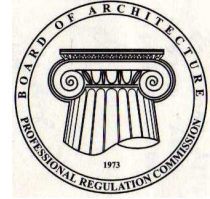




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**The Professional Regulation Commission**

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ATTENTION : **M. Ruth Raña Padilla**  
Commissioner

THROUGH : **Mr. Lord Louis Valera**  
International Affairs Division (IAD)

SUBJECT : **PRBoA REPORT ON THE ASIA PACIFIC ECONOMIC  
COOPERATION (APEC) ARCHITECT REGISTRY PROJECT  
THIRD (3<sup>RD</sup>) CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN  
VANCOUVER CITY, B.C., CANADA ON 07-08 AUGUST 2008**

Dear Madam/ Sir,

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

Please find attached the subject document for the Commission's information/ file. The document could not be transmitted earlier as the undersigned had to await the transmittal of the official Certificate of Attendance from the APEC Architect Secretariat based in the Republic of Mexico.

Thank You and the PRBoA hopes that the Commission shall find the report (in 2 pages) and its attachments (in 3 pages) in good order.

Yours sincerely,  
**for the PRBoA**

**ORIGINAL SIGNED**  
**Armando N. ALLÍ**  
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**Official PRBoA Report on the  
APEC Architect Registry Project  
Third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Central Council Meeting**

held 08 August 2008  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada  
10 September 2008

**A. Official Philippine Representatives to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Central Council Meeting**

Four (4) registered and licensed architects (**RLAs**) represented the Republic of the Philippines at the meeting and these were:

- 1) Arch. Prosperidad C. Luis, the head of the Philippine delegation and a Member of the Philippine Monitoring Council, in her capacity as a **private** sector representative for the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), the integrated and accredited professional organization of architects (IAPoA) under **R.A. No. 9266** (the Architecture Act of 2004);
- 2) Arch. Yolanda Reyes, a Member of the Philippine Monitoring Council, in her capacity as a **public** sector representative for the Commission on Higher Education (CHED);
- 3) **Arch. Armando N. Alli**, a Member of the Philippine Monitoring Council, the **Chair** of the Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (**PRBoA**), in his capacity as a **public** sector representative for the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC); and
- 4) Arch. Medeliano Roldan, Jr., in his capacity as a **private** sector representative for the UAP-IAPoA.

**B. PRC Representative's Itinerary and Documents Transmitted to the PRC**

**Chair Alli** traveled over a four (4)-day period i.e. **07** through **11** August 2008 (Philippine time) as follows:

- 1) check-in at the NAIA on **07** August 2008 (Thu) at about 3:00 a.m. (Philippine time); arrived at Hong Kong (HK) airport before 9:00 am (Philippine time); reviewed meeting documents while awaiting transfer; departed HK airport for Vancouver at about 5:00 p.m. (Philippine time); flight delayed by 1.5 to 2.0 hours;
- 2) exited Vancouver airport on **07** August 2008 (Thu) at around 1:00 p.m. (Vancouver time or **08** August 2008 (Fri) at about 4:00 a.m. Philippine time, which is 15.0 hours ahead) and proceeded to hotel for check-in; arrived at meeting venue at about 3:00 p.m. (Vancouver time); from about 6:00 p.m. through 8:30 p.m., engaged in an informal strategization/ positioning meeting with other delegates from the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia and Korea in preparation for the 08 August (Day 2) plenary talks;
- 3) attended and actively participated on Day 2 of the meeting on **08** August 2008 (Fri) from 8:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. (Vancouver time); ferry tour of Vancouver Bay on **08** August 2008 (Fri) from about 6:00 p.m. through 8:30 p.m. (Vancouver time) as hosted by the Canadian organizers;
- 4) exited via Vancouver airport at about 3:30 p.m. of **09** August (Saturday, Vancouver time or at about 6:00 a.m. of **10** August, Philippine time); exited NAIA at about 1:00 a.m. of **11** August 2008 (Monday, Philippine time).

**Chair Alli** has officially transmitted the following travel documents to the PRC for the purpose of recovering the advances made by the PRBoA for the trip:

- 1) original of the electronic ticket used for the trip;
- 2) four (4) Cathay Pacific boarding passes used for the trip i.e. Manila-HK; HK-Vancouver; Vancouver-HK; and HK-Manila;

- 3) copy of the Certificate of Attendance at the meeting;
- 4) copy of the hotel invoice, etc. (submitted only as additional proof of stay in Vancouver).

### **C. Key Results of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Central Council Meeting**

About sixty five (65) delegates from fourteen (14) APEC member economies attended the meeting. Chinese Taipei, the USA, Korea and Canada had some of the larger delegations in attendance. Among the key results of the said meeting are:

- 1) the Philippines (fully supported by Malaysia, Korea, Hong Kong, the People's Republic of China and through timely Canadian initiatives) were able to successfully put forward suggestions that **collaborative practice** (with licensed architects of the APEC host economy) must be officially considered as a viable mode of **reciprocal recognition** for the APEC Architect Registry Project (reference **Attachment A**); this is fully in keeping with valid and subsisting Philippine professional regulatory laws (**PRLs**) such as **R.A. No. 9266** (the Architecture Act of 2004);
- 2) due to a requested deferment by the USA of its **2009-2010** hosting assignment for the APEC Architect Registry Secretariat, the Philippines through the initiative of Arch. Roldan, the National President of the UAP-IAPoA, as supported by the three (3) Philippine Monitoring Council members, offered to undertake the two (2)-year hosting of the APEC Architect Registry Secretariat in Manila; the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Central Council meeting of the APEC Architect Project shall also be held in Manila sometime in October 2010 (reference **Attachment B**); and
- 3) for the years 2009 & 2010, the cost of hosting the APEC Architect Secretariat **annually** may range from USD50,000.00 to USD60,000.00 (very rough estimates only and the final figures will actually depend on the approved formula adopted by the Central Council); if the Philippines i.e. through the UAP-IAPoA were to host the APEC Architect Secretariat for the years 2009 through 2010, up to twenty five percent (25%) of the said costs may need to be borne by the organization and its APEC Architects, and possibly with some support from the PRC/ PRBoA and the CHED i.e. from USD12,500.00 to USD15,000.00 (very rough estimates only).

