diliman.

The speakers spoke about “future-proofing” RA 9266, in other words, determining if our law is resilient to the changing professional landscape. They reviewed existing provisions of the law and made recommendations for out-dated provisions.

Ar. Napoleon Ibañez, Past Chairman of the UAP Balangkasan Committee, capped the event as a reactor to the main speakers’ points, by stressing that public education equates to future proofing of the law. He discussed that internal mechanisms are already in place to educate architects (i.e. Architecture Schools, review institutions, publications, Balangkasans, Commission on Education and Commission on Legislation), but pointed out that we need to also address external challenges such as client/public education, and even inter-professional education (via publications, forums, etc.).

The event was attended by National President Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr, FUAP, PRB-AR Member Ar. Robert Miraflente, Commission on Education ED Ar. Jonathan Manalad, Commission on Government and External Affairs ED Ar. Gil Japitana.

UAP Regional District A3 Chapter Presidents were also in attendance, including Ar. Star Florentino Marudo of Quezon City Chapter; Ar. Grace Quebral of Quezon City Central Chapter; and Ar. Bim Ilustre of Quezon City Capitol Chapter.

In addition to the Balangkasan on RA 9266, other NAW 2019 activities included a weeklong exhibit in Ayala Malls Manila Bay, an outreach activity for the Arnold Janssen Kalinga Center in Manila, UAPSA Design Competition and UAPSA Arki Quiz Bee.

The event was attended by National President Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr, FUAP, PRB-AR Member Ar. Robert Miraflente, Commission on Education ED Ar. Jonathan Manalad, Commission on Government and External Affairs ED Ar. Gil Japitana.
The UAP Zamboanga-Chavacano Chapter, in partnership with Wilcon Depot Zamboanga and Davies Paints, held the first CHAVACANO ARCHITECTS’ EXHIBITION in celebration of the National Architecture Week 2019 on December 8 to 15, 2019, with the theme “Abot-TaNAW: Tahanan Para sa Lahat.”

The Opening Ceremony of the week-long event had Wilcon Depot Zamboanga General Manager Prince Randy Cababanag and UAP Zamboanga-Chavacano Chapter President Rosarline Falcasantos-Gangoso cutting the ceremonial ribbon, immediately followed by rousing dance performance by the Wilcon employees.

Prints featuring architectural designs and works of Chavacano architects were spread along the concourse of the Depot, attracting many wandering eyes of Zamboangueño customers. The homes designed by the Chapter members showcased the diverse Wilcon products and colors of Davies Paints. This awareness campaign fits well with UAP’s push to uphold RA 9266 and emphasizes that the architect is truly the designer for the Filipino homes.

At the close of the event, UAP Zamboanga-Chavacano Chapter, as well as Wilcon Depot, showed much enthusiasm with the success of the National Architecture Week 2019 celebration. Let us continue the Good Service we Architects humbly render to the Filipino people.

Ar. Rosarline Falcasantos-Gangoso, UAP
UAP Zamboanga-Chavacano

To celebrate National Architecture Week 2019, UAP Del Pilar Bulacan Chapter, in coordination with the LGU of Marilao, Bulacan and other Accredited NGOs of Marilao, conducted a gift-giving program for the less fortunate children of Marilao on December 11, 2019 at the Marilao Municipal Hall.

UAP Regional District A2A held the second leg of their RA 9266 Advocacy Campaign Caravan last December 14, 2020 coinciding with the last day of NAW 2019. Participated in by the five chapters in Bulacan and one in Nueva Ecija, the members of UAP RD A2A, under the leadership of District Director Ar. Ardel J. Santos, conducted a motorcade throughout their respective province to further promote the architecture profession.

The initial leg of the District Caravan was conducted last year, also during the NAW.
More lawmakers champion bills to strengthen RA 9266

But UAP sets eyes on new CE Law and Philippine Building Act

THE First Regular session of the 18th Congress saw more lawmakers file bills in support of strengthening R.A. 9266, otherwise known as the Architecture Act of 2004, by introducing amendments to some of its provisions.


The amendments focused on more precise definitions for terms like “Architectural Design,” “Architectural Document,” “Architectural Permit,” and “Architectural Plan.” Also included is the provision prohibiting the acceptance or approval, by any government entity, of ARCHITECTURAL Plans and Specifications which “have not been prepared EXCLUSIVELY BY AN ARCHITECT.”

Also filed was House Bill 849, or “The Building Official Act,” principally authored by Rep. Josepnhine Ramirez-Sato, which seeks to amend certain provisions of the Local Government Act of 1991 by mandating the appointment of Registered and Licensed Architect and Civil Engineers other than City Municipal Engineers for the Local Building Code.

The filing of these bills is proof that our public awareness campaign and legislative lobbying is working. However, according to UAP Committee on Legislation and Codes (UAP-CLC) Chairman Ar. Joselito Francisco, we must not be complacent as all these bills only went as far as the first reading and would have to be filed again in the 19th Congress.

He says that other than these aforementioned bills, the following are also on the UAP’s watch list: Civil Engineering Law (Amendment to RA 544), the Philippine Building Act or PBA (A New Building Code), and the Architectural Code. Ar. Francisco opines that the current Building Act or PBA (Amendment to RA 544), the Philippine Institute of Environmental Planners, and organizational awareness campaign and legislative lobbying is working.

While thankful for the opportunity to present the UAP’s position, Ar. Francisco points out that those sessions “are tough...we are always outnumbered” and laments the fact that the UAP is the only entity representing non-civil engineer professionals. He said, the UAP-CLC, which he is leading again this year, would like to “push for the inclusion of organizations like the Philippine Institute of Environmental Planners, so we can have allies during hearings.”

Ar. Francisco stresses that at the opening of the 19th Congress, “all the bills that are favorable to us (RA9266 Amendment, Building Official Act, and our version of the Building Code and not the PBA) will need to be re-filed for our profession’s sake.”

He promises that the UAP-CLC will always be vigilant in attending sessions and that they are continuously on the lookout for allies in Congress who would be sympathetic to our cause and sponsor the bills that will affect our profession positively.

“...the greatest threat right now is the prioritization of the PBA. We need to look for lawmakers who will sponsor our version of the Building Code to counteract the PBA,” says Ar. Francisco.

Ar. Alberto C. Dumiao, UAP

Members of the UAP-CLC with Rep. Romeo Momo during the first TWG meeting on the Philippine Building Act held last March 4, 2020 at the House of Representatives.
CoVID-19 Pandemic protocols on social distancing and restrictions on mass gatherings have left the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) with no choice but to adjust and adapt to the “new normal.” Pursuant to the imposition of the Luzon-wide Enhanced Community Quarantine, UAP had to postpone all of its major public events, including Technocon 2020 (March 25-26 at the UAP HQ in Quezon City), the National Convention (NatCon) 46 (April 22-25 at the SMX Convention Center) and various other chapter, district and committee events. Prior to this, the Area B Assembly (Feb 13-15, in Singapore) and the Area A Assembly (Feb 21-22 in Baler), were also postponed.

On March 17, UAP announced the temporary suspension of operations at the UAP National Headquarters (HQ) in Quezon City. In his official statement made on the same day, National President Benjamin Panganiban, Jr. also urged UAP members engaged in the Design Services to consider working from home and those engaged in Design-Build Services to temporarily stop work at constructions sites – all for the welfare of their employees and workers.

In June 2020, as Quarantine measures begin to be relaxed, and as the whole country eases in to the “new normal,” the UAP National leadership came up with innovative measures to continue with “business as usual,” while at the same time recognizing that the CoVID-19 Pandemic is still very much in full swing.

On June 15, the UAP HQ was reopened through online appointment using the Setmore platform. This allowed the UAP HQ to reduce the risk of exposure by effectively managing the volume of transactions and adopting flexible working arrangements for staff.

To set an online appointment, a UAP member may click this link: https://uapnational.setmore.com/. He may choose available staff from the Administration Department, Finance Department, and Membership Care Department, and preferred date and time of his visit and transaction at the UAP HQ.

In addition, the UAP Commission on Elections (UAP Comelec), in consultation with the UAP External Legal Counsel issued Memorandum Circular No. 29-S. 2020 or Elections Guidelines for the UAP Annual National Elections 2020 through Remote Communication. The Annual Elections was postponed together with the other programs and events of NatCon 46. UAP Comelec however, had to push through with the elections to facilitate a smooth turnover of National Officers onto the new fiscal year, but had to innovate because of the quarantine restrictions.

The UAP Board of Canvassers, led by Randy Banzon then started canvassing at around 4:00 PM at the Sixth Floor of UAP HQ, livestreamed via FB Live through the UAP Keeping You Posted Facebook Page. After canvassing ceremonial singular votes for the positions of National President, National Executive Vice President, Secretary General and National Treasurer, who all had lone candidates, the canvassing proceeded for the position of National Auditor with three candidates, and Area C Vice President, with two candidates.

After almost three hours, the following were proclaimed by UAP Comelec Chairman Romulo Reyes as winners of the UAP Annual Elections 2020 : National President – Renato Heray; National Executive Vice President – Armando Eugenio De Guzman; Secretary General – Jonathan Manalad; National Treasurer – Wilfredo Gacutan; National Auditor – Delfin Mirabete, Jr.; Area A VP – Alfred Geoffrey Carandang; Area C VP – Antonio Paciano Paras; and Area D VP- Gil Gangoso.

Ar. Romulo Reyes, FUAP, Chairman of the UAP Comelec announces the winners of the UAP Annual National Election 2020 after almost three hours of canvassing last June 23, 2020, via FB Live at the UAP Keeping You Posted FB page.

Ar. Alberto C. Dumlao, UAP
In today’s fast-paced society, few could have the capability to balance professional and personal lives; and even a handful could carry the responsibility as a father along with professional duties and the challenge of building an organization. One of them is Architect and Environmental Planner Edilberto “Edi” F. Florentino. Being a principal architect of E.Florentino3+Associates, he tried to jostle with his duties as president (and eventually the last one) of the League of Philippine Architects (LPA) and being a father of six. He was considered genius in his profession and has claimed 14 approved patents (in which he shared with his two sons) such as the modular Ferro-concrete building system, and yet ensured quality time with his wife and children.

Considering a face-to-face interview is out of option in these times of pandemic, I still had a hearty online conversation with his eldest son and past National President of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), Arch. Edric Marco “Dinky” Florentino, three months since his passing.

It is common knowledge that sir Edilberto was the erstwhile president of the League of Philippine Architects (LPA) prior to its integration into the future UAP. What was your father’s most significant initiative which laid down the groundwork for the formal establishment of the UAP?

