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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.

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 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 professions when it comes to our practice.

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

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Ar. Edlee S. Tusi, UAP

Edz, 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 B

Ar. Kristina M. Lagman, UAP, PIEP

Kristine is an architect and an Environmental Planner. She has her own Architectural office that also offers blueprint and plotting services. She used to teach at Bicol University, and was also a former restaurant owner.

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 (MJF) Lion's Club, both active in CSR activities.



ASSOCIATE EDITOR AREA C

Ar. Karl Aries Emerson F. Cabilao, FUAP, M.Arch.

Approaching his tenth year in the academe, Karl feels that there is still so much to learn as a full time faculty member of the University of San Carlos Department of Architecture. Yet he makes sure that he imparts the course topics well to his students.

This Cebuano architect still finds time to write about architecture for SunStar Cebu newspaper, where he has been a writer for 20 years now. He has been faithfully serving in the UAP Post Editorial Council since 2006.



ASSOCIATE EDITOR AREA D

Ar. Ericson P. Europa, FUAP, PIEP, NAMPAP

Eric was elevated to the UAP College of Fellows in 2018. An Environmental Planner and Master Plumber, he is the campus architect of a state university in Davao City.

A big fan of Master Yoda, he collects all sorts of Star Wars items, such as action figures, books, comics, action figure vehicles, and lightsabers.

After becoming a PWD after suffering a stroke few years back, Eric hopes to walk normally again and run marathons like he used to.

The Correspondents:



Ar. Alberto C. Dumlaog, UAP, PIEP, DipURP

Albert, is both an Architect and Environmental Planner, and is the principal of his own firm based in Malolos, Bulacan. He is an advocate of heritage conservation, sustainable urban design and service-oriented architecture.

As a Freemason, Albert finds pride in the connection between the Masonic foundations of our country and the role of Architects in nation-building. Albert's less serious pursuits include music and video production, as well as playing video games and basketball.



Ar. Anna Mari Valino, UAP

Anna has been an Architect since 2010 and is currently the President of UAP Sorsogon Kasanggayaha Chapter.

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 country.

Currently working as a Consultant Architect with Manila-based Company Framago101 Corp, Anna is also taking up MS 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 legos. Loves taking things apart so she can put them back together, has an impulsive tendency to buy pens, pencil and art materials to put aside for later.

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. *mtb*

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 transmitters 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 *Nmi*

Ar. Nap Ibanez Jr., UAP

The Correspondents:



Ar. Vane Irish A. Escaro, UAP

Vane is a practicing Architect in Roxas City. She is a proud member of UAP CapiZ Chapter and is currently the Secretary for FY 2019-2020. She is the owner and manager of Arkicasso Architectural Shop, an art supply shop that caters the needs of Architecture students and Professionals by offering items that are not usually available in her city.



Ar. Ryan Songcayauon, UAP

Ryan is a full-time faculty of the Department of Architecture in UP Mindanao. He is a member of UAP Davao Chapter and has served as officer in various capacities. He is a graphic designer and loves to layout posters and publicity materials and designing logos.



Ar. Zyl May A. Ongco, UAP

Zyl is an Architect working for a Manila-based construction corporation dealing with project planning, construction and completion. A member of UAP Bacolod Azucar Chapter, she is also currently the secretary of the UAP Balangkasnan Committee and Area Correspondent for the UAP Post. She loves reading books, manga and light novels. She also loves watching anime and animated films.



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 architects 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!**

(Handwritten Signature)
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.

Peji 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.

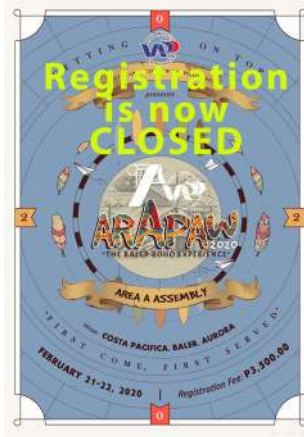
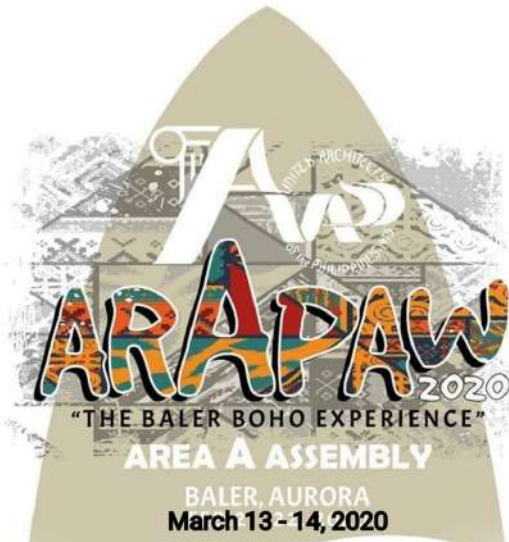
The poster features the UAP logo, a large stylized 'A' with 'ARAPAW 2020' written across it, and the text 'THE BALER BOHO EXPERIENCE AREA A ASSEMBLY FEB. 21 - 22, 2020 BALER, AURORA'. It includes a registration fee of P3,500.00/pax and a registration period from Dec 7, 2019 to Jan 15, 2020. It also mentions a 'First Come-First Served basis' and a 'Party: Surf & Chill' theme.

AREA A ASSEMBLY 2020 Programme

Time	Activity	Location
DAY 0 FEBRUARY 20 Thursday		
11:00am - onwards	5th NBD Meeting	Baler Beach Club
4:00am	Departure of NBD from UAP	UAP HQ
DAY 1 FEBRUARY 21 Friday		
8:00am - onwards	Registration	Baler Beach Club
10:00am - 12:00pm	Opening Ceremonies	Baler Beach Club
12:00pm - 01:00pm	Lunch	Baler Beach Club
01:00pm - 03:15pm	Area A General Assembly / By Laws and Amendments	Baler Beach Club
03:15pm - 06:00pm	Outdoor Activities / Kite Making / Flying	Beach Area
06:00pm - 10:00pm	Welcome Dinner / Entertainment	Baler Beach Club
DAY 2 FEBRUARY 22 Saturday		
07:30am - 12:00pm	Assembly and Tours	Baler Beach Club
08:00am - 10:00am	College of Fellows Meeting	Baler Beach Club
12:00pm - 01:00pm	Lunch	
01:00pm - 03:00pm	Rest Time	
03:00pm - 05:00pm	Surfing Clinic	Sabang Beach
05:00pm - 06:00pm	Preparation for Fellowship	
06:00pm - 07:30pm	Closing Ceremonies w/ Video Presentation	Baler Beach Club
07:30pm - 11:00pm	Davies Fellowship Night / Davies Product Presentation	Baler Beach Club

PARTY : SURF & CHILL
Arapaw - (v.) meaning to get on top or to go higher.

Baler celebrated as the birthplace of Philippine surfing opens its doors to UAP. Home to world-class waves, stunning coasts, majestic rock formations, historical sites and breathtaking forests, Baler will be an avenue of intellectual encounters, a place to celebrate unity and a hub for recreation. The Area A Council having formulated an assembly that aims to elevate the Architecture Profession on a whole new level invites you to take it higher in this party of epic proportions. Party, surf and chill with us this coming February!



TOP RIGHT: Members of the AAA Assembly: Ar. Jun Dawang, Ar. Ricky Sangil, Ar. Voltaire Agbayani, Ar. Rommel Dulas, and Ar. Odette Bugayong; the Area A Council during their ocular inspections for the venues of Arapaw 2020; TOP LEFT: VP for A Viray with VP for B Junar Tablan, with Davie's Paint's Jojie D. Quintos, Commission on Conventions ED Ar. Antonio Valdez, with members of the Commission on Internal Affairs ' Ar. Dante Aguirre, Ar. Leiron De Guzman and Ar. Rebecca Vanessa Rellosa.

ANNOUNCEMENT :

SUBJECT : AREA A ASSEMBLY "ARAPAW 2020"
LOCATION : BALER, AURORA

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 "ARAPAW 2020"
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 Unfortunate 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.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

RE: 2020 UAP AREA A ASSEMBLY IN BALER, AURORA

The Area A Council and the Organizing Committee of 2020 UAP AREA A Assembly, regret to inform you that our Assembly will be **MOVED** to a later date (NOT TO BE CANCELLED) due to the Directive given by Department of Health and Office of the Mayor Rhett Ronan T. Angara in Baler. It is ADVISED to refrain from attending large gatherings or crowded places due to the growing concerns about the risk of the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) which is a public health emergency of international concern.

In the light of securing the safety of our registered Architects in this event, we at the Council decided to postpone it.

We encourage UAP Chapter Presidents from Area A to communicate with your confirmed hotel bookings in Baler and let your reservation be open for the re-scheduling of our Assembly which will be announced soon lest we encounter any misunderstanding with them, we are glad to assist you.

The Organizing Committee has been preparing since November and ready for this event but directives have to be respected in all aspects.

Baler, Aurora will STILL be our venue for the Area A Assembly and date will be announced soon.

ARCH. MA. CECILIA C. VIRAY, UAP
 Area A Vice President

AREA A ASSEMBLY "ARAPAW"

MARCH 13-14, 2020
COSTA PACIFICA, BALER, AURORA

Precautionary measures against COVID-19

In view of the situation of the COVID-19, the following measures are put in place at Baler Beach Club, Costa Pacifica, Baler, Aurora

- ~ Temperature scanning will be used for everyone entering the premise.
- ~ We will provide Paramedics and a Van on standby.
- ~ Isolation Room will be provided as well.
- ~ Alcohol hand sanitizer is provided at all touchpoints
- ~ All staff is required to have proper wearing of surgical masks to maintain good personal hygiene.
- ~ Increase the cleaning frequency of public restroom.
- ~ Our technical engineer will sanitize their hands and product, including sound system equipment and venue.
- ~ Kindly refrain from Touching (MEN) Mouth, Eyes, Nose and the whole face.
- ~ Please prohibit yourself in attending this assembly if you're not feeling well.

"NO HUGS AND KISSES... BUT HAND WAVE IS THE SAFEST!"

We apologize if the above measures caused any inconvenience.

THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF ARAPAW 2020



Area B Assembly 2020: Sikhay Recognizing the Hardwork of the Area B Council and Assembly Organizing Committee

By: Napoleon M. Ibañez Jr., UAP

Similar to what happened to Area A, the Area B Council and Assembly Organizing Committee also faced the challenges and uncertainty of organizing an Area Assembly, this time in an out of the country venue.

The Area B Assembly, was intended to be held in Singapore with an event date of February 14 and 15, 2020, and registration was closed as early as December 15, 2019.

The COVID-19 virus was first reported in Singapore as early as January 23, 2020, but during this time the health problem is not yet classified as a pandemic.

Concerns on the safety and health of delegates led to the postponement of the event.

The Area B Council, under the leadership of Area B Vice President Junar P. Tablan, then shifted to organizing a virtual assembly. Same with other assembly organizers (Area A, Natcon and Conex), the Area B Assembly Organizers enthusiastically faced the challenge of extending beyond Fiscal Year 2019-2020 to deliver an Area B Assembly to the members of Area B, during Fiscal Year 2020-2021..

