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**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**  
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**I. General**

For year 2008, the Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBoA) refocused its efforts on several areas of past concern and continues with the monitoring of the conditions affecting the practice of architecture by carrying out the following actions:

- (1) Campaign on the implementation and enforcement of R.A. No. 9266 (The Architecture Act of 2004) and its 2004 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) with the Government's Executive and Legislative branches, local government units (LGUs) thru city or municipal mayors, and the different instrumentalities of the Government.
- (2) *Motu proprio* investigations (to lead to the possible filing of a PRC administrative case) against a registered and licensed architect (RLA) who is enabling an unregistered person to illegally engage in the illegal practice of the state-regulated profession of architecture; *motu proprio* investigations (to lead to the possible filing of a PRC administrative case against a RLA) for malpractice; and *motu proprio* investigations (to lead to the possible filing of a PRC criminal complaint against unregistered persons illegally practicing architecture); and calling the attention of entities misrepresenting themselves as registered architects (RAs) or as RLAs;
- (3) Review and update of the 1979 Standards of Professional Practice for RLAs (part of the IRR of the predecessor architecture laws R.A. No. 1581 (of 1956) and R.A. No. 545 (of 1950). One (1) document covering Pre-Design Services has already been approved by the PRBoA and presented by the UAP-IAPoA to its general membership in late October 2008;
- (4) Finalized the rules and regulations for the registration of architectural firms i.e. sole proprietorships, companies/ partnerships, corporations or associations engaged in the group practice of architecture, as part of the 2008 Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A. No. 9266. PRBoA Resolution No. 5, series of 2007 was published in the Philippine Daily Inquirer (PDI) in late April 2008. The registration of architectural firms is ongoing at the PRC Standards and Inspection Division office, with about 12 successful registrants to date.
- (5) Formulated and prescribed the rules and regulations for the granting of temporary/ special permits (TSPs) for foreign architects (FAs). The PRBoA granted only one (1) TSP in 2008 to an Australian architect.
- (6) Participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Central Council Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Architect Registry Project, with the PRC represented by PRBoA Chairman Armando N. Alli; venue was the city of Vancouver in Canada.

- (7) Conducted visits to at least twenty (20) schools of architecture, accomplished by PRBoA Member Arch. Marietta B. Segovia with the support of the concerned PRC staff.
- (8) Signed for promulgation at least twenty six (26) orders, three (3) joint resolutions and one (1) case dismissal for the different PRC administrative cases filed against RLAs at the PRC.
- (9) Signed several Resolutions for the registration of architectural firms.
- (10) Assisted the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) in the re-institutionalization of the Continuing Professional Education (CPE) program in mid through late 2008.
- (11) Operationalized and maintained the official PRBoA website at URL: [www.architectureboard.ph](http://www.architectureboard.ph). To date, it has had about eighty thousand (**80,000**) hits since site visits were first monitored in May 2008.
- (12) The PRBoA maintains three (3) official email addresses i.e. [prboa.prc.gov.ph@gmail.com](mailto:prboa.prc.gov.ph@gmail.com), [prc.prboa.gov.ph@gmail.com](mailto:prc.prboa.gov.ph@gmail.com) and [prboa.ph@gmail.com](mailto:prboa.ph@gmail.com) and one official address for its Chairman at [abchair@gmail.com](mailto:abchair@gmail.com). The following is the summary of the electronic mail traffic for the foregoing addresses:

A. Email Address	B. Approx. No. of Official <b>Outgoing</b> Mail	C. Approx. No. of Official <b>Incoming</b> Mail
<a href="mailto:abchair@gmail.com">abchair@gmail.com</a>	250	500
<a href="mailto:prboa.ph@gmail.com">prboa.ph@gmail.com</a>	50	100
<a href="mailto:prboa.prc.gov.ph@gmail.com">prboa.prc.gov.ph@gmail.com</a>	50	50
<a href="mailto:prc.prboa.gov.ph@gmail.com">prc.prboa.gov.ph@gmail.com</a>	50	50
Total	400	700