Yes, he was the National President of the League of Philippine Architects (LPA). This was the time when they started talking about integration of the three (3) architectural organizations, namely; Philippine Institute of Architects (PIA), Association of Philippine Government Architects (APGA), and League of Philippine Architects (LPA). He initiated this action because he believed that architects will be stronger if we have only one, united, voice on all the concerns and matters about the profession, about the professionals, about the professional organization, and about the professional products. He believed that having a united spirit and initiative will bring us further to our goals and will make it easier to achieve those.

According to the historical published at the UAP website, series of negotiations were held among the three architectural associations at the time. What were the concerns raised by the membership of LPA prior to its integration into the future UAP?

Based on the stories shared to us by Papa and his colleagues, like Louie Guiang, Diony Coronel, Ric Poblete and others, they said that some members of LPA had reservations in the idea of integration because, during that time, LPA has a bigger number of membership compared to the two organizations, PIA and APGA. Having said that, those who opposed the integration wanted to maintain the prestige of having the most numbers of membership. They also said that other members of the two organizations, PIA and APGA, had reservations as well, but may have different reasons.

Some of the pictures that portray the story of how the three architectural organizations at the time united and formed what was to be known as the UAP.
Apart from being the president of an erstwhile architectural organization prior to integration, which do you think, was your father’s greatest contribution when it comes to the formation of the United Architects of the Philippines?

He initiated the initial meetings towards the integration and the creation of the Panel of Negotiators, where the three organizations were properly represented to finalize some details on the integration. He led the League of Philippine Architects since he was the National President of LPA. With him were other representatives of LPA, as well. Without this move of initiating the integration of the 3 architectural organizations, UAP will not be in existence today.

If you may recall, what were the challenges faced by your father on the formative years of the UAP, and his approaches to these concerns?

One of the major concerns was harmonizing the general membership of UAP which composed of members from LPA, APGA and PIA. The loyalty of the members to their former organization was still strong, especially the older generations, not to mention that they were the one who led their respective organizations. Another major issue was the difficulty in handling each organization’s assets, considering that each organization had existing assets in place.

What was your father’s advice to the general membership and the rest of Filipino architects that you can share to us today?

He always tells me that the name of a person is the most important thing a person can possess. A name is equated to a person’s entire life span. Actually, he further reiterated that it is more than family and other things in life. He said this because he wants to put emphasis on ethics and way of life in our practice as a professional architect.

On the lighter more personal side, how was your father as a family man? How did he balance his stint in the Organization and being a professional with raising his family?

My father was a true family man, I would say. Every Sunday, he and my mother wanted all their children and their grandchildren to be with them at their home to have fellowship and to get updates on what’s going on in all their children’s family. Papa always had a gift for my mother on occasions. He continued writing love letters and poems for my mom. He did not stop to be romantic, even when my mother was already bedridden. He loved her so much.

He was a workaholic. Imagine, at the age of 91, he still went to the office everyday from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, except on Sundays. He used to walk up to one of our projects, as high as 11 stories, during his regular site visits. He even visited regularly our project sites, no matter how far those were, or up north down south, either by land, by air or by sea.

In the organization, he dedicated his entire life for UAP. From the formation of UAP up to his last years, he attended UAP Chapter activities and UAP National activities. He never missed a UAP National Convention, from the very first National Convention up to his last year in life. He served the organization in many Commission or Committee levels. I am proud that he was a LIKHA Gold Medal Awardee.

Do you have any fond memories, or even some amazing stories of your father that you share can with us?

Anyone who knew him would agree that he was a great man in words and in deeds. He was very intellectual in every area as an architect, as an arbitrator and very creative as an inventor. He was a father that many child would want to have as a father because he was very supportive and encouraging. He exhorted all his children whenever we were faced with challenges in life.

You know, I had a speech deficiency when I was young. I stuttered and stammered. He trained me how to talk and, most importantly, he gave me confidence that I needed to overcome my insecurities. Self-confidence can be difficult if a person has deficiencies in life. In short, without his effort, I wouldn’t be where I am now. He supported me in all my endeavors, to the extent that he took charge of our office when I had to absent myself for two (2) years in my office because I needed to give my 100% attention to UAP when I was National President.

He loved his family, his work, and all the organizations he was in. I believe, in return, his family loved him so much, as well as all the organizations he was in. I know that many people were blessed by his presence and by seeing his pure heart that made people realize his goodness and kindness.

He is, indeed, all worthy of the respect he reaped. I could not thank him more than enough for all the things he did for me and for my family. I highly honor and respect the man who gave me life, who taught me quality teachings in life, and who loved me so well, even if I failed him in many occasions.

I love my dad, FDr. Ar EnP. Edilberto F. Florentino with all my heart.

Ar. Edlee S. Tusi, UAP
Immediate Past EIC, UAP Post
FY 2019-2020
UAP BUYS DAVAO LOT FOR P9.26M
NP Panganiban sets the record straight in Zoom Forum with Chapter Presidents

THROUGH the initiative of National President Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr., and with the approval of the National Board of Directors (NBD), the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) has moved one step closer to realizing its Long Range Plan to institutionalize Regional Offices, by signing a deal to acquire a 331-square meter lot in Davao City for a total transaction cost of P9.26 million.

The property acquisition, the largest purchase of the UAP in its 46-year history outside of the National Headquarters located in No. 53 Scout Rallos, Quezon City, is part of a landmark resolution by the NBD that allowed for the purchase of real property in Cebu and Davao, with a total budget of P20 million, that will serve as regional offices in Visayas and Mindanao respectively.

In his Personal Forum with the Chapter Presidents and guests held last June 13, 2020 via Zoom video conferencing, NP Panganiban addressed the currently hot topic of the Davao and Cebu lot purchases, acknowledging that the “past few weeks have been confusing and painful” and that the UAP community may “have doubts in your own minds about what happened”. He then expressed his “commitment to present…all the details concerning our actions…and our desire to institute Regional Offices in Visayas and Mindanao.”

The Rationale behind the Lot Purchase – the UAP Regionalization Policy

NP Panganiban started the forum by stating that the purchase of the Davao Property was “the result of a lengthy and meticulous process” in line with the UAP Regionalization Policy. This policy can be traced as far back as the term of National President Rozanno C. Rosal (FY 2012-2014), who strove to identify, create, and accredit Regional Offices in each District for better, faster, and coordinated communications between the District Directors and the members.

He then noted that in the first year of his immediate predecessor, NP Guillermo H. Hisanaka’s (FY 2016-2018) term, a program was introduced to institutionalize UAP Regional Offices as well.

It was on the basis of the programs of these past administrations that NP Panganiban decided to follow through with the Regionalization Policy through the establishment of Regional Offices in Visayas and Mindanao, which, according to him, would “serve the numerous UAP members in the regions” and will “ensure maximum participation of all chapters and members.”

Continuing the commitment

In line with this commitment, NP Panganiban relayed that in October 2019, the UAP National Board unanimously approved the purchase of properties in Cebu and Davao, and tasked the UAP Special Committee on Land and Building Management (CLBM) to lead the search for suitable properties with a budget of P20 million.

He also reported that at the NBD Meeting on February 2020, the Chairman of the CLBM, Arch. Amado Tandoc, Jr., recommended to the NBD that UAP purchase a 331-sqm. lot located in Gem Village, Brgy. Ma-a, Davao City. He further explained that this lot was surrounded mostly by commercial buildings, and was located near the intersection of Eden Street, a 4-lane diversion road, and the new Ma-a bypass road, also with four lanes.

NP Panganiban then explained that this recommendation was “well received” by the NBD and had “no objections then.”

He then related that it was this property recommended by the Chair Amado Tandoc, Jr. that UAP bought on March 7, 2020 for P8.5 million, excluding taxes and other expenses. He also noted that the purchase price and other costs (e.g. legal fees and government taxes) were well within the budget allocated by the NBD for that purpose.

Why buy now?

Addressing the speculations and questions being raised by members as to why the UAP is making real property purchases in the midst of the CoVID 19 pandemic and the economic crisis, NP Panganiban explained that the decision to purchase was made in October 2019, well before the pandemic started.

He further reiterated that there was no controversy when the decision to purchase land in Cebu and Davao was made, and that “everyone on the National Board agreed – without objection.” He also stressed that during the February 2020 NBD Meeting, when Chairman Tandoc of the CLBM made his recommendation to purchase the Davao lot in question, “everybody on the National Board agreed – without objection.” It was for this reason, he says, that UAP proceeded to buy the lot.

A convincing recommendation

NP Panganiban then revealed that he was personally convinced that the Davao lot purchase was “indeed a good deal and advantageous to the UAP” after seeing the property and its supporting documents. Thus, the purchase pushed through on March 7, 2020, with UAP
issuing a check payment in the amount of P 8.5 million to the seller Mr. Ronald M. Codilla, and NP Panganiban signing the Deed of Absolute Sale on behalf of the UAP.

He disagrees with allegations that the Davao lot was bought in haste, and cited that he has spoken openly about it on several occasions, such as the World Day of Architecture and National Conference of Architects in October 2019, the National Architecture Week in December 2019, and various activities on the chapter, district and area levels.

A questionable purchase?
He stressed that “the National Board, through the National President, conducted due diligence and had documents verified (by local lawyers) prior to the signing of the Deed of Sale.” He added that the seller presented to him the following documents: Owner’s Dupli- cate Title, Cancellation of Real Estate Mortgage, Declaration of Real Property Value, and Real Property Tax Certificate. He concluded that “the sale was above board, (and) involved an undisputed title with excellent potential within our price range.”

NP Panganiban then muses that in the context of the ongoing pandemic, it was “now easy for everyone to criticize the NBD and second-guess the purchase of the Davao property, saying that it was insensitive on the UAP’s part to be spending money at this time.” He however requested the second-guessers to look back at the whole process, citing that the unanimous decision to buy land in Davao and Cebu was made in October 2019, before CoVID 19 even existed; and that in February 2020, even when CoVID 19 was already starting to spread in other parts of the world, there was still “no hesitation on the part of your NBD to proceed” to purchase the Davao lot recommended by the CLBM.

A detailed timeline
NP then proceeded to present a detailed timeline of the acquisition of the Davao lot, highlighting that as early as June 1, 2019, his administration, then at the threshold of a second year term, made a commitment at the Annual Pre-Planning & Corporate Sessions 2019 to institutionalize UAP Regional Offices. What follows are some of the other significant dates in the timeline.

In October 17, 2019, in Koronadal City, South Cotabato, the NBD approved Board Resolution No. 3-32 – “A Resolution ratifying Excom Resolution No. 12 series of 2019-2020 approving the purchase of real property in Cebu and Davao in the amount of P20 million for the establishment of regional offices in Visayas and Mindanao, respectively.” This resolution directed the CLBM to “recommend for a property in Cebu and Davao and commit to the Excom its recommendation concerning the possible locations for regional offices.” It also tasked the Management Committee (ManCom) to “form a taskforce to craft policy, guidelines and regulations concerning the acquisition, development, establishment and management” of these proposed regional offices.

