



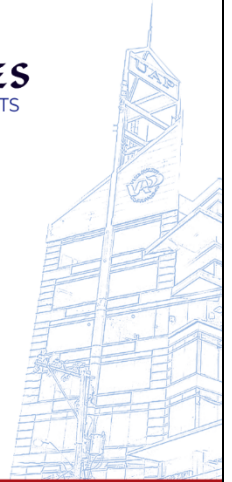
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THE INTEGRATED AND ACCREDITED PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION OF ARCHITECTS

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(Fiscal Year 2025-2026)
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1) Brief History of the Institute

The UAP is the first professional organization that was accredited and registered by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) since 1975. We are also a Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) registered corporation.

With humility, the UAP is a multi-awarded professional organization, recognized by various government and private institutions, here and abroad. Indeed, the organization’s efforts to promote the architectural profession, safeguard practice standards, and protect the interests of its members have not escaped the eyes of award-giving bodies worldwide.

Formed on March 26, 1975 with the integration of three existing architecture organizations then - the Philippines Institute of Architects (PIA), the League of Philippine Architects (LPA) and the Association of Philippine Government Architects (APGA), the United Architects of the Philippines successfully celebrated its fiftieth founding anniversary held on March 26, 2025.

2) Current Office Bearers of the Institute

The UAP leadership has 33 Members of the National Board of Directors and 8 Executive Directors.

MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)	
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MARK LOUIE M. SORIQUEZ, UAP Executive Director Commission on Convention, Assemblies & Exhibits	PAOLO V. JOSON, UAP Executive Director Commission on Communications and Creatives

3) Current Membership Strength

To date, the UAP has a roster of membership numbering more than 62,000 or 100% of the total registered architects at the PRC, with 22,312 members in good standing. Also, we have now a total of 153 registered ASEAN Architects and 73 APEC Architects

4) 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.

5) Number of Chapters

The UAP has a total of 210 chapters worldwide; 187 local chapters and 23 international chapters, which are clustered under four (4) geographical areas (Northern Luzon, Greater Manila, Visayas, and Mindanao) and twenty-two (22) regional districts.

6) AGM/Congress of the Institute

Yearly, the UAP organizes its national events, such as the National Conference of Architects, World Architecture Day, Area Assemblies, and the National Convention.

This fiscal year, 2025-2026, allow me to usher you to a new era of UAP, after our successful celebration and commemoration of our golden jubilee. Let me lead all of you to continue moving progressively carrying with us all the successes and triumphs we have achieved in the last fifty years of our organization.
WE WILL BE THE MOVERS OF PROGRESS.

7) Legal Status of the Institute

On May 12, 1975, the UAP was granted Certificate No. 001, the first professional organization to be accredited by the PRC - the central agency of the Philippine Government charged with the licensing and regulation of professionals and the professions, as well as the Accredited Professional Organizations (APOs).

In 2004, by virtue of the Republic Act No. 9266, otherwise known as the "Architecture Act of 2004" and upon confirmation of the Professional Regulation Commission, UAP becomes the Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects (IAPOA).

8) 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.

9) Architects Registration Authority in the Country

Aside from its accreditation with the PRC and the 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.

10) International Affiliations of the Institute

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

11) Major Programs of the Institute in the past year

The Blueprint of the current administration is STRONG Organizational and Professional Culture with Brevity for S.T.R.O.N.G to be SUSTAINABLE. THRIVING. RESILIENT. OPERATIONAL. NOTABLE and GROWING UAP.

We shall Articulate our UAP Dose - 12, Twelve National Focus Programs and We will Do See and Achieve. Among our 12 National Focus Programs are:

