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Board of Architecture
(PRBoA)



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University of the Philippines Manila
City of Manila

ATTENTION : **OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR**

University of the Philippines Manila
8/F Right Central Block Building
Taft Avenue, Manila 1000

SUBJECT : **OFFICIAL SUPPORT BY PRBOA MEMBERS FOR THE STAND OF THE UP COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE (UPCA) ON THE PROPOSED UP MANILA MUSEUM PROJECT (THE "PROJECT")**

REFERENCES : 1) the 08 August 2007 University of the Philippines College of Architecture (UPCA) Letter to the UP President Dr. Emerlinda R. Roman.
2) Secs. 23, 29, 34 and 37 of **Republic Act (R.A.) No. 9266** (The Architecture Act of 2004) **approved** by Pres. Gloria Macapagal - Arroyo on 17 March 2004 and which took **effect** 10 April 2004 (repealing R.A. Nos. 1581 and 545), its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) effective 01 December 2004 and derivative regulations (periodically issued by the Professional Regulation Commission/PRC and the Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture/PRBoA); and
2) the apparently willful/ deliberate violations of provisions of R.A. No. 9266, its IRR and its derivative regulations by entities under consideration by UP Manila for commissioning as Architect for the Project.

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Warm greetings from the recently reconstituted **Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture** (the "PRBoA")!

The PRBoA, a body under the **Professional Regulation Commission** (the "PRC") is tasked with implementing **R.A. No. 9266** which states that **only Registered and Licensed Architects ("RLAs")** are permitted to prepare, sign and seal architectural plans, specifications and related documents. The PRBoA is an independent public entity and must not be confused with any private architectural organization.

Despite the **full effectivity** of **R.A. No. 9266** since 10 April 2004 (over 3 years ago), a **non-RLA** such as Mr. Eduardo Gungon Calma (aka Ed Calma, reference **Attachment A**) apparently continues to flaunt his supposed "practice", with the alleged assistance of several RLAs and an architectural firm (going by the name Lor Calma

Design Associates, Inc.), who are/ which is apparently actively **aiding and abetting** Mr. Calma's supposed practice.

The undersigned PRBoA members are one with their *alma mater*, the UP College of Architecture (UPCA) in calling for extra caution in commissioning a non-RLA (reference **Attachment B**) or a group of RLAs who **aid and abet** a non-RLA (such as Mr. Calma) or a potentially disqualified architectural firm for the Project.

Lastly, it may be well to consider not to think too highly of Mr. Calma's supposed "architectural wonders" for the moment, particularly in the light of the continuing, sustained and a most unusual state of media interest in Mr. Calma's supposed "body of work". Only professional ethical considerations have actually prevented some RLAs and/or other regulated professionals from directly commenting on or publicly critiquing Mr. Calma's supposed "works and accomplishments" to date.

The PRBoA looks forward to the UP Manila's consideration of its future actions on commissioning the architect for the Project, by taking R.A. No. 9266 (of 2004) and its key applicable provisions into full account. After all, R.A. No. 9266 is a statute passed upon and approved by the many nationally distinguished UP alumni, then active in both Houses of Congress.

Thank You very much.

Yours sincerely,

The **Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBoA)**

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ARMANDO N. ALLÍ
Chairman
UPCA, 1982
UP-SURP, 1994

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ANGELINE T. CHUA CHIACO
Senior Member
UPCA, 1975
UP-SURP, 1980

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att : A) PRC Certification dated 02 March 2007; and
B) UP College of Architecture (UPCA) letter to UP President Emerlinda Roman (08 Ag 07)

cc : 1) Office of the PRC Chairperson, Office of the PRC Secretary and the Office of the PRC Legal & Investigation Division; and
2) Office of the UP President Dr. Emerlinda R. Roman