In February 20, 2020, Chairman Arnado Tandoc Jr. of the CLBM presented his recommendation to the NBD, which, according to NP Panganiban “was unanimously approved.”

In March 7, 2020, NP Panganiban, coming from the charting of UAP Samar Northwest Chapter in Tacloban proceeded to Davao to issue the check payment to the seller, in the amount of P9.5 million and to sign the Deed of Absolute Sale.

In April 22, 2020, in the NBD meeting via Zoom video conferencing, the National Treasurer reported the Davao lot purchase to the NBD. The NP also informed the NBD that the Cebu purchase will be put on hold.

In June 6, 2020, the NBD approved Resolution No. 104 ratifying and confirming the purchase of real property in Davao and Resolution No. 105 holding in abeyance the purchase of real property in Cebu.

Putting the purchase in context
NP Panganiban then put the purchase of the Davao Lot on March 7 in context, saying that at the time, “there was no ‘no-go zone’.” He also stated that at the time, CoVID 19 was not yet declared as a pandemic, quarantine protocols were not yet in place, and the total confirmed cases in the Philippines was only five.

At present, NP Panganiban said, everyone is aware of the deaths, the hardships and the devastations caused and may continue to be caused by the disease, with 23,700 cases (as of June 13) and counting.

He stressed that if UAP was to purchase the Davao property today, in June 2020, he would be “amongst the first to join our brothers and sisters on social media…” He was unable to do so in the National Convention last April, which would have been the most opportune moment, as he was unable to do so in the National Convention last April, which would have been the most opportune moment, but was not meant to be considering the circumstances.

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In March 7, 2020, NP Panganiban, coming from the national news

Yes, we can all agree that now is NOT the right time to purchase land,” NP Panganiban reiterated.

The fate of the UAP Regionalization Program
He then informed everyone the National Board has made it a policy “to suspend the establishment of regional offices” pending further review of the impact of the CoVID 19 pandemic on the UAP collectively and on UAP members individually. He endorsed the UAP Regionalization Policy, as “valuable as it is”, for the next UAP Administrations to take up at the proper time.

NP Panganiban concluded by saying, “I hope and pray with all of you that CoVID 19 will be eradicated soon, (so) that we can return to our normal state of affairs, and that the next UAP administrations can one day revisit our regionalization program.”

A call for unity
NP apologized that he had to set the record straight only to a limited audience via Zoom video conferencing, as he was unable to do so in the National Convention last April, which would have been the most opportune moment, but was not meant to be considering the circumstances.

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UAP Chapters Increase in Number
By Fifteen
for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

By Ar. Napoleon M. Ibañez Jr., UAP

The creation of new chapters can be due to a number of factors; population size of the original chapter necessitating the creation of new chapters to accommodate new Architects and transferees; geographic challenges that prevents Architects from being active in their local chapter; or other organizational or historical reasons that results in the creation of new chapters within a certain area.

For fiscal year 2019-2020, immediately from the start of the fiscal year, and up to before the lockdown of the country due to the COVID-19 pandemic, chartering of chapters has been a normal occasion for the UAP, happening almost monthly.

No doubt, given the reasons listed above, more chapters will be created under the guidance of the UAP through the Commission on Internal Affairs. But what is certain is that while UAP increases in chapter number, the organization continues to be united, despite regional and geographic diversity.

UAP NEW MANILA CENTRIS CHAPTER:
Let Us All Press On
By Ar. Napoleon M. Ibañez Jr., UAP

The UAP New Manila Centris Chapter was a reply to the call of National President Ar. Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr. to create new chapters due to the growing membership of the UAP, way back in 2018. Along with this general call, District Director for A3, Ar. Melba Buenavides encouraged District A3 chapters to create more chapters to address the disproportionate number of chapters within the district, as compared to other districts within Area A of the UAP. Thus, three new chapters were created, namely the UAP QC Pugadlawin Chapter, UAP QC Commonwealth Chapter, and the UAP New Manila Centris Chapter.

The UAP New Manila Centris Chapter was formed by a group of architects from the Centris Area, being motivated by interested stakeholders from the construction industry. The goal was to align projects with the “Build, Build, Build” Program of the Philippine Government.

The marching cry for the chapter’s creation was “Let us All Press On.” Ar. Edwin Edgar Barola was advised by Ar. Robert Simbol from UAP Lakeshore Chapter on the creation of this new chapter.


UAP New Manila Chapter, headed by Chapter President Howard Ang, sponsored the chartering of the UAP New Manila Centris Chapter. The chartering of the chapter was held on July 11, 2019, at the City Events Place, 30th Sgt. Esguerra, Quezon City, with the theme “Let Us All Press On”.

In attendance for the event from UAP National were UAP National President Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr., UAP Secretary General Ar. Ronnie Yumang, Executive Director of the Commission on Internal Affairs Ar. Corazon Tandoc, and Chairman of the Committee on Chapter Organization Ar. Dante Aguirre. Also in attendance were stakeholders, business partners, and architects from District A3 led by Ar. Alfred Carandang and Ar. Carlos Castro. The guest of honor was Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte represented by City Architect Ar. Lucille Chua.
UAP BATAAN PENINSULARES CHAPTER: Sinag

By Ar. Napoleon M. Ibafiez Jr., UAP, with excerpts from the chapter history by Ar. Shiela Marie E. Roxas-Buce, UAP, McCM

Bataan is home to almost five hundred Architects, of whom around three hundred are members of the UAP Balanga Bataan Chapter, created in 1980.

Two architecture schools in the province results in an average of fifty new members per year for this chapter. This fast rate of membership growth poses as an administrative problem for the chapter, with difficulties in communication and convenient venues for the monthly general membership meetings.

Aside from these administrative challenges, the Architects of Bataan also see the creation of a new chapter as a strategy to help the fight for the creation of the Architectural Permit for all the eleven municipalities within the province. The creation of the UAP Bataan Peninsulares Chapter can help the UAP Balanga Bataan Chapter in the subdivision of these municipalities to further push for compliance of RA 9266.

The UAP Bataan Peninsulares is created to further unite and uplift the profession in the province of Bataan, first by gathering a new breed of quality registered and licensed architects, and second, to help develop their skills and networks. The creation of this network of Architects will then be capable of showing the importance of the Architecture profession to the general public within the province of Bataan, ready to help this community.

The chartering of UAP Bataan Peninsulares was held on the morning of August 29, 2019, at the Patio Isidora, Lou-is Resort and Restaurant, with the theme “Bringing new glimes of hope for a brighter tomorrow.”

The event was attended by UAP National President Ar. Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr. FUAP, together with Area A Vice President Ar. Cecilia Viray, UAP, District Director of A2b Ar. Wilson Pineda, UAP, Mother Chapter UAP Balanga Bataan Chapter President Ar. Gary Mariano, UAP, and the rest of the district council, along with the Commission on Internal Affairs Executive Director Ar. Corazon Tandoc, FUAP, and Chair on Membership Ar. Vanessa Lagman Ledesma, UAP. Vice Governor Ma. Christina Garcia of the Bataan Provincial government graced the event as the guest of honor.

UAP PASIG KAPITOLYO: Unang Pahina, Chartered to Excel

The creation of the UAP Pasig Kapitolyo chapter was in part due to a group of graduates (circa late 1990s) in Far Eastern University Institute of Architecture and Fine Arts. These are Architects Joseph Manero J. Aral, Kenneth Anthony B. Trinidad, Noel N. Delos Reyes, Don Domino V. Ferrer and Beda Aaron M. Magturo, along with other colleagues in the profession. They are now established architects, and are also active members of the organization and have held key positions in their respective chapters.

Regular attendees of the annual UAP National Convention, they regularly meet up during the event with their former mentor now colleague, Ar. Jonathan V. Manalad.

These mini-reunions every UAP NatCon finally resulted to the idea of forming a chapter that would help further seal their strong connection as schoolmates-turned-brothers. The enthusiasm of future charter members also helped solidify the idea of creation of a new chapter.

The inception meeting for the proposed chapter was held last April 15, 2019, at Capitol Commons estate, the former site of the provincial capitol of Rizal, now converted to a mixed-use development in Pasig City, located in Baranggay Kapitolyo. Recognizing the historic importance of this first meeting, they decided to name the proposed chapter as the Pasig Kapitolyo Chapter.

The new chapter is sponsored by the UAP Pasig Chapter.

Leading the new chapter is Ar. Joseph Manero J. Aral, UAP, Charter Chapter President; Ar. Kenneth B. Trinidad, UAP, Charter Chapter VP for Programs and Development; Ar. Noel N. Delos Reyes, UAP, Charter Chapter VP for Operations; Ar. Don Domino V. Ferrer, UAP, Charter Chapter Secretary; Ar. Mark Nathaniel B. Bagasbas, UAP, Charter Chapter Treasurer; Ar. Jacinth John A. Lazo, UAP, FRIA, EAROPIH, Charter Chapter Auditor. Charter directors and committee chairs include Ar. Mike Buster B. Pabulayan, UAP, Ar. Alma G. Yaneza, UAP; Ar. Ronnie C. Combo, UAP; Ar. Allen Garsky, and Ar. Farnando C. Gamallo, UAP; Ar. Romanio B. Almasyjr., UAP. And chapter adviser is Ar. Jonathan V. Manalad, PhD, UAP, PIEP.

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There are twenty-eight charter members in the UAP Pasig Kapitolyo Chapter. (continued on page 28)

The chartering of the chapter was held last November 15, 2019 at the Marco Polo Hotel, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. The theme of the induction was “Unang Pahina: Chartered to Excel.”

UAP National President Ar. Benjamin K. Panganiban attended the event, along with UAP Vice President for Area A Ar. Ma. Cecilia C. Vary, UAP Vice President for Area B Ar. Junar P. Tablan, UAP District Director for A5 Ar. Reginald Dominic T. Yanez, UAP RHE Executive Director, Commission on Education, and Charter Adviser Ar. Jonathan V. Manalad, PhD, UAP PIEP Executive Director, Professional Development Commission Ar. Virgilio D. Andres, FUAP Executive Director, Commission on Convention, Assemblies and Exhibits Ar. Antonio A. Valdez, FUAP Executive Director, Commission on Internal Affairs Ar. Corazon Fabia-Tandoc, FUAP AA.

Also present were: Chairman, Committee on Chapter Formation Ar. Dante T. Aguirre, UAP Chairman Committee on Membership Ar. Vanessa L. Ledesma, UAP Chairman Committee on International Conventions Ar. Rebecca Vanessa D.L. Rellosa, UAP; and the Founder and Charter President of the UAP Pasig Chapter Ar. Luis U. Baldoz, UAP.