- i. **INCLUSIVITY First** - We will have EQUAL ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITIES for All Member Rights, Services, and Career Advancement, adapting an OPEN DOOR POLICY and WELCOMING CULTURE to All Levels in the UAP with the Belonging of All Members. To Stand Strong and United as the "First - One and Only IAPOA".
- ii. **CORPORATE Image** - Rooted QMS - ISO 9001:2015 for Transparent and Organized Corporate Systems in the UAP and Crafting our UAP 5-year MidTerm 2025-2023 for our corporate priorities and Direction. We will implement our newly crafted Business Continuity Management Plan (BCM) and Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP) through our In-Place UAP Sustainability Project to protect our people and assets and to respond quickly in the event of a man-made or natural disaster in the UAP.
- iii. **DIGITAL Transformation** - Reshaping the UAP via Digital Technology advocating Paperless Transactions for all meetings, info exchange, and documentation replacing the need for printing and manpower, and streamlining a more efficient process through our ISO QMS and Digitalization.
- iv. **GLOCAL Connect** - We will have STRONG INTERNAL INTERACTION and Communication at the NBD, UAP Areas, Districts, Global and Local Chapters, and the General Membership. Similarly, we will have STRONG EXTERNAL LINKAGES to the LGUs, Government Agencies, Media, and Global and Local Institutes such as ARCASIA and UIA. Continuity of the KAPIHAN + KAMUSTAHAN + Izoom mo kay SecGen and adapting TOWNHALL MEETINGS achieving

more results by empowering our Leaders and Members to carry out their roles by closely working together to participate more and decide more.

- v. **Defend to PROTECT** - Against Illegal Practice and Malpractice through the Committee on Illegal Practice to Prevent, Mitigate, and Convict Anti-Illegal Practices of the Architectural Profession. Lobbying for Full Implementation of R.A. 9266 anticipating the Supreme Court Decision to be Final and Executory and the inclusion of the ACP in the PBA as Reference Code.
- vi. **Collective CARE** - Sustainable Assistance for Members Welfare - MWF. We will continue to Complete the UAP HQ Reimagined Project for the Members. We will have Tangible CSR Projects for the Community through the Renato A. Heray Bayanihang Arkitektura and Continued Resilient Architects Environmental programs.
- vii. **ARCHITECTS in Public Office** - Continuously generating DATABASE of Architects in Government for all Government Infrastructure projects Promoting the ROLE and WELFARE of Architects in Government Service, through Job Matching and ARCHITECTS PLANTILLA POSITIONS. Continuity of the ASSEMBLY OF GOVERNMENT ARCHITECTS' participation in National Events and for Institutionalization.
- viii. **GLOBAL Practice** - Transcending National and International Boundaries for Global Opportunities and Practice. Encouraging ASEAN Architect and APEC Architect opportunities and recognition. Opportunities for Professional Exchange, Reciprocity and Global Collaboration promoting professional-first approaches.
- ix. **YOUNG ARCHITECTS Platform** - Our UAP Young Architects will be guided on Professional Development and practice for career advancement and recognition of achievements. We will define the significant Role and Influence of our Young Architects in the Glocal Architectural Landscape. We will have Linkages and Partnerships with Architectural Firms, Institutions, and Organizations to expand resources and opportunities.
- x. **Ka-ENTREPRENEUR** - PROMOTION OF BUSINESS PROGRAMS for Architects as ENTREPRENEURS through the Special Committee on Entrepreneurship, Trade and Commerce. EDUCATING THE MEMBERS on how to start, grow, and strategize a business to capitalize on different business model opportunities.
- xi. **Progressive EVENTS** - Our Trademark Events will be more than STRONG and PROGRESSIVE. Our UAP Events Pipeline, NATCON 50th, and CONEX will be Thematically Organized embracing a Borderless Global Affair. We will CELEBRATE our GOLDEN JUBILEE, our 50th Year Milestone and we will HONOR our Outstanding Leaders, Members and keep the Tradition in the College of Fellows (COF).

- xii. **Arki KULTURA** - We will Revitalize the UAP Museum Project as a repository of UAP History and Archives, our 50th UAP Anniversary Milestone, our UAP 50TH HISTORY BOOK and our GOLDEN JUBILEE Celebration. Continuity of Filipino Architecture, Cultural, and Arts Documentary Festival Program through the Sentro ng Arkitekturang Filipino.

12) Program of the Institute

We solemnly commit to an even brighter future for Filipino architects. Our progress will be anchored on three fundamental pillars: **Justice to the Profession, Visionary Initiatives, and Member Empowerment**. Each pillar contributes uniquely yet works in harmony to achieve our shared ambition of a sustainable future for the Philippine built environment.

As Filipino architects, the essence of being Movers of Progress lies in our ability to translate our skills and knowledge into tangible improvements for our communities. We commit to ensure a better future for our countrymen through our valuable contribution. It means championing sustainable design practices, recognizing our crucial role in the global call for sustainability and actively contributing to the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Our professional practice must reflect a commitment to environmental responsibility, resource efficiency, and most importantly, social equity.