## II. COMPOSITION OF THE PROFESSIONAL REGULATORY BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE (PRBoA)

The three (3) Members of the PRBoA for the year 2008, together with their respective areas of architectural specialization are the following:

**CHAIRMAN** (acting)

(started 16 Nov 2006) :

**Arch. Armando N. ALLÍ**

*fuap, hfpia, fspac, piep, piid, aaif, apec ar*  
Site and physical planning,  
space planning, general architectural  
consulting services; private practice;

**MEMBERS** (acting)

(started 03 Nov 2006) :

**Arch. Angeline T. Chua Chiaco**, *fuap*  
Architectural Design; private practice;

(started 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2007) :

**Arch. Marietta B. Segovia**, *uap, piid, aaif*  
Space planning and Architectural Interiors  
(IA); private practice;

### III. Licensure Examination for Architects (LEA)

#### Conduct of LEAs

The PRBoA has continually reviewed the conduct of past licensure examinations for architects (LEAs) and through **Board Resolution No. 3 Series of 2008** effected the consolidation of three (3) subjects, namely Utilities System, Structural Design and Building Materials & Constructions into one (1) subject, to be administered on the same day with another batch of subjects i.e. History, Professional Practice and Ethics and Principles in Planning. The most recent LEA (June 2008) was administered for only two (2) days.

The results of the two (2) 2008 LEAs held in the City of Manila are as follows:

- (1) January 17, 18 and 20, 2008 LEA with 798 applicants, 238 passers (with 1 result withheld pending final determination of examinee liability); and
- (2) June 27 and 29, 2008 LEA with 1,279 applicants at 528 passers.

#### Release of Examination Results

The PRBoA met its target schedules for the release of results of the LEA as follows:

- 1) January 2008 - released on February 04, 2008, 11 working days after the last day of the LEA.
- 2) June 2008 - released on July 21, 2008, 16 working days after the last day of the LEA.

Percentage of passing for the 2008 LEAs are as follows:

	January 2008	June 2008	Total
Number of Examinees	798	1,279	<b>2077</b>
Total Number Passed	238	528	<b>766</b>
Percentage	<b>29.82%</b>	<b>41.28%</b>	<b>36.88 %</b>

#### Oath-taking

The PRBoA administered the mass oath-taking of new architects i.e. January and June 2008 LEA passers, in coordination with the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), the IAPoA under the 2004 IRR of R.A. No. 9266. Both events were held at the Fiesta Pavilion of the Manila Hotel with Guest Speakers, Dr. Onofre Pagsanghan on March 25, 2008 and then PRC Chairperson Leonor Tripon Rosero on August 20, 2008.

The PRBoA released the results ahead of the target schedules as required by existing rules currently enforced. Each PRBoA Member prepared and encoded five hundred (500) test questions per LEA subject. For the Architectural Design and Site Planning subject, only 30 new problems per LEA were added to the pool of questions.

## Zero-anomaly

The PRBoA continues to be steadfast in its commitment for a zero-anomaly examination. To assure this objective, the PRBoA together with all concerned PRC examination supervisors, conducted all examination procedures with strict compliance.

### 2008 LEA DATA SUMMARY

Activities	January 2008 Regular Exam	June 2007 Regular exam	TOTAL		
EXAM DATE	January 17,18 & 20, 2008	June 27 & 29, 2008			
VENUE	Manila	Manila			
DATE RELEASED	February 04,2008	July 21, 2008			
NO. OF EXAMINEES	798	1,279	2,077		
TOTAL NO. PASSED	238	528	766		
PERCENTAGE OF PASSING	29.82 %	41.28%	36.88%		
OATH TAKING DATE/ VENUE	March 25, 2008 Fiesta Pavilion, Manila Hotel	August 20, 200, Fiesta Pavilion, Manila Hotel			

### Recognition Given to LEA Topnotchers

As a special citation to LEA top-notchers, the BoA presented certificates of recognition and medals to the respective sets of top-notchers during the oath-taking ceremonies held last **March 25, 2008** at the Renaissance Hotel in Makati City for the January 2008 LEA passers and **August 20, 2008** at the Manila Shangri-La Hotel in Makati for the June 2008 LEA passers.

An Award of Excellence and Recognition Night was held immediately after the oath-taking in recognition for exemplary performance of the top-notchers, as hosted and sponsored by Pacific Paints "Boysen Philippines", in cooperation with the PRBoA and the Commission.

## IV. Implementation and Enforcement of R.A. No. 9266 (The Architecture Act of 2004), its IRR & derivative regulations

The PRBoA concentrated its efforts on the implementation and enforcement of R.A. No. 9266 known as ARCHITECTURE ACT OF 2004, signed by President Gloria Macapagal - Arroyo into law on March 17, 2004. The following actions which were taken by the PRBoA:

- 1) The PRBoA lobbied and campaigned for the strict implementation and enforcement of R.A. No. 9266 by sending the pertinent information to the different branches of government, such as the local government units (LGUs), with the information specifically addressed to LGU officials, the executive branch of government and other instrumentalities of government;

- 2) Met with the members of PICE (Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers) in April 12, 2008 to look at the possibility of mutually satisfactory solutions to the problems posed by registered and licensed civil engineers (RLCEs) who are illegally preparing, signing and sealing architectural documents, in clear violation of law.
- 3) Formulation of generic materials for use by all RLAs and architectural organizations to establish a uniform standard in the filing of administrative or criminal complaints against government officials who refuse to implement and enforce R.A. No. 9266;
- 4) Public information and awareness through different media regarding fake architects who are portrayed in media as RLAs;
- 5) Formulate policies in the use of the word and title "ARCHITECT" through the Board Resolution no.04, Series of 2007;
- 6) Implement policies for the registration of architectural firms i.e. sole proprietorships, companies/partnerships, corporations, or associations of registered and licensed architects (RLAs) in full compliance with Sec. 37 of R.A. No. 9266;
- 7) Prescribing guidelines for accomplishing the examinee logbook on diversified experiences in architecture (LDEA).

Members of the PRBoA have consistently monitored developments concerning the enforcement of R.A. No. 9266 and its 2004 IRR. Among the key developments being monitored are:

- 1) the matter of the **preparation/ signing/ dry sealing of architectural** documents as part of building permit application applications required by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH); the PRBoA has consistently and officially maintained that the DPWH (a national line agency for infrastructure) does not regulate matters concerning architectural practice and that there is no injunction that applies to R.A. No. 9266; only the PRBoA as mandated by R.A. No. 9266 regulates architectural practice, and the PRBoA implements and enforces R.A. No. 9266 and its derivative regulations through the PRC (a quasi-judicial and quasi-legislative body) and through the various branches and instrumentalities of the Government; the PRBoA believes that it is still the opportune time to officially discuss the matter of registered and licensed civil engineers (RLCEs) **illegally** preparing, signing and sealing **architectural** documents, with the Professional Regulatory Board of Civil Engineering (BoCE), possibly in a non-confrontational manner, under the PRC's auspices; the PRBoA believes that the PRC must decide firmly on the matter as the worst-case alternative is for the concerned Professional Regulatory Boards (PRBs) to possibly resort to independent legal action to uphold certain rights guaranteed by their respective professional regulatory laws (PRLs);
- 2) the matter of the pending cases in the regular courts concerning the **preparation/ signing/ dry sealing of architectural** documents as part of building permit application applications and derivative cases such as the indirect contempt complaints filed by the PICE against RLAs, including PRBoA Chairman Alli;
- 3) the preparation of documents in anticipation of the 2009 filing of administrative and criminal cases against the PICE (or even the PRBoCE) and national and local government officials refusing to abide by R.A. No. 9266, by RLAs, architectural organizations and by the PRBoA; and

- 4) on the separate matter of the preparation/ signing/ dry of sealing “subdivision” plan documents as part of development applications required by the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board (HLURB); as regards the matter of the signatory to “subdivision” plans, the PRBoA believes that it is still the opportune time to officially discuss the matter among the four (4) PRBs involved i.e. PRBoA, the Professional Regulatory Board of Environmental Planning (PRBoEP), PRBoCE and Professional Regulatory Board of Geodetic Engineering (PRBoGE), possibly in a non-confrontational manner, under the PRC’s auspices. In this manner, the proper nomenclature of the pertinent physical planning documents could be agreed upon by the concerned PRBs and this would therefore serve as the primary guide for the HLURB in its future policy-making functions; similar to the issue of architectural documents, the PRBoA believes that the PRC must decide firmly on the matter as the worst-case alternative is for the PRBs to possibly resort to independent legal action to uphold certain rights guaranteed by their respective professional regulatory laws.

#### **A. Diversified Experience in Architecture (DEA)**

The revised and approved Logbook for DEA (LDEA) series of 2000 was necessary to conform to R.A. No. 9266 and its 2004 IRR. The LDEA is now in use but is still undergoing further studies and review on its procedure of accomplishment i.e. as discussed on various occasions in 2008 with the different schools through the Council of Deans & Heads of Architecture Schools of the Philippines (CODHASP).

#### **B. Standards of Professional Practice for Registered & Licensed Architects (RLAs)**

The PRBoA in coordination with the UAP-IAPoA is currently reviewing and updating the Architect’s National Code (ANC, also known as the UAP Documents), otherwise known as the Standards of Professional Practice in order to conform to R.A. No. 9266, and address the different demands and problems facing the practice of architecture.

#### **C. The PRBoA’s Regulatory Functions**

The PRBoA signed and issued **768** certificates of registration to the examinees who passed the licensure examination for architects (LEA) upon completion of registration requirements and a small number of duplicate and/or replacement certificates for those who reapplied due to loss and/or damage.

As regards complaints filed against RLAs at the PRC, the PRBoA continues to attend to several administrative cases through the scheduled hearings i.e. about 31 pending cases at present.

<b>MEMBER OF THE PRBoA :</b>	<b>CASES</b>	<b>STATUS :</b>
1) ARMANDO N. ALLI	Cayanan vs. Co Tan vs. Santiago Mansukhani vs. Chua, Go & Sy Cua vs. Aurellio	Pending Pending Pending Pending
2) ANGELINE CHUA CHIACO	Ang vs. de La Rosa PRC vs. Dayagbil Salumbides vs. Paco Wood vs. Baduya Concepcion vs. Rabarra Baluyot vs. Maducduc Santos vs. Litonjua Antonino vs Ledesma, Jr.	Pending  Pending  with order Dismissed Pending Pending

3)	MARIETTA B. SEGOVIA	PRC vs. Dayagbil	
		Ong vs. Gan	Pending
		Cepeda vs. Santiago	Dismissed
		Cowper vs. Sabado	Dismissed
		Smith vs. Gamil	Pending
		Tan vs. Santiago	Order for settlement
		Del Rosario vs. Reyes	Dismissed

## V. APEC Architect Registry & ASEAN MRA

The PRBoA and the PRC are addressing the concerns brought about by the GATTS/ WTO since the Philippines is part of these economies thru the AFAS. In **April 2007**, the **ASEAN conference** was hosted by the Philippines and was held in Hyatt Hotel in Manila. As regards AFAS, the ASEAN ARCHITECT through the PRBoA has participated in mutual recognition agreements (**MRAs**) which were offered in Indonesia on September 2006 on a bi-lateral level with the ASEAN member countries. The MRA for architectural services was signed in November of 2007, thereby committing the Philippines to a collaborative mode of practice i.e. always with a local counterpart.

While the PRC is continuously negotiating for foreign reciprocity within AFAS and WTO, the PRBoA continues to be supportive of the Commission's thrust. Such reciprocity requires compliance with Continuing Professional Development (CPD) which the PRBoA has continually looked into, in conjunction with possible CPD providers such as the UAP-IAPoA.

## VI. The PRBoA, CODHASP and CHED

On 23 April 2008, the PRBoA attended the CODHASP meeting (with open forum) and announced and discussed updates on the resolution regarding the number of days for the next LEA. On 12 June 2008, the CODHASP invited the PRBoA for a consultative meeting. On 23 October 2008, another round of consultative meetings were held by the PRBoA with the CODHASP during the National Conference of UAP-IAPoA in Davao City i.e. to discuss the new syllabi forwarded by the PRBoA to CODHASP.

### Harmonize the Licensure Examination for Architects (LEA)

On 25 April 2007, during the Tripartite Network Business Meeting organized by CODHASP, the PRBoA discussed the proposed CHED Architecture Curriculum Course Syllabi to possibly align the same with the Architecture Licensure Examination (LEA) Syllabi. The goal was to develop competencies in preparation for the LEA.

The Tripartite Network and CODHASP meetings held during the UAP National Conventions and National Conferences have been the established venues for the consultation, discussion and resolution of concerns between the academe and the PRBoA.

## **VII. Low - Performing Schools**

With the objective of improving the quality of architecture education, the PRBoA identified schools with low performance in the LEA. The PRBoA has inspected 20 architectural schools to determine the possible cause of the low performance of some schools and also to check on the professional qualifications of faculty members in compliance with P.D. No. 8981.

## **VIII. Continuing Dialogue with the Academe and Students**

To ensure that the academic community and the students have a clear understanding of the LEA system, the PRBoA relentlessly pursued a continuing dialogue with the academe and the architecture students. Upon invitation of the UAP, seminars and dialogues were conducted in several schools of architecture. This has brought about a better performance of schools in the LEA.

Before every LEA, the PRBoA in coordination with the United Architects of the Philippines- Graduate Auxiliary or (UAPGA), a UAP affiliated organization for graduates of architecture, conducts a one-day orientation in preparation for the LEA.

## **IX. Dialogue with Government Agencies**

### **DPWH**

The PRBoA attends meetings with DPWH on matters affecting the profession i.e. as a member of the Board of Consultants (BoC) i.e. PRBoA chairman is its current Co-Vice Chairman. Various strongly-worded correspondences were sent by the PRBoA to the Office of the DPWH Secretary regarding the full enforcement and implementation of R.A. No. 9266 (The Architecture Act of 2004).

An official meeting was held in the DPWH Secretary's office on 01 April 2008 between the PRBoA (with its private counsel Atty. Dante S. David) and DPWH Secretary Hermogenes B. Ebdane, Jr. (his senior staff and his counsels). On that day (and while the Jan 2008 court lifting of an applicable injunction on the DPWH implementation of National Building Code IRR provisions limiting the preparation, signing and sealing of architectural documents only to RLAs is automatically implementable), the PRBoA momentarily agreed to let the DPWH Secretary await a court ruling on the motion for reconsideration filed by the PICE on the matter of the decision limiting the signing and sealing of architectural documents only to RLAs.

## **X. Board Resolutions, Memoranda letters and etc.**

The PRBoA had total of 18 meetings over the past 11 months to tackle various pending issues. The PRBoA has prepared and approved 6 Board Resolutions and 7 memoranda and has acted on 109 letters and invitations. The PRBoA has also prepared and signed 79 reply letters, approved and signed all 904 letters of invitation to inductees, architectural school Presidents/Deans/Heads of schools/Guests invited to the mass oath taking.

## **XI. Board Invitation, Government Meetings and Speaking Engagements**

The PRBoA was invited by the UAP-IAPoA on several occasions to conduct seminars regarding R.A. No. 9266, its 2004 IRR and derivative regulations such as PRBoA resolutions, at the national, district and chapter levels and as speakers on other related matters such as the 2004 IRR of the National Building Code.

The PRBoA has also participated in various activities, programs, seminars and conventions conducted by other professional organizations.

### **ACADEME**

The PRBoA has participated in seminars as resource speakers upon the invitation of schools, colleges and universities and has assured the academic community and students of its full support through continuous dialogue in seminars