The Charter Members and Officers of UAP Pasig Kapitolyo Chapter, led by Charter President Ar. Joseph Manreo J. Aral, are inducted into the newly-charted chapter by NP Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr.

UAP CDO HIMOLOGAN CHAPTER:
Young and Dynamic Architects
by Ar. Romel M. Eltanal, UAP CDO Bay Area

“The name Himologan is in recognition of the Kagay-anons heritage, as it refers to the prehistoric settlement of the forbearer of Cagayan de Oro. Etymologists and historians agree that the name Himologan connotes jovial camaraderie that fosters enduring friendships.” – Ar. Ferdinand A. Dumpa, UAP

On the 16th day of November 2019, UAP Chapter No. 173, the youngest chapter of the United Architects of the Philippines Area D3 was formally chartered at Palladium Room, Mallberry Business Suites Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City. The chartering rites was witnessed by no less that UAP National President Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr, FUAP National Executive Vice-President Renato A. Heray FUAP, Vice President for Area B Junar P. Tablan UAP, Vice President for Area C Omar Maxwell P. Espina FUAP, Secretary General Ronnie R. Yumang UAP, National Auditor Rolan Paulo L. Albertio UAP, Chancellor of the College of Fellows Gloria A. Teodoro, FUAP and Executive Director for Commission on Internal Affairs Corazon Fabia-Tandoc FUAP as well as Chapter Presidents from Area D3 representing Northern Mindanao and CARAGA region.

The concept in conceiving the UAP CDO Himologan Chapter emanated from the deep friendship bond between college buddies form one of Cagayan de Oro’s premier architecture school, attaining respect and acceptance from various differences. The interest of putting up a new UAP chapter was pushed by past UAP District Director for Area D3 Marcelino E. Dumpa UAP, COC-Phinma Architecture Department Chairman Joel C. Enguito UAP and Past VP for Area D Ferdinand A. Dumps UAP.

After several months of gathering important requirements to open a new UAP Chapter the petition for new chapter charter was favourably endorsed and sponsored by the UAP CDO Bay Area Chapter represented by its Chapter President Romel M. Eltanal UAP with the concurrence of District Director for Area D3 Romeo O. Bucol UAP.

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With a composition of young and dynamic architects coming from various fields: academic, industry and private practice, the formation of this new chapter comes our mandate for unity, accountability and professional excellence for the betterment of the practice of the Architecture Profession, not just in the Philippines, but in the international arena as well.
UAP BAGUMBAYAN CHAPTER: Bagong Sibol, Bagumbayan

The UAP Bagumbayan Chapter was conceived in 2018 by a group of architects who are mostly residing or working within the eastern part of Metro Manila and the Ortigas Area. These architects desire to serve more for the organization, particularly for the national office’s activities, but their challenge to do so is location from work and residence, that prevents them from participating within their original chapters.

In July 2019, a group of new licensure examination passers made it possible for the first group to substantiate their numbers needed to form a new chapter. The divine ARCHITECT listened to their prayer, and the group got the necessary number, and finally, the UAP Bagumbayan Chapter was born.

The original concept of the chapter was to station on the historic Luneta or Bagumbayan, but that location proved to be a challenge for meetings and fulfillment of chapter tasks and responsibilities. And since the majority again lives or works in the eastern part of Metro Manila, they turn their sights to the UAP Marikina Valley Chapter.

With the help of the UAP Marikina Valley Chapter then led by Architect Lorie Villame and District Director for A5 Architect Ma. Carmen Yatco, the chapter has completed the necessary documents to become a new UAP chapter applicant. Come 2019, the application was re-validated by Chapter President Arch. Rainier Biglang-Awa, and District Director Ar. Reginald Dominic Teodoro Yaneza.

On October 7, 2019, the UAP Bagumbayan chapter was approved by the National Board of Directors under the leadership of National President Architect Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr. at the National Conference of Architects in Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

In November 26, 2019, the Chapter Presentation and Chartering Rites happened at the Valle Verde Country Club in Pasig City, with the theme “Bagong Sibol, Bagumbayan”. The theme symbolizes new life for the group, with the objective of protection of the profession, and the nation’s architectural heritage.

The logo of the chapter is inspired by the Pasig City’s iconic revolving restaurant, one of the few remaining modernism heritage buildings. Safeguarding the nation’s architectural heritage is one of the chapter’s thrusts, through the project UHAY (Unleash Architectural Heritage in You).

Leading the chapter is Charter Chapter President Ar. Romeo S. Camacho, Charter Chapter Vice President for Programs, Ar. Robin Z. Baluyot, Charter Chapter Vice President for Operations, Ar. Emmanuel M. Chua, Charter Chapter Secretary Ar. Primaylyn G. Hipona, Charter Chapter Treasurer Ar. Jayson B. Porns, Charter Chapter Auditor Ar. Brenna Celine R. Ayson, with Charter Chapter Directors Ar. Mark James Edon, Ar. Roberto A. Reyes, and Ar. Rowe Andrew A. Apor

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UAP CAVITE AGUNITALDO SENTRAL CHAPTER: Pagsibol

The Cavitex Chapter, based in the City of Imus, Province of Cavite, is home to around five hundred members, and the number is steadily increasing through the years.

The geographic diversity of this province is a factor that lead to the creation of the Cavitex Aguinaldo Sentral Chapter, since the location of the original Cavitex Chapter is found at the coastal city of Imus, which poses as a challenge for members to go to for general membership meetings, fellowships and activities.

Cavite can be generally classified into three areas, lowlands (or coastal), such as the municipalities and cities of Bacoor, Kawit, Cavite City, Rosario; midlands, such as the city of Dasmarinas and municipality of Silang; and highlands, such as the city of Tagaytay and the municipality of Alfonso.

Along with this geographic challenge, the architects of Cavitex Chapter saw the need to multiply the number of chapters within Cavite, as the age and generation diversity within the original chapter is proving to be a problem as well. The chapter is increasing in population, but decreasing in attendance to meetings and activities.

The plan, conceptualized around 2018 by former UAP Cavitex Chapter chapter president and district director for District BJ (2017-2018) Ar. Delfin L. Samson, and past chapter president (2016-2017) Ar. Charles G. Servida, is to slowly install five new chapters within the province of Cavite, starting off with the City of Dasmarinas, which is traversed by Aguinaldo Highway, which connects the lowlands to the highlands of the province. Thus the derivation of the chapter’s name, coming from the centrality of Aguinaldo Highway.

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And lastly, once these chapters are all set-up, the agreement of all founders is to return back to their mother chapter, the original UAP Cavite Chapter.


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The event was held at the Lakeview Building, Ballroom 3 of the Taal Vista Hotel. In attendance: UAP National President Ar. Benjamin K. Panganiban, FUAP; Vice President for Area B, Ar. Junar P. Tablian, UAP; Secretary General Ar. Ronnie R. Yamang, UAP; National Treasurer Ar. Wilfredo G. Gacutan, FUAP; Past UAP National President Ar. Medeliano R. Toldan, Jr., FUAP; Executive Director, Commission on Convention, Assemblies and Exhibits, Ar. Antonio A. Valdez, FUAP; Executive Director, Commission on Internal Affairs, Ar. Corazon Fabia-Tandoc, FUAP; Executive Director, Commission on Professional Practice, Ar. Rene Richie A. Coreuera, FUAP; District Director for Area B3, Ar. Delano M. Marzo, UAP; Chairperson for Committee on Chapter Organization, Ar. Dante T. Aguirre, UAP; Chairperson, Committee on Membership, Ar. Vanessa L. Lagman, UAP; chapter presidents from District B3.

The guest of honor for the event was Congressman Elpidio F. Barzagaz Jr., from the Fourth District of Cavite.

The creation of a chapter, specifically the UAP Bukidnon Kaamulan Chapter, was not an easy task. Long planning sessions, hardships, and the hectic schedules of the Bukidnon Architects were all overcome by Interim President Esmeraldo H. Herbieto in his goal to create a group that will represent the voice of the architects in Bukidnon.

In this journey, the formation of a UAP chapter among Bukidnon architects was formalized with the support of UAP CDO Gold Chapter, under the leadership of Arch. Rene A. Pagaeron. With his knowledge and capability, he shared his ideas on how to organize the new chapter. And with God’s help and with the cooperation of the twenty (20) Bukidnon architects who were eager to form an organization, the 176th chapter of the UAP was born, the UAP Bukidnon Kaamulan.

Last January 11, 2020, at Dahilayan Forest Park in Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon, the UAP Bukidnon Kaamulan Chapter was officially chartered, with UAP President Arch. Benjamin K. Panganiban leading the chartering rites. The new chapter, to be also called “UAP -BUKKA Chapter” is the first ever UAP chapter in the whole province of Bukidnon to be officially formed. The chapter officers were also officially inducted into office.


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A Tribute to Hardwork and Dedication: The Almost Year-long Preparation for Natcon 46 and Conex 2020

By Ar. Napoleon M. Ibañez Jr., UAP

The following spreads are dedicated to the men and women of the organizing committees for the 46th National Convention, and the Construction Expo 2020, who, probably unbeknownst to some people, have dedicated their time and efforts since July, and even probably earlier for the said events.

The existence of COVID-19 as early as January of 2020 has further added to the pressure of hopefully delivering a safe and still satisfactory event by April. And even with the postponement of the event to a future date last March 17, by the UAP, the challenge continues, carrying over to the next fiscal year, and further put in the public eye as to when, and how the Natcon and Conex will push through.

The following pages showcase the publicity materials, organizing committees, photographs, events and other materials, that will eventually lead to the National Convention and Construction Expo. These spreads are for the benefit of everybody, to show, and possibly inspire our colleagues, to contribute to future events of our organization, for Architects, by Architects.

Message from the Executive Director for Commission on Conventions, Assemblies and Exhibits

Being involved in UAP’s events for sixteen consecutive years, I can safely say that it has already become a part of my regular, or so called “normal” routine. I started in 2005 as a member of the Operations Committee; in 2006 I became a Natcon Operation Chairman; in 2010, a Deputy Convention Director; in 2014 as Convention Director for Natcon 40; in 2015 as Natcon Adviser; and eventually, in 2016 up to the present, as Executive Director.

As I have openly shared to many, I consider organizing events for UAP as a stress reliever — from the Inaugural, World Architecture Day, to National Architecture Week, to name a few.

As early as July last year, we have already started planning and preparing for the organization’s events lined up for 2020. I regularly met with Markel Luna, FUAP for the 46th UAP National Convention, and Armin Pamintuan, FUAP FOR UAP Convention Exhibit or better known as CONEX.