### **D. APEC Architect Registry at Present**

Among the key updates provided during the meeting by the fourteen (14) APEC member economies present were:

- 1) that there are now about two hundred thirty two thousand (232,000) **licensed** architects in the 14 member economies; it is interesting to note that the Philippines has about the same number of **licensed** architects as in Korea, Canada and Mexico; note however that the 8,000 **licensed** architects in the Philippines are **only** the corporate members of the UAP-IAPoA and that the number represents only one-third (1/3) of the actual number of **registered** architects (**RAs**) from 1921 to the present i.e. Philippine RAs are at 23,000; about six (6) member economies had 3,200 **licensed** architects or less; the USA had the greatest number of **licensed** architects at over 112,000 (reference **Attachment C**);
- 2) only five hundred twenty nine (529) of the 232,000 **licensed** architects from the 14 member economies are APEC Architects; and
- 3) no numbers on the APEC Architects were available from seven (7) member economies while Thailand and Singapore stated that they had none as of 08 August 2008. *Attachments follow.*

**Attachment A.**

**APEC Architect Reciprocal Recognition Framework Matrix**  
**As Approved by the Member Economies in Attendance (*Alpha List*)**  
(Confirmed in Plenary at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Central Council Meeting held 08 August 2008, Vancouver,  
British Columbia, Canada)

A. APEC Member Economy	B. Reciprocal Recognition Offer <i>(as Revised on 08 August 2008)</i>		
	1. Complete Mobility (Target of Full Recognition with APEC Architect status as only requisite)	2. Domain Specific Assessment (Testing Required on Regulations and Design Requirements of the Host Economy)	3. Local Collaboration (considered the Most Restrictive since association with a Licensed Architect of the Host Economy is a requirement)
01. Australia		√	
02. Canada#			√
03. China, People's Republic of			√
04. Chinese Taipeh		√	
05. Hong Kong			√
06. Japan		√	
07. Korea, Republic of			√
08. Malaysia, Federation of**			√
09. Mexico, Republic of#		√	
10. New Zealand		√	
11. Philippines, Republic of the**			√
12. Singapore**		√	
13. Thailand**			*
14. United States of America#		√	
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>

Notes: \**Reciprocal Recognition Offer was not sufficiently clarified.*

\*\**Official signatories to the 2007 ASEAN Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) for architectural practice.*

#*Signatories to a North American Agreement on mutual architectural practice.*

**Attachment B.**

**APEC Architect Secretariat Schedule of Hosting by Member Economy**  
(Reconfirmed in Plenary at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Central Council Meeting held 08 August 2008,  
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada)

<b>A. Years to be Hosted</b>	<b>B. APEC Member Economy</b>
2007 & 2008	Republic of Mexico
<b>2009 &amp; 2010</b>	<b>Republic of the Philippines*</b> (replacing the USA which declined)
2011 & 2012	New Zealand
2013 & 2014	Canada
2015 & 2016	Federation of Malaysia
2017 & 2018	People's Republic of China
2019 & 2020	United States of America/ USA (replacing the <b>Republic of the Philippines</b> )
2021 & 2022	Thailand
2023 & 2024	Singapore
2025 & 2026	Republic of Korea
2027 & 2028	Japan
2029 & 2030	Australia
2031 & 2032	Chinese Taipei
2033 & 2034	Hong Kong

*Note: \*APEC Architect Secretariat to be officially hosted by the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), the integrated and accredited professional organization of architects (IAPoA), as offered through its National President (Arch. Medeliano Roldan, Jr.).*

**Attachment C.**

**Reported Numbers of Licensed and APEC Architects by Member Economy**  
 (Confirmed in Plenary at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Central Council Meeting held 08 August 2008, Vancouver,  
 British Columbia, Canada)

<b>A. APEC Member Economy</b>	<b>B. Number of Licensed Architects (and of APEC Architects reported)</b>	
Republic of Mexico	7,523	*
<b>Republic of the Philippines</b> (replacing the USA which requested a deferment)	<b>8,000</b>	<b>(27)</b>
New Zealand	1,550	*
Canada	8,000	(4)
Federation of Malaysia	1,600	*
People's Republic of China (PRoC)	16,000	(77)
United States of America/ USA (replacing the <b>Republic of the Philippines</b> )	112,000	*
Thailand	2,000	(0)
Singapore	1,300	(0)
Republic of Korea	8,000	*
Japan	50,000	(411)
Australia	10,000	(10)
Chinese Taipeh	3,200	*
Hong Kong	2,600	*
<b>Total</b>	<b>231,773</b>	<b>(529)**</b>

Notes:

\*No information secured during the meeting.

\*\*Only 0.002 (2/10<sup>th</sup> of 1.0%) of the Total Number of Licensed Architects.