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 1st 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, PIEP
Area B Vice President FY 2019 – 2020



ABOVE: The Area B Council, meeting virtually, led by UAP Area B Vice President Junar P. Tablan, clockwise from upper left: RDD for B2, Ar. Ludel M. Mercene; RDD for B3, Ar. Justo I. Santos, Jr.; RDD for B1, Ar. Abigail Jimundo; RDD for B5, Ar. Christine C. Ordiz; VP for Area A Junar P. Tablan; RDD for B4, Ar. Eduardo F. Bober, Jr.; BELOW: the UAP Area B Council, meeting face to face with Area B Chapter presidents.



HARING IBON

Ang Haring Ibon o opisyal na tinatawag na Philippine Eagle ay isang paralelismo sa isang kasalukuyang banta sa ating bayan - ekstinsyon.

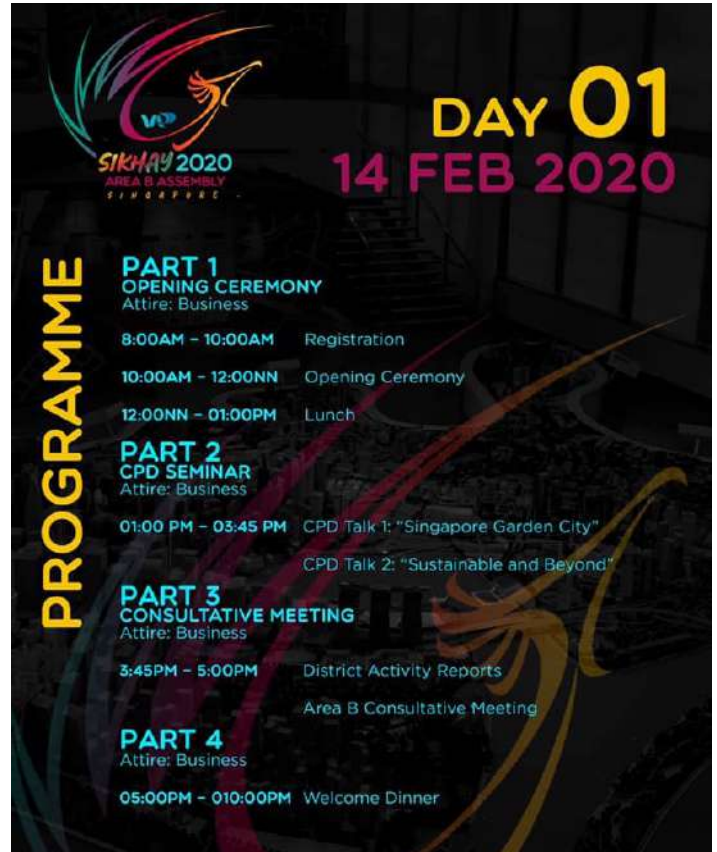
Tulad ng Haring Ibon na nanganganib sa ekstinsyon, nahaharap ang ating mga komunidad sa paglaho nang dahil sa walang kahandaan sa mga sakuna at iba pang mga pangkapaligirang hamon na dapat tugunan ng mga solusyong pangmatagalang.

Ang Haring Ibon ay kilalang masikhay o masigasig sa pagprotekta at pagkalinga sa kanyang mga supling upang ang mga ito'y lumago na may taglay na parehong sikhay at lakas gaya ng kanilang magulang. Ang katangiang ito ay naging inspirasyon ng inyong pamunuan ng Area B na tumanaw ng masidhing pangitain o VISION kung saan panahon na upang paalabin ang sariling sikhay ng organisasyon sa pamamagitan ng pagtuklas ng mga pangmatagalang aral at tugon sa pagpapanatili ng ating bayan; umabot man sa ibayong dagat.

Ang 5 bagwis ay kumakatawan sa limang matatag na distrito ng Area B. Ang mga ito ang sagisag ng pagkakaisa at iisang sikhay na sinasalamin ng spektrum ng mga kulay - pagkakaisa sa pagkakaiba-iba. Ang simbolo ng UAP na tila sakay ng agila ay sumasagisag sa aktibong pakikilahok ng institusyon sa mga adhikain ng Area B.



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, Segundino 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 3, 2019; Samar Northwest Chapter on March 5, 2020; and Aklan Chapter on March 9, 2020.

I took my role therefore to be twofold: firstly, to act as the representative of UAP Area C to the NBD and secondly, as the mouthpiece of the NBD to Area C. As in any representative organization, I saw it as imperative that I gather the sentiments of the various Chapters in the area through their District Directors if I was to accurately represent the area at the NBD. On the other hand, I found it important that whatever policies, decisions, directions, and goals that the NBD adopted were transmitted down the line. I believe I have been faithful to this role, and as a result, I can say that Area C has, by and large, been one in its stand.



ABOVE: Group photo of District C1, taken during their planning workshop in Dumaguete, July, 2020; BELOW: C3 DD Vanessa Ayllon signing the charter documents of the UAP Samar Northwest Chapter, March 5, 2020



Again, I would like to commend the District Directors and the Chapter Presidents for the valuable role they played in this dynamic, for when the chain of communication is broken, is when members feel excluded and neglected.

We had the good fortune of successfully hosting JACA 2020 on February 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 to heart the ideals of our organization; that you understand the nature of a representative 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



ABOVE: Photo of DD for C1 Janice Garol, and DD for C3 Vanessa Ayllon, taken during the NBD planning workshop, June 2019 ; BELOW: Members of DISTRICT C1 with Vice Mayor Michael Rama of Cebu City



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, “Pagpakatakas”, 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 Shiela 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 attires 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 Pangianan, 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.



ABOVE: Taken during the opening ceremonies of the Joint Area C Assembly (JACA 2020), Jan. 31, 2020. (L-R) C4 DD Ramon Dueña, Jr.; C3 DD Vanessa Ayllon; ACVP Omar Maxwell Espina; C1 DD Janice Garol; C2 DD Segundino Inumerables, Jr.; RIGHT: Group photo of the delegates at the JACA 2020



LEFT: The JACA Organizing Committee, photo taken January 2020: rear, left to right, Neil Menjares, Buddy Ong, Yumi Espina, Peter Borbador, Laurd Young, Omar Maxwell Espina, Trixia Chiong Sy; front, left to right, Philip Lim, Ryan Pepito, Eden Catalan, Filna Espina, Jennivieve Caminero, Clemente Guanzon, Marlowe Villagonzalo; ABOVE: Members of the National Board of Directors, with Area C Chapter Presidents

executive committee: area vice presidents



Salvador Rosauo V. Sandoval, UAP, EUAP
Area D Vice President

Conference of MindanaONE Architects 2020: UAP Area D Assembly in Butuan City, Agusan Del Sur, the Capital of the CARAGA Region in Mindanao

From the Facebook report of NP Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr.

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 Rosauo Sandoval whose area assembly this is, District Director for D3 Romeo Bucol whose district is the host, UAP Butuan Chapter prez Charles Salcedo Amanaron 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 Marba, past DDs Albert Rosel, MJ Telin, Amado Jovelano 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 Songcayauon 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 D1 sir Lito and the rest of the Davies Paints team. Also thankful for Cithardware, 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 probinsyanong arkitekto. Mindanao architects as ONE.

Onward to the next Area D Assembly in Zamboanga City for 2021.



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FEBRUARY 28-29, 2020



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: NEVP Renato A. Heray, as speaker for the Day 1 seminar on landscape architecture and plantscaping;

NEVP Renato A. Heray, Atty. Kent Joel Cahilog, (represented Butuan City Mayor Hon. Ronnie Lagnada) NP Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr., Area D Vice President Salvador Sandoval, and DD for D3 Romeo Bucol, during the opening ceremonies;

NEVP Renato A. Heray, NP Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr., and Area D Vice President Salvador Sandoval, together with delegates;

NP Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr., and Area D Vice President Salvador Sandoval having a private conversation



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 Inland 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 Hugas 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 Hugas Dance Troupe.

Day Two had six more CPD Seminars. The morning session featured "Social Construction of Housing and Architecture" by Ar. Isidoro Malaque III, "Mindanao Vernacular Architecture" by Ar. Gloryrose Dy-Metilla, and "Urbanization of Mindanao" by Ar. Minerva Rosel. After the lunchbreak, the seminar sessions continued: "Fire Code of the Philippines" by Ar. Banger Estepa, "Mental Health: Self-Care + Workshop" by Ms. Kristine Mangyan and "DOT Accreditation System" by Ms. Mary Jean Camarin.

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 endorers.

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



LEFT: A motorcade around Butuan City kicked off the two-day UAP Area D Assembly.



MIDDLE PHOTO: The Buenavista SPED Choir performs during the opening ceremonies

BELOW: Area D Vice President Salvador Sandoval, together with NP Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr., and NEVP Renato A. Heray, and DD for D3 Romeo Bucol, presents a plaque to Atty. Kent Joel Cahilog, who represented Butuan City Mayor Hon. Ronnie Lagnada.



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: NP Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr., and NEVP Renato A. Heray, with delegates to the CMA 2020;

Delegates with day two seminar speakers Ar. Isidoro Malaque III, Ar. Gloryrose Dy-Metilla, and Ar. Minerva Rosel;

Day 1 seminar speaker Ar. Timi Artuz;

NEVP Renato A. Heray with delegates during one of the seminars.





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:

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. Cabilao, 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 classmates 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 architecture in their lives as well as that of the community where they are living. (continued on page 47)



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. Turalba**, Diliman Chapter; **Ricardo S. Dela Rosa, Jr.**, Makati Chapter; **Maximo V. Tan**, Pangasinan-Dagupan Chapter; **Armando S. De Guzman, Jr.**, QC Chapter; **Illuminada 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.



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



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.



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.



PAST CHANCELLORS' MEETING The Past Chancellors met to review and advise on COF Election and concerns on 25 January 2020. From left, PNP Ramon Mendoza, Ma. Elena Cayanan, PNP Edric Marco Florentino, Richard Garcia, Ma. Lisa Santos, Gloria Teodoro, and Corazon Tandoc.



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.



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.

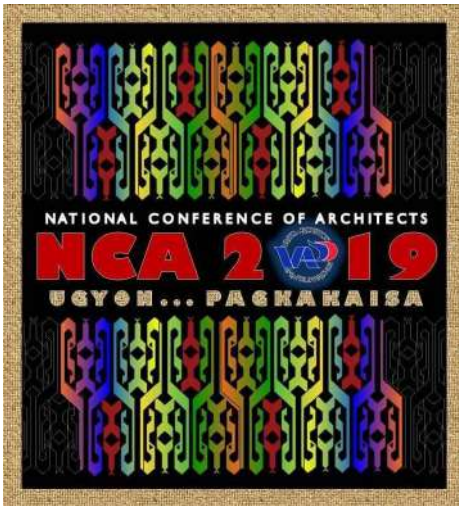


COURTESY CALL The COF officers and Cebu Fellows with Carcar City Mayor Mercedita Apura.



FEBRUARY GMM To guide us on the coming year, Ka Kuen 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.



NCA 2019 South Cotabato

Ugyon...Pagkakaisa

By: Ar. Ericson 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 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 T'boli at the Lang Dulay T'nalak Weaving Center.

The three-day event kicked off in the morning of October 17 with the NCA Invitational Golf Tournament held at Kalsagi 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 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 breathtaking fire dance presentation and fireworks display.

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.

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) Socksargen Chapter, LGU of Koronadal, and Davies Paints, the event's major sponsor.

Day three started with the breakfast meeting of



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 had 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 advocator 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



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 South Cotabato-Koronadal Chapter, Ar. Jim Harris Bastes, NCA 2019 Director Ar. 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.



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.

WORLD ARCHITECTURE DAY

WAD 2019 UAP celebrates WAD 2019

ARCHITECTURE...HOUSING FOR ALL
October 7, 2019 with major activity in Iloilo City

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. Angelito Aguila of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC), Ms. Elsie Trinidad of

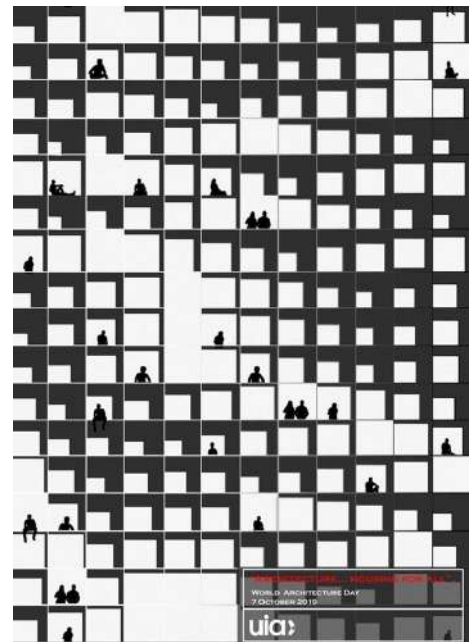
the National Housing Authority (NHA), Atty. Maria Antoinette Diaz of Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF) and Atty. Junefe Payot of the Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC) discussed policies, regulation and management, financing schemes and government programs for socialized housing.

Ar. Sylvester Seño, Chairman of the UAP Balangakan 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. Ajesta, UAP World Architecture Day 2019 Chairperson



NP Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr. with Keynote Speaker Iloilo Governor Arthur Defensor, Jr.



The UAP COF Baliktanaw Honorees Ar. Ramiro Garcia and Ar. Ramon Teruel with CCOF Ar. Gloria Teodoro and NP Benjamin Panganiban, Jr.



The keynote speaker, Iloilo Governor Arthur Defensor, Jr. (center) together with the officers and members of the UAP and guest speakers, from left Mr. Christopher Rollo-UN Habitat Country Manager, DD C4 Ar. Ramon Duena, Atty. Angelito Aguila-HUDCC, Ar. Sylvester Seno, Ar. Ramon Teruel, NEVP Ar. Renato Heray, Ms. Elsie Trinidad-NHA Spokesperson, Ar. Mila Martinez, Gov. Defensor, NP Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr., Mr. Noel Panaguiton-Asst. Iloilo City Administrator, CCOF Ar. Gloria Teodoro, Ar. Ramiro Garcia, and ED CGEA Ar. Gil Japitana.

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.

Excerpts from RDB3 Journal FB Page



Clockwise from top left: Mayor Edwin Olivares, Vice Mayor Jose Enrico Golez, Rep. Joy Tambunting and Rep. Eric Olivares.



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. *acd*



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 Balangkas on RA 9266 dubbed “Is our Architectural Law Future Proof?”, jointly organized by the NAW Committee with the following: UAP Committee on Balangkas, chaired by Ar. Sylvester Seno; 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, HFPIA 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 Ibanez, Past Chairman of the UAP Balangkas 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 Mirafuente, 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 Balangkas 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.

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Photo 1. NP Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr. and PRB-AR Member Ar. Robert Mirafuente cut the ceremonial ribbon to formally open the NAW 2019 Exhibit at the Ayala Malls Manila Bay. Also in photo are from left: Comm Ed ED Ar. Jonathan Manalad, NAW Co-chair Ar. Jake Lazo and NAW Chair Ar. Christian Guerrero.



Photo 2. The Speakers and Organizers of the Balangkas on RA 9266, from left, Ar. Elise Sophia Francisco, DD A3 Ar. Peji Cipriano, Legislation & Codes Comm Chair Ar. Joselito Francisco, UAP Post EIC Ar. Napoleon Ibanez, Balangkas Chair Ar. Sylvester Seno, Ar Alfredo Fernandez, Dean Armin Sarthou, Ar. Armando Alli and CGEA ED Ar. Gil Japitana.

NAW 2019 Zamboanga City

UAP Zamboanga Chavacano Chapter

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 Zamboangueno 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

Photo 1: UAP Zamboanga-Chavacano Chapter members pose during the CHAVACANO ARCHITECTS' EXHIBITION at the Wilcon Depot Zamboanga.

Photo 2: Wilcon Depot Zamboanga General Manager Prince Randy Cababanag and UAP Zamboanga-Chavacano Chapter President Rosarline Falcasantos-Gangoso lead the ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Alay NAWmin kay Bunso

UAP Del Pilar Bulacan Chapter

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.

DEL PILAR-Bulacan as an accredited NGO together with UAP RD A2a and other Marilao NGOs/Pos joined and supported the annual gift-giving activity of the municipal government of Marilao by giving 120 packs of art supplies and goodies.



NAW 2019 Caravan

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 following members of the House of Representatives filed separate bills seeking to give more emphasis on the strengthening of practice of architecture and distinguishing it from other professions: Rep. Francis Gerald Abaya (HB 660), Rep. Joy Myra Tambunting (HB 4846), Rep. Rufus Rodriguez (HB 5547), and Reps. John Marvin Nieto, Edward Maceda, Dale Malapitan, and Rolando Valeriano (HB 5597). The House Bills were filed between July and November 2019.

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. Josephine Ramirez-Sato, which seeks to amend certain provisions of the Local Government Act of 1991 by mandating the appointment of Registered and Licensed Architects and Civil Engineers other than City/Municipal Engineers.

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 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: the 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 new CE Law is “very CE-centric” and the PBA “seems to diminish the architect’s role” in the design and construction process.

He recounts that of all these bills, only the CE Law and the PBA made it to committee hearings, of which the UAP-CLC was able to attend in November last year. According to Ar. Francisco, the PBA was “deemed a priority in Congress, but it’s not the version...that we favor.”

During these hearings, the UAP-CLC presented our organization’s position paper on the PBA, summarized as follows: (1) retaining, but also updating and expanding the framework of the existing National Building Code; (2) hiring and utilization of specific professionals properly trained in the field of vertical construction, and

other qualified specialized building professionals in its formation of a council tasked to formulate and continuously improve its provisions and IRR, and (3) the incorporation of H.B. No. 849 (The Building Official Act).

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-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 look out 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 prioritized PBA. We need to look for lawmakers who will sponsor our version of the Building Code to counteract the PBA,” says Ar. Francisco.

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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.



UAP National President Ar. Benjamin Panganiban Jr. during a courtesy call to Senator Panfilo Lacson. From L-R: Ar. Antonio Valdez -ED for Conventions, Ar. Joselito Francisco-Chairperson for UAP-CLC, NP Panganiban, Sen. Lacson, Ar. Jason Ang, Ar. Richie Corcuera—ED for Professional Practice and Ar. Jonathan Manalad—ED for Education.

UAP embraces New Normal

Holds first ever Online Annual National Elections



UAP HQ ONLINE APPOINTMENT

Following the resumption of the frontline services of the United Architects of the Philippines at 15 Scott Mallon Street, Quezon City, beginning June 15, 2020, the public is informed that we are open from 9:00AM - 4:00PM (Mondays to Fridays). Please set an appointment via uapnational.setmore.com

- Membership**: Request for Certificate of Members in Good Standing, New Application, Renewal, PRC ID Application
- CPD**: Request for CPD Certificate, Application for CPD Programs, Upcoming Seminars
- Finance**: Release of checks, check accommodations, payments
- Cashier and Bookshop**: Payment of Dues, Purchase of O.R., UAP Merchandise and Books

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REOPENING OF THE UAP NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS THROUGH ONLINE APPOINTMENT

In reference to the DTI and DOLE Interim Guidelines on workplace reversion and control of COVID-19, the UAP National hereby issued this Circular to inform all UAP Officers and Members on the reopening of the UAP National Headquarters through online appointment beginning 15 June 2020 (Monday).

[HTTPS://UAPNATIONAL.SETMORE.COM](https://uapnational.setmore.com)



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.

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.

nal 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.

Official Ballots were disseminated starting June 15, to Chapters, Chapter Presidents and National Board of Directors (NBD) Members using their official emails on file with the UAP National Secretariat.

Accomplished ballots were then transmitted back to the official UAP Comelec email account from June 20 8:00 AM to June 23 12NN. The Committee on Accreditation then opened this email account at 1:00 PM of June 23, 2020 to download and print all the ballots individually.

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 B VP – Rene Richie Corcuera; Area C VP- Antonio Paciano Paranas; and Area D VP- Gil Gangoso.

In addition, the UAP Commission on Elections (UAP Comelec), in consultation with the UAP Exter-

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OFFICIAL COMELEC TIMELINE

DATE	EVENT
JUNE 10	1st COMELEC Meeting at 2:00 PM Dissemination of List of Official Candidates to the General Membership
JUNE 11	Start of Campaign Period 8:00 AM June 11, 2020 to 3:00 PM June 22, 2020 Campaign Period
JUNE 13	Deadline for submission of official email addresses of all Chapters, Chapter Presidents and NBD Members to UAP Comelec Verification of all email addresses by the UAP National Office
JUNE 15	Distribution of Ballots for Chapters, Chapter Presidents, and National Board of Directors
JUNE 20	Submission of names of candidates' official watchers during the canvassing (for the positions of NA and VPC only) CPs, NBD may start transmitting the Ballots to UAP COMELEC (uapcomelec2020@ya.com) until June 23, 2020 12:00 NN (Philippine Time) 2nd COMELEC Meeting at 2:00 PM
JUNE 23	Transmittal of Ballots to official COMELEC email address ends until 12:00NN (Philippine Time) Printing of Ballots Canvassing of votes (Live via FB, Zoom) Proclamation of Winner

COMELEC OFFICIAL EMAIL ADDRESS
uapcomelec2020@yahoo.com
Election Guidelines may be accessed at www.united-architects.org

UAP COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS

WHAT SHOULD THE CHAPTER DO?

- CHAPTER REMOTE MEETING**
Meet your Chapter Officers and/or Members concerning the forthcoming 2020 UAP Annual National Elections and the receipt of this Chapter Ballot.
- CHAPTER CONSENSUS**
Meet your Chapter Officers and/or Members concerning the forthcoming 2020 UAP Annual National Elections and the receipt of this Chapter Ballot.
- VOTE**
Vote for the candidate of your Chapter's consensus by shading/darkening the oval to the left of the candidate's name.
- BALLOT CERTIFICATION**
Fill out/sign the Ballot Certification (lower portion of the Ballot).
- SCAN THE BALLOT**
Scan this ballot (preferred format: PDF; but you may also send the ballot in JPEG/PNG format).
- EMAIL THE BALLOT**
Send the scanned ballot to the UAP COMELEC official email account (uapcomelec2020@yahoo.com) within the period 8:00 AM of June 20, 2020 to 12:00 NN of June 23, 2020 (Philippine Time).

ARCH. EDILBERTO FLORENTINO TRIBUTE TO A FOUNDER AND A FATHER



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.



Ar. Ed Florentino turns over integration documents to his son, then UAP National President Ar. Edric Marco Florentino. Looking on are Ar. Carmencita Rosales and Ar. Ma. Elena Cayanan.



Ar. Florentino was the NP of the LPA during the time of integration. Photo on right shows him at center, being flanked by NP Ariston Nakpil of PIA and NP Deogracias Atienza of APGA, raising a toast to unity.



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



Ar. Edilberto Florentino with was conferred the LIKHA Gold Medal Award in 2006. The LIKHA award is the highest distinction that can be bestowed upon a Fellow of the UAP.

5:30 pm, except on Sundays. He used to walk up to one of our projects, as high 11 storeys, 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 our office because I needed to give my 100% attention to UAP when I was National President.

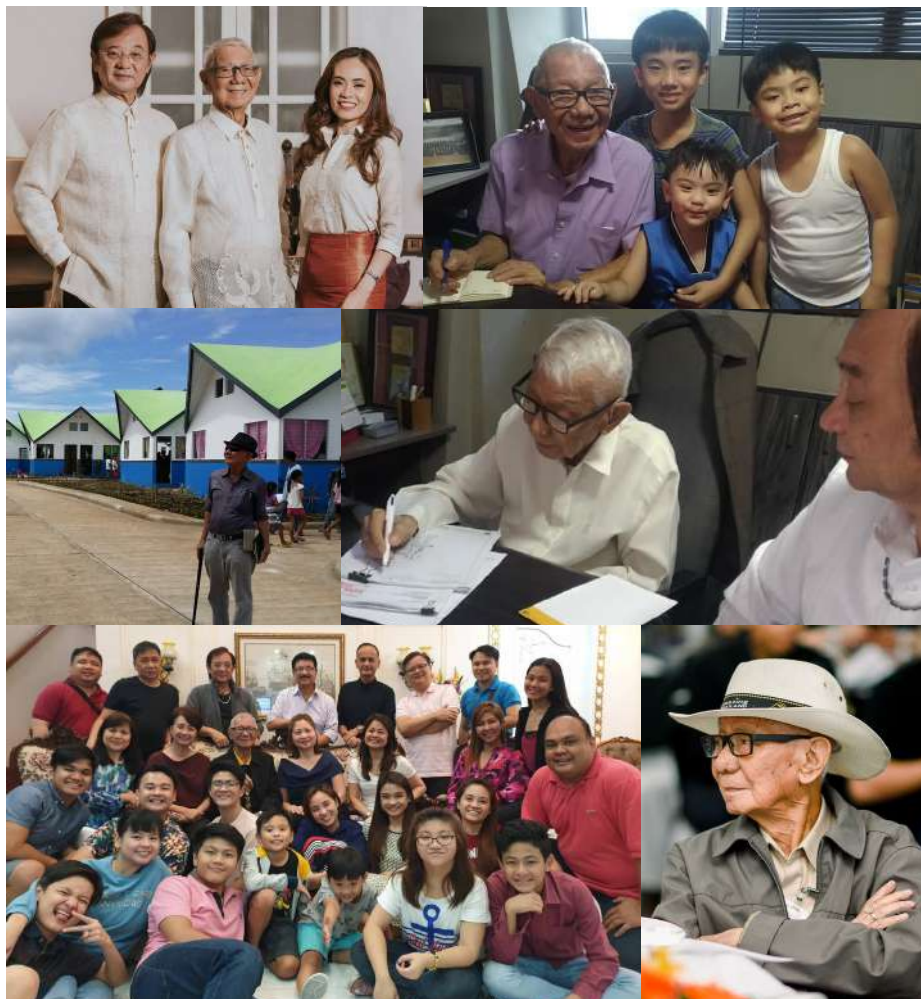
He loved his family, his work, and all the organizations he was in. I believe, in return, his family loved him so much, as well as all the organizations he was in. I know that many people were blessed by his presence and by seeing his pure heart that made people realize his goodness and kindness.

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, LIKHA, ASEAN Ar., APEC Ar.

Ar. Edlee S. Tusi, UAP
Immediate Past EIC, UAP Post
FY 2019-2020

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UAP BUYS DAVAO LOT FOR P9.26M

NP Pangniban sets the record straight in Zoom Forum with Chapter Presidents

THROUGH the initiative of National President Benjamin K. Pangniban 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 Pangniban 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 Pangniban 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. Hisancha’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 Pangniban 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 Pangniban 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 Pangniban 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 Pangniban 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 then – 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 Pangniban 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

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ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY IN DAVAO



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 Duplicate 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 on-going pandemic, that 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 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 Execom 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 submit to the Board 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 Amado 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

DAVAO LOT DETAILS

LOT AREA	331 SQM
LOCATION	LOT 10 BLK 23, PEARL COR. TOPAZ STS., GEM VILLAGE, BRGY. MA-A, DAVAO CITY
CLASS / USE	RESIDENTIAL BUT MAY BE CONVERTED TO COMMERCIAL
COORDINATES	7°04'58.6"N 125°35'28.9"E

WHAT IT COST UAP

SELLING PRICE	8,500,000.00
CAPITAL GAINS TAX	571,000.00
DOC STAMP	127,500.00
TRANSFER TAX	73,950.00
ATTORNEY'S FEES	50,000.00
TOTAL	PHP 9,261,450.00

Chartering of UAP Samar Northwest Chapter in Tacloban proceeded to Davao to issue the check payment to the seller, in the amount of P8.5 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 issue.” 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 devastation” 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 “among the first to join our brothers and sisters on social media who feel that it would probably more prudent to postpone the purchase of the property.”

He added that back in March, “there was no reason not to proceed” with the Davao Lot purchase and that NBD, at the time, had a “pending duty” to follow through with the purchase on the basis of the October 2019 NBD Resolution No. 3-32 and the recommendation of the CLBM.

“And this is exactly what it (the NBD), did,” NP Panganiban stated emphatically.

A new scenario

He then continued to acknowledge the “whole scenario has changed” and that CoVID 19 has adverse-

ly affected many UAP members all over the country and working abroad. He assured everyone that he “commiserates with their (UAP members’) situation” and that “we are all on the same side.”

He relayed that in June 6, 2020, the NBD passed a resolution to hold in abeyance the purchase of the Cebu property to “realign the funds and allocate the same to the health and welfare of the general membership.”

“Indeed, 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.

In closing, NP Panganiban appealed to our members to “be united despite our current difficulties, work together as one community, and wholeheartedly trust and support the next UAP administration and officers as they guide us through these challenging times.”

Ar. Napoleon M. Ibañez Jr., UAP
UAP Post Editor-in-Chief, FY 2019-2020

TO ESTABLISH THE MINDANAO REGIONAL OFFICE

Former SG signs Secretary’s Certificate to terminate UAP’s Time Deposit Account to be used for issuance of payments to seller and other expenses

3 MAR 2020

NP issues check to seller and signs Deed of Absolute Sale on behalf of the UAP

7 MAR 2020

NBD MEETING VIA ZOOM
NT reports about the purchase of Davao lot worth “almost P10M”

22 APR 2020

NBD MEETING VIA ZOOM
NBD RESO NO. 104
Ratifying and confirming the Davao lot purchase

6 JUN 2020

29 FEB 2020
AREA D ASSEMBLY
NP informs attendees about NBD resolution to purchase lots

4 MAR 2020
BDO assigns to UAP a Manager’s Check in the name of the seller in the amount of P8.5M

12 MAR 2020
EXECOM MEETING
NP reports details of the Davao lot purchase

21 MAY 2020
EXECOM MEETING VIA ZOOM
NP reports that the Davao lot purchase has been consummated; Cebu lot purchase to be put on hold

6 JUN 2020
NBD MEETING VIA ZOOM
NBD RESO NO. 105
Holding in abeyance the Cebu lot purchase

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.

The new chapters for this fiscal year are as follows:

1. Chapter No. 165, UAP New Manila Centris Chapter
2. Chapter No. 166, UAP QC Commonwealth Chapter
3. Chapter No. 167, UAP Buglas Sur Chapter
4. Chapter No. 168, UAP QC Pugad Lawin Chapter
5. Chapter No. 169, UAP Bataan Peninsulares Chapter
6. Chapter No. 170, UAP Bacolod Acuzar Chapter
7. Chapter No. 171, UAP Nueva Ecija Palayan Chapter
8. Chapter No. 172, UAP Pasig Kapitolyo Chapter
9. Chapter No. 173, UAP CDO Himolagan Chapter
10. Chapter No. 174, UAP Bagumbayan Chapter
11. Chapter No. 175, UAP Cavite Aguineldo Sentral Chapter
12. Chapter No. 176, UAP Bukidnon Kaamulan Chapter
13. Chapter No. 177, UAP Manila Nakpil Chapter
14. Chapter No. 178, UAP Samar NorthWest Chapter
15. Chapter No. 179, UAP Aklan Boracay Chapter

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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.

Assisting Ar. Barola are Ar. John Lawrence Acutina, Ar. Jun Cosca, Ar. Mark Lopez, Ar. Kenneth Bandalla, Ar. Lilibeth St. Paul, Ar. Jude Erwin Osma, Ar. Ron Michael del Socorro, Ar. Carter Hermodura, with assistance from Ar. Joseropi Roncal Jr. and Ar. Andrew Cheng for policies on chapter formation.

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 New Manila Centris Chapter Charter President Ar. Edwin Edgar Barola (left) with NP Ar. Benjamin Panganiban (right) and Ar. Lucille Chua, representing the guest of honor Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte.



The Charter Members and Officers of UAP New Manila Centris Chapter, led by Charter President Ar. Edwin Barola, (front row, 4th from left) together with (front row, l-r) Ar. Alfred Carandang, ED CIA Ar. Corazon Tandoc, NEVP Ar. Renato Heray, Ar. Lucille Chua, NP Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, VPA Ar. CelCel Viray, and DD A4 Ar. Joselito Hipolito. (Back row, l-r) Ar. Leiron de Guzman, Ar. Mabelle Collado and Ar. Dante Aguirre, Chair of Chapter Organization Committee.

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**UAP BATAAN PENINSULARES
CHAPTER: Sinag**

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

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 chapter is led by Charter Chapter President Ar. Sweetheart She-Cireel C. Maceda; Charter Chapter Vice President Ar. John Paul R. Austria; Charter Chapter Vice President-internal, Ar. Yves Jan A. Atienza; Charter Chapter Secretary Ar. Shiela Marie E. Roxas-Buce; Charter Chapter Treasurer Ar. Medel A. Bautista; Charter Chapter Auditor Ar. April M. Ortiguerra; directors Ar. Jo -Ana Mari Tanega, Ar. Fleetwood Macasil, Ar. Markjone O. Ortiguerra, Ar. Roxette Sibal-Umerez, Ar. Ma. Luz Mayeth Baluyot, Ar. Sharon Rivera-Bautista.

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.



Photo 1: Bataan Gov. Ma. Christina Garcia, the guest of honor, is flanked by UAP Bataan Peninsulares Charter President Ar. Sweetheart She-Cireel C. Maceda, and NP Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr., together with, from left, DD A2B Ar. Wilson Pineda, Membership Chair Ar. Vanessa Lagman Ledesma, ED CIA Ar. Corazon Tandoc, VPA Ar. Cecilia Viray and Chapter Organization Chair Ar. Dante Aguirre.



Photo 2: The Charter Members and Officers of UAP Bataan Peninsulares Chapter, led by Charter President Ar. Sweetheart She-Cireel C. Maceda is presented with the UAP Flag by UAP NP Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr.

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**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 Manreo J. Aral, Kenneth Anthony B. Trinidad, Noel N. Delos Reyes, Don Dominó 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 Manreo 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 Dominó V. Ferrer, UAP, Charter Chapter Secretary; Ar. Mark Nathaniel B. Bagasbas, UAP, Charter Chapter Treasurer; Ar. Jacinth John A. Lazo, UAP, FRIA, EAROPH, 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 Genasky C. Gamallo, UAP, Ar. Romarico B. Abenojar, Jr., UAP. And chapter adviser is Ar. Jonathan V. Manalad, PhD, UAP, PIEP. (Continued on next page)



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

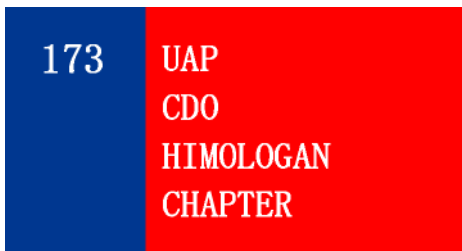
The chartering of the chapter was held last November 15, 2019 at the Marco Polo Hotel, in Ortigas Center, Pasig City. The theme of the induction was “Unang Pahina: Chartered to Excel”.

UAP National President Ar. Benjamin K. Panganiban attended the event, along with UAP Vice President for Area A, Ar. Ma. Cecilia C. Viray, UAP; Vice President for Area B, Ar. Junar P. Tablan, UAP; District Director for A5, Ar. Reginald Dominic T. Yaneza, UAP, REB; 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-chartered 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 than 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. Alberto 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 from 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. Dumpa 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.

The UAP CDO Himologan Chapter’s name was inspired by the name “Himologan” 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.

With a composition of young and dynamic architects coming from various fields: academe, 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.



Photo 1: UAP National President Benjamin Panganiban, Jr. lights the symbolic candle during the chartering rites.



Photo 2: UAP Committee on Membership Chair Ar. Vanessa Ledesma turns over the chapter banner to Charter Chapter President Ar. Juny Adora.

Photo 3: Charter members of UAP CDO Himologan Chapter pose with the UAP National Board of Directors during the chartering of UAP’s 173rd chapter.

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UAP NEVP Ar. Renato Heray gives the charge to the charter members of UAP Bagumbayan Chapter.



UAP Bagumbayan Chapter Charter President Ar. Romeo S. Camacho signs the charter certificate.

**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 in the east 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 city's 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. Primalyn G. Hipona, Charter Chapter Treasurer Ar. Jayson B. Portem, Charter Chapter Auditor Ar. Brenna Celine R. Ayson, with Charter Chapter Directors Ar. Mark James Edon, Ar. Roberto A. Reyes, and Ar. Rowee Andrew A. Apor

Gracing the event is National President Arch. Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr. FUAP, together with UAP Secretary General Arch. Ronnie R. Yumang, Executive Director of Commission of Internal Affairs, Arch. Corazon Fabia-Tandoc, FUAP, Deputy Chairman of Committee on Chapter Organization, Arch. Pricilla Aterrado, UAP, Chairman of Committee on Membership, Arch. Vanessa L Ledesma, UAP, Regional District Director for A5, Arch. Reginald T. Yaneza, UAP, and Deputy Director for Regional District A5, Arch. Roger Victorino, UAP. The chartering rites guest of honor is Arch. Robert C. Simbol, UAP, former president of UAP Batangas Lakeshore Chapter.



The Charter members and officers of UAP Bagumbayan Chapter with UAP NP Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr. and the other members of the National Board. Also in the picture is the Guest of Honor, Ar. Robert C. Simbol, former president of UAP Batangas Lakeshore Chapter (front row, third from left).

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CAVITE
AGUINALDO SENTRAL
CHAPTER**



**UAP CAVITE AGUINALDO SENTRAL
CHAPTER: Pagsibol**

The Cavite 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 Cavite Aginaldo Sentral Chapter, since the location of the original Cavite 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 Bacoar, Kawit, Cavite City, Rosario; midlands, such as the city of Dasmariñas 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 Cavite 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 Cavite Chapter charter president and district director for District B3 (2017-2018) Ar. Edmon 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 Dasmariñas, which is traversed by Aginaldo Highway, which connects the lowlands to the highlands of the province. Thus the derivation of the chapter's name, coming from the centrality of Aginaldo Highway.

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The creation of these chapters, aside from easing geographic challenges, is envisioned to increase the voting population and capacity of all Cavite-based chapters when it comes to national voting concerns of the organization.

Also, the creation of more chapters will result in a show of numbers, when it comes to collaborations, such as government projects, instead of being represented by one chapter only.

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.

Leading the chapter is Ar. Dennis John L.

Bautista, Charter Chapter President; Charter Chapter Vice President Ar. James Art L. Pimentel; Charter Chapter Vice President Jeremy A. Beltran; Charter Chapter Secretary Ar. Kristina O. Diokno; Charter Chapter Treasurer Ar. Christopher L. Esteves; Charter Chapter Auditor Ar. Marlon C. Timbol. The board of directors includes Architects Ar. Zaldy C. Bellon, Ar. Marvin J. Tamayo, Ar. Leodimar G. Hernandez, Ar. Emmanuel L. Mendez, Ar. Roberto Hapin, Ar. Benjie Lara. Chapter Advisers are Ar. Edmon L. Samson and Ar. Charles G. Servida. The chapter has twenty-five charter members, inclusive of the officers.

The chapter is very thankful to the National Board of Directors for gracing their chartering despite the December 23, 2019 chartering date, as they are

after the one hundred and seventy five chapter number.

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. Tablan, UAP; Secretary General Ar. Ronnie R. Yumang, UAP; National Treasurer, Ar. Wilfredo G. Gacutan, FUAP; Past UAP National President Ar. Medeliano T. Roldan, Jr. FUAP; Executive Director, Commission on Education, and Charter Adviser, Ar. Jonathan V. Manalad, PhD, UAP; 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. Corcuera, 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.

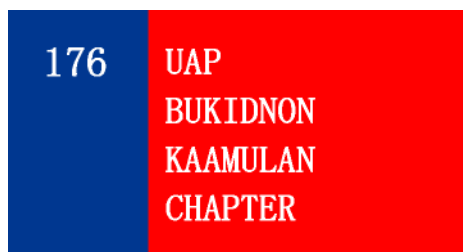
The guest of honor for the event was Congressman Elpidio F. Barzaga Jr., from the Fourth District of Cavite.



UAP Cavite Aginaldo Sentral Chapter Charter Members and Officers together with the members of the National Board of Directors (second row from left) Ar. Dante Aguirre, Ar. Vanessa Lagman Ledesma, Ar. Corazon Tandoc, Ar. Wilfredo Gacutan, NP Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr., Ar. Junar Tablan, Ar. Ronnie Yumang and Ar. Jonathan Manalad.



UAP Cavite Aginaldo Sentral Chapter Charter President Ar. Dennis John L. Bautista (extreme right) presents a token to Cong. Elpidio Bragaza, Jr.. With them are NP Ar. Benjamin Panganiban, Jr. and Past NP Ar. Medeliano Roldan.



CHARTERING OF UAP BUKIDNON KAAMULAN

By Ar. Vilma M. Aurita, UAP

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. Herbieta 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. Rhene A. Piquero. 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 call "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.

Aside from Arch. Herbieta as Charter President, other members of the chapter board are Vice President for Operations: Ar. Mark V. Medrano, Vice President for Administration: Ar. Reynaldo B. Ma-

belin, Secretary: Ar. Vilma M. Aurita, Treasurer: Ar. Dhaikye P. Baculot, Auditor: Ar. Cris Rommel S. Dailo, and Board members: Ar. Arlene B. Egama, Ar. Hizel Jane B. Camilo, Ar. Jessie James A. Castillo and Ar. Howell Jay G. Echavia.

The chartering of the newly-created chapter was witnessed by some of the family members and friends of the inductees.



UAP Bukidnon-Kaamulan Chapter Charter President Ar. Esmeraldo H. Herbieta signs the charter certificate as the rest of the charter members look on.



UAP National President Benjamin Panganiban, Jr., lights the symbolic candle during the chartering ceremony of UAP Bukidnon-Kaamulan Chapter.



UAP Area D Vice President Ar. Salvador Sandoval presents the chapter banner to Charter President Ar. Esmeraldo Herbieta and the rest of the charter members and officers of UAP Bukidnon-Kaamulan Chapter .

The Fifteen New UAP Chapters for FY 2019-2020



165 New Manila Centris



166 QC Commonwealth



167 Buglas Sur



168 QC Pugad Lawin



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170 Bacolod Acuzar



171 NE Palayan Central



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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 put 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. For Commission on Conventions

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



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. Bottom line—when a leader listens, the team gets 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 46th UAP National Convention and CONEX 2020** which was previously scheduled on April 23-25, 2020 to an indefinite later date.

I understand that this decision will create challenges for the National Board, the organizing committees, our stakeholders and our UAP members in general. But this international pandemic has created unprecedented circumstances making this action PRUDENT and NECESSARY. As I have stressed 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 to protect the health and safety of everyone may involve significant inconveniences and personal sacrifices. 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 goodwill and understanding.

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

Marami pong salamat sa inyong lahat!

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

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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 center), with UAP Executive Director for Conventions, Assemblies, & Exhibits Ar. Antonio A. Valdez, FUAP (leftmost side).

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 Chua, Flori Sebastian, Minnie Rosel, Jinky Gannaban, Mike Chan, Louie 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.

Our mindset, when it comes to our private practice, is 'safety first', and this, too, should be our mindset when it comes to the National Convention. 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 Arkitekto 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; CONEX 2020 Organizing Committee; UAP National Officers headed by UAP National President Ar.



ABOVE: UAP National President 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



Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr.; NatCon 46 Organizing Committee headed by Director Ar. Markel Luna; and UAP Staffs Ms. Alma Valencia, Ms. Evelyn Parayaon, and Ms. Jinky Bautista.

Armando DG. Pamintuan, fuap
Director, CONEX 2020

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 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

The CONEX 2020 is the 46th UAP National Convention's Construction Exposition. The Philippines' premier Building and Construction Expo, CONEX 2020 shall feature architectural materials, innovative systems, and new technologies.

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, Duchthboy, 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 expressed 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!

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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





TIMELINE OF THE PREPARATIONS:

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**.



The creation of the official FB group, was on **November 30, 2019** and **December 2, 2019** was the start of online registration.

Launch of Arkipark and Arkitech

January 15, 2020 launch of Arkipark and Arkitech

The arkiPARK and arkiTECH Plaza were formally made known via Facebook and other social media formats.



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-2-104198061081311/>).



UAP Kapihan ng Arkitekto

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

It 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 EQP, 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.

NATCON 46 SIGNING



CONEX LAUNCH



NATCON 46 ORCOM COORDINATION MEETINGS



KAPIHAN NG ARKITEKTO & EXHIBITORS' FORUM



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FUSION

We shall converge 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 UAP National Convention. It will definitely push 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 ECQ. Rest assured that your payments are fully accounted for, and everything is in order. Thank you! ☺



RUNKITEK 2 LAUNCH



NATCON 46 & CONEX 2020 PHOTO GALLERY

CONEX 2020 ORCOM COORDINATION MEETINGS



ASEAN Architects Cares

By Ar. Alfred Geoffrey C. Carandang
Chairman, Committee on ASEAN Practice



The PRC Board of Architecture (PRB-ARC) Chairman Hon. Ar. Robert Sac and PRC 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 Heray. 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 resiliency 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.

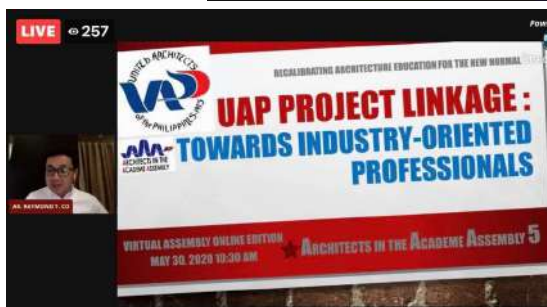
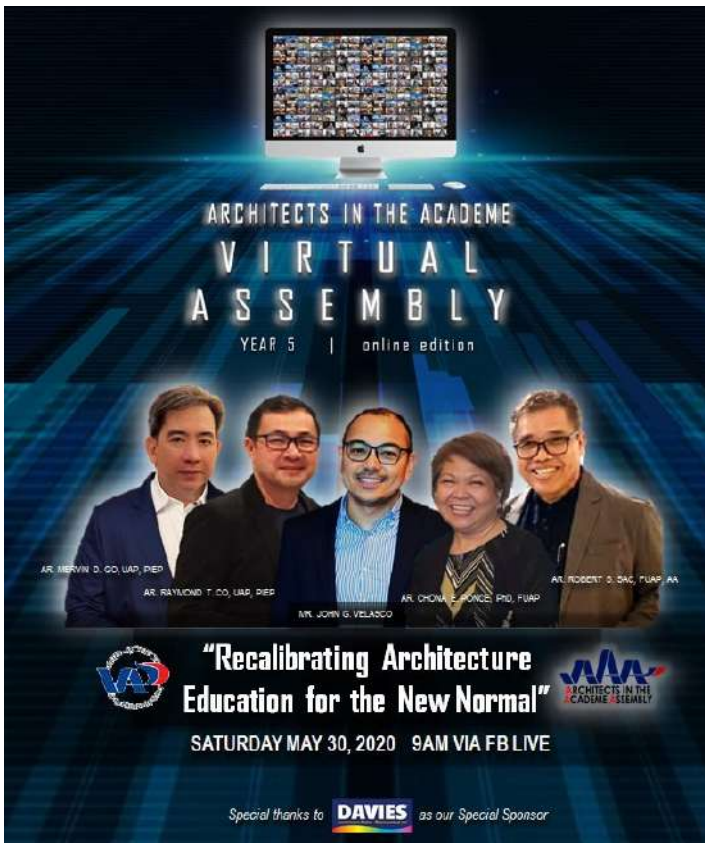
Following Velasco was Ar. Ponce, whose talk on “Challenges Administrators Face Post-COVID-19 Pandemic” gave insights to the problems that came to light during the pandemic, as well as innovative strategies for continued education in the current situation. She said that while Flexible Learning System 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 Oath-taking 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 academe, 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 LGU 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 an accredited Civil Service Organization. And at the

same time, being an accredited CSO enhances the current local development of the towns, cities, 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 signifying 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.



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Office of the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

EXCERPTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 13TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE 13TH SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN NG ALBAY (SPA) HELD AT THE SESSION HALL, PROVINCIAL CAPITOL, LEGAZPI CITY, ON OCTOBER 1, 2019.

PRESENT:

HON. EDCCEL GRECO A. B. LAGMAN Vice Governor & Presiding Officer	
Hon. Jesus S. Salceda, Jr. Hon. Dante R. Arandia Hon. Melissa A. Abadeza-Armedilla Hon. Baby Glenda O. Bongao Hon. Reynaldo B. Bragais Hon. Howard Sim O. Imperial Hon. Eva Josephine L. Ribaya Hon. Raul E. Rosal Hon. Victor V. Ziga, Jr. Hon. Jescel Richard G. Salceda Hon. Joseph Philip L. Lee	Senior Board Member Board Member, <i>Floor Leader</i> Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member Board Member, <i>PCL President</i> Board Member, <i>ABC President</i>

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Neil L. Montallana Hon. Jesus M. Go	Board Member Board Member, <i>SK Federation President</i>
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PROVINCIAL RESOLUTION NO. 00103-2019

APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION OF UNITED ARCHITECTS OF THE PHILIPPINES (UAP), TABACO CHAPTER, WITH OFFICE ADDRESS AT #28, E. AGUINALDO ST., BARANGAY 12, BACACAY, ALBAY, AS NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY.

AUTHOR: HON. MELISSA A. ABADEZA-ARMEDILLA

WHEREAS, Section 23, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the state encourages non-governmental, community-based or sectoral organizations that promote the welfare of the nation;

WHEREAS, Section 34 of Republic Act No. 7160 mandates local government units to promote the establishment and operation of people's and non-governmental organizations to become active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy; Article 64 of the Rules and Regulations Implementing R.A. No. 7160 sets the procedure and guidelines for its accreditation;

WHEREAS, upon careful perusal of the submitted documents, the same have been found to be in order hence, this approval;

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PROV'L. RES. NO. 00103-2019
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October 1, 2019


NOW, THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Melissa Abadeza-Armedilla, severally seconded by Hon. Reynaldo Bragais, Baby Glenda Bongao, Victor Ziga, Jr., and Howard Sim Imperial, be it


RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Sangguniang Panlalawigan, in session assembled, to **APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR ACCREDITATION OF UNITED ARCHITECTS OF THE PHILIPPINES (UAP), TABACO CHAPTER, WITH OFFICE ADDRESS AT #28, E. AGUINALDO ST., BARANGAY 12, BACACAY, ALBAY, AS NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION IN THE PROVINCE OF ALBAY.**

RESOLVED, FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be furnished the concerned NGO, for information and reference.


ADOPTED, OCTOBER 1, 2019


WE HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing.


GRACE T. MAIBAMIT
 Secretary to the Sanggunian


MELISSA A. ABADEZA-ARMEDILLA
 Author

ATTESTED:


EDCEL GRECO A. B. LAGMAN
 Vice Governor & Presiding Officer



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11 September 2019

AR. KRISTINE M. LAGMAN, UAP, PIEP
 President
 United Architects of the Philippines
 UAP - Tabaco Chapter
 #28, E. Aguinaldo St.,
 Brgy. 12, Bacacay, Albay

Dear Ar. Lagman:

Greetings!

The SPA Committee on Labor, Cooperative & Accreditation, chaired by Board Member Melissa A. Abadeza - Armedilla, will conduct a **Committee Hearing** on **September 16, 2019, 2 o'clock in the afternoon** at the SPA Conference Room, Second Floor, Albay Capitol Bldg., Rizal St., Albay District, Legazpi City.

AGENDA:
 To discuss the Application for Accreditation/ Re-Accreditation of the following NGOs:


- 1) Women for Progress Movement;
- 2) Provincial Agricultural & Fishery Council; and
- 3) United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) Tabaco Chapter.

In this regard, may we respectfully invite you or your duly authorized representative to attend said hearing.

For confirmation and further details, please feel free to contact the SP Secretariat at 742-2855 or 742-6547.

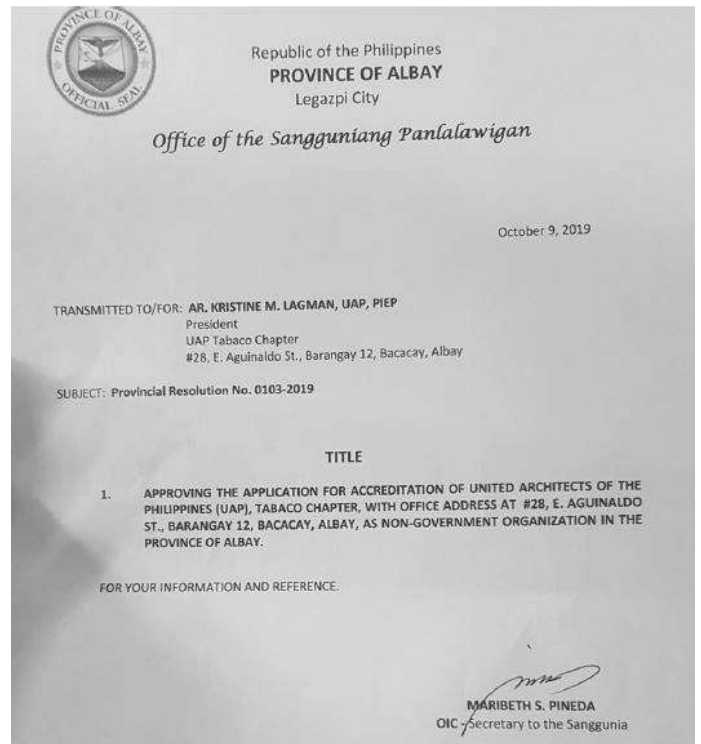
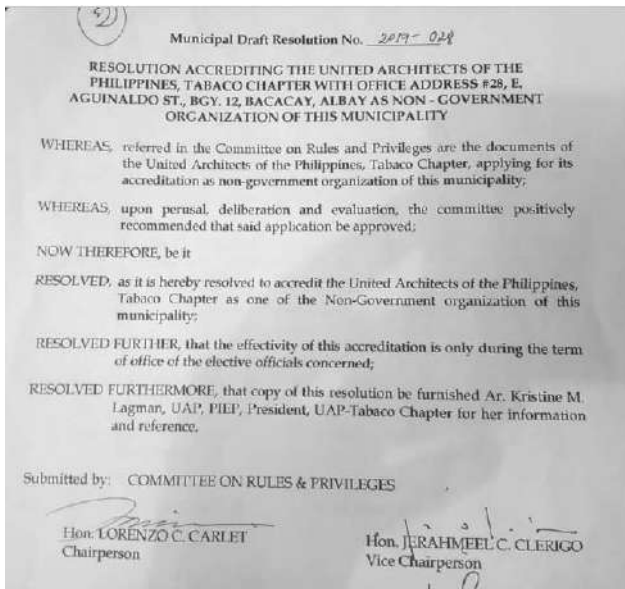
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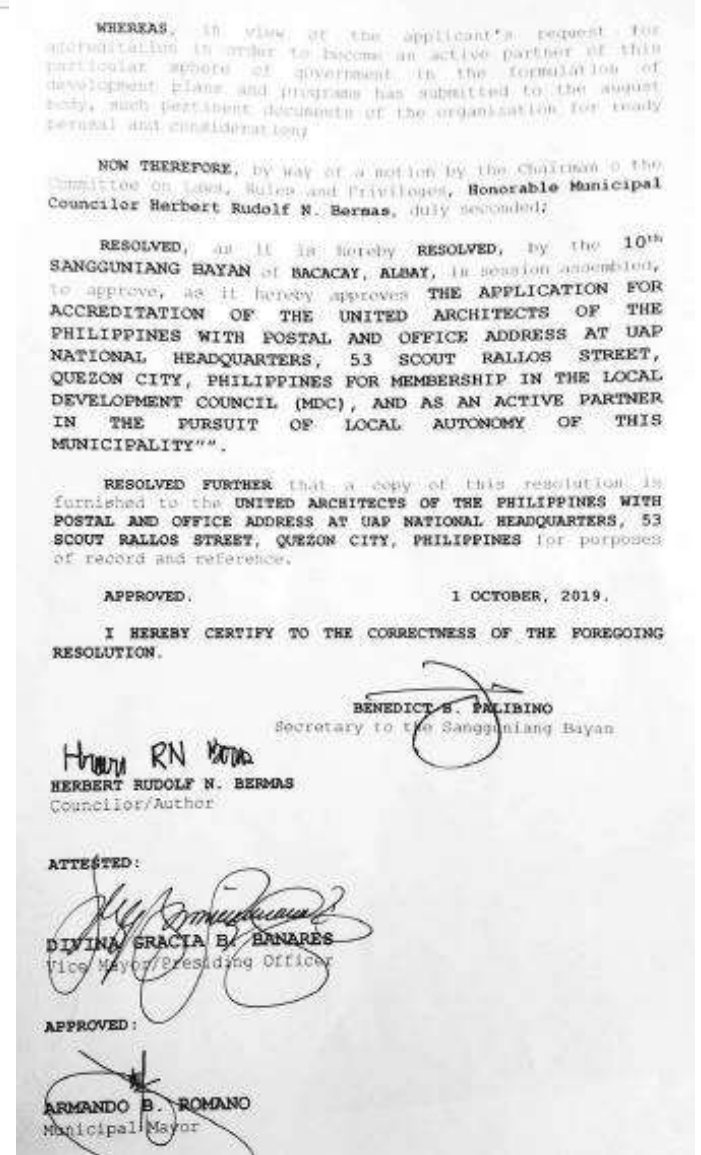
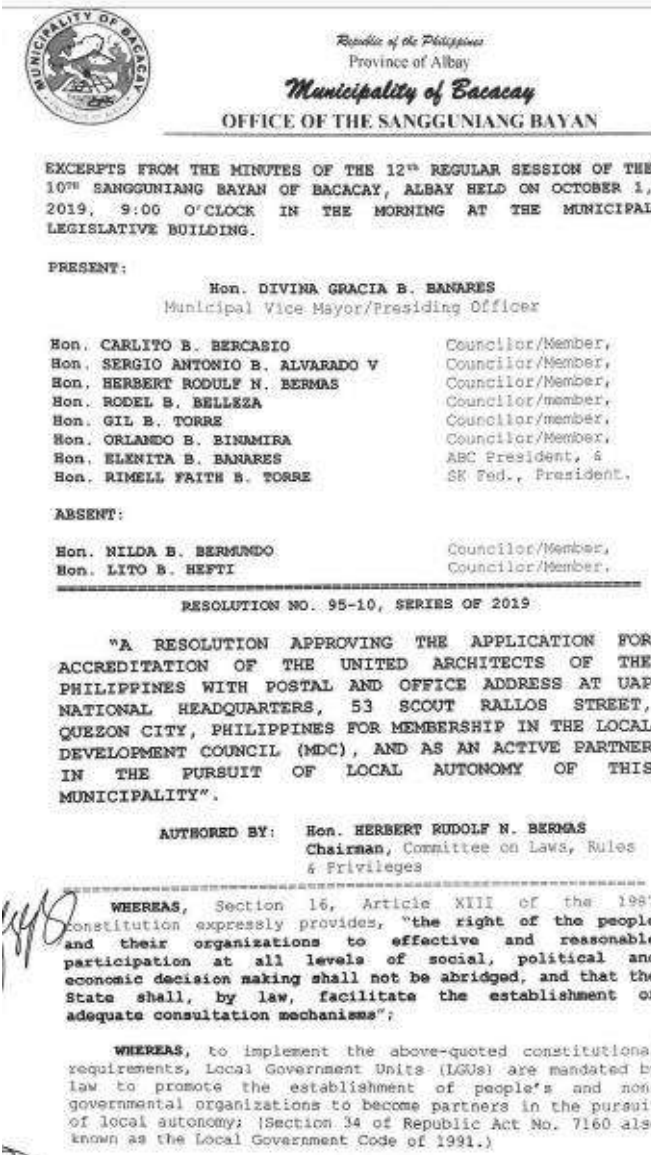

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 DIC Secretary to the Sanggunian

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



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.





UAP – Professional Development Commission, Professional Development Committee: Answers the Call to Provide Learning for Architects Amidst Quarantine

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

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 Abiera “*Tilt-Up Construction Methodology + Construction Safety*,” and in November there was **Piso Fair Pampanga 2**: Arch. Suzette Chua-Caringal “*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. Emitterio 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. Samosa, 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 require-

ments 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 mode 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.

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

As per assessment and evaluation by CPDC

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

ABOUT THE SEMINAR
The Seminar "Primer on the Practice of Environmental Planning" is an overview of the environmental planning profession for architects who wish to pursue a career in environmental planning. It discusses the meaning of environmental planning, including the technical and political processes that go into the formulation of solutions and policies. The seminar also tackles the 5 sectors of environmental planning, as well as discussing the difference of environmental planning with urban design. In addition, it enumerates the requirements and qualifications for those desiring to become registered and licensed environmental planners and also discusses the topics of the licensure examination. The seminar ends with a call for more urban planners in the light of shifting planning and design guidelines that will benefit national urban systems in the coming years.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER
Our speaker, Arch. Joby R. Giron is a Registered and Licensed Architect, Master Planner and Environmental Planner practicing in the industry with projects ranging from numerous Low to Medium Scale Residential, Commercial, and Healthcare Developments, Urban Planning Consultancies, and Planning Design Development. He is also a notable member of the academe producing brochures along with JPT Review Center for the Architect and Master Planner Licensure Examinations, and also currently Professional Lecturer 5 at the National University - College of Architecture in Manila, Arch. Giron is an active Member of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) where he served as Past President and National Positions. He obtained his Undergraduate Degree in Architecture from the Far Eastern University and is currently finishing his Graduate Studies in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of the Philippines-Diliman.

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Compliance with Assessment Test
This is to certify that the names appearing in the list above have attended the May 13, 2020, at 3:00 pm, taken and passed the assessment test with a pass

Arch. Gene Lar

OPPOSITE PAGE: poster of Piso Fair delivered in Pampanga last November 23, 2019; posters of all webinars delivered by the PDC during the quarantine period from April 15 to June 9, 2020; THIS PAGE, from top left: Hospital Planning and Design foundation course carried out November 11-15, 2019; poster of PDC Piso Fair reminding participants to bring their own water bottles as part of the reuse revolution advocacy; sample certificate of participation, and sample listing of passers of the assessment examination needed for self directed CPD application; sample presentation by Ar. Brian Ernest Regalado; members of the PDC preparing for the webinars via zoom.

Get an Architect Campaign

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 Wilcon 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.”

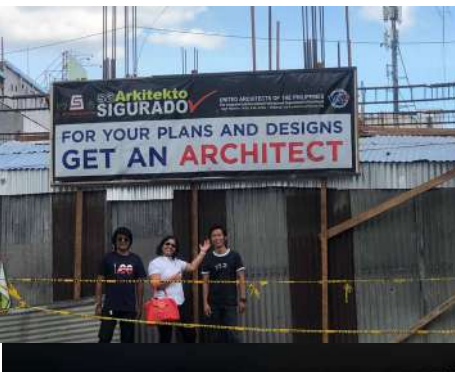
That verse is significant to me as an Architect, because it reveals that God is also an Architect and Builders as well.

God is indulge in Design, Build Services (DBS)

In the beginning, while an Architect envisions 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 along the way but not to the point of totally breaking away from its original concept.

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth is formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.



And God said, Let there be light, and there was light...let there be expanse between the waters to separate water from water, and it was so. God called the expanse “sky”. And God said , let the water under the sky be gathered to one place and let dry ground appear. And it was so. God called the dry ground “land” and the gathered waters he called “seas”. And God saw that it was good.” (Genesis 1:1-9)

God has created more and finally “man”, the apple His eyes was formed and His spirit gave him life.

Through His word all things were made and came into being.

God creates, man recreates!

God makes something out of nothing while man makes something out of existing.

For God has made all things.

Being an Architect as a profession and vocation is being able to serve mankind, first in assisting them on their basic needs to live comfortably through the provisions of functional, stable and beautiful house designs and plans and second helping them to build their dreams both in habitation and business aspects.

Architects further define our natural skylines as well as our surroundings by introducing continual innovative and excellent designs that contribute mainly to a very conducive and fine living.

Being a Pastor and God’s servant as a calling is being able to serve God and people with their spiritual life by strengthening their faith in God through His word and spiritual leadership provided in the Church. A pastor passionately extends care and counseling to Church members, conducting Bible studies at homes, preaching on Sundays and conducting spiritual trainings and seminars.

Archistry is a very interesting and a rewarding job, both vocation and calling playing the best of both worlds. In all that you do, do it all for the glory of God!

Secular work is interconnected with the spiritual call by way of the presence of God with us in all that we do, whether spiritual or secular acts. Given this, being an Architect and a Pastor is indeed very challenging as they are intertwined together by God’s divine mandate to serve Him and His people.

In Luke 10:27 it vividly says, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind; and love others as you love yourself.”

Loving God and loving others is serving God and serving people.

Not only is it about serving but also about forming the Cross. The vertical piece symbolizes our vertical love, passion for God and the horizontal piece describes our horizontal love, compassion for people.

Vertical love denotes our personal relationship with God while horizontal love is about our relationship with our fellowmen. Thus, the gist of the Cross at Calvary!

Thank you UAP Post for this given opportunity to impart ARCHISTRY!

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 naive being back and felt disoriented on adjusting to the lifestyle I haven’t grown (continued next column)

(Passion and Rewards...continued)

accustomed to, and try to work my way in becoming a somebody.

Now, by somebody, you might think I’m talking about becoming a wealthy and famous Architect. Well, almost everyone of us dreams to achieve that. For some reason, what I was aiming for at that very moment was how to be of help to others in my community. That’s when I thought of putting up a business with a goal, and take part in the socio-civic activities of my UAP CAPIZ Chapter.

Having gotten my first project, I knew that my goals can finally happen. I brainstormed a lot of ideas and became wary of my surroundings. There was one moment that I became nostalgic of my College days: the sleepless nights, piled-up plates, miniature model making, and the hardship of finding materials for school projects. That very moment was when I found my Eureka— contribute to the aspirations of driven Architecture students.

Roxas City is a quaint and peaceful city filled with passionate people for the Arts; but lacking resources to give their careers a boost. One of those group of people are Architecture students lacking materials for projects, thus forcing them to spend more time and resources to travel, delaying their submissions and draining their resources just by looking for these requirements.

With the earnings I got from my first project, I decided to invest it on Architectural and Art supplies, got a small and affordable space to start-up as a newbie 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 drafting boards, and do social 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 of writing, UAP Capiz Chapter has taken into agreement to help one municipality in Capiz to redevelop their Municipal Hall and Plaza.

Looking back on my very beginnings as a young Architect having not even one connection somewhat 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-slash-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.

Architectural Permit, A Mayor's Promise

By Ar. Estrelita Ibera Rugnao, UAP, UAP ICF Chapter

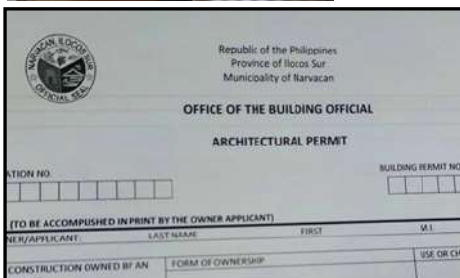
UAP-Ilocos Ciudad Fernandina Chapter – The implementation of the Architectural Permit will now take effect in the municipality of Narvacan, Ilocos Sur.

UAP Ilocos Ciudad Fernandina Chapter revisit the former President of Philippine Councilors League now Mayor Luis "Chavit" Singson 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 Permit in the municipality of Narvacan.



Left: Mayor Luis "Chavit" Singson during the UAP Ilocos Ciudad Fernandina Chapter second GMM Sept. 22, 2019 at Sulvec, Narvacan, Ilocos Sur



Above: After less than a year, Mayor Luis Singson 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 Rugnao, UAP, UAP ICF Chapter

UAP Ilocos Ciudad Fernandina Chapter President Arch. Enp. Estrelita Ibera Rugnao 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. Enp. Estrelita Ibera Rugnao 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 "Recommending 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".



Architectural Permit in Sorsogon Now Mandatory Thru Power of Executive Order

By Ar. Anna Mari Valino, UAP, UAP Sorkas Chapter

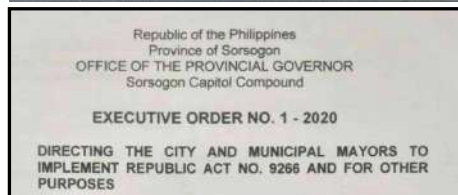
UAP Sorsogon Kasanggayan Chapter - Another Local Chapter has succeeded in the quest for the mandatory implementation of 9266, thru the power of an Executive Order, mandating local Municipalities to require Building Officials to require all Architectural Permits to be signed solely by Architects.

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, fuap., 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.

On January 9, 2020, The Governor of Sorsogon, Gov. Chiz Escudero, issued EO 1-2020, Directing the City and Municipal Mayors to implement RA 9266.

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 Moises S. Encinas, fuap, 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.



Above: UAP NP Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr., with UAP Sorkas CP Anna Mari Valino, discussing RA 9266 with Governor Francis Escudero; Middle: UAP Sorkas Chapter, with NP Panganiban, and District Director for B5 Ar. Christine C. Ordiz, 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.

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 Filipino Community in Malaysia in celebration of Christmas entitled Kapalmilya Love Weekend sa Pamaskong Kat-OWWA-an sa Malaysia 2019. It was held last December 1, 2019 at Komplex 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

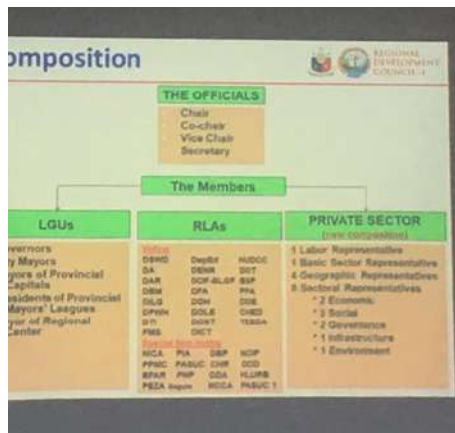


Malaysia (FFAM), and ABS-CBN The Filipino Channel. It is a Christmas concert and public outreach event rolled into one.

In his welcome remarks, Philippine Ambassador 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 was also a perfect opportunity for Get An Architect Drive. Promoting the profession extends to our overseas compatriots. OFWs and Filipino expatriates are our modern heroes contributing to almost 10% of our GDP. They have been keeping our economy floating. A big chunk 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 financial limitations, they want to ensure it will not be wasted. The interaction provided an opportunity to explain the role of Architects in making those dream a reality.



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

Training the Communities with Basic Home Improvements

By Ar. Ryan Songcayauon, UAP, UAP Davao Chapter

The UAP Sinlayan Dabaw 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, medicine, and minor operation. The community was very thankful for the said activity and likewise, the Chapter and the Department was very fulfilled not only in organizing the event but at the same time promoting the profession at the community level.



LEFT: Residents line up for the free Medical Outreach Activity on the second day of the event. (photo by Ar. Rexan Cabangal); BELOW: A mother drills a hole in an aluminum wall studding as part of the practical application. (photo by Ar. Myrafe Ylagan);



To the Aid of Earthquake Victims

By Ar. Ericson P. Europa, FUAP, PIEP

The series of powerful earthquakes and aftershocks that hit Southern and Central Mindanao in the last quarter of 2019 has brought so much misery and suffering to countless Filipinos, particularly in the provinces of Davao del Sur and North Cotabato.

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.

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.

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 *kabayans* temporarily staying in various evacuation centers.

UAP Davao Chapter members, headed by its President, Gilbert Peter Fortich, went to the badly-ravaged Municipality of Magsaysay 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 Charleen Alquiza, organized a gift-giving activity at the Boy Scout Camp in Barangay Cabilao, Makilala, North Cotabato on December 19, 2019. The architects brought smiles to faces of the children who received toys donated by UAP Del Pilar-Bulacatan Chapter.

For its part, UAPSA 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 Lampagang Elementary School in Tulunan, North Cotabato.



ABOVE: Residents of Barangay San Isidro in Magsaysay, Davao del Sur gather at the community covered court prior to the distribution of relief items organized by UAP Davao Chapter.



ABOVE: Members of UAP South Cotabato – Koronadal visit earthquake victims staying in temporary shelters in remote and inaccessible areas seldom reached by relief efforts.



ABOVE: Displaced families in Barangay Indangan, Kidapawan City live in makeshift shelters after the strong earthquake damaged their houses.



ABOVE: Children of affected families temporarily staying at the Boy Scout Camp in Makilala, North Cotabato receive toys and goodies from the architects.

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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 too.

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” 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.

Stay home, stay safe.

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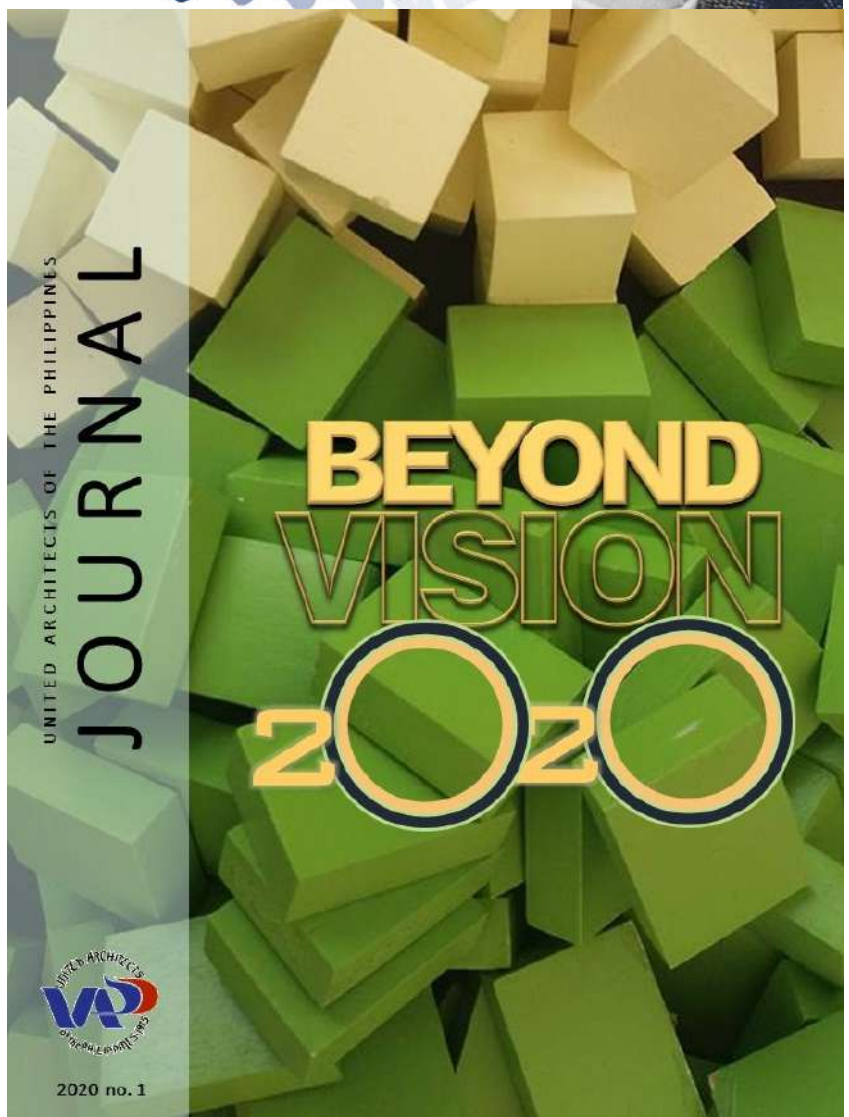
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