Our teams worked hard to set up in time for the opening of the national events, scheduled to have happened last April 2020. We had all aspects of the events almost ironed out — from the logistics, to finances, to the program itself — having prepared back up plans for every worst case scenario.

But I believe no amount of work or planning could have prepared us for what 2020 hit us with — the COVID-19 pandemic — the worst among all worst case scenarios no one could have ever imagined. Given the situation the world is currently facing and the community quarantine implemented in our country, UAP’s National Event 2020 will unfortunately be postponed until further notice.

The decision did not come easy for our teams, together with our UAP National President Benjamin Panganiban Jr., FUAP and National Board of Directors, as we tried to negotiate and consult with the different concerned LGUs, partner NGOs and other groups. We will keep you posted on the new dates of our events. Trust that our teams remain committed to bring you Natcon46 and Conex — no matter what it takes, and no matter how our new normal will be. Let’s all stay positive and healthy!

Antonio A. Valdez, FUAP
Executive Director, Commission on Conventions

STATEMENT OF THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE NATCON/CONEX 2020

March 17, 2020

Fellow Architects,

In my nearly two years in office, I have learned that the ear of the leader must ring with the voices of the people. In numerous circumstances, I also learned that leaders should endeavor to listen to gain understanding, for listening helps us not to instantly jump to conclusions. Listening gives us an opportunity to pray for wisdom; listening allows us to ask good questions for further clarity; and listening prevents us from reacting and saying something we will regret. Listen first, when a leader listens, the team wins better.

Due to the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the worldwide Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, and with the recent Presidential declaration of Luzon-wide “Enhanced Community Quarantine” (including the State of Calamity in the entire archipelago), and after attentively listening from a series of INTENSE conversations with the Board of Officers’ Executive Committee, Organizing Committees and Stakeholders, I as your UAP National President, am announcing the POSTPONEMENT of the 45th UAP National Convention and CONEX 2020 which was previously scheduled on April 23-25, 2020 to an indeterminate later date.

I understand that this decision will create challenges for the National Board, the organizing committees, our stakeholders and you, UAP members in general. But this unprecedented pandemic has created unprecedented circumstances making this action PRUDENT and NECESSARY. As I have alluded in my earlier statements and video messages, the safety, health and wellbeing of our colleagues is our focus at this extraordinary time.

For many of you, this decision we are taking is not only protecting the health and safety of everyone involved, but it also provides relief for the many stakeholders and support services. However, in this uncertain moment, I have every confidence in our ability to pull together with kindness, care and concern for the common good.

Please accept my gratitude in advance for your understanding and support.

We are UAP. We are UNITED in rallying together to handle this unprecedented situation.

Marami pong salamat sa iyong tahat!

Arch. Benjamin Kimpo Panganiban, Jr., FUAP
National President

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Antonio A. Valdez, FUAP
Executive Director, Commission on Conventions

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MESSAGE FROM THE NATCON 46 DIRECTOR

The UAP National Convention has always been an event that many Filipino Architects look forward to. This allows colleagues in the profession to learn about new approaches, trends, and technologies. This allows them exchange ideas, and to express opinions. Most importantly, this allows them to celebrate Architecture, to renew ties, and to make new connections.

A convergence such as this one involves a lot of preparation, and I’d like to take this opportunity to thank my NatCon 46 OrCom team: Tony Valdez, Richie Corcuera, Don de Guzman, Willie Chan, Flori Sebastian, Minnie Rosel, Jinky Gannaban, Mike Chan, Louise Vito, Neil Parra, Macky Lopez, Cesar Domingo, Jan Cortes, and Jomari Tan.

Special thanks to our major sponsors who did not let go and continues to support us: DAVIES, Dutch Boy, HCG, Wilcon Depot, Bostik, Nippon Paint, and Rain or Shine.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you, NatCon 46 registrants, for your patience and understanding. Your well-being is of utmost importance, and safety should not be compromised. To postpone the event indefinitely was the best decision.

We shall converge when we see better days, and it will be an event that’s worth looking forward to! In the meantime, STAY SAFE, STAY STRONG, and STAY HOME! The UAP NatCon 46 will definitely push through when we see better days.

Mabuhay tayong lahat!

Markel Cesar A. Luna, fuap
Director, 46th National Convention

MESSAGE FROM THE CONEX 2020 DIRECTOR

Bearing the slogan “Sa Arsitekto Sigurado”, UAP aims to promote the architecture profession and public awareness on the importance of acquiring rightful professional in the design and built environment. UAP is dedicated in delivering its services to its industry partners and to the public such as the Construction Expo which is considered as the industry’s most comprehensive national event in the architecture and construction industry.

Strategic planning and thorough preparation are some of the experiences that we encountered as the organizing committee. Being the Director of this year’s CONEX 2020, it is a great responsibility and opportunity at the same time for us to continue and serve the general membership and the public with this kind of event.

The organizing committee composed of the members of UAP, usually conducted weekly or every other week meetings in preparation for the convention. We usually invited industry partners and exhibitors by sending out invitation letters and convince them to be part of the exhibition. Series of courtesy calls and launching was conducted to further promote the Construction Expo. Thus, through continuous coordination, CONEX 2020 had reached PhP 40.8 million booth sales for this year.

When the world was hit by the global COVID 19 pandemic, it became the most challenging and most difficult duty for us to decide what is best for everyone. The organizing committee through UAP National President Ar. Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr. had made a decision to postpone the CONEX 2020 together with NatCon 46 and will push through when everyone’s safety is not compromised anymore.

We are very thankful to all the people behind the preparation and for their guidance for CONEX 2020: UAP Executive Director for Conventions, Assemblies, & Exhibits Ar. Antonio A. Valdez, FUAP, with NatCon 46 Director Ar. Markel Luna, FUAP, and UAP National Officers headed by UAP National President Ar. Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr. with the Commission on Conventions, Assemblies and Exhibits Executive Director Ar. Antonio A. Valdez, FUAP, with NatCon 46 Director Ar. Markel Luna, FUAP and CONEX 2020 Director Ar. Armando DG. Pamintuan, FUAP, BELOW: 2020 Director Ar. Armando DG. Pamintuan, FUAP and NatCon 46 Director Ar. Markel Luna, FUAP. The team comprising the Natcon 46 team, headed by Director Ar. Markel Cesar A. Luna, FUAP (center, right of sofa), with UAP Executive Director for Conventions, Assemblies, & Exhibits Ar. Antonio A. Valdez, FUAP (center, left of sofa).

The men behind the CONEX 2020 headed by Director Ar. Armando DG. Pamintuan, FUAP (seated on sofa), with UAP Executive Director for Conventions, Assemblies, & Exhibits Ar. Antonio A. Valdez, FUAP (in front).
THE NATIONAL CONVENTION PRESS MATERIALS

Editor’s note: the following materials are taken from the official press release of the Natcon 46, published here in its entirety, for posterity. Reading through the press release gives the reader an idea of the complexity, time and effort that went to the creation of the Natcon.

The United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), the Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects (IAPOA), envisions a brighter future for every Filipino. Being the voice of the Architecture Profession, it inspires its members to improve and sustain the quality of the built environment, which is vital to the advancement of the living standards of our communities, and to provide service of ever-increasing value to society. It actively strengthens its main thrusts: Professional Development, Civic Involvement, and True Camaraderie.

This year, the UAP National Convention, to be held at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City, from April 23 to April 25, 2020, Architects from different parts of the country and the world converge to learn from resource speakers, to be updated on current issues regarding their profession, and to interact with colleagues.

The Theme

The 46th UAP National Convention, shall celebrate the Unity, Ability, and Pro-action of Filipino Architects. In line with what it aims to promote, this year’s theme is “FUSION”: the CONVERGENCE of Architects from different parts of the country and the world, the MELDING of ideas from the past, of the present, and for the future, the ALLIANCE of Architects and other professionals, the COLLABORATION & MERGING of creative minds, and the BLENDING of Architects and the Community.

The Logo

The theme of the 46th UAP National Convention is FUSION, and the general mood would be REJUVENATION and DYNAMISM. These words were effectively incorporated into one logo.

The segments that form a disc-like assemblage around the UAP logo symbolize the different facets of Architecture, fusing together as one, signifying the diversity of the profession.

The bright colors, aside from being representations of various ideas, would also be a reflection of exuberance and fresh perspectives: an interpretation of rejuvenation.

The slanted orientation of the different parts of the logo would be a depiction of movement, which translates to the dynamism of Architects.

The Events

The UAP NatCon 46 shall feature the following events:

- Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- UAP College of Fellows (COF) Convocation & Investiture of New Fellows
- The UAP Annual Business Meeting
- The UAP National Elections
- Fellowship Events the 3-day convention shall feature
- Seven (7) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Seminars
- arkiPARK & arkiTECH Exhibits
- RUNkitek 2
- CONEX 2020

The Seminars of each day shall be unified by a sub-theme:

Day 1 Sessions: An Homage to the Past: Revitalization & Renewal
Day 2 Sessions: Coping with the Present: Architectural Responses & Issues
Day 3 Sessions: Designing for the Future: Approaches & Innovations

The arkiPARK and arkiTECH Zones

The arkiPARK shall occupy Function Hall 1. It shall house Exhibit Areas, which would feature Award-winning Designs by Architects, the UAP-COF Boards, Displays of UAP’s Commissions and Committees, Activity Areas, Lounges, and Booths of Business Partners. It shall also serve as the Registration Confirmation area on Day 1, and the anticipated Mass venue on Day 3.

The arkiTECH Plaza shall be located at the center lobby of the second floor. It shall feature Architectural electronic gadgets and software that would aid Architects in their practice.

RUNkitek 2

RUNkitek 2, is the second edition of the UAP’s Fun Run, which was conceived in 2018. The first RUNkitek was held on April 13, 2019, at the North Fountain, SM by the Bay, SM Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City. RUNkitek 2 shall be held on April 25, 2020, same venue. It is the Sports Activity linked to the UAP NatCon 46.

CONEX 2020


Although the UAP NatCon 46 is exclusively for registered delegates, CONEX 2020, RUNkitek 2, the arkiPARK, and the arkiTECH are open to the general public.
CONSTRUCTION EXPO 2020

By Ar. Armando DG. Pamintuan, FUAP

The UAP Construction Expo or CONEX for short is currently the Philippines’ premier building and construction exposition. CONEX is organized by the United Architects of the Philippines, the Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects and the only professional organization to receive the Professional Regulation Commission’s Most Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization eight times.

Under the leadership of its Director Ar. Armando DG. Pamintuan, Conex 2020 continuously serves as the industry’s most comprehensive national event. Uniting all construction industry sectors, CONEX annually demonstrates the state of the art products and is a perfect ground to promote technologies, equipment, and materials on the Philippine market.

