



**UNITED ARCHITECTS OF
THE PHILIPPINES (UAP)**
THE INTEGRATED AND ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATION OF ARCHITECTS

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Brief History of the Institute

UAP is the prime organization of Architects in the Philippines, accredited by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) as the Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects and a registered corporation by Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

Last July 29, 2022, the UAP was once again honored and proud to receive the 2022 Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization by the PRC. This is our 11th APO Award; an achievement no other organization has attained.

UAP always been focused on its goal – to be the champion of the architectural profession in the country.

Current Office Bearers of the Institute

This year 2022, the UAP leadership now composed of 32 Members of the National Board of Directors and 8 Executive Directors. The National Board of Directors Fiscal Year 2021-2022 passed Resolutions for the creation of an independent distinct district for Middle East and North America Chapters, to be known as UAP Regional District A6 and a special Commission on Communications and Creatives.

Current Membership Strength

To date, UAP has a roster of membership numbering more than 50,000 or 100% of the total registered architects at the PRC and **11,497 members in good standing**:

We have now a total of 139 registered ASEAN Architects and 66 APEC Architects.

Budget of the Institute

The Annual National Budget contains the following information, such as but not limited to: (a) a statement of estimated revenues for the ensuing fiscal year; (b) a statement of estimated expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year; (c) a comparative statement of last fiscal year's annual budget with the ensuing fiscal year's recommended budget.

Number of Chapters

UAP has a total of 190 chapters worldwide; 169 local chapters and 21 international chapters which are clustered under four (4) geographical areas (Northern Luzon, Greater Manila, Visayas, and Mindanao) and twenty (21) regional districts.

Congress of the Institute

UAP is yearly organizing its major national events such as National Conference of Architects, World Architecture Day, National Architecture Week, Area Assemblies, National Convention, and National Elections.

Legal Status of the Institute / Legal Status of The Architect in the Country

The practice of architecture in the Philippines is only a professional privilege that is granted to individuals and firms (natural and juridical persons), duly registered and licensed in accordance with Philippine law.

Architects Registration Authority in the Country

Aside from its accreditation with PRC and SEC, with the passage of the Republic Act No. 9266 otherwise known as the Architecture Act of 2004, the UAP has been recognized as the Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects (IAPOA) in the Philippines.

International Affiliations of the Institute

UAP is one of the founding members of Architects Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA), a National Section of International Union of Architects (UIA), Member of Eastern Regional Organization for Planning and Human Settlements (EAROPH) and APEC Architects Central Council Monitoring Committee.

Major Programs of the Institute in the past year 2021-2022

Every administration of the UAP has implemented their strategic plans and programs anchored on the mission, vision and objectives of the UAP for a common goal – to elevate our beloved profession and protect the professional behind it.

The past year leadership is geared towards “Servant Leadership,” “Unity in Diversity,” and “Member First Policy”. As we implement these principles, we keep in mind these as our guide. The pandemic has opened doors for us to make changes for the betterment of our profession, professionals, professional product and professional organization. The men and women behind UAP worked together to accomplish our programs. Moreover, this pandemic has directed us to see the need for a digital transformation that aligns with the needs of the time, especially when everything is done virtually. The major programs of the UAP in the past year 2021-2022 are as follows:

Professionals (through)

- KUMUSTAHAN Program of our NEVP with his various Commissions
- DIGITIZATION Program and I-ZOOM MO KAY SECGEN of our Secretary General
- Our MEMBER FIRST WELFARE FUND and BALIK ARKITEKTO PROGRAMS
- Quality CPD WEBINARS for minimal cost, but most of them are offered free by our various Commissions
- Issuance of UAP Journal “ARQUITEKTURA” by the Professional Development Commission

- Reinforcing our communications platforms and social media exposures by having our UAP Comms Team and Commission on Communications and Creatives
- We initiated our UAP JOBS to assist our members in seeking jobs especially in this pandemic time

Professional Organization

- AUSTERITY MEASURES Program of our National Treasurer together with the National Auditor
- Architects' credo wall in the headquarters
- Upholding our commitment to contributing to the well-being of the communities we serve through our:
 - Renato A. Heray Bayanihang Arkitektura Programs
 - Resilient Architects Committee formerly known as Emergency Architects
 - The Climate Change Commission and promoting green building advocacy
- Winning our 11-time Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization awarded by the PRC in year 2022

Profession

- Our Legislative Agenda for the protection of the architecture practice by filling of various House and Senate Bills with our Champions in the Legislation while waiting for the final decision of the Supreme Court, reviewing of our Architectural Code, and addressing illegal practitioners with the Anti-Illegal Practices Committee who painstakingly process and address illegal practices in our profession. In fact, that a giant architecture malpractitioner was arrested.
- We continue cooperative with the PRC, Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture, LGUs and other government and private institution to participate in their various programs in supporting the protection and value of the architecture profession
- We actively collaborate with our international counterparts like ARCASIA, UIA, ASEAN and APEC and our recent visit and talk with Singapore Institute of Architects President
- We safely and successfully concluded the National Conference of Architects, International Conference of Architects, World Architecture Day, National Architecture Week, Area and District Assemblies, National Convention, National Election and our Inauguration Program for another fruitful fiscal year.

Program of the Institute

The present National Leadership started on July 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023, commits to listening to our members' voices, thus we came up with Six (6) UAP Corporate Thrusts as follows:

Vanguards of the Architecture Profession

We are your leaders at the forefront. We will lead the way, and we are ready to face the challenges, conflicts, and concerns we shall encounter in our organization for a greater and better UAP and the Architectural Profession. We will be active in sustaining the momentum in monitoring various legislation and Bills that would affect and protect our profession.

Optimize our strengths and resources

To successfully turn ideas into projects, we are here to choose the right people to do the job. We shall utilize every member's strength and abilities to build the foundations of this organization. We shall not waste any given resource and create the best projects possible.

Inclusive leadership

We are leaders for all architects – we are here to listen, to serve. We will be what unites the people of this organization without any bias. We will use this critical capability to guide the members efficiently and towards the point of success.

Cultivate a culture of excellence

As leaders, we shall provide projects and a conducive space to grow and hone skills of fellow architects. We shall become better than our current best and celebrate such thing. We support everyone in the architecture profession. Our vision for UAP and Filipino Architects will be at par competitive.

Empower the regions and the members

No one is left behind. We are here to unite the entire community wherever and wherever you are. With more empowered regions, we are more geared to envision, build a brighter future for the profession. We are here to understand the strengths and weaknesses of one another and utilize these skills in such building.

Service beyond self

We are servant-leaders. We listen to the people and not only to ourselves. It is our duty to put the needs of our members first to further empower the organization with reliable persons and projects.

Architectural Competitions/Awards for Membership during the year under review

The UAP annually gives recognition to its regular members, chapters, and districts for their meritorious achievements in support of the architectural profession and the professional organization. It aims to continue this tradition by recognizing significant accomplishments that encourage best practices in organizational affairs, promote a positive image of the profession, and support UAP's flagship programs and advocacies.

Key Issues facing the Architects / Architectural Profession / Institute in the Country

The primary concern of the Architects / Architectural Profession / Institute in our country are as follows:

- Overlapping / Encroachment of Professional Services
- Repeal and/or Amendments of the Architecture Act of 2004 (RA 9266) with provisions that are disadvantageous to the Architects, the Architectural Profession and the Organization. RA 9266 vs. HB 10234
- Repeal of the National Building Code of the Philippines (PD 1096) to the new Proposed National Building Act
- Full implementation of RA 9266 to cities and municipalities for the aggressive push for the Unified Building Permit, wherein Architectural Permits and forms should only be signed and sealed an Architect
- Unlicensed and unregistered ILLEGAL Practitioners of the Architectural Profession. Anti-Illegal Practice
- Lack of Knowledge, Unfamiliarity and Misconception of the General Public towards ARCHITECTS
- Architectural Plans are for Architects

Resources of the Institute

The UAP's present resources came from the annual membership dues and major national events to sustain the operational outlays of the UAP.

The Institutes efforts to implement ARCASIA Resolutions adopted in the past Council Meetings

The UAP supports the implementation of ARCASIA Resolutions adopted in the past Council Meetings through the various ARCASIA Committees that we have full representation.

ARCASIA Committee on Architecture Education (ACE)

- Faculty & Student Exchange
- Research: Resilience of the Architect/Academician in a Pandemic / Post-Pandemic World
- Incubation Program for Start-Ups
- UAP Student Auxiliary (UAPSA) Institutional Activities
- Year-Long Activities of the Student Auxiliary
 - UAPSA Quadripartite 2021: Trailblaze, Pioneering Quintessence
 - Area Assemblies
 - World Architecture Day
 - National Architecture Week
 - District Assemblies
 - National Congress
- Thesis of the Year Awards 2021 and Student Design Competition 2021 2021 under the Architects' Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA)

- STUDENTS' JAMBOREE 2021 under the Architects' Regional Council Asia (ARCASIA)
- UAPSA Policy Manual
- UAP Graduate Auxiliary (UAPGA) E-Library Launch
- L.A.R.O Architecture Review in preparation for the Architecture
- Licensure Examination
- UAPGA Policy Manual
- Architects in the Academe Assembly 2021 (YEAR 6)

ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice (ACPP)

- Relaunching of the Get An Architect campaign slogan
- Preparation of the Ethics and Disputes Manual and Standards and Architects' Directory

ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR)

- Institutionalized the UAP's Bayanihang Arkitektura Recognition System

ARCASIA Committee on Green & Sustainable Architecture (ACGSA)

- Evacuation Center of the Philippines under LDG Architects with the Climate Change Commission of the Philippines Office
- Climate-Smart Building Standards Climate-Smart Building Standards, as National Consultant of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
- Green Forum is an online conference of the longest running green architecture seminar and sustainability event in the Philippines
- Biodiverse Urban Reforestation (BUR) - Initiated and led by the Green Restorative Action and Sustainable Solutions (GRASS), whose members are all UAP members. This action led to the finalization of a bill in congress, now referred to as the, "Urban Biodiversity Conservation" and a program adopted by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA)

- Proposed Youth Awards
- Framework for Organizing Young Architects Committees in different Institutes
- Promote UAP leadership development of early career architects by developing a network of UAP members who are 40 years old and below and providing opportunities for open exchange of ideas and information ranging from: Exchange of Design Ideas, Design Competitions; Cross border mentor - internship program for Young Architects; Job opportunities within our Region; Professional issues relating to Architecture and Design Facilitate the Young Architects Award which given to individuals who have shown exceptional leadership, commitment and made significant contributions to the profession in an early stage of their architectural career.
- Represent the United Architects of the Philippines in ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects.

Plans for the Future

The UAP was established the 10-Year Long-Range Plan and yearly adopted by UAP National Leadership to guide them on the strategies and programs they will implement for the year.

The current fiscal year has formulated the 6 Corporate Thrust for Fiscal Year, our UAP GAME PLAN, The UAP NA10 (10 UAP Priority Projects) which anchored on the strategic plan of the UAP:

UAP CONNECT- A set of programs to build strong communication and engagement between UAP and its external relations including its members, local government units, government agencies, and the Media.

UAP PROTECT- A sustainable campaign to protect and promote the Architecture profession, specifically in pushing for our legislative agenda.

UAP JOBS- To promote Job Matching programs, Specialization Directory, and Business Collaboration among our members, allied Professionals, and Industry partners local and International.

UAP CARES- Renovation of UAP Headquarters that focuses on providing our members and Guest with spaces to connect. We will also put the spotlight on strengthening our social responsibility with the RENATO A HERAY BAYANIHAN ARKITEKTURA (CSR) and RESILIENT ARCHITECTS formerly known as Emergency Architects thru One Chapter One Resilient Architect program. We want to maximize our network of 190 chapters and prepare UAP CARE packs ready in any emergency situations. Also, UAP is committed to apply Green and Sustainability Designs and Climate Change programs.

UAP EVENTS- Executing successful trademark events such as NATCON 2023, CONEX 2023, NATIONAL ARCHITECTURE WEEK- PHILIPPINE ARCHITECTURE FESTIVAL and developing these into global affairs.

UAP DIGITAL- Embracing digital Transformation in Registration, Inquiry, Payment, and certifications to be able to keep up with the global standards. Another innovation is new CPD portal for architects called V CAMP Program- Virtual Coaching Assisting and Mentoring Program by UAP Professional Development Commission. Anytime and anywhere CPD for all its members at their convenience.

UAP LEAD- Series of leadership, mentoring, training, and competition programs to hone our architects and members to become Global leaders thru UAP ACADEMY on wheels.

UAP H.E.L.P (Honing Everyone on Legalities of the Profession)- Educating every member about the legalities of the practice and the profession. Free Legal Advice, Standardization and provision of Sample templates for various Design Contracts.

UAP E.T.C. (Entrepreneurship, Trade, and Commerce)- Promotion of Entrepreneurship and Business program among UAP members, provision of the Business portal for Trade and Commerce among Architects.

UAP KULTURA - A celebration of Philippine Architecture, the Architecture profession, and UAP's History and Culture through UAP Museum and 50th History Book.

To date, the UAP together with the Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBoA) is preparing a Professional Competitiveness Roadmap (PCR) for Architecture that will address the following criterions:

1. Certificate of Registration (COR) and/or Professional Identification Card (PIC)
2. Administrative Cases; Monitoring Compliance and Endorsing to/or Filing Complaints
3. Nomination and Screening of the Members of the Board of Architecture and Nominees to the Outstanding Professional of the Year for Architecture (OPYA)
4. LEA Conduct of Examinations: Issues and Concerns
5. Oath-taking Ceremonies at NCR and Regional: Physical Presence and Online/Virtual
6. Local and International Opportunities: Inbound and Outbound, Special Permit and Temporary Permit, Professional Liability Insurance
7. APEC Architect Project and ASEAN Architect Registry
8. PRL and Codes: IRR of RA9266, ACP, Bills filed in Congress
9. Education: 3+2 Architecture Program
10. CPD and CPSP-CATS: Programs, Providers, Societies
11. Roster of Architects
12. RLAs: Non-registered firm, Registered firms at DTI/SEC and PRC/PRB-ARC

Any other important issues which require ARCASIA Council to address