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Architects Ma. Elena Lamasan, chair of UAP Publications Committee and Edlee Tusi, Editor in Chief of the UAP Post, paid a courtesy visit and consultation with NP Arch. Guillermo Hisancha, together with staff from UAP Headquarters, regarding the presentation of plans and programs, August 11, 2016.

“Changing of the Guard”

The welcoming of the Fiscal “New Year” later last June is considered momentous, historical and special.

Let’s begin with the national scene. After a successful and generally peaceful national elections, an orderly transition of power was ob-

served. We have a new president, and what’s more special is that his ascension to the seat of power paved way to many firsts in Philippine history: the most prominent could be that he’s the first from Mindanao. Definitely, we citizens begin to revisit the local strength and place its prominence in the global scene.

Indeed, change has come!

For our Organization, the United Architects of the Philippines also witnessed the elevation into the presidency of a person truly local at heart, yet rough and ready to face the challenges of the national and global scenes of the architecture profession.

For the first time in more than two decades, Arch. Guillermo “Guimo” Hisancha is the leader hailed from the South, promising to concretize and harmonize the energy and enthusiasm, not just of the Organization, but with other professional groups concerning the architectural profession as well.

This fiscal year’s theme, which was coined by our National President, stands for UAP, being defined as Unity, Accountability and Professional Excellence. This message hopefully transpires into the motivation of every member, as change is already making its way through every facets of the Organization. This first issue is dedicated to the “change” we all need in time with the annual turn-over and induction ceremonies across the UAP hierarchy, and how the

new theme can define the sustainable progress among the general membership. Out of the chapters and districts which held their Induction and Inaugural this fiscal year, chapters held their turn-over of leaderships, sparking yet another light towards a brighter future of the UAP – as we always dreamed of.

editors’ notes

The so-called “Changing of the Guard” is not only limited to a ceremonial turnover of the people in charge of a duty, but a significant and phenomenal handover of tasks geared towards a united, responsible and excellent thrust of the Organization.

Happy reading!

Edlee S. Tusi, UAP
Editor-in-Chief



It has been 10 years since I was first invited by then Editor-in-Chief Steve Olanon to become part of our official publication as professional organization. It was truly an honor since I have always wanted to give back to the profession by serving the organization through writing. I was absorbed into a youthful editorial board that time as corresponding editor probably due to my background as a contributing writer for a newspaper publication in Cebu since my college days.

Yet with all the years of writing articles for the news, magazine and this publication, I feel that I still have so much to learn. It is great to pick up valuable lessons in creating stories by actually interacting with different colleagues and industry friends from all over the country through an active membership in the UAP. The bonds created promotes a sense of establishing common sensitivities and advocacies that aim to protect and strength-

en our profession. And even with the slight differences in views on certain issues, the presence of the organization reminds us that we belong to the same profession that has a vital role in nation building and creating a better and sustainable environment to live in.

One is never too young or too old to become an essential part of the UAP. I once said to our National President, “I would fully support your administration with or without an elected/appointed position”. Yes, you can help out in any way you can in our continued pursuit for professional excellence.

P.S. I would like to encourage our colleagues from the Visayas and Mindanao to share what you have been doing as a chapter or as regional district in the UAP. Please send us your short news items and articles for the future issues of the UAP Post (Email me at kanerip316@yahoo.com)



Karl Aries F. Cabilao, UAP
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EDITOR'S NOTE: *This is the complete script of the Inaugural Speech delivered by UAP National President Arch. Guillermo Hisancha on the occasion of the Inaugural Ceremonies at Iloilo City, June 30, 2016.*

At the start of my term last July 1st 2016, I have executed some of the fundamental functions of my office and one is to induct the new set of leaders of our district and chapters and to deliver the top priority plans, programs and activities this administration has initiated, started and hopefully to achieve during for this fiscal year.

So far, it has been more work and less play, less time with family and have missed my architectural office and staff,



clients, since I started my term as your 25th UAP National President.

In very hectic schedules, we have been doing inductions and chartering of new chapters all over the country and abroad. Well, sometimes with all of these, I admit that it's slowly taking its toll on my bodies physically, but, with the warm reception and kind hospitality that we have received from our colleagues, their expressions of good wishes and meaningful words full of inspiration, encouragements, support and kind appreciations which instantly relieves and motivate us to work more, all for the love of service and sake of our beloved profession and UAP organization. I really deeply felt humbled, delighted, so thankful and grateful to the general membership for giving me this rare opportunity and probably a chance of a lifetime to serve and lead this prestigious organization of Filipino architects.

Now, as the National President of the UAP, I have fulfilled not only a dream and a fantasy of reaching the pinnacle of our distinguished organization, but with great joy, excitement, hope and humility to be granted the stewardship to lead this venerable institution; as I am so grateful for the trust of the general membership and optimistic for the success of our shared future.

As I carry the torch of this new administration, we mark new beginnings by again gathering in solidarity; as we commit ourselves once again to UAP and all that it represents, in a new chapter of its distinguished rich history. My dear colleagues, our organization is in excellent shape, however, we are confronted too by lots challenges that we are facing each day. We need to sustain its state

and continuously work with persistence and passion. Now is the time to reflect on UAP's future. Now is also the time to visualize a prime organization of Filipino architects building on the rich legacy and accomplishments of our past National Presidents. However, as National President, I have also made a solemn vow and pledge and that is to rise up to the occasion, to meet and hopefully live up to your big expectations. There are immense challenges confronting our profession, and it is my intention to lead our organization, in achieving the best we can do, and make every UAP officer and member truly proud of. In pursuing this objective, I will be guided by the main goals, mission and vision of the UAP,

especially to unite all registered and licensed architects in the country, to promote the architectural profession and to advance the architectural standards of the continuing professional development of Filipino architects. This administration have set out a theme anchored on these missions and visions: for **UNITY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE.**

UNITY

This brings me to start with UNITY. While there will be time enough to debate our continuing differences, now is the time to recognize that what which UNITES US IS GREATER, THAN THAT WHICH DIVIDES US.

I know this is quite a tough mission bringing people with different views, outlooks and idealism together. But still I am confident that with their initial interest and expression of support in this longtime wish and worthy endeavor to finally have the unity we wanted for the sake of the profession and architects of the future generation. How I really wanted this matter come to fruition and I encourage all of you to help

and support me in this "Unity of Purpose" which might be the turning point of total harmonious unity and cooperation among Filipino architects regardless of professional affiliations. Indeed, a dream come true. We must remember that we must be united, and the outpouring of generosity and compassion reminded us that in times of challenges, we UAP Members shall move forward together, as one community and should serve as a catalyst of unity among Filipino architects. We must work together to achieve common goals through selflessness, collaboration, trust, mutual respect and all out support.

national president's page

With my 15 years' experience in the government – as an elected

official, 6 years as municipal councilor and 9 years completing my 3 terms then as vice mayor – I have learned that no obstacle is too great when there is consensus building and everybody on the team has to set their eyes on our common goals and objectives. Perhaps this is what defines my presidency in the UAP: consensus building and collaborative effort to make every officer and member feel, being part of the organization's pursuit in our hopes for the realization of our fondest visions and missions.

With all the tough tasks along the way, I have to admit that I cannot do it alone, and I need your commitments and full support, in order for us to achieve our goals. I want to emphasize the concept of teamwork in this endeavor. As President, I am the man at the helm. Alone, I will not be able to steer this ship called the UAP, without the help of our Districts and Chapters, and without the help of our

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Arch. Guillermo H. Hisancha, FUAP, AA
National President

“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.” – Nelson Mandela

Last July 15, 2016, we attended the successful Induction and Turn Over of Officers of the UAP Maharlika Chapter. The monsoon rain drenched our shoes and pants/gowns before we could enter the Ramon Magsaysay Hall in Roxas Boulevard. We enjoyed the camaraderie with colleagues and thus arrived home late at about 12:00 Midnight. I woke up at 3:00AM the next morning, July 16, to be able to start travel to Baguio at 4:00AM. We were able to arrive at Camp John Hay in time for the 10:30AM UAP Baguio Chapter Induction and left the venue at 3:00PM to return to Quezon City for the District A4 Induction at B Hotel, which finished at about 11:00PM. The next day, July 17, which is a Sunday, we drove again at 4:00AM to travel north to attend the UAP Pangasinan Scale's lunch time Induction in Dagupan City and the UAP Dagupan's dinner-time Induction in Lingayen. We did not wait for the Governor to arrive and we rushed to leave at 10:00 PM to travel back to Manila. I arrived home past 2:00Am the next day, slept for a few hours and got ready again to fly to Cebu City for the Metro Cebu Chartering on August 18 and the Fort San Pedro Chapter Chartering on August 19. We have to go to Mindanao down south and go back to the north sometimes in a week's time. I will not tell you the rest of the schedule we had, but that is how hectic a National Officer's life can be in the first 2 months. We miss work and leave our family behind. After so many Inductions, about 60 of them Chapters and Districts (counted as one) all packed into 2 months and a week, our body and mind got exhausted. Not to mention the emails that we have to answer in between breaks and the messages that we have to prepare and send to the Chapters asking for their Souvenir Programs. There are other Official Functions that we have to attend to like the launching of the Young Designers Award by Nippon Paint, and some of



Arch. Ma. Nina Bailon-Arce, FUAP, AA, APEC AR.
National Executive Vice President

of the interviews and the photo shoots that go with it. Last Sept 6, 2016, we had to go to the Supreme Court at Padre Faura in Manila, for the MOA signing and the launching of the International Conceptual Design Competition for the Supreme Court Complex. Yet, as we go from one Chapter or District to another, all those body aches we got from long land trips, late night sleeps and early morning flights were replaced with surprises, joyful laughter, hearty meals, fun filled trips to exotic places and

“So to encourage needy but deserving students of Architecture, we are pursuing this “Adopt a UAPSA” Program.

individual members. This will also pose a challenge for each and every one of you. We shall step up to the plate, and give your best, all for the sake of UAP organization and its members. This is just the start. And like an orchestra playing, each of us must contribute to the attainment of a beautiful scoring and rather not to spoil the beautiful music. Our mindset should always be, on what we can do, to make things work like magic, rather than watch for faults, or shortcomings of others and keep on criticizing while only watching things happen on the sidelines. What we need is a symphony, just as a symphony of shapes, structures and colors which makes for a beautiful

beautiful friendships as we arrive from one Chapter to another and one District to another and meet our colleagues from around the country. We are living our life to the fullest as others may say. Others misconstrued these as irrelevant social functions, yet for the Chapters we visit, this is very important. This is the only time that they will be able to meet and talk to the National Officers. This is the time that they will feel connected and important because, we took time to come and relay our National Plans and Programs personally. We are surprised by the hospitality each of them shows to the National Officers. Many gave a Lei be it plastic or fresh flowers, open their banners when we arrive at the airport, but in Virac, Catanduanes, it was different. They made it a point that we were able to stand at the Tarmac and they slowly rolled out the longest tarpaulin banner ever with our big names printed on it. We had the best boodle fight meal at a beautiful resort after a morning hike to Binurong Point. What a way to welcome the National Officers! What inspires me most is the overwhelming reply of all the Chapters and Dis-

tricts to our Challenge. Last year, we had given 12 UAPSA Grants worth P10,000.00 to needy UAPSA Members. This year we will make it bigger. We have challenged all the Chapters that we had been to, to give at least one UAPSA Grant. In a Chapter, one generous Architect can give P10,000.00 or 10 can give P1,000.00 each or 20 can give P500 each or P50 members can give P200.00 each, “...pang load or pang Starbucks”, that's what I say. We are 144 Chapters as of this writing and we will aim to get 144 UAPSA Grants. We thank all the Chapters and the Districts who pledged support to this noble endeavor. I thank those who have approached me/us and pledged for a



architecture. As architects, our focus should be on building, not weakening the structure of the organization. In the 41 years of UAP's existence, it has really grown, into one of the more dynamic, respected professional organizations in the country, being the only 5 time PRC Awardee, as the most Outstanding APO or Accredited Professional Organization, with around 16,000 active members, and going to a total of 144 chapters around the country and abroad. Again, the keyword is UNITY. In unity there is strength. That might seem, like an over-used cliché. But in the profession of architects, we need to dismantle the walls that have been erected, that keeps us from being united. We must seek to reconcile, and reunite with colleagues, even those from other architects' associations, or groups like the

personal support. I specifically thank Ar. Maximo Magsano Jr, UAP of Pangasinan Dagupan Chapter for being the first to respond to the challenge to share a UAPSA Grant. Our heartfelt thanks to you! I was once a Grant-in-Aid Scholar. I had to work an hour a day to be able to go to College until I got the full scholarship at the University of Santo Tomas, College of Architecture. I know how it feels to see our parents look for money. It was hard for my parents who were both elementary school teachers to make both ends meet and send us, 6 siblings to school. I thank Dean Augusto Concio for giving me this opportunity to be able to study Architecture. I am now an Architect because of that assistance. So to encourage needy but deserving students of Architecture, we are pursuing this “Adopt a UAPSA” Program. With the upcoming ASEAN Integration, we encourage Filipino Architects to bring out and showcase the best in Filipino talent and creativity, for us to put a mark in Asia and the world. Let us put a mark not just in design but also in giving. Let's pay it forward. Let us make a difference in a young student's life. 🇵🇭

National President...from Page 3

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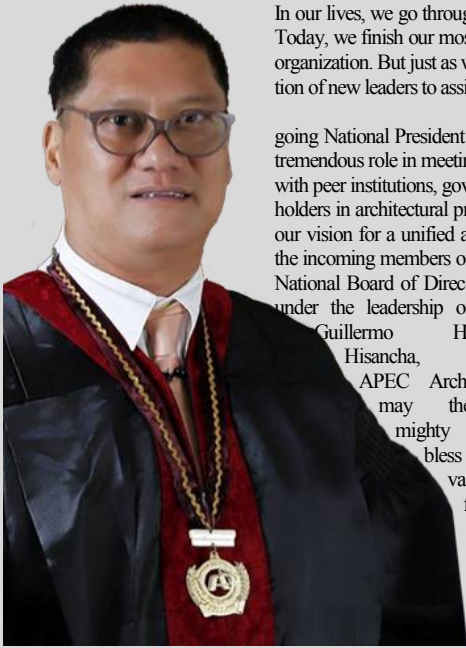
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PIA and the AAIF. I am so glad and happy with the initial positive and encouraging responses I got from Ar. Renato Basa and Ar. Delfin Viola, National Presidents of PIA, same with AAIF President Ar. Ludivina Gonzalez and other associations. Hope that all of you will be with me in this endeavor, for the sake of the profession, and for the architects of the future generations. I would like to make special mention the efforts exerted by Ar. Ma. Elena Evangelista who chairs the Committee on Architects Unification by trying to get all acts together despite of existing differences and coordinating to all concerned for initial talks for the realization of this fondest dream. This is a tough process I understand, but I'm confident that we will succeed, if we help and continue to cooperate each other setting aside differences.

As we confront greater challenges, our profession must

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Arch. Virgilio D. Andres, Jr, FUAP
Vice President for Area A

In our lives, we go through cycles or stages—and this organization is no different. Today, we finish our most recent chapter in what has been a storied history of this organization. But just as we end, we also begin, turning the page with the introduction of new leaders to assist as us we forge ahead.

The UAP under the leadership of our outgoing National President Arch. Maria Benita Ochoa-Regala, FUAP, AA, plays a tremendous role in meeting the needs of society, and our supports and partnerships with peer institutions, government, business, the greater community and our stakeholders in architectural profession which provide us with opportunities to develop our vision for a unified action that is geared towards professional excellence. To the incoming members of National Board of Directors under the leadership of Arch. Guillermo H. Hisancha, APEC Arch, may the mighty God bless us as we move forward, and we draw together UAP's vast strengths and marshal our resources in the ways we fulfill our potential for contribution and impact across all aspects of our missions as stewards of UAP.

**“But just as we end,
 we also begin...”**

As the new Area A Vice President, I look forward to our continued wisdom and support— as together—we recreate our beloved UAP as the prime accredited professional organization.

Mabuhay ang mga Arkitektong Pilipino! 🇵🇭

Greetings of peace and camaraderie to all!

UNITY. ACCOUNTABILITY. PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE. These are the battlecry of this administration and I, together with the National Board supports and lean towards achieving this well-timed agenda.

UNITY being the flagship mission under the leadership of NP Guillermo “Guimo” Hisancha is an enormous undertaking that entails steadfast dedication and duty to the Organization. My reverence and heartfelt gratitude to our magnanimous National President as he embarks on this year-long journey of remarkable en-



Arch. Kendel L. Esperas, UAP
Vice President for Area C

counters on chances and changes.

As Laurence Boldt once said, and I quote, “Good intentions are not enough, commitment and sacrifice are necessary.” Thus, one must not only contemplate on commendable plans, upright propositions and/or well intentioned reviews but instead come together as a solitary Organization gearing towards the desire to strengthen Profession and give back to build a better nation.

In celebration of our annual UAP Joint Area Assembly, may each one of us take upon the challenge to continuously celebrate with excellence and distinction—as a member and more so as a leader. Bearing in mind that it is through serving that we learn to lead and it is through giving that we receive.

Thank you all for being part of the 2016 UAP Joint Area Assembly, “XStream: Architects in Action.” *Mabuhay ang Arkitektong Pilipino. Mabuhay ang UAP!* 🇵🇭

vice president for area b

As we embark on our journey towards the fulfilment of our mission to pursue the advancement of our professional organization with the thrusts of Unity, Accountability, and Professional Excellence, I enjoy everyone to focus on rendering our service to the organization as a cohesive entity. It has always been noted historically that in unity there is strength when there is the inherent singular dedication to serve. As individuals, we may have varying philosophies in life - how we think and act according to the moral and ethical values that we adhere to. As architects, we may have different outlooks about the architectural profession – how we deal with our clients, the manner we design and build our architectural creations, and the way we update ourselves with emerging trends in architecture. But when unified as a group of professionals with the obligation to account for its activities, accept responsibility for them, and disclose the results in a transparent manner, we can never go wrong in our quest for the common goal that ultimately leads to the advancement of our professional excellence. Let us create a common sense of purpose and act in a unified and concerted manner for the best interest of our fellow architects and the protection of our profession. Let us be truly responsible and accountable for everything that we do when performing our professional services to our clients and the tasks assigned to us by the organization.

Let us uplift the image of the Filipino architect, locally and globally, by enhancing our professional growth and development and expanding our sphere of knowledge and ideas in the ever competitive world of architecture.

We need the substantial strength, the undivided commitment, and the genuine and straightforward transparency that shall uphold the ideals of our architectural profession and organization. It is our major concern to proudly reaffirm the UAP's honored status as the Professional Regulations Commission's Most Outstanding Pro-



Arch. Cesar G. Aljama, UAP
Vice President for Area B

fessional Organization of the Year. As proud members of the UAP, let us all adhere to the commitment to the culture of professional excellence by playing vital roles in shaping and influencing the society wherein qualified and licensed architects can become leaders who promote high ethical conduct, discipline, responsibility, and values while instilling unity among the Filipino architects.

I wish every one of us good luck towards the attainment of our goals for this fiscal year. May the new set of national, local, and international chapter officers bring greater glory to our beloved organization, the United Architects of the Philippines. 🇵🇭



Arch. Ferdinand A. Dumpa, UAP

Vice President for Area D

On behalf of Area D, my heartfelt felicitations to the general membership, the members of the National Board of Directors and the Organizing Committee of Joint Area Assembly as we hold our 2016 UAP Joint Area Assembly with the theme, "Xtream: Architects in Action" in Iloilo City.

I am confident that our current thrust are on the right track and this year's theme is very timely and significant as we continue to contribute progressive ideas and initiatives and build eminent goodwill for the welfare of our community. Our keen participation and involvement and sharing our available treasures to this activity mark valued success not only in tangible assistance but most importantly when we touch people's heart. When we work hand in hand with harmony of solidarity we will project the value and importance of the role of architects in nation building and public service as what A. Philip Randolph said *"Let the nation and the world know the meaning of numbers."*

Again, congratulations! Let us continue to encourage the members of our beloved organization to leave a legacy and achieve excellence in every aspect of our commitment.

Mabuhay ang Arkitekong Filipino!

It is great privilege and honor to present my colleagues and partners in the industry the programs and objectives from the UAP Office of the Secretary General for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017. In response to the overwhelming support and confidence, the following projects have been developed for the betterment of service and for the benefit of UAP general membership as well as the Organization.

A. Dynamic Workforce for the UAP HQ Personnel: by providing trainings, development programs, assistance and recogni-

tion programs to build a competent workforce and harmonious rapport within the UAP National office.

B. Effective Communication and Documentation for the UAP: by incorporating technology and introducing UAP Mobile apps, UAP Text and Mobile Blast, UAP website enhancement, posting on social media daily E-Newsletter "Keeping You Posted" and exhibit of architects and their works in UAP HQ. Through these means of communication, all local, even international, chapters will be connected and updated easily on what is happening with the Organization. This will encourage UAP members to promote the profession for public awareness because information dissemination is made easier by aid of technology resources.

C. Improvement of Record-keeping for the UAP General Membership: by enhancement of UAP database, reactivation of library and archives to ensure efficient management of UAP corporate documents and records.

D. Efficient Support Function for the General Public: by instilling volunteerism in socio-civic works and public service of the architects in the Organization, down to its chapters and members thru wide-range Corporate Social Responsibility Programs or response to calamity projects as our country frequently needed.



Arch. Rene Heray, FUAP, AA

Secretary General

Continuously participate in promoting our profession through the UAP.

Let our profession be a channel of great influence that will impact lives of people. Be united, accountable, and excellent in everything we do!

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Mabuhay ang Pilipinas, Mabuhay ang Arkitekong Pilipino!

national auditor

It is my distinct honor and privilege to greet the editorial staff of the UAP POST under the able leadership of Ar. Edlee S. Tusi as they roll out the maiden issue for FY2016-2017. The UAP POST plays a vital role in the scheme of things because "a well-informed membership is an enlightened membership." Nowadays, we are bombarded with a lot of news items both from traditional media and social media that it is sometimes difficult to discern what is true and what is not. Many of man's problems are caused by wrong information or mis-information and it is becoming a daunting task for one, even with good intentions to be able to give "the correct and accurate" information. Thus, a credible

Arch. Eldred Caesar I. Tan, FUAP

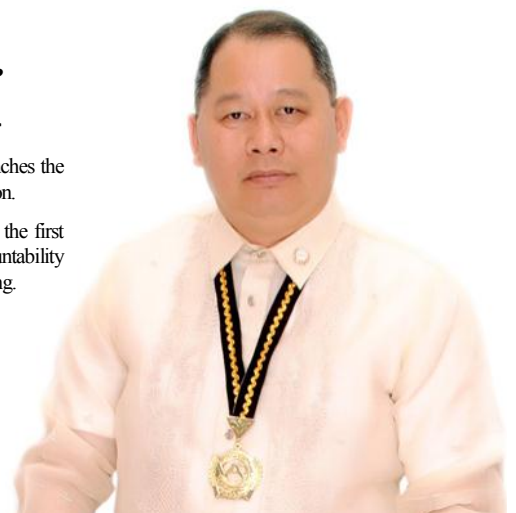
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publication like the UAP POST fills the void and quenches the thirst of our members for valuable and reliable information.

Lastly, may I remind you all that before you compose the first sentence, always bear in mind our theme "Unity Accountability and Professional Excellence" and you will never go wrong.

Soar High, UAP.

Congratulations and more power to all!



COF Gears up for FY 2016-2017



Arch. Norma I. Alarcon, FUAP
Chancellor, UAP College of Fellows

The UAP College of Fellows, during the 42nd National Convention's Convocation of Fellows held last April 21, 2016 elected the following officers for the fiscal year 2016 – 2017. Arch. NORMA I. ALARCON – Chancellor; Arch. MA. LISA V. SANTOS – Chancellor-Elect; Arch. TED VILLAMOR INOCENCIO – Vice-Chancellor; Arch. LUIS T. REYES – Scribe; and Arch. RICHARD GARCIA – Bursar. The Immediate Past Chancellor is Ar. Miguel M. Carpio. The new officers were inducted in Office during the Presidential Inaugural of Ar. Guillermo Hisancha last June 30, 2016 held in Iloilo City.

The College of Fellows is proud to announce that one of its members, Ar. Jose Thomas D. Beldia, FUAP, was awarded by the Professional Regulation Commission as the Outstanding Architect for 2016, last June 22, 2016, at the Manila Hotel. Ar. Beldia has an extensive practice of the profession. Some of his projects include Subic Housing Project; Subic Bay Freeport, Chang Chun Mega City, China; Moldex Realty, Quezon City; Swiss-Belhotel International, Quezon City; Jaime Cardinal Sin Village, Sta. Ana, Manila; Diamond Bay Towers, Roxas Blvd., Manila.

The COF had its first GMM last July 09, 2016 held at the 3rd Floor of the UAP Headquarters. The Chancellor presented to the body the plans and programs for the fiscal year 2016-2017. In the monthly meetings that will be held every first



Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBoA) Chair Arch. Robert Sac, FUAP (left) presided over the oath-taking of the officers of the UAP College of Fellows for FY 2016-17 at the Inaugural Ceremonies in Iloilo City, June 30, 2016. UAP National president Arch. Guillermo Hisancha, FUAP (2nd from left) witnessed the ceremony.

Saturday of the month, the following activities were lined up, as illustrated in the table.

After the presentation by the Chancellor, the first activity, entitled "Candy Crush": A Lecture on Diabetes was given by Dr. Sheryl N. Tugna, MD, FPCP, DPSEDM. Dr. Tugna graduated Cum Laude

MONTHS	TOPICS	TITLE
July	Lecture: Diabetes	Candy Crush
August	Lecture: Bamboo	Bahay Kawayan
September	Marikina Food Trip	Kain Pa More
October	Balik Tanaw	
November	Pastillas Making	Borlas de Pastillas
December	(NAW) Pasko sa Tulay ng Kabataan	
January	Architectural Photography	
February	Lecture: Cardiology	Heart of the Matter
March	Lecture: Anger Management	Kalma Lang
April	Convention/Investiture of Fellows	
May	Biyaha: Batanes	
June	Turn-Over	

from the UST College of Medicine in 2006. Currently with St. Luke's Medical City Global City, Dr. Tugna is a Fellow, Philippine College of Physicians and a Diplomate, Philippine Society of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism. Her lecture on diabetes covered the causes and effects of diabetes on an individual's health. The lecture was very easy to

understand since Dr. Tugna used graphics and discussions about the disease in the layman's language.

Following the doctor's lecture was a presentation of a proposal by Chancellor Alarcon for an international tour to cover key cities of four European countries: Czech Republic, Hungary, Austria and France. The proposal also invites all UAP members including their friends and families to join the trip which is scheduled on March 2017. Announcements regarding the trip will be constantly made so that interested parties may be able to join the tour.

Upon the adjournment of the meeting, the birthday celebrants for the month of July were feted with greetings, hugs and kisses. Fellows who were present and blew their birthday candles were: Ar. Benedict Hermoso, Executive Director, Sentro ng Arkitekturang Filipino 2016-2017, Ar. Amado Tandoc, Bursar 2015-2016, Ar. Luis T. Reyes, Scribe 2016-2017. Ironically, despite the lecture on diabetes, many could not resist partaking of the birthday cake.

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UAP-CIA ON THE MOVE

Heeding the call of the UAP National President Arch. Guillermo “Guimo” Hisancha for Unity, Accountability and Professional Excellence, the Commission on Internal Affairs (CIA), under the leadership of Arch. Corazon Tandoc, FUAP, has laid out various plans and programs to strengthen membership participation and further professional development. Among these plans include the update of membership database, creating online modules for conferences and seminars, streamlining and evaluating membership status, fostering camaraderie through creative physical activities, and more. 🇵🇭



ED CIA Corazon Fabia - Tandoc, FUAP, ASEAN Architect with Committee Chairs Olive Robles, IT Committee; Carol Victorino, Vice Chair General Welfare Committee; Vanessa Lagman, Membership Committee; Becca Rellosa, Chapter Organization; Roger Victorino



ED CIA Corazon Fabia - Tandoc, Fuap, Asean Architect meeting with NP Guimo Hisancha and Committee Chairs Carol and Roger Victorino, Rebecca Rellosa, Vanessa Lagman and Dante Aguirre



From left to right: General Welfare Committee Chair and Vice Chair Carol Victorino and Roger Victorino, ED CIA Corazon Tandoc, NP Guimo Hisancha, Chapter Organization Committee Chair Becca Rellosa and Membership Committee Chair Vanessa Ledesma.

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uap-emergency architects

BUILDING FOR RESILIENCE: Materials and Construction Technologies

By Arch. Stephanie Gilles, UAP, PIEP

The UAP Emergency Architects (UAP-EA), a socio-civic disaster-response arm of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), has organized its first major capacity building activity for the year, geared towards disaster resilient methods. Held last September 24, 2016 at the Events Hall of CW Home Depot Makati, the seminar was entitled “Building for Resilience: Materials and Construction Technologies”. The event was attended not only by fellow architects, but also by engineers, environmental planners, landscape architects, real estate brokers, contractors, developers, resiliency advocates, students from over 30 schools & universities, and other individuals who support disaster resilience as their advocacy. In fact, the response to pre-registration was overwhelming (a total of 709 online registrants), prompting the UAP-EA to relocate to a bigger venue to accommodate those who have signed up, along with the walk-in participants.

The program set out for a solemn start as UAP-EA Chairman Ar. Stephanie Gilles led the invocation, followed by the National Anthem and UAP Hymn. UAP-EA Founding Chair Ar. Rey Gabitan shared his wisdom in the Opening Remarks, which also detailed the current initiatives in Disaster Resilience, as well as touching base on the beginnings and aspirations of the UAP-EA. The first speaker, Mr. Ted Stubbersfield, came all the way from Australia to share his expertise on the various applications of timber. Introduced by UAP-EA's Mem-



Open Forum with questions addressed to the speakers; Inset photo shows the CWHD Events Hall of CW jam-packed with participants.

bership Head Ar. Matthew Chua, Stubbersfield was generous in sharing case studies of disaster resilient construction buildings, as well as giving a brief background on the climatic landscape of Australia to put things into context.

The second speaker was UAP-EA's very own Ar. Jose Miranda, who was introduced by UAP-EA Core Group member Ar. Robert Simbol. During his talk, he gave the structural properties and highlighted on the versatility as well as practical applications of coco lumber, posing a challenge to the audience in using coco lumber for other uses. One of the most-awaited speakers, based on initial audience interviews, was Engr. Fred Silisilon, Jr., who was consequently introduced by UAP-EA's External Affairs Head Ar. Tessa Espinas. He shared the various applications of bamboo, being a flexible and resilient material, readily renewable and constantly available, looking at it as a building material with a lot of potential for construction.

After the a short break, the talks resumed with the fourth speaker, the team of Ar. Eddie Urcia and his son, Ar. Francis Urcia, who was introduced by UAP-EA's Facilities Head Calixto Camantigue, Jr.. The two speakers are also the winners of the 1st UIA-UAP Joint Design Competition on Emergency Disaster Health Care Facilities. In separate talks, the two discussed theoretical and practical applications of precast concrete materials, sharing the salient features of their invented and patented precast construction technology techniques.

This was followed by a discussion on steel as a building material by Engr. Ruel Ramirez, who was introduced by UAP-EA's Capacity Building Head Ar. Geomilie Guittap. He took a different approach on the discussion, winning over the attention of the crowd as he combined

PROFPRAC COMMISSION HEAD TALKS ON THE GLOBAL PRACTICE OF THE PROFESSION AND WHAT THE COMMISSION IS DOING ON THE VARIOUS PITFALLS AND COMPLAINTS ON ILLEGAL PRACTICES.



UAP Exec. Dir For Commission on Professional Practice, Arch. Benjamin Panganiban Jr., FUAP, AA

The UAP Commission on Professional Practice has a new Executive Director in the person of Ar. Benjamin K. Panganiban Jr., who hails from President Rodrigo Duterte's place in Davao City. He has been a UAP member since 1985 and is a Fellow of the UAP. One of the First 40 ASEAN Architects, Panganiban is also an APEC Architect and a Private Practitioner in the practice.

Panganiban has been an active, loyal and dedicated member of the UAP since passing the board and has been in various UAP National Committees helping out the profession. Last year, he was the National Committee Head on Private Practice of the Commission on Professional Practice, giving out talks and lectures on Private Practice all around the country and now started hitting the ground running so to speak, at the start of this new administration, with lectures on ProfPrac to UAP Chapters such as UAP Bacolod chapter, UAP San Juan Mandaluyong Chapter, UAP District B4 Chapters (Batangas, Quezon Province,

ing them on complaints on the practice of architecture. He feels there is also a need to educate the architects so that they will be knowledgeable on the rights of the architects AND the rights of others too. Last year alone, Ar. Panganiban gave a talk to UAP Dubai Chapter and to

professional practice commission



Arch. Benj Panganiban Jr. with UAP Bacolod Chapter President Jennifer Benedicto Iral, Ar. Roberto T. Aguillon and other UAP Bacolod members last July 2, 2016 in Bacolod City

23 UAP chapters nationwide from UAP Cagayan Valley Chapter and UAP Cagayan North Chapter all the way down south to UAP Socksargen Chapter.

On the pitfalls and complaints of Illegal Practices, Ar. Panganiban and his commission have already laid the groundworks for the module to be presented to the NBD by covering the agencies or entities that have influences over the profession. A discussion with the PRBoA chair and members, Ar. Robert Sac and Ar. Robert Mirafuente; past PRBoA chair Ar. Rolando Cordero; NBI Legal Chief Division Head, Atty. Jose-lito Aban and NBI Architect

Domingo Tablizo jr.; NBI special agents; Lawyers in the government agencies and in the private practice; concerned architects with complains; present and past national presidents and officers of UAP have been helpful in condensing the reports.

As of this writing, the Committee on Ethics which is under his commission, and Ar. Panganiban have heard, reviewed, settled concerns of architects whenever possible, and has advised complainants on the possibilities of resolving conflicts peacefully and amicably.

The UAP Commission on Professional Practice has seven (7) Committees headed by the following competent and abled workers of the organization, to wit; Ar. Henry Steve Olonan- Head, Committee on Private Practice; Ar. Reynaldo Acosta – Head, Committee on Government practice; Ar. Paolo Alberto – Head, Committee on Allied Professionals; Ar. Rosette Santos – Head, Committee on Green Architecture; Ma. Luisa Gutierrez – Head, Committee on Competitions; Ar. Edilberto Florentino, fuap – Head, Committee on Ethics; and Ar. Ram Coloma Aurelio – Head, Committee on Arbitrations.

San Pablo and Laguna), UAP Kadayawan Dabaw Chapter; and even UAPSA chapters. UAP Bulacan Chapter will be a beneficiary of his talk on Sept 24 while UAP Iloilo Chapter will welcome his Commission on October.

Infact, Ar. Panganiban will be report to the Architects Regional Asia (ARCASIA) on Sept 26 as to the Committee on ProfPrac in and will also present a talk there on tackle Illegal Practices in the Philippines in Bangladesh during the AR-Committee on Professional Practice, ban injected into the Committee's Architect's Practice Data in Asia / concerns that will help their regional and global practices.



UAP SAN JUAN MANDALUYONG CHAPTER President Arch. Jessie Batol and Arch. Benj Panganiban Jr., as Guest Speaker at the UAP San Juan Mandaluyong GMM last Aug. 25, 2016.

The UAP Commission on Professional Practice is task to look after the practice and thus, Ar. Panganiban and his commission has also made it a point to module to the UAP National Board the Complaints of Illegal Practices and what the architects should know on Foreign Architects practicing in the Philippines. Because of his exposure to the concerns of the different chapters nationwide and even chapters abroad, Ar. Panganiban feels the need for UAP National to reach out to the regional architects by visiting the various chapters and presenting the works of the Commission on Professional Practice to the chapters, and gathering their sentiments, and advis-

presenting a Council in representative ARCASIA "How to pine". Last CASIA Ar, Panganiban format for the added fea-architect's in

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some audio-video clips of how steel is extracted, fabricated and extruded to make it ready for use as a structural building material. Last but not the least is Ar. Eric Benitez from Habitat for Humanity Philippines, introduced by UAP-EA Ways and Means Head Ar. Mike Baluarte. He shared several case studies from among their housing projects all over the country, making use of precast concrete construction technologies.

Then, the most exciting part of the seminar commenced: An open forum facilitated by UAP-EA Capacity Building Head Ar. Geomilie Guittap. Some of the more popular questions included applications of bamboo as a resilient material, the various uses of timber and coco lumber, as well as recommendations for specific cases. One of the finer parts of the program was the session wrap up,

given by Immediate Past UAP National President, Ar. Beth Regala. She outlined each of the talks, helping the audience recall some of the essential features of the presentations, bringing forth key issues that could be takeoff points for further study.

UAP-EA Chair Gilles along with IPP Regala, UAP-EA Founding Chair Gabitan and Executive Director for Professional Development Ar. Mike Guerrero, awarded plaques of appreciation and tokens to the guest speakers, and gave certificates to its event partner sponsors; CW Home Depot, Boysen, Avolution, Colorsteel & Philippine Steel framing Corporation. The UAP-EA also recognized the help and support of UAP-Makati Chapter, UAPSA volunteers and other individuals and organizations that helped make the event a resounding success.

To end the proceedings, UAP-EA Chair Gilles delivered the

Closing Remarks and, along with the Master of Ceremonies UAP-EA's Geolette Esguerra, wrapped up the seminar with hopes for future collaboration with potential partners, among whom were Oxfam, MRTC, GreenAP and like-minded institutions. Truly, the event offered a fun learning experience not only to fellow architects but to students and other professionals from different fields as well. Through capacity building events such as these, the UAP Emergency Architects endeavors to spread information and share knowledge throughout the profession for emergency response and disaster resilience.

For more information and updates, please follow the UAP Emergency Architects on Facebook or visit <https://uaupnewsletter.wordpress.com> and uap-ea.blogspot.com.

Redefining Accountability from Resolution to Action. The UAP at your doorsteps thru Balangkas.



With the aim of unifying all architectural professional organizations in the Philippines, the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) was formally recognized as the integrated professional organization for architects last May 12, 1975 by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC). It was a result of the merger of the three (3) existing architectural organizations during that time – Philippine Institute of Architects (PIA), Association of Philippine Government Architects (APGA), and League of Philippine Architects (LPA). Fast forward forty one years later, the UAP bore witness to numerous challenges and issues ranging from mundane concerns to complicated ones. In response to these, the UAP had institutionalized several committees to address current issues and concerns, and one of which was the *Balangkas* Committee. *Balangkas* was derived from the Tagalog word “balangkas,” which literally means “framework,” specifically “propositions and projects”, or “to decide on methods.” The said committee is one of the eight (8) Standing Committees under the Commission on Government and External Affairs (CGEA) led by Executive Director Arch. Gil V. Japitana, UAP directly under the Office of the National Executive Vice President Arch. Ma. Nina Bailon-Arce, FUAP, AA.

As per the 2009 UAP By-Laws, the *Balangkas* Committee is mandated to coordinate with other commissions and committees of UAP which will provide venues for discussion of timely and relevant issues affecting the architectural profession in particular and the construction industry in general. Moreover, the committee also provides an opportunity for UAP’s interaction with government and private sector in crystallizing programs and projects and development of new opportunities for the architectural profession. Likewise, it encourages and assists the organization of *Balangkas* fora by the UAP Regional Districts. Local UAP chapters can form also their own *Balangkas* local committees as well.



Traditionally being held by most districts during the celebration of the World Architecture Day (WAD) during the month of October and the Nationwide Architecture Week every second week of December. The current *Balangkas* National Committee for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 has embarked on trailblazing initiatives and programs to “professionalize” the way how each *Balangkas* forum is to be conducted, which ideally can be conducted all the year round as the need arises. The committee is led by its Chair (and UAP Manila-MAGS Immediate Past President) Arch. Sylvester Shaun D. Seño, UAP, with Committee members – Vice Chair Arch. Edgar M. Chavez, UAP, PhD (UAP Manila Sta. Mesa), Committee Secretary Arch. Kathleen I. Runas, UAP (UAP Manila Maharlika), Committee Head for Operations Arch. Cesar E. Aris, UAP (Chapter President, UAP QC Silangan), Commit-

tee Head for Programs and Planning Arch. John John C. Ong, UAP (UAP Makati), Committee Chief Coordinators for VizMin Areas – (past UAP Regional District C-2 Director) Arch. Roberto T. Aguilon, UAP (UAP Bacolod) and Arch. Raida Ann C. Yusay, UAP (Chapter President, UAP Ilo-ilo) and Committee Head for Marketing Arch. Ronald A. Dalmacio, UAP (UAP Manila MAGS-Chapter Director). In response to the call for unity, accountability and professional excellence under the current UAP Leadership, led by its National President Arch. Guillermo H. Hisancha, FUAP, APEC AR, AA, initiatives such as the crafting of the very first proposed Manual on Procedures (MoP) in conducting *Balangkas* fora was formalized. The said MoP explains in detail how each forum is to be held, from the careful selection and identification of “acceptable” forum topics, up to the conduct of such, wherein each forum should arrive with a resolution which declares practicable, specific, and feasible plan-of-actions which can be made into a concrete program and/or project of the UAP within less than a year. The MoP is accompanied with a *Balangkas* kit which contains template for survey and resolution forms, and other pertinent documents.

Moreover, in order to heighten awareness on the importance of conducting *Balangkas* fora among

the general membership, the *Balangkas* infographic was launched which highlights updates through the social media.

Examples of these updates are running percentages among the general membership which have initiated several forums already, the resolutions that were crafted and if possible, the specific actions that were made by the UAP in response to these resolutions. The contents of the infographic changes progressively from zero to a certain percentage as each *Balangkas* forum is being held globally. In this way, the general membership will be informed that actions are being made by the national leadership in response to these resolutions. Aside from assisting UAP Areas A, N, C and D, and regional districts and local chapters areas in conducting their respective *Balangkas* fora, the committee has also explored possible joint *Balangkas* national fora with the following committees – UAP Special Committee on Unification, UAP Special Committee on Young Architects, UAP Nationwide Architecture Week (WAD) Committee, UAP Commission on Education, UAP Committee on World Architecture Day (WAD) and UAP Committee on Education and Research which are expected to address

the following four (4) sectors – young architects, government architects, academe architects and industry practitioners.

For local chapters and regional districts who wish to conduct *Balangkas* fora, kindly send email at uapbalangkas@gmail.com.

UAP Balangkas
FY 2016-2017

UAP General Membership REACH COUNT: 003/144
UAP CHAPTERS: 2.03%
As of 11 August 2016, 10:18:11 AM

UAP's thrust FY 2016-2017:
 NITY
 ACCOUNTABILITY
 PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

UAP Progress Map

BALANGKASAN NO. 001
Topic: "How to effectively stop within the shortest possible time the illegal practice of BS Arch Students and Graduates?"
Host: Bacolod Chapter
Partner Chapters: Negrense Chapter, Mt. Kanlaon Chapter
District: C2

Maraming Salamat!
"Bacolod Chapter and District C2 for participating in our Balangkasan Series!"

Brought to you by: UAP-Balangkas National Committee FY 1617
Commission on Government and External Affairs (CGEA) – UAP
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PRC Approves Guidelines for Standards of Prof Prac Compliances

The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) approved resolution no. 06, series of 2016 issued by the Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBoA) entitled, “Approval, adoption and promulgation of the Architects’ Guidelines for Standards of Professional Practice Compliances on the Methods of Compensation and Schedule of Fees, as prepared and recommended by the Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects”.

According to the Resolution, which was published in the Official Gazette on its September 19, 2016 issue (vol. 112, no. 38, pages 6371 to 6425), the said guidelines shall be made as integral part of the implementing rules and regulations of Republic Act No. 9266, otherwise known as the Architecture Act of 2004. It shall also serve as the official reference document on methods of compensation and standards in the fixing of fees for professional architectural services rendered. The said resolution as well its Annex shall take effect after 15 days following their publication in the Official Gazette

It may be recalled that in compliance with the PRBoA Resolution No. 3, series of 2010, the UAP, through its Special Committee on Standards of Professional Practice, labored to craft the Architects’ Guidelines to feature the corresponding Methods of Compensation and Schedule of Fees to finally complete the Standards of Professional Practice approved in 2010.

On October 15, 2014, the UAP National Board of Directors passed Board Resolution 14-15 No. 3-19 approving the Architects’ Guidelines and was sub-

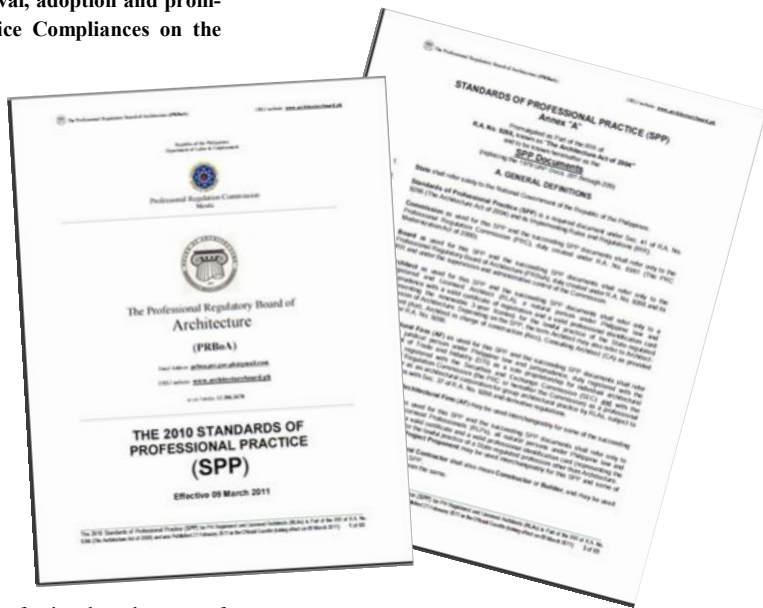
sequently submitted to the PRC through the Board of Architecture for adoption and issuance to all architects.

With the passage of the said guidelines, UAP National President Arch. Guillermo Hisancha underscored the many hours spent in discussing, researching, collaborating and working together have produced an indispensable resource that will support the professional endeavors of architects, their allied professionals and the general public.

As a compendium of references on the parameters on methods of compensation and schedule of fees, these guidelines are necessary to the architect in the practice of his profession, and henceforth will standardize the ranges for which the client will

compensate an architect in direct relation to the value of services that the architect provides, said Arch. Hisancha.

The PRBoA is composed of Architects Robert S. Sac (chairman), Robert M. Mirafuente (Member) and Fidel Jose R. Siapno (member). (courtesy: KYP)



All Set for JAA 2016

Scout Rallos - It's all systems go for the 2016 Joint Area Assembly which will be held on October 14-15, 2016 in Iloilo City, according to the Organizing Committee and UAP Area Vice Presidents.

This year's assembly will tackle the theme: “Xstream: Architects in Action”. UAP Joint Area Assembly Director, Arch. Anne Bayot said that this year's joint assembly is a unique one, as it will take place against the backdrop of corporate social responsibility and will feature platforms where engaging collaboration takes place.

First time in the UAP national events, the assembly is set to engage four (4) UAP areas through their respective chapters in various CSR activities: Area A chapters will restore Jaro Plaza Children's Playground to its former glory and have the younger generation live through the experience. Area B chapters reach out to Ati community to help complete the ground floor of their church. Area C chapters are assigned to reach out to help complete the facilities for the use of students and training of the regional athletes. Area D chapters are assigned to help refurbish the existing mini-grandstand and to beautify the surroundings by providing more land-

scape elements.

Programs of the UAP Area Assemblies include the following: October 9: Opening of Exhibits at SM Iloilo; Day 0 (October 13): National Board of Directors' Meeting and Chapter Presidents' Consultative Meeting at Sarabia Manor; Day 1 (October 14): Registration of Delegates, Opening Ceremonies, General Assembly/Lunch, Business Meeting, Sportsfest, CSR Activities on sites, SM Exhibit Tour, Welcome Dinner; Day 2 (October 15): Iloilo Heritage Tour, Guimaras Island-hopping Tour, Gumaras Land Tour, Anticipate Mass, Dinner/Awarding Ceremonies and Fellowship by Davies Night.



Additional information, updates and details will be posted at the official FB account of UAP at a later date.





DC-2 JOINT INDUCTION OF OFFICERS & NEW MEMBERS MALAND HOTEL, MUGOST 2, INDUCTION OF OFFICERS



UAP ATTENDS ARCASIA ACA 17

Hongkong—Official delegates from the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) attended the recently concluded Arcasia’s 17th Asian Congress of Architects (ACA17) held last September 26-28, 2016 in Hong Kong.

The delegation led by UAP National President, Arch. Guillermo Hisancha, actively participated in various meetings held conjunction with ACA17, Arch. Hisancha and Immediate Past President Arch. ma. Benita O. Regala attended the ARCASIA Council Meeting held last September 27-28 as the UAP official delegates, Arcasia five committee meetings were attended by the following: **Committee on Architecture Education (ACAIE):**

Architects Wilfredo Gacutan, Executive Director, UAP Commission on education; Jonathan Manalad, Chairman of the UAP Committee on Research

and Academic Institution; and John Joseph Hernandez, ARCASIA Deputy chair on Committee on Education; **Committee on Green Architecture and Sustainable Architecture (ACGSA):** Michaela

Rosette Santos, Chairman of UAP Committee on Green Architecture; and Emelito Pusalan, member of the UAP Committee on Green Architecture and Vice

President of the Philippine Green Building Initiative; **Committee on Young Architects (ACYA):** Patrick Rodriguez, Chairman of the UAP Arcasia



Young Architects; and Star Florentino-Marudo; **Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR):** Renato Heray, UAP Secretary General and Past Chairman, UAP Bayanihang Arkitektura and Rene Richie Corcuera, overall chairman of UAP Bayanihang Arkitektura; Committee on Professional Practice (ACPP): Ma. Nina Bailon-Arce, UAP National Executive Vice President and Benjamin Panganiba, Executive director of the UAP Commission on Professional Practice; UAP Past Presidents Yolanda D. Reyes, incumbent UIA Vice President for region IV and ARCASIA Adviser, and Edrick Marco Florentino, ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice, also attended the event.

Arch. Hisancha also served as one of the speakers during the UIA Symposium held last September 28, 2016, coinciding ACA.

One of the key feature of ARCASIA is the Asia Congress of Architects (ACA) which is a major regional congress held every two years that take the form of a large international congress for fostering intellectual exchange and strategic discussion of regional challenges, initiatives and development amongst hundreds of architects. The theme for ACA17 in 2016 is “Growth and Diversity: The Green Age of Asia”. (Courtesy: KYP)

UAP Unification Committee Formed

By ARCH. MA. ELENA E. LAMASAN
Chairperson, UAP SPECIAL ARCHITECTS COMMITTEE ON UNIFICATION

“For the Love and Protection of the Architecture Profession Regardless of Affiliations”

Not just to one of us but almost to all of us that this DREAM and a NOBLE PURPOSE is a living spirit. And when Arch Guillermo H. Hisancha was elected to be our UAP National President FY 2016-2017, a UAP SPECIAL ARCHITECTS COMMITTEE ON UNIFICATION was created under his office.

To serve as an “Envoy” in creating and maintaining working relationships with Other Associations of Architects (OAA’s) defined in Section 40 of RA 9266, to attain excellence in the Architecture Profession both in the Local and Global Practice is its first objective. Next is to be the “Mediator” between the UAP and OAA’s – Other Associations of Architects for a parallel and harmonious attainment of the Architect’s Vital Role in the Society as a whole. It also has to serve as the “Liaison” of the Office of the UAP National Presi-



dent in matters dealing with negotiations towards Unification within and outside the Organization.

The Committee on Unification, being a NEW Committee had undergone a CONSULTATION PERIOD

on the months of July-August and part of September by way of online communications and actual meetings with the members. Emails and Facebook messages were sent and received from some members of the UAP NBD, Chapter Presidents, Stand-



Above: UAP NP Guillermo H. Hisancha with the PIA National President Renato Basa during the Joint Assembly and Strategic Planning held on June 30-July 2, 2016 in Iloilo City; Left: The UAP NP in an Imprumto Discussion with the AAIF Leaders, led by former PRBoA Chairman Arch. Armando Alli.

ing and Special Committees and to OAA’s (Other Association of Architects).

The first draft of the Mission- Vision of the Committee focused on three concerns: FIRST is the

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QC Central Chapter Launches “Architects for Accessibility”

What better timing to launch the “Architects for Accessibility” (AFA) advocacy group of the UAP-Quezon City Central chapter than during the kickoff of National Disability Prevention and Rehabilitation (NPDR) Week last July 17 at Greenhills, San Juan?

Among the activities participated by QC Central chapter was P.A.R.M. – M.O.V.E. to Fitness, an attempt to make a record of the world’s largest human accessibility logo. Clad in blue-hooded shirts, Ka-Central architects, together with other participants of various ages, gathered around PWDs who performed white portion of logo in their similarly-designed white hooded shirts. Following the record-making attempt, the Chapter also joined the Walk for Your Rights, as they paraded the AFA Streamer, formally launching the QC Central chapter sub-group.

AFA was co-founded by Dir. Carmen Reyes-Zubiaga of the National Council for Disability Affairs (NCDA) and the UAP QC Central Chapter through the efforts of members, Arch. Erico Abordo, focal person for Accessibility and Arch. Felizardo Cipriano, Jr, project chairman.

A CSR Project Encompassing Leadership: Reprinting of the BP 344 Handbook

Echoing UAP National President Arch. Guillermo Hisancha’s strategy of continuity in leadership, AFA is an advocacy of encompassing terms and titles. In a joint project with the NCDA, the Chapter is to donate reprinted copies of BP 344 (Accessibility Law) for distribution to different regions of the country. This was made afloat by both parties during the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signing held at Bayview Park Hotel Manila on June 22, 2016 under the term of immediate past Chapter President, Arch. Edlee Tusi. The project is being



PARM M.O.V.E.: FIT FOR THE RECORD July 17, 2016 . Greenhills San Juan



continued, implemented and improved in the current Fiscal Year under the leadership of Arch. Joselito Francisco, as the first batch of reprinted handbooks were successfully released on July 23, 2016 at the culmination of NPDR Week.

Unceasingly, the Architects for Accessibility of the UAP-QC Central chapter continue to take steps in its role as responsible architects of the country, through the promotion of the needs of everyone, regardless of abilities – indeed as in Steve Krug’s words, “The one argument for accessibility that doesn’t get made nearly enough is how extraordinarily better it make some people’s lives. How many opportunities do we have to dramatically improve people’s lives by just doing our job a little better?”

TSC 1st GMM: Acoustics 101



Indeed, UAP Tandang Sora Chapter started loud as the members flocked in the first GMM of the fiscal year last July 21 at Dencio’s Bar and Grille Function Room, Tomas Morato corner Scout Borromeo, Quezon City.

The event speaker, Arch. Alex Ray Evangelista, a member of Tandang Sora Chapter, shared His knowledge and passion in acoustic architecture: both in theory and in practice. Everybody was reminded of the basics of acoustics and how to compute for the correct reverberation time

Within a room. In this GMM, the members were also able to pay their dues.

Trend Specialist, Inc., the major event sponsor, also shared to the chapter their product line and innovations: Anderson Doors and Windows, Bona and Woca Wood Floor Care and Application, Rocky Mountain Hardware.



Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between the NATIONAL COUNCIL ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS (NCDA) and the UNITED ARCHITECTS OF THE PHILIPPINES (UAP) - QUEZON CITY CENTRAL CHAPTER at the Bayview Park Hotel, Manila, on the 22nd day of June, 2016





KSA-WRC REACHES OUT TO STRANDED OFWs

The “Sagip- Stranded Project” was held at Saudi Oger Compound, Jeddah KSA on August 5, 2016 (Friday). The UAP KSA-Western Region headed by Ar. Joselito C. Palacol and Mr. Frank Resma of Balitang Middle East, initiated a campaign drive to give relief goods for the distress OFW in the kingdom. Our chapter encouraged others to participate in this event. We were glad that the outcome was successful.



KSA-Riyadh's Roster of Chapter Activities

UAP-KSA Riyadh chapter's formidable accomplishment for FY 2015-2016 now serves as inspiration as the organization goes through the process of harmonious transition. The fiscal year 2015 was concluded in its last General Membership Meeting last June 10, 2016 along with the celebration of the National Independence Day.

The new set of officers under Arch. Rolando Manuel's presidency has been actively driven in their first quarter in office. UAP KSA Riyadh Chapter has spearheaded as Chair of the Philippine Professional Organization -Central Region Saudi Arabia (PPO-CRSA) basketball tournament.

The new board of directors has produced a laptop and digital camera for chapter activities and programs through an Executive Board Resolution No.001-05-16.

While UAP-SPLBE review class for aspiring architecture graduates is on-going, the UAP KSA Riyadh chapter FY 2016-2017 hopes to produce more board passers as it did in the past. It is inspired to fulfill its aspirations and goals in the next upcoming months. The motivation to match or surpass the previous accomplishments is always the challenge. More than anything else UAP KSA Riyadh Chapter upholds unity and remain magnanimous in every victory.

CHAPTER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 15 July 2016

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES
July- August 12, 2016

CHAPTER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

UAP Membership (IAPOA) updates
Presentation of Incoming FY2016-2017 Set of Officers and Committees
Incoming Induction of Officers and New Members
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Celebration of 118th Philippine Independence Day
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CBD Officers and Members Inducted; Vows Accessibility Advocacy to Continue

By Arch. Richard Miren R. Franco, UAP



UAP National President Arch. Guillermo Hisancha (2nd from left) administers oath to incoming officers of UAP-Makati CBD Chapter led by incoming Chapter President Arch. Sophia Avendaño (fifth from right).

The Induction of New Officers and New Members of UAP Makati CBD Chapter was held last July 23, 2016 at the Fairmont Makati, Ballroom 1 in 1, Raffles drive, Makati avenue, Makati City. Out of 126 architects in attendance, 13 new members were officially inducted into the roster of UAP CBD chapter in a black evening dress and black suit affair. The event host for the night was our very own member, Arch. Pach Cansana, UAP.

The event was celebrated with guests from UAP National Office, Regional District B3 Council Presidents, friends in the industry, and other guests, including the past, current and charter officers and members of the UAP Makati CBD chapter.

Our guest speaker, UAP National President “Sonny” Rosal with greetings to members of Ma-



ter, UAP Past National Arch. Rozanno opened his message to the guests and Makati CBD Chapter.

PNP Sonny shared his message “Nothing happens by accident, where he expressed that no matter what was given to us and accept with enthusiasm and love. Life doesn’t care about what we want, just about what we need and that is good! The Chapter then gave a token of appreciation to Arch. Rosal.

The evening program continued with the Induction of incoming Chapter officers who were introduced by past UAP NEVP Arch. Lora Rivera, and the charging of new Board of Officers was presided by UAP Secretary General Arch. Renato Heray, then inducted by UAP National President Arch. Guillermo Hisancha, as witnessed by the National Board of Directors and the Chapter members.

For his valedictory speech, Arch. Richard Miren Franco thanked the Makati CBD board, the Council of Past Chapter Presidents, members and industry partners for their unwavering support that helped make the Chapter grow stronger and united as ever. He then expressed that his theme: “Influence,

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Maharlika Holds Induction in Blue Glamour

The annual induction of new members and turnover to incoming chapter officers was held last July 15, 2016. This year will be Arch. Jill Rochelle Sevilla's second term as the chapter's 24th president. Standing alongside her was her Board of Directors for FY 2016-2017.

Arch. Oliver Lauron, UAP, Vice President for Programs; Arch. Jimmy Villasanta, UAP, Vice President for Operations; Arch. Donnae Faye Eduzada, UAP, Secretary; Arch. Nerissa Angeles, UAP, Treasurer; Arch. Ana Marie Abrilla, UAP, Auditor; Arch. Gregorio Mirto, UAP, Public Relations Officer; Arch. Dinetta Silang, UAP & Arch. Anjelica Vilamor, UAP, Directors. Aside from the induction of the new set of chapter officers, new members totalling to 24 architects were inducted, one of the biggest yet in chapter history. The formal event was graced by the members of the NBD headed by NP Guimo Hisancha. Also present during the event was past NP Medelliano Roldan (a fellow Maharlikan), immediate past District B2 director Abraham Raposon, and current District B2 Director Dick Balagtas.



First General Membership Meeting for Fiscal Year 2016 – 2017 at Max’s Restaurant, Solenad 3, Nuvali, Sta. Rosa City Laguna held on July 27, 2016 with a total of number of 42 attendees. Product Presentation by Trend Specialist and Chapter Agenda discussed by Ar. Cris Jan Banaag.

UAP LAGUNA’S FIRST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



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Brunei's 1st GMM: Prelude to Anniversary, Induction

Ar. Alan Filio, Chapter President for FY 2016-2017 presides the meeting for the first General Membership Meeting. The plans for the year were presented to the general membership. Top of the list was the preparation for the 2nd Anniversary Celebration and Induction Ceremonies. Everyone to have a Malay themed event in honor of the chapter's host country. Induction attire shall be Baju Melayu or Batik Polo with black pants for men and Baju Kurung for ladies. Batik Polo, although Indonesian in origin, is still in the theme of Malay traditional wear.

Apart from this, Committee Director's prepared short video presentations about their respective committees in order for members to understand what activities they should expect. Following the presentation, members were asked to sign-up which committee they would want to be with.



Ar. Aladin Agitan, Ar. Jonald Catapang and Ar.

Jerome Cascuejo were presented to the members for their success in passing the recently concluded Licensure Board Examination for Architects which was held last June 25 & 27, 2016.

Another important agenda for the 1st GMM was the collection of the Annual Membership Fee, composed of the National Fee and Chapter Fee.

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Create and Participate" was a big success, being the Chapter's focus is for the membership's benefit, and engaging the members to involve in activities. He then said that the Chapter still has a long way towards the success of the events and asked members for continuous support of Chapter programs. He also narrated his experiences being involved in various programs and projects of the Chapter. In parting, he congratulated the incoming officers led by the new Chapter President, Arch. Sophia Avendaño, and urged them to work hard and party harder. As a token of appreciation being the outgoing Chapter President, Arch. Franco was given a Chapter shirt. Ultimately, Arch. Franco was inducted into the Council of Past Chapter Presidents of the Makati CBD. The Council serves as the advisory group of the Chapter. After his valedictory speech, the Turnover of Gavel and Acceptance was presided by District Director for B3 Arch. Jose Elmer Borlaza to outgoing Chapter President Arch. Franco and incoming Chapter President Arch. Avendaño.

The Chapter's special guest for the evening, UAP National President Arch. Guillermo Hisancha, delivered his inspirational message to the members of Makati CBD Chapter. He shared his vision to the members on Unity, Accountability and Professional Excellence, and urged the Chapter to continue the support on activities of the UAP, as well as pursuit on full implementation of RA 9266. He then assured that all transactions engaged by the UAP will be transparent and held accountable to

the general membership. NP Hisancha also mentioned that the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) seminars will continue and be propagated all over the country.



Left: Ar. Sophia R. Avendaño & Ar. Jaime Silva of UAP CBD Chapter with Cheshire foundation and Accenture Cybergate Staff held a PWD Walkthrough on Cybergate 1,2, and 3 last July 16, 2016.



Right: Preparations for the MAKATI PWD-FRIENDLY ESTABLISHMENTS Awards - with Ryan Barcelo, MPA, Officer-in-Charge, Makati Social Welfare Dept; Vots Villegas, Makati Tourism Board; Ar. Jimmy Silva, UAP Chair for Accessibility; Ar. Vanessa Ledesma, UAP CBD representative; & representatives fr MSWD & Makati Tourism Board.

ACCESSIBILITY ADVOCACY

For her inaugural address, Arch. Sophia Avendaño expressed her vision for the incoming fiscal year with the theme: "Service Rest Assured". She then asked the members to continue support the Chapter and vowed that the Chapter's Advocacy of Accessibility, as well as Professional Development to continue. She then inducted 13 new members of the Chapter - her first function as Chapter President.

In her first few days as Chapter President, Arch. Avendaño pursued the Chapter's advocacy on Accessibility. Some of the programs pushed through with Immediate Past Chapter President Arch. Franco and UAP Committee on Accessibility Chairperson Arch. Vanessa Lagman-Ledesma by holding consultative meetings with Arch. Jaime Silva, and Arch. Armando Alli, former Chairman of Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBoA). This is in line with the collaborative efforts of the UAP-Makati CBD with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) for the distribution of BP 344 (Accessibility Law) in CD format. The Chapter also coordinated with the Makati Social Welfare Development Office in preparation for the "Makati PWD-Friendly Establishments Award" to be held on a later date. Through the efforts of Arch. Silva, the Chapter then pursued with Accessibility Audit in various establishments such as malls, offices and related commercial spaces, also in conjunction with the National Disability Prevention Week (NDPW) last July 2016.

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UAP Sugbu Hosts AA Streetware Asia in Cebu

By Karl Aries Emerson F. Cabilao, UAP

It was a big milestone for UAP Sugbu Chapter when it successfully held a design workshop in Cebu City last July together with the Architectural Association (AA) School of Architecture, the prestigious London-based institution that produced architecture icons like Rem Koolhaas and Zaha Hadid. Dubbed as AA Visiting School Streetware, the workshop spanned for ten days and attracted around 40 architects and architecture students and graduates from all over the country and even parts of Southeast Asia.

“After three years of AAVS Streetware Penang (in Malaysia), our knowledge partner Thinkcity and I decided to start the AAVS Streetware Southeast Asia, a journey where city by city we challenge the design methodology in different regions in Southeast Asia,” explains Naiara Vegara, the director of the AA VS Program. She added that Cebu was chosen as a venue since it is part of the Southeast

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Spearheading the preparations and conduct of the sessions were UAP Sugbu Chapter officers headed by its immediate past president Dennis Mayo, president Loly Castro, vice president for programs and development Jumax Amellabon-Morgia and past president Buck Sia.



C2 rolls out two events in one night

UAP District C2 had two UAP Events last August 5, 2016. They had the first UAP Balangkasanan attended by UAP Bacolod, Negrense and Mt. Kanlaon Chapters at North West Inn Hotel Function Room, Bacolod City. The UAP National Chairman for Balangkasanan, Arch. Sylvester Seno facilitated the event. Guest



Architects from Ilo-ilo Chapter also attended the event with their Chapter President Ar. Racy Yusay. The Balangkasanan topic was “Illegal Practice in the Architectural Practice.” Two architects were asked to share their experience as panel speakers. Arch Robert Aguillon of UAP Bacolod represented the “seasoned architect” while Arch Rougly Gambito-Lora, UAP

Negrense Chapter President represented the “young architects. After the sharing, the Architect audience gave their reactions and formulated questions and solutions for the topic. Arch Seno also guided the Architects on how to come up with a resolution based on the discussion. The First Balangkasanan was successful in coming up with feasible solutions to address the issues on Illegal Practice. The Event was also attended by NEVP- Arch Nina Arce, SECGEN-Arch Renato Heray, VP for Area C- Arch Kendall Esperas and UAP Committee Chairman

UAP Regional District C1 Inducts its New Leaders, Welcomes New Members

By Karl Aries Emerson F. Cabilao, UAP



The venue for this year’s UAP District C1 Joint Induction of Officers and New Members was livelier and fuller. Apart from close to a hundred new members in attendance, the two new “babies” of District C1, the newly-chartered UAP Metro Cebu and UAP Cebu Fort San Pedro chapters joined in one of the most anticipated activities in the District.

Archt. Jensen Racho, who was recently awarded as “Model District Director for Area-C” by the UAP National Board, formally

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Ar. NONARD SUVISOR represented UAP Hamili in the Footsteps of Hope (gift giving and feeding program) at Sicogon Island happening at the same time of the Chapter’s 12th Anniversary. The Chapter allocated budget for school and art supplies given to the pupils of San Fernando Elementary School and Buaya Elementary School. Sicogon Island is located in Carles town, north of Iloilo.



Twin Chapters Born in District C1

By Archt. Karl Aries Emerson F. Cabilao, UAP

Just six years after it welcomed a new chapter into its dynamic nest, UAP Regional District C1 (UAP RDC1) rolls out the red carpet to its two new clusters: UAP Metro Cebu Chapter and UAP Fort San Pedro Chapter.

UAP Metro Cebu, headed by its Charter President Josephril Partosa, was presented its chapter charter last July 18, 2016 at the Bogo Function Halls 1 and 2 in Bayfront Hotel, North Reclamation Area, Cebu City. Archt. Partosa was joined by 29 other architects, making up the “strong 30” charter members. Their “mother chapter”, UAP Rajah Humabon Chapter, headed by its Chapter President Valentino Vergara and Immediate Past Chapter President Richard Cabaluna also witnessed the formal charter ceremonies, where they presented the new chapter with a “send-off gift”.

The next night, July 19, 2016, the spotlight shifted its focus on the second new UAP chapter in Cebu, UAP Fort San Pedro. Named after a famous historical landmark in Cebu, UAP Fort San Pedro held their chartering ceremonies at the Casino Espanol de Cebu.



The new chapter, is headed by its Charter President Cresencio Tiong, is also a “baby” of the UAP Rajah Humabon Chapter.

Both chartering ceremonies were attended in full force by the UAP National Officers: National President Guillermo Hisancha, FUAP, National Executive Vice President Nina Arce, FUAP, Vice President for Area-C Kendel Esperas, UAP, Secretary General Renato Heray, FUAP, National Treasurer Pamela Amador, FUAP, UAP National Auditor Eldred Caesar Tan, FUAP and UAP RDC1 District Director Augusto Lee, UAP. The chapter presidents of the other Cebu-based chapters and the incoming District C1 Council Officers also witnessed both memorable events.

UAP Metro Cebu and UAP Fort San Pedro, the 142nd and 143rd UAP Chapter respectively, brings the total number of chapters in UAP RDC1 to nine chapters.

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Arch Gil Japitana.

On the evening of the same day, the Architects of District C2 change to their *Red accented Formal Wear* for the **Joint Induction Ceremony of Officers and New members** to celebrate the UAP Bacolod - Host Chapter's Ruby Year Anniversary at **Sugarland Hotel Grand Ballroom, Bacolod City**. It was a reunion of friends, a time to reminisce with colleagues and partners. **UAP National President – Arch Guillermo Hisancha** graced the event with a special message promoting Unity, Accountability and Professional Excellence among architects. **Honorable Mayor Bing Leonardia** as the *Guest of Honor* re-affirmed the role of the Architects in nation building and promoting tourism for the city. **Arch Stella Severino** turned over to **Arch Eric Santiago**, together with his officers, the District Directorship position. **Arch. Jennifer Benedicto-Iral** and **Arch. Jico Monte** will continue with their presidential terms for Bacolod and Mt. Kanlaon Chapter. **Arch. Roger Andre Aguilar** turned over *UAP Negrense* to **Arch Rougely Gambito-Lora** and her Officers with the ceremonial “hard” banging of the gavel and gave their respective valedictory and inaugural speeches. All New members of the three chapters were inducted by the National Officers; **Arch Renato Heray** and **Arch Kendell Esperas** together with their Chapter Presidents and followed by the pinning rites by their colleagues and mentors. The Event was concluded with a Fellowship party among the Architects and guests.

It was a full Friday for District C2 with two UAP Events. All the Architects are looking forward to more activities of the National especially the Joint Area Assembly to be held in Ilo-ilo city this coming October 14-15, 2016.

nity service activities, the holding of the UAP registration booth at PRC and the District Assembly and Sportsfest. In his inaugural speech, the soft-spoken Archt. Lee kept it short and sweet while ensuring everyone of more projects and activities for the benefit of the District C1 architects. The dynamic spirit which has always been connected to District C1 will surely continue.

The incoming officers of the nine chapters were formally inducted by UAP National President Guillermo Hisancha, FUAP together with National Executive Vice President Nina Arce, Vice President for Area-C Kendel Esperas, Secretary General Renato Heray and National Auditor Eldred Caesar Tan.

The chapters are headed by their presidents, Nheil Crisostomo (Cebu), Valentino Vergara (Rajah Humabon), Zorich Guia (Dumaguete), Rony Malanog (Bohol), Elmer Laguna (Datu Lapu Lapu), Panfilo Castro, Jr. (Sugbu), O’Neal Aspera (Cebu Leon Kilat), Josephril Partosa (Metro Cebu) and Cresencio Tiong (Cebu Fort San Pedro).

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turned over the leadership of the District to Archt. Augusto Lee, a past Chapter President and charter member of UAP Sugbu Chapter. Archt. Racho high-

lighted in his valedictory the numerous activities done by the chapters to promote and create a better image for the profession in the public. Among the notable activities included are the Balangasan event, which was the second to be held in Cebu, the National Architecture Week exhibits, professional development and commu-

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Membership thru its “Bring back a UAP Member” which is now taken care of by the Committee on Membership, the Allied Profession and Fields which is taken care of by its own Committee and the Coordination with the OAA’s – Other Associations of Architects.

After the Consultations which was evaluated last August 31, 2016, the Committee on Unification focusses on just ONE NOBLE TASK – To Cater to the Ultimate UNIFICATION OF THE PRESENT ARCHITECTURAL ORGANIZATIONS such as AAFed (Architecture Advocacy Federation), AAIF (Architecture Advocacy International Foundation) PIA (Philippine Institute of Architects), UAP (United Architects of the Philippines), and SoMA (Society of Moro Architects).

Its Revised MISSION STATEMENT as of September 1, 2016 after the Consultation Period states as : “To institutionalize the function of the Committee in organizing and conducting activities on the interaction of all OAA’s – Other Association of Architects of varying affiliation, in the fields of education, profession, legal, and environment, as well as social and historical events, all directed towards the ultimate vision of a truly and genuinely Unified Architects for the Love and Protection of the Architecture Profession.”

The committee would like to thank some members of the College of Fellows for us to structure good welcoming statement for the MISSION to soften the acceptance because of the impression of the members that : “There will never be true unification when the main objective and the terms of the unification is to make other parties agree to the views and beliefs of the party offering unity”, as stated by one OAA leader.

The essence of the UNIFICATION shall be seen on ARCHITECTS celebrating TOGETHER International, National and Local Chapter’s activities with a common Goal of enriching harmonious relationship regardless of Affiliations.

In the clear VISION that we in the UAP and its UAP Members , recognizes PIA and its PIA Members, the AAIF and its AAIF Members, the AAFed and its AAFed members, the SoMA and its SoMA members. These OAA’s remains their Identity and Legal Status while, what the UNIFICATION shall do is to identify what is COMMON in our goals as ARCHITECTS and we shall work for it for the GOOD OF THE PROFESSION regardless of Affiliations.

At present , common concern to all ARCHITECTS in this country is our fight for Illegal Practitioners and our right to be the Sole Signatory to our Architectural Plans among others. Sensitivity on the Global and environmental issues calls for the cooperation of Emergency and Resilience ARCHITECTS.

Thus in the essence of equality and purpose of UNIFICATION for all ARCHITECTS,

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speak with one voice and tackle challenges as one solid organization. The threats to our profession are many, including those from so-called allies or partners in the construction industry. Divided, we shall be vulnerable. United, we will grow stronger and shall persevere.

But even then, we must also forge unity with our Allied Professional partners in the construction Industry. We need to re-discuss, understand and define clearly our specific and respective roles in as far as building design and construction is concerned.

The UAP National Board of Directors have passed recently a Resolution urging Professional Regulation Commission to exercise its full powers and mandate to clearly define the roles of architects civil engineers, interior designers and all others in the constructions industry as to avoid overlapping of professional services, which the PRC has been doing lately. As a governing body whom primary function is to regulate the practice of all professions in the country, I believe they can do something about it.

For the protection of licensed architects and enhance our professional standing in the country, we will continue to push for the full implementation of RA 9266 or the Architecture Law, which has long been facing rough sailing, obviously because of too much politics in our system.



UAP NP Hisanacha installing a Recognition to Arch Greg Timbol, the Founder and President of AAIF

I have met lots of Local Governments Units chief executive officers in the exercise of my duties during UAP induction around the country from Congressmen, Governors, Vice Governors, Provincial Board Members, Mayors, and others requesting them to implement RA 9266 in their respective areas. These drew their commitments and expressed support.

We have also passed resolutions addressed to DILG Secretary Ismael Sueno to direct all LGU’s Local Chief Executives to implement the full implementation of RA 9266. Also same resolutions to DPWH Sec. Manny Villar, and Office of the Building Officials (OBO) around the country.

the UNIFICATION COMMITTEE shall stand “neutral” and shall serve as the UAP ENVOY, MEDIATOR AND LIASON between UAP and the OAA’s. It must be of a solid understanding that the Committee on Unification must be fully accepted and embraced first by its home members – the UAP Members, before it goes out opening its doors to OAA’S – Other Associations of Architects.

I requested past National President Ar. Boy Roldan and he gladly accepted to spearhead the Special Committee on RA 9266, and to aggressively work for it and to do whatever it takes to push for its full implementation.

Hopefully, this governing law, once in full force and effect, will give all architects the respect and recognition that are due to us, as a profession, both in the letter and spirit of the law.

And this goal will also gain momentum, hopefully with the passage and approval of the Architectural Code, and the implementation and inclusion of Architectural permit, as an integral part and major requirement for applications of Building Permits. Past National Presidents Ar. Dinky Florentino and Ar. Beth Regala will co-chair the Special

“In unity there is strength. That might seem, like an over-used cliché. But in the profession of architects, we need to dismantle the walls that have been erected, that keeps us from being united.”

Committee on Architectural Code, and to study and finally submit for its implementation as a way of pushing for implementation of the Architectural Permits in our applications for Building Permits, to be exclusively and only signed by a registered and licensed architect in the country.

This administration has gained lots of support from members and I believe that will be the key for our expected output and success.

ACCOUNTABILITY

I wish to underscore the need for ACCOUNTABILITY.

I want to make sure, that all our organizational decisions and transactions, shall be transparent to everybody. As an organization, we are indeed accountable to the general membership.

We shall be transparent to report our financial standing, the annual dues of our members, and the revenues we received and the expenses we disbursed. We will make use of our website to communicate all concerns to the general membership, keeping them informed each and every step of the way.

UAP Facebook Keeping You Posted of our Secretary General Ar. Rene Heray gives daily news, updates and information on what’s happening within the UAP.

The Professional Regulation Commission also recently approved guidelines for Standards of Professional Practice compliances on Methods of Compensation and Schedule of Fees. Thanks to our colleagues who collectively worked for this.

It is my hope that our programs and activities will encourage inactive members to go back to the folds and mainstream of the UAP and join us in the exciting programs and projects we plan to undertake.

PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE

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As per UAP NP Guimo Hisanacha – We, belonging to the Committee on Unification are AMBASSADORS and AMBASSADRESS in sharing to everyone - our NOBLE PURPOSE OF UNITY. May this DREAM be contagious and WE, ARCHITECTS shall make it COME TRUE to the fullest.

National President...from Page 21

Aristotle, A Greek Philosopher said that, "Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution. It represents the wise choice of many alternatives – choice, not by chance, determines our destiny."

As architects, we need to continuously search for PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE.

We have to look after the professional growth and development of our colleagues. This can effectively be done through the Continuing Professional Development program and the conduct of CPE Seminars, Balangkasana, Fora, and other venues accessible to all architects all over the country and even abroad. Since the start of my term, countless chapters and districts have already conducted educational lecture series, balangkasans for the benefit of our members across the country. Our Commissions and Committees have done successful efforts bring down our programs to the chapter levels. We will make sure members from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao, as well as those in abroad will have access to equal opportunities for professional skills upgrading and development.

For architectural education, I have tasked the Commission on Education Executive Director Ar. Wilfredo Gacutan to make a representation with CHED and PRC to discuss and make a study, report and recommendation upgrading as to the level of standards of architectural education in the country as well to upgrade our curriculum to keep abreast with our neighbors and foreign counterparts around the globe.

Philippine Congress recently approved into law the Continuing Professional Development or the CPD Law mandating not only architects but all professional to undergo continuing professional education as a way of upgrading and to be exposed the current trends of practice which affects every profession.

We have also forged partnerships in some sections and agencies thru design competitions as a way of developing the talents and skills of our professionals. The UAP and Supreme Court had a pact for the ongoing International Conceptual Design Competition of their proposed complex. Same with Nippon Paint for Asia Young Designers Award, HCG ArchiNext Competition and MetroBank Architectural Design Excellence. These exposures for sure would enhance our architect's talents and skills competitively.

As architects, we design not only homes and buildings. In essence, we design our communities, our nation. Much is asked of us. And much is given to us as a profession. Along this line, the UAP have and will always be actively engaged in more corporate social responsibility (CSR) activities as our way of giving back to the people, especial-

ly the disadvantaged and the less fortunate brothers and sisters we have in our communities.

I would like to commend our Chapters, Districts, and even some of our individual members who have already done countless CSR projects around the country. As a way of expressing back the favor, that would indeed be a noble endeavor sharing our blessings to others, as it may return a hundredfold.

I would like to encourage Chapters all over the country to extend assistance to the needy, poor but deserving students by sponsoring a UAPSA scholarship grant. I would like to commend NEVP Ar. Nina Arce for this advocacy.

Our brand of service isn't just confined only to the drawing boards. It extends to helping those in need, those, in dire needs. To further enhance the role of Filipino architects in the growing economic landscape in the APEC and ASEAN, I will urge to promote and encourage accreditation among UAP members. This way, Filipino architects will enjoy and take the limitless opportunities through global practice. Globalization and the inevitable sharing of expertise across borders have long been practiced and happening in the field of architecture. Foreign architectural firms have nothing but praises and admiration for the design skills and knowhow of Filipinos, including architecture.

Our members must be richer, deeper, more fulfilled and more productive professionals. We must unleash our imaginations, and we must harness the power of our dreams. I also want to institutionalize awards and recognition of the exemplary work of UAP members and chapters around the country and abroad.

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The UAP is a national organization, not just limited to the national capital region, and everybody, even those in the remote parts of the country, and those working from abroad, participation in our activities should not be confined just to officers. All members should be given a chance to contribute to the attainment of our common goals and aspirations and everybody should be eligible for deserving awards and proper recognition.

I also want to see the establishments of UAP Area offices to provide members with better access to the organization's programs and projects. The UAP can only attract wider participation among members, if they feel closer to its operations. In order to promote and further enhance the image, credibility and integrity of our profession, I have tasked former Miss Universe 3rd runner up and Architecture board toptotcher Ar. Shamcey Supsup Lee, to serve as UAP's spokesperson and "Ambassadress of Goodwill" of our profession.

More importantly, we need to assert that the UAP is a respected professional organization, a defender for

Filipino architects and a tower of strength of the architectural profession. Much is needed to be done. What I have outlined are only a small portion of the mission ahead of us. We should strive and will be devoted in accomplishing those goals and objectives.

As we move forward, UAP must remain as a reputable institution for Filipino architects and its stakeholders, but above all, UAP should always be celebrated for our commitment to UNITY, ACCOUNTABILITY AND PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE.

There are so many things to do, and so much to build on.

To all UAP colleague, I enjoin you to persist with your commitments to this beloved organization, because for as long as we approach our plans and programs without suspicion, mistrust, apprehensions and without fear of contradiction, we will proceed leading with understanding, confidence and courage which flow from conviction, we shall never fail. The chapters should help us implement the plans and programs we have crafted and developed, and to monitor if these projects were being implemented in your respective areas as you strive for excellence in all aspects of our fundamental thrusts.

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We in the National Board believe and expect that the officers and members will show the much needed hard work and utmost dedication to make a big difference in serving our organization. We are the architects of our organization's fate and destiny and it is a responsibility which we cannot relinquish. It is a challenge to each one of us, especially you, the leaders that we should welcome and adhere to.

Further, I look forward for the continued support of the entire UAP community to this administration, and to maintain the landmark momentum we have achieved in the past years and may this fiscal year bring luminous and everlasting hope to spark faith in each and every one's hearts.

Therefore, let us continue to serve as the vanguard of the Architectural Profession in the country. Let us continue to empower Filipino Architects and to serve as the catalyst of dynamism and unity among Filipino architects under the letter and in spirit of RA 9266.

Let us pursue and promote the highest ethical conduct, discipline, responsibility and values beneficial to our clients and the built environs of our professional mandate.

LET US THEN CONTINUE ON OUR CHARTERED COURSE SO THAT WE MAY FULFILL THE DESTINY FOR OUR BELOVED ORGANIZATION.

Lastly, thank you for this wonderful opportunity and privilege, and for the great honor which you have conferred upon me.

Rest assured that I shall bear this distinction with great honor and pride.

Mabuhay ang Arkitekong Filipino!

May the Greatest Architect in heaven guide and bless us all.

GOD BLESS UAP! 



The First UAP Young Architects Awardees Bared

by: Archts. Patrick Rodriguez and Sylvester Seno

It is a known fact that being praised or recognized often makes people feel good and increased their self-esteem. As the famous psychologist, William James, once said: "The deepest human need is the need to be appreciated."

By giving recognition specifically coming from a professional organization that they belong, people will feel the significance of their works and their value as members of the organization most especially the young ones. It is for these reasons that the very first *Young Architects Award (2016)* was instituted by the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) during the term of UAP Immediate Past National President (IPNP) Arch. Beth Ochoa-Regala, FUAP, AA, to recognize and bestow honor to the deserving young architects of the organization. This award was the brainchild of its first and incumbent Committee Chair for Young Architects Arch. Patrick N. Rodriguez, UAP.

It has been observed that a large number of new and young members of the organization tend to be present only during their oath-taking with their chosen local chapter but soon lose interest. It's a tough juggle between competing demands of their usual full-time firm job and that of creating their own niche in the professional jungle. Given this scenario, there is a need to actively reconnect the usually detached young architects from their mother organization. Through this award, the novice architects are encouraged to be active and sustain their enthusiasm in supporting the plans and programs of the organization. UAP Young Architects Awards' main objective is to recognize the individuals who have shown exceptional leadership, commitment and made significant contributions to the profession in an early stage of their architectural career – either in Professional Practice or in Academe. Thus, this article would be a fitting avenue to showcase this year's two awardees – Arch. Joana Lisa R. Dungca (Professional Practice) and Arch. John Carlo L. Sayco (Academe). Let's get to know them deeper:

Arch. Joana Lisa R. Dungca, UAP was adjudged the very first UAP Young Architects' Awardee for Professional Practice. She has been to at least thirteen countries and thirty cities in the world. She loves taking pictures of anything, though not a camera know-how, just a photo capture-freak. She claims she is very forgetful, that is why she should take pictures to help her be reminded of these memories. She adores sustainable fashion, e.g. hand-me-downs and thrift shops –and is a trying hard fashionista.

She took the board exam in June 2010, and was the 6th topnotcher of her batch. She worked for exactly 5 years in Group 3 Design Studio before embarking on her journey to establish her own architectural design firm with her friends and take a Master's Degree in her alma mater in 2013. Currently, she is a partner and one of the principal architects of AMD Architects, a Quezon City-based architectural design firm that was established with Archts. Mildred H. Mata, Ericka C. Anagaran and Richard Joseph S. Lasam in July 2013. The company focuses on healthcare



facilities and commercial establishments, from master planning to individual buildings and interior fit-out. As a partner, she is also responsible for the financial direction of AMD Architects. She has always been an active member of the UAP Tandang Sora Chapter, where she is now on her second term as chapter president - one of the youngest in UAP's history. Also, she remained active as a core group member of the Generation of Winners (GenWin) which is a fellowship group that reaches out to young Professionals for Christ since 2013.

Moreover, Joana would love to paint (again) but does not

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seem to have the extra time to do so, and was a certified geek during her students days - spending most of her hours (and money) playing video and online games, watching *animes* and joining comic cons. She even had a dream of being part of a design team for a video game. Her favorite subject in college is architectural design and logarithmic functions. Physics hated her, and according to her, the feeling is mutual. She graduated in 2008 with honors in the University of the Philippines, Diliman. Ever since she was a student, she has always been active in extra-curricular activities and student organizations. She was an active member and a committee head of the Architecture Students Association of the Philippines - Diliman (ASAPhil), became the Vice President of the UP Architecture Student Council (ASC), and a volunteer for the UP College of Architecture Registration Corps (ARC).


Taking the road less traveled among Filipino architects, John Carlo L. Sayco, received the very first UAP Young Architects Award for Academe. A graduate of University Santo Tomas (UST), he is fondly called inside academia as *Arch Sayco* or *Sir Sayco*. He took the Boards last 2012 and his subject specializations are Building Technology, Architectural Design and Professional Practice. After the boards, he decided to take up Masters in Cultural Herit-

age Studies in University of Santo Tomas and is currently working on his Thesis: A critical and Annotative Catalogue of the works of Ar. Carlos Santos-Viola. He was active in various activities inside and outside school during his undergraduate days. He was Vice-President of UST College of Architecture Student Council in 2007-2008. He owes his academe calling to his youth organization, Childrens Museum and Library Inc, wherein he was trained to facilitate discussion during conventions, tackling social issues and basically, how the youth could

help out and address them. *Sir Sayco* is known to be sentimental but fun-loving person as well. He likes singing, playing guitar, playing football and basketball and even DOTA. Watching different Series' related with cartoons (whose favorite is Naruto) and not (DOTS, GOT among others), and travel. A movie junkie who's favorite local movie is *One More Chance* and on the foreign side: *Avengers: Civil War*. His interests are cultural heritage, drafting, Heritage Architecture, modern buildings, building construction, museum studies, and graphic design. Colors that appeal to John Carlo are red, navy blue and purple, and likes

Filipino, Japanese, Italian and American food. Arch. Sayco has been hands-on with the UAP's national events such as the Chapter Presidents' General Assembly and the National Convention preparations these recent past years either in various capacities as Logistics core member, Program Manager and even Sports Chairman for the UAP NATCON Arkiympics years 2014 and 2015. He always believe that "good things will come." Both awardees were quizzed which gives us a refreshing insight into their colorful profiles.

Candidates for the UAP Young Architects' Awards have to be architect members of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), who are 35 years old and below within 2016, active regular members in good standing in a regular Chapter for at least three (3) continuous years prior to nomination and have been licensed to practice architecture, and are eligible to be nominated in either of the two (2) categories: 1) Professional Practice and 2) Academe.

This award was also established in response to the call of the Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA) during the Council Meeting in Ayutthaya, Thailand last November 11, 2015 in which the council members have agreed to recognize the young architects for each country- member of ARCASIA, where the current Chair participated in behalf of the UAP. UAP Young Architects Committee Chair Arch. Rodriguez is joined by Deputy Chairman Arch. Carlo Gianni B. Bustos and members: Archts. Sylvester Shaun D. Seño, Videll M. Mendoza, John Noel R. Cano and Alpha Fiesta Azarcon. 



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