Last September 20, 2019, CONEX had its Soft Launching on the 5th floor of the UAP National Headquarters. It was attended by the CONEX 2020 organizers together with the Major industry partners such as Davies, Bostik, Dutchboy, Rain or Shine, and HCG. While on October 21, 2019, the Grand Launching happened on the 6th floor where all the exhibitors and sponsors gathered and had an opportunity to reserved their booth for the convention. It was well organized and assisted by the CONEX Committee heads and members.

After the launching of CONEX 2020, a two-part event was held at UAP HQ last February 18, 2020. First, it was the “Kapihan ng Arkitekto”, the first media forum dubbed organized by UAP, wherein the members had discussed its plans for the upcoming Construction Expo 2020. It was followed by an Exhibitor’s Forum wherein the members had an opportunity to express their gratitude to all the exhibitors who had joined and participated in the big event.

When the country was hit by the global COVID 19 Pandemic, extensive precautionary measures and thorough preparation was organized by the committee to protect the safety and general welfare of the attendees. The CONEX 2020 organizers had a meeting with Pasay City Local Government Unit, Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Medical Emergency Team, and SMX Convention coordinators last March 4, 2020.

Until on March 17, 2020, the UAP National President Ar. Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr. had released an official statement announcing the suspension of NatCon 46 and CONEX 2020, as some parts of the country including Metro Manila was placed into Enhanced Community Quarantine.

CONEX will remain their utmost dedication in providing premier service to its industry partners and supporters. Rest assured that the sponsorships are fully accounted and it will push through when everyone’s safety is not compromised anymore.

Mabuhay ang UAP! Mabuhay ang Arkitektong Pilipino!

ABOVE: CONEX 2020 Director Ar. Armando DG. Pamintuan, FUAP, and the CONEX Organizing Committee, UAP National President Ar. Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr., FUAP, and Engr. Jojie Quintos of Davies Paints as Major Sponsor during the Soft Launching at UAP National Headquarters last September 20, 2020; BELOW: the Natcon 46 Organizing Committee donning their Runkitek 2 shirt, during the Runkitek 2 Launch
Planning started July 2019

Planning for the NatCon 46 and CONEX began as soon as the Fiscal Year opened on July 1, 2019. Weekly meetings were held, and coordination with concerned offices, companies, and sponsors were done regularly.

Launch of NatCon 46 and Conex 2020

Although the NatCon 46 plans and programs were conceived of very early, the formal launch of the UAP NatCon 46 was done through a Facebook Group, and other social media formats on November 30, 2019 (https://www.facebook.com/groups/3730466300300704/), although teasers were released before that time, particularly during the CONEX Launch at the UAP Headquarters on October 21, 2019. General information and updates have been regularly featured in the official Facebook Group of UAP NatCon 46, as well as other Facebook pages and social media apps.

Online Registration for NatCon 46 started on December 2, 2020, and ended on March 16, 2020 (Deadline was originally on February 28, 2020.). There is a possibility that registration will be opened again, when our situation is alleviated; that is, when things return to normalcy.

Apart from the NatCon 46 and CONEX Launch events, a contract-signing with the Sponsors took place on November 15, 2019, at the UAP Headquarters.

Launch of Conex was done October 21, 2019.

TIMELINE OF THE PREPARATIONS:

Launch of RunKitek 2

The RunKitek 2 was officially launched on January 29, 2020 at the UAP Headquarters. Runner groups and members of the Press graced the event. Although not present during the launch, several celebrities have been endorsing this fun run. Prior to this formal launch, RunKitek 2 has been advertised through its Facebook Page since December 14, 2019: https://www.facebook.com/RunKitek-2-1041980618813113/.

Launch of UAP Kapihan ng Arkitekto

The first “Kapihan ng Arkitekto” was held on February 18, 2020, the UAP Headquarters. It tackled not only the Architecture Profession and the National Organization (UAP), but the UAP NatCon 46 and CONEX, as well.

UAP Kapihan ng Arkitekto was followed by the CONEX Exhibitors’ Forum, where they were briefed on rules and policies.

March 2020

On March 4, 2020 a meeting with Pasay City LGU, PNP, BFP, medical team, and SMX was done to discuss safety and health protocols.

Prior to the ECQ, the UAP NatCon 46 and CONEX teams met with the Pasay City LGU, PNP, BFP, Medical Emergency Team, and SMX. Every group was making sure that precautionary measures would be taken.

However, all agreed weeks after that the best thing to do is to postpone the events indefinitely, as safety should be prioritized.

The declaration of suspension of Natcon 46 and Conex 2020 was done on March 17, 2020.

The postponement of the events was officially announced via a video message by the National President Benjamin K. Panganiban, Jr., FUAP.
We shall converse when we see better days, and it will be a Natcon 46 that’s worth looking forward to!

Today marks the supposed Day 1 of the 46th UAAP National Convention. It is finally pushing through when everyone’s safety is not compromised anymore. In the meantime,

STAY SAFE, STAY STRONG, and
STAY HOME 😊

All Natcon 46 concerns will be addressed when we return to normalcy, as we are all affected by the COVID-19 situation. Most offices are not fully operational at the moment, due to the ECC. Rest assured that your payments are fully accounted for, and everything is in order. Thank you! 😊
The PRC Board of Architecture (PRB-ARC) Chairman Hon. Ar. Robert Sac and PRB-ARC member Hon. Ar Robert Mirafuente have initiated an endeavor to help the Professional Regulation Commission CSR COVID-19 Fund Raising Drive.

The ASEAN Architects was tapped by the PRB-ARC as a driving force for the CSR fund raising of the project. To date the total Donation/Pledges of the group of ASEAN Architects coming from the PRB-ARC, United Architects of the Philippines, The UAP College of Fellows, The APEC Architects, and the Philippine Institute of Architects already reached Php 835,000.

The funds collected was deposited and transferred to the Philippine Association of Professional Regulatory Boards (PAPRB) account and was monitored by the Hon. Robert Mirafuente as the point person, being the treasurer of PAPRB. The PRC CSR COVID-19 fund will be used to purchase the necessary PPEs, mask, tents and others as a requisite of the Medical Profession. Out of the 43 regulated profession of the PRC, the architecture profession shared the biggest contribution to the fund.

The ASEAN Architects has shown that in times of crisis they will stand up and help those in need in the name of the Architecture Profession.
5th UAP AAA expands to virtual platform

by John Pierre Jarmonilla, uapsa-lccb

Amid the COVID-19 crisis, the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) pushed through the fifth Architects in the Academe Assembly (AAA) with the theme “Recalibrating Architecture Education for the New Normal” last Saturday, May 30, 9:00 AM, via Facebook Live.

Spearheaded by UAP Commission on Education Executive Director Ar. Jonathan Manalad, the event featured five sharers assigned with different topics related to the ongoing pandemic. The sharers were: Business Executive John Velasco, National University (NU) College of Architecture Dean Ar. Chona Ponce, UAP Committee on Research and Academic Institutions Chairman Ar. Raymond Co, Professional Regulation Commission Board of Architecture (PRC BoA) Chairman Ar. Robert Sac, and University of Santo Tomas E-Learning Specialist Ar. Mervin Go.

The live event started with a prayer, the Philippine National Anthem, then the UAP March and the Architect’s Credo; a short welcome address was given by NU faculty member Ar. Annie Pugeda, and also messages from UAP National President Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr., and National Executive Vice President Ar. Renato Hery, Ar. Manalad then introduced Velasco as the keynote sharer of the event, who delved on the topic “Looking at the Macro Perspective: The New Normal.”

In his talk, Velasco discussed the economic aspects of the country affected by the pandemic, as well as how businesses can do rapid response and resilience for the present situation. Asked about the effects of the slump in the construction industry during the Q&A portion, Velasco recalls a talk about construction he attended where the resumption of ongoing construction projects required to be revised in order to adapt to the new normal. He says that there are changes that the industry needs to adapt to for it to recover.

Following Velasco was Ar. Ponce, whose talk on “Challenges Administrators Face Post-COVID-19 Pandemic” gave insights to the problems that came to light during the pandemic, as well as innovative strategies for continued education in the current situation. She said that while Flexible Learning System is the most efficient way to continue education, there are challenges that need to be addressed like equipment, internet connection, and learning-conducive environment, among others.

The next sharer was Ar. Co with the topic on “UAP Project Linkage: Towards Industry-Oriented Professionals,” which discussed the results of the said project launched last year to see how well young architects perform in the architecture scene, as well as insights for professional development. Most of the items listed in the survey gained a satisfactory rating, in terms of interpersonal skills, technical skills and knowledge.

Ar. Sac then followed with his talk titled “Updates from the PRC Board of Architecture,” where he notified the audience of the latest information about the postponement of the June 2020 Architecture Licensure Examination (ALE) to Oct. 30-Nov. 1, the cancelled Oathaking Ceremony of the January 2020 ALE Passers, and other PRC-related matters affected by the pandemic.

Lastly, Ar. Go tackled on the topic “The Role of Technology in the New Normal,” where he said that in the current situation when face-to-face interaction is prohibited, technology steps in as the new mode of teaching. Ar. Go also said that education through technology requires three main aspects: network, hardware, and software.

AAA is an annual event organized by UAP for architects who are teaching in the academy, and aims to improve the quality of Architecture education in the Philippines.
How to Become an Accredited Civil Service Organization

By Ar. Kristine M. Lagman, UAP, PIEP

Local Government Units have been receiving support from our local UAP chapters, thus they are urging the organization to become an official part of the locality. Being an accredited CSO is a win–win strategy both for the LGUs and the local chapters. This is because it encourages local chapters to become more effective in delivering chapter projects and activities thus more and more chapters are applying to different LGUs as a part of accredited Civil Service Organizations. And at the same time, being an accredited CSO enhances the current local development of the towns, municipalities, and provinces.

Being an accredited CSO means each chapter can participate and take part in the LGUs’ program planning, implementation, and monitoring. The LGUs are also able to hear out suggestions and ideas specially since Architects have design and technical capabilities. This government program also aims to ensure that every citizen can participate in the decision making processes of LGUs.

Several UAP Chapter have already been accredited as CSO, such as the UAP Legazpi Chapter in Legazpi City LGU, UAP Tabaco Chapter in the LGUs of Tabaco City, Tiwi Albay, Bacacay Albay and the Province of Albay.

Pursuant to the DILG Guidelines on Engagements with Civil Service Organizations Memorandum Circular no. 2018-89 (June 11, 2018), the list of requirements for CSO Accreditation are as follows:

1. Application Letter
2. Duly accomplished application form for accreditation
3. Board resolution signing intention for accreditation purpose of representation in the local body
4. Certificate of registration (CoR) from SEC if available
5. List of current officers and members
6. Annual accomplishment report for the immediately preceding year
7. Financial Statement signed by the organization’s executive officers, also of the preceding year, should also indicate information of the source of funds
8. Certificate of good standing
9. Organization By-laws

These are submitted to the Office of the Vice Mayor or Vice Governor and a hearing on the Sanggunian will be conducted for the purpose of approval. Once approved, a representative will be selected and invited to Sanggunian hearings.

PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 0030-2019

NOW, THEREFORE, in virtue of R.A. No. 7160 inserting the provisions of this resolution along with the preceding laws, be it

RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, in virtue of R.A. 7160, that the agency of the Accreditation of the UAP Tabaco Chapter to the Province of Albay, as Non-Government Organization in the Province of Albay.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the concerned NGOs, for information and reference.

ADOPTED, OCTOBER 1, 2019

WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of this resolution.

EDCEL GREGO A. B. LAGMAN
Vice Governor and Provincial Officer

ABOVE: A sample of invitation letter from LGU. Upon Submission and review of requirements, you will be notified and invited to attend the hearing where you will introduce your chapter. The board will ask some questions related to your chapters abilities and capabilities to participate in LGU developmental activities and decision making.

ABOVE: Copy of Provincial Resolution approving the Accreditation of Tabaco Chapter’s Application as CSO to the Province of Albay
how to series: how to become a CSO

ABOVE: Board Resolution of the Approval of UAP Tabaco Chapter’s application as an accredited CSO in Tiwi Albay; RIGHT: Copy of the letter notifying the Chapter of the success of the application for accreditation as CSO of the LGU; BELOW: Copy of Board Resolution for the approval of UAP Tabaco Chapter’s application for accreditation in Tabaco Albay. UAP Tabaco applied for 2 towns (Bacacay and Tiwi), 1 City (Tabaco City) and 1 in the Province of Albay making the chapter accredited to 4 LGUs.
The fiscal year started out quite uneventfully, with activities for our members in the form of Piso Fair 5 --- seminars featuring different topics and resource persons who are expert in their fields of interest: Arch. Don de Guzman “Hospitality Design (Hotels & Resorts),” Arch. Ramon Absara “Fill-Up Construction Methodology + Construction Safety,” and in November there was Piso Fair Pampanga 2: Arch. Suzette Chua-Carnagia “Design-Build Services for Small Firms,” Arch. Hernando G. Advento “Design + Build = Master Builder,” and Arch. Rene A. Heray, “Sustainable Architecture & Landscape Architecture.”

The PDC also launched the Bring Your Own Bottle campaign, to promote a plastic-free environment in the UAP HQ. Also in November, the 5-Day Introduction Course on Hospital Planning and Design was offered at the UAP HQ. This seminar has been offered by the UAP PDC since 2008.

It was in March 2020, during the enhanced community quarantine that the PDC was given the task to come up with online seminars. This was conceived as a form of assistance to the members who were cooped up at home, providing them with learning amidst this time of uncertainty.

This new undertaking came with its own challenges for us in the PDC. Firstly, we were all working from home, some without laptops and reliable internet service. Secondly, we had to research and determine the mechanics of online seminars to ensure that we could provide this type of learning that could yield CPD credit units. Lastly, we needed willing speakers and a system by which to announce the forthcoming activities.

After several virtual brainstorming meetings, consultations, and dry-runs, from April to June, the PDC was able to offer eight online seminars:

Seminar 1 “Construction Management” by Arch. Brian Ernest Regalado, uap
Seminar 2 “Cement Basics and Types” by Engr. Dick Bon Salcedo
Seminar 3 “Emergency CoViD Facility Design” by Arch. Joel V. Rico, fpia, uap
Seminar 4 “How to Claim Incentive Pay for Government Architects” by Arch. Emiterio C. Nolasco, fuap
Seminar 5 “Primer on Environmental Planning as a Profession” by Arch. Jeboy R. Giron, uap
Seminar 6 “The Digital Architect Workshop Part 1” by Arch. JP Espino, uap
Seminar 7 “The Digital Architect Workshop Part 2” by Arch. JP Espino, uap
Seminar 8 “Ano ang Meron Ka?: Ang Arkitekto at ang Talapamana” by Arch. Jayson Braza Portem, uap

On behalf of the committee, and our Executive Director Virgilio D. Andres, Jr., fuap, we at the PDC would like to convey our gratitude once again to our speakers for sharing their knowledge and resources, and also to all the participants, for making each activity a success.
The PDC Soldiering on During the Pandemic: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MAXIMIZE THE POWER OF THE INTERNET TO OFFER ONLINE SEMINAR SERIES 2019-2020

By Ar. Elda Shina S. Samoza, UAP
Chairperson, Professional Development Committee

At the onset of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) brought about by the CoViD-19 pandemic, we received the task of coming up with online seminars that would provide learning to our members. The PDC utilized the Operational Protocol in the Implementation of RA 10912 (Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016) for Architects as reference for this implementation (please refer to adjacent tabulation).

The PDC consolidated guidelines under Self Directed Learning and International Online Seminars, including advisories from CPD Council for Architecture Arch. Robert Mirafuente: participants must pass an Assessment test (prepared by the Speaker), with the successful/passing participant receiving 2 pages of document via email 1) certificate and 2) other requirements such as speaker’s write-up, course description, etc. A print-out of these documents are the required attachments for CPD points application under Self Directed Learning, which was the only modality available during ECQ.

Guided by this, the PDC set about reaching out to potential resource persons and even gained a couple of volunteer-speakers, who were willing to devote their time and expertise in this new undertaking. Our first online seminar was a success with 983 registrants, and this was followed by Online Seminar 2 to 8 over the course of three months (April – June 2020).

Our committee faced many challenges during this pandemic: external factors such as limited internet, lack of equipment (computers), and searching for appropriate platforms (for registration, seminar streaming, testing and documentation); and internal factors such as lifestyle changes during the pandemic, sleeping habits, anxiety and individual uncertainties.

There were many instances when we were besieged by questions, clarifications, requests and other messages from registrants and participants, which we all managed and resolved maximizing the use of the internet.

Despite these external and internal challenges we proceeded to do our best. We are grateful for the calls/messages of thanks and support knowing that we were able to accomplish our primary objective, which is to provide accessible learning to our UAP members.

Programs of Activities
Participated but NOT Accredited Not Pre-Approved by CPD Council of Architecture

As per assessment and evaluation by CPD

Important Notes:
- Will be processed and assessed only with complete supporting documents as required
- Program must be at least 1 hour of actual learning (excluding messages, intro, Q&A etc. Any activity less than 1 hour will not be accepted)
- Proof of payment – official receipt, registration papers, registration ID
- Proof of attendance – Certificate of Attendance and Copy of Attendance Sheet showing number of participants attended
- Copy of detailed program showing date/time/duration/place of topics/workshop
- Synopsis – program description of overview, its content and course outline including sub-topics
- Specific course objectives or Learning Outcome stating competencies gained from program
- Resume or CV of Speakers showing expertise in the topic; including cert. of citations; if Speaker is a registered professional, attached current ID
- Course Structure/Materials – type of presentation or materials used
- Program URL – website if any
- Photos or videos of event, include photos or participant in the event
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CSR Project- Advocacy
Campaign of Architect’s
Slogan on 3 Buildings in
QC and Caloocan City
By Ar. Jose B. Hipolito, UAP

Regional District A4 carried out the installation of tarpaulins bearing the current administration’s advocacy campaign last December 10, 2019, attended by the Council members composed of the RDA4 Chapter Presidents.

The tarpaulins were installed on the front facades of one commercial building located at the major Roads in Quezon City and two commercial buildings situated along the major thoroughfares in Caloocan City.

As shown in the pictures the signages are big enough to be seen clearly from a far distance and despite its high location they could be noticed easily by the passers by.

Get an Architect Campaign In Full Swing in Area D
Compilation by Ar. Ryan Songcayauon, UAP

Clockwise from right photo below: tarpaulin in Cotabato City; Kadayawan Float in Davao City; major road in Davao City; Tagum City in Davao; float in Cagayan De Oro City; NEXT PAGE: Job site in Davao City; tarpaulin in Wilson Depot, Davao City
When Profession and Calling Merge
By Arch. Jose Bulaong Hipolito, UAP

I call my practice an “ARCHISTRY”—Architecture and Ministry.

Profession and Calling merge into one, together for the service of God and mankind.

Hebrews 11:10 says, “For he was looking forward to the city with foundations whose Architect and Builder is God.”

That verse is significant to me as an Architect, because it reveals that God is also an Architect and Builders as well.

God is indulge in Design, Build Services (DBS)

In the beginning, while an Architect initiates envisioning his design, he considers in his mind the basic architectural elements namely function, stability and aesthetic. With these three in collaboration, he can now deduce and form more or less the design concept that would befit its purpose for which it was intended for.

His succeeding steps in the design process is dictated by what it was formed in his mind at the start. Valuable changes might be introduced as necessitated by what it was formed in his mind at the start. With these requirements, it led me to support the advocacy of my UAP Chapter, made me become an Architect and build my business.

Getting started and finding my market is not all rainbows and butterflies. Having to build a firm expecting no financial help from my loved ones have made me learn to be financially independent and make wise decisions for my business’ and professional growth.

As the business is still at its first steps, hiring would cost a lot on operations, thus, I do the deliveries of orders, manage my shop, contact suppliers, supervise the fabrication of drafted drawings, do media marketing while working on my projects and meeting potential clients. I carried the responsibility by myself and it felt rewarding when everything is accomplished.

I visited almost every Architecture schools in my region and partnered with the United Architects of the Philippines - Student Auxiliary (UAPSA) Organization by giving discounts to their members fulfilling the purpose to help as “affordability” and “within reach” was our mantra. This is the second year of the business’ partnership with UAPSA C4 District. Grit pumps me to the core and lets me forget that a lot of work that I’m doing is insanely tiring most of the time.

Taking the leap thru wanting to make a social impact, it led me to support the advocacy of my UAP Capiz Chapter, one of which is contributing schematic designs for proposed LGU projects for the implementation of RA 9266 in the whole province of Capiz. As vice-writing, UAP Capiz Chapter has the mission to help one municipality in Capiz to develop their Municipal Hall and Plaza.

Looking back on my very beginnings as a young Architect having not even one connection somehow what left me astounded to think I have accomplished everything I have planned for with a lot of tears, sweat and perseverance. My life as a designer-driver business owner is slowly, but ultimately, taking into place — I have learned to use my time well, manage my finances strictly, present confidently to clients, and learn to set priorities.

The overwhelming support of my loved ones have made all these possible. The same goes to the compassionate advocacy and the selfless giving of learnings of my UAP Chapter, made me become an active member and now inspired to do the same.

Being a Millennial Architect is difficult. It’s not a one-day success, you have to prove yourself that you’re worth investing on, that your age is merely a number. But being a Millennial Architect is also an advantage—we’re more open to new ideas and are not afraid to take risks.

With the right amount of feist, enthusiasm, and grit combined with the help of technology and perseverance, we know that everything we will ever dream will work in our favor.

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Passion and its Rewards: The Dedication of a Young Architect
By Arch. Vane Irish Arches Escaro, UAP

Some say that the new generation of young professionals are feistier, open-minded, full of enthusiasm, and grit. Being one, my experience have made me believe that all these are true.

Having gotten back from my hometown, I was a young 23 year old new RLA passer living in a small city with nothing but a title before her first name. Studied far away from my hometown and set foot in Metro Manila to work have made me naïve being back and felt disoriented on adjusting to the lifestyle I have

(Passion and Rewards...continued)
Architectural Permit, A Mayor’s Promise
By Ar. Estrelita Ibera Rugnado, UAP, UAP ICF Chapter

UAP Ilocos Ciudad Fernandina Chapter – The implementation of the Architectural Permit will now take effect in the municipality of Narvacan, Ilocos Sur.

UAP Ilocos Ciudad Fernandina Chapter revisited the former President of Philippine Councilors League now Mayor Luis “Chavit” Simpson of Narvacan, Ilocos Sur in his office last August 19, 2019. As the newly elected President of the Mayors League of Ilocos Sur, opens up LGU accreditation opportunities, he recalled the MOA between The Philippine Councilors League and the United Architects of the Philippines.

In his speech during the 2nd General Membership Meeting of the UAP Ilocos Ciudad Fernandina Chapter, he recognized the importance of the architectural profession and promised to implement the Architectural Permits in the municipality of Narvacan.

Above: After less than a year, Mayor Luis Simpson delivers on his promise to implement the Architectural Permit for the Municipality of Narvacan

UAP AS CO-CHAIRMAN: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL GOVERNANCE SECTOR SUB-COMMITTEE ON CULTURE
By Ar. Estrelita Ibera Rugnado, UAP, UAP ICF Chapter

UAP Ilocos Ciudad Fernandina Chapter President Arch. Emp. Estrelita Ibera Rugnado being elected as co-Chairperson act as Presiding Chairperson during the Governance sectoral committee on Culture on November 18, 2019. Highlights of the meeting were best practices of LGUs on the promotion of culture.

UAP Ilocos Ciudad Fernandina Chapter President Arch. Emp. Estrelita Ibera Rugnado has again assumed the position as Presiding Chairperson during the Governance Sectoral Committee on Culture on January 29, 2020.

Highlights of the meeting is the resolution “Recommended to the governance sectoral committee to request RDC-1 to enjoin all local government units to conduct cultural mapping activities in coordination with the National Commission on Culture and the Arts (NCCA), and request NCCA to consider Region 1 as one of its priority regions in the implementation of the cultural mapping program in 2020.”

Below: United Architects of the Philippines thru Ilocos Ciudad Fernandina Chapter President Arch. Emp. Estrelita Ibera Rugnado as PSR nominee (Private Sector) August 23, 2019; Above: Organizational chart of the Governance Sectoral Committee on Culture, showing RAS as members

Architectural Permit in Sorsogon Now Mandatory Thru Power of Executive Order
By Ar. Anna Mari Valino, UAP, UAP Sorsogon Chapter

UAP Sorsogon Kasanggayan Chapter - Another Local Chapter has succeeded in the quest for the mandatory implementation of 9266, thru the power of an Executive Order, mandating local Municipalities to require Building Officials to require all Architectural Permits to be signed solely by Architects.

Gov. Francis Joseph “Chiz” Escudero, together with the UAP Sorsogon Kasanggayan Chapter under the leadership of its current officers headed by Arch. Anna Mari Valino, uap., with the guidance and support of the National Past President Arch. Benjamin Panganiban, uap., and the help of other Architects that planted the seeds that paved the way to convince the Governor that it is of importance that this Law and its provisions be implemented for the benefit of the Profession, the industry and the People.


This may have been 16 years away from the passing of RA 9266, but it is never too late. All good things come at the right time. A small step for the profession, but a big leap to the local Architects of Sorsogon. This achievement by the UAP Sorsogon Kasanggayan Chapter is an example that architects should never lose sight of their goals and always persevere.

The chapter gives its thanks to the following: Arch. Tito Moses S. Encinas, uap., President; CEO / MOHRI & P.A, Associates, Inc, and personal friend of the Governor; Arch. Maria Angela Estabillo, UAP, Past Chapter President of the UAP Diliman Chapter of FY 2017-2028, for planting seeds for discussion of RA 9266 with Governor Escudero; and to all Chapters and Officers who tirelessly work towards this goal.

Pamaskong Kat-OWWA-an sa Malaysia 2019
By Ar. Justo I. Santos, UAP

District B3, as represented by District Director Arch. Juz Santos and UAP Kuala Lumpur, headed by Arch. Mildred Padinit, joined a gathering of Filipinos Community in Malaysia in celebration of Christmas entitled Kapamilya Love Weekend sa Pamaskong Kat-OWWA-an sa Malaysia 2019. It was held last December 1, 2019 at Kompleks Kraft (Craft Complex), Kuala Lumpur.

The one-day event was organized by the Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur in partnership with the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), the Federation of Filipino Associations in Malaysia (FFAM), and ABS-CBN The Filipino Channel. It is a Christmas concert and public outreach event rolled into one.

In his welcome remarks, Philippine Ambassa- dor to Malaysia Charles C. Jose said, “Christmas is undoubtedly the happiest time of the year for Filipinos. The group of Philippine Embassy in Malaysia dedicated these to all Filipinos working abroad, far from families and love once and cannot celebrate Christmas with them.

The gathering is also a perfect opportuni- ty for Get An Architect Drive. Promoting the profession extends to our overseas compatriots. OFWs and Filipi- no expatriates are our modern heroes contributing to almost 10% of our GDP. They have been keeping our economy floating. A big thank of why we architects are thriving.

Majority of them chose to be away to provide for their family. To have a dream home, education for their children and decent living. And because of finan- cial limitations, they want to ensure it will not be wast- ed. The interaction provided an opportunity to explain the role of Architects in making those dream a reality.

Above: UAP NP Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr., with UAP Sorks CP Anna Mari Valino, discussing RA 9266 with Governor Francis Escudero; Middle: UAP Sorks Chapter, with NP Panganiban, and District Director for BS Ar. Chris- tine C. Ordo, UAP, pose in front of the Provincial Capitol; Bottom Photo: copy of EO no. 1—2020, from the Office of the Provincial Governor, Province of Sorsogon.
Training the Communities with Basic Home Improvements
By Ar. Ryan Songcayauon, UAP, UAP Davao Chapter

The UAP Sinlajan Dahaw Chapter - together with the Department of Architecture of the University of the Philippines Mindanao, conducted the Basic Home Improvement Seminar-Workshop and Medical Outreach on October 12-13, 2019 as part of the World Architecture Day celebration. Participants from RRJ Relocation Site in Brgy. Los Amigos, Davao City were the beneficiaries of the said activity.

Chapter members and faculty acted as resource persons and facilitators of the said seminar-workshop which was aimed to enable less privileged communities to perform basic home repairs and enhancements focusing on carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and painting works in a more practical and easy way. Given that a lot of our communities do progressive developments on their houses, it is noteworthy that residents knew some of the basic principles on structural stability, sanitation, and safety in doing house renovations and upgrading.

The two-day seminar-workshop ended with a medical outreach activity conducted by the CRIADOS of the Davao Medical School Foundation where residents of the community were given free medical check-ups and consultations, and minor operations.

With absence of basic services like electricity and water and the lack of immediate necessities like food and medicine, life in the evacuation centers has never been a pleasant experience for the earthquake victims. Aside from the discomfort and inconvenience, many evacuees have to deal with the stress and trauma brought about by the disaster.

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To the Aid of Earthquake Victims
By Ar. Ericson P. Europa, FUAP, PIEP

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Aside from the collapsed buildings, damaged infrastructures and scores of lives that were lost, thousands of families were greatly affected by the calamity. Majority of them have been holed in several evacuation centers across the region. With their houses either totally wrecked or have been weakened by the strong tremors, they have been staying in these temporary shelters for several weeks waiting for their homes to be rebuilt and become liveable again.

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Heeding the call to help alleviate the plight of those affected by the quake, architects from various UAP chapters, as well as Architecture students, were quick to respond to the needs of our unfortunate kababayans temporarily staying in various evacuation centers.

UAP Davao Chapter members, headed by its President, Gilbert Peter Fortich, went to the badly-ravaged Municipality of Magaysay in Davao del Norte on November 7, 2019. They distributed relief items to around 400 displaced families in Barangay San Isidro.

Two days after, on November 9, 2019, Chapter President Jim Harris Bastes of UAP South Cotabato – Koronadal led his members in visiting residents of the far-flung barangay of Indangan in Kidapawan City with the aim of providing assistance to earthquake victims in such remote and inaccessible areas seldom reached by relief efforts.

A week before Christmas, children living in temporary shelters received early gifts when UAP District D1 architects, headed by District Director Charlene Alquiza, organized a gift-giving activity at the Boy Scout Camp in Barangay Cabalo, Makilala, North Cotabato on December 19, 2019. The architects brought smiles to faces of the children who received toys donated by UAP Del Pilar-Bulacan Chapter.

For its part, UAPPSA District D1 held a block screening of “Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker” at SM Lanang Premier in Davao City on December 20, 2019. Proceeds from the fund-raising initiative were donated to earthquake victims temporarily staying at Lampangg Elementary School in Tulunan, North Cotabato.

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With this, architects do not just need to be dedicated in their practice of the profession and always aim for excellent service to their clients to project a positive image for the architect, but they must also help clearly verbalize them through various media. Yes, architects need to rediscover another side of their pens and start to write about architecture.

I was formally elevated to the UAP COF exactly on my 38th birthday, weeks after my masteral graduation and 13 years after I became a licensed architect. Some may consider it as “premature” since many UAP members still have this impression of UAP Fellows as architects who are already in their 50’s and 60’s and armed with decades of professional experience.

Definitely, I am not a “starchitect”. But then again, no one is ever too young “too young” to aspire for excellence in what he does in the profession. It is not too early to be an actively involved in the affairs of the UAP, through your chapters or regional districts.

UAP members should look beyond the “rewards” and recognition, the most important thing is to always aim for the best practice and not rest on one’s laurels once there is an achievement. May it be in architectural design, construction management, government service or teaching, the Filipino architect must make sure he delivers the best “product”. And amidst one’s hectic schedule, the UAP architect should selflessly contribute time in serving the organization, even in the simplest ways.
UAP ARCHITECTS’ JOURNAL FY 2019-2020
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