Consider, for a moment, the concept of progress in the eyes of a homeless Filipino. For them, progress is about safe, dignified shelter, access to basic necessities, and a sense of belonging. As Movers of Progress, we must actively help address this disparity. We must use our skills to make a tangible difference in the lives of those most in need ensuring that everyone has access to a safe and decent place to call home.

Furthermore, we must actively educate the public about the transformative power of architecture. Too often, the practice of architecture is misunderstood, perceived as merely an aesthetic pursuit or a costly endeavor. We must demonstrate, through our actions and our words, that architecture is a fundamental instrument for building sustainable, safe, and inclusive environments. It's about creating spaces that foster community, promote well-being, and enhance the quality of life for all Filipinos to dispel misconceptions and showcase the positive impact of responsible architectural practice.

The challenge before us is significant, but our potential, as Movers of Progress, is unlimited. Let us embrace this challenge with courage, creativity, and a deep commitment to serving our nation. Let us begin today.

JUSTICE TO THE PROFESSION

This is a guiding principle, a core thrust of my administration, and the foundation upon which we will build a stronger, more ethical, and more sustainable future for our profession.

The recent Supreme Court victory, declaring Architects as the sole rightful stewards of architectural documents, was a resounding affirmation of our profession's integrity and commitment to safety. This victory is a testament to our hard work, our dedication, and our unyielding pursuit of justice for all architects.

VISIONARY INITIATIVES

My fellow architects, we stand at a pivotal moment. The world is in constant flux, and the architectural profession must evolve alongside it. We cannot afford to be complacent, simply conforming to traditional leadership molds. The time for "cookie-cutter" leadership is over.

We are called upon by the changing times to think out of the box and embrace a more progressive, inclusive, and timely leadership brand. This is about building upon the lessons of the past, about seeing the world through a new lens, a lens focused on the future.

We must look ahead, not just 5 or 10 years, but 15, 20, even 50 years. We must envision a UAP that is not just a guardian of the profession, but a champion of innovation, a catalyst for change, and a beacon of progress for our nation.

This means embracing a bold vision that recognizes the power of technology, the urgency of sustainability, and the need for inclusivity. It means challenging ourselves to think creatively, to offer quality services that anticipate the needs of our members and elevate the profession to new heights.

We must be MOVERS OF PROGRESS, creating a Sustainable Tomorrow for the UAP. This is a call to action, a challenge to each and every member.

MEMBER EMPOWERMENT

At its heart, the United Architects of the Philippines is a community of professionals bound by a shared passion for architecture and a commitment to excellence. But a community is only as strong as its members. My administration is fundamentally committed to a member-centric leadership, ensuring that every program, every initiative, and every decision serves the benefit of our architects. This is the essence of Member Empowerment, and it is not merely a policy, but a promise.

We believe that empowerment begins with inclusivity. No architect should feel left behind. Every member, regardless of their experience, location, or background, deserves access to the resources and opportunities that will help them thrive. This means creating programs that are accessible, relevant, and designed to meet the diverse needs of our membership.

More than just providing programs for our members, we envision a UAP where members are empowered to create programs of their own. We believe in the power of grassroots initiatives, in the ingenuity and drive of our architects to identify and address their own needs. We will foster an environment where members can take the lead, developing programs that uplift their spirits, boost their morale, strengthen their faith, and enhance their professional competence. We will provide the support, the resources, and the platform for these member-driven initiatives to flourish.

Member empowerment requires a collective effort and commitment from every level of our organization - national, area, regional, chapter, and most importantly, within each architect. Let us work together to create a UAP where every member feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential. Let us build a UAP where our members' collective strength fuels our profession's advancement and the betterment of our communities. Let us empower ourselves and each other together, ensuring that the UAP remains a beacon of excellence and a source of pride for every architect in the Philippines.

13) Architectural Competitions / Awards for Membership during the year under review

The UAP annually recognizes its regular members, chapters, and districts through the Annual **UAP National Awards**. This tradition honors meritorious achievements that uphold the architectural profession and contribute to the growth of the organization.

The National Board of Directors continues to champion this initiative, acknowledging accomplishments that demonstrate excellence in organizational management, elevate the profession's image, and align with UAP's flagship programs and advocacies.

In 2023, the UAP expanded its recognition program by institutionalizing the **UAP Design Awards**. This initiative aims to highlight architectural branding, provide equal opportunities, and celebrate exemplary work, best practices, sustainability, and innovation across the industry.

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

- a. Full implementation of the Republic Act No.9266 otherwise known as the Architecture Act of 2004
- b. The preparation, signing and sealing of architectural plans and documents are only for registered and licensed architects
- c. Amendment to the RA9266

15) 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.

16) The Institute's 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)

- a. Organized various programs for the UAP Student Auxiliary
- b. Institutionalized Architects Academic Colloquium and Architects in the Academe Assembly
- c. Educational Exchange and Architecture Incubation Enterprise
- d. Mentor Program

ARCASIA Committee on Professional Practice (ACPP)

- a. Promotion of the Get An Architect campaign slogan
- b. Ethics and Disputes Manual and Standards and Architects' Directory

ARCASIA Committee on Social Responsibility (ACSR)

- a. UAP's Renato A. Heray Bayanihang Arkitektura Programs and Projects

ARCASIA Committee on Green & Sustainable Architecture (ACGSA)

- a. Active participation in green building ordinances of Local Government Units
- b. UAP as support group in the promotion of green building practices in the Philippines

ARCASIA Committee on Young Architects (ACYA)

- a. CYA Introduced Rebranding initiative
- b. ARCHSOCIETY (Online Presence Platform)
- c. NEXTGEN ARCHITECTS PROGRAM (Learning Platform)
- d. YOUNG ARCHITECTS HUB (Information Platform)
- e. ARCHI-CONNECT (Connection Platform)
- f. The Rising Stars: Honoring 50 Architects under 40 (Recognition and Awarding Platform)

17) Plans for the Future

The UAP, through its Special Committee on Long-Range Plan, has formulated updated strategies for the profession, professionals, professional organizations, and professional products.

The crafting of the **Long-Range Plan** will cover two periods: **2025-2030 and 2030-2035**. These periods will be phased into mid-term plans that establish the organization's priorities, thrusts, and strategies for the next five to ten years.

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Our Long-Range Plan 2025-2035 is our institutional compass. It charts a bold and strategic future for UAP, grounded on a commitment to global excellence, ethical practice, and resilient, sustainable innovation. It outlines clear priorities from professional development and cultural identity to digital transformation and public trust all aligned with our core thrusts: delivering justice to the profession, fostering visionary initiatives, and empowering every Filipino architect. This plan ensures that we are leading it with clarity and courage on the following realms:

The Profession must be positioned as a cornerstone of nation-building—through strong policy advocacy, sustainable and resilient design leadership, and the adoption of world-class standards that make Philippine architecture globally competitive.

The Professional must be equipped with future-ready skills, supported by a culture of lifelong learning, mentorship, and inclusion so that every architect can thrive in a rapidly evolving world.

The Professional Organization must be future-proofed through digital transformation, strategic partnerships, and adaptive governance that can respond to economic, technological, and global challenges.

The Professional Product must uphold excellence, relevance, and cultural identity—supported by research, innovation, and a renewed public appreciation of architecture's role in shaping society.

18) Any other important issues which require ARCASIA Council to address/assist.

The UAP, as the host country of the successful Architects Regional Council Asia Congress 20 (ACA20), presented the following proposed programs during the Council Meeting held in Boracay, Philippines:

BUSINESS PROGRAM FOR ARCHITECTS

a. ARCASIA Arkipreneur (Architect+ Entrepreneurship)

- b. Business portal for Trade and Commerce among ARCASIA Architects
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CONNECT PROGRAM

- a. Specialization portal among ARCASIA Members or Architects digital Directory of Specialization
- b. Business Matching and Job Matching Program

HELP PROGRAM

- a. The ARCASIA community as champion of heritage conservation, green and sustainable architecture, and game-changer for the industry
- b. ARCASIA Resilient and Emergency Architects

LONG RANGE PLAN PROGRAM

Development of a Long-Range Plan for ARCASIA for its priority concerns concerning four major areas of architecture:

- a. Profession
- b. Professional
- c. Professional Organization
- d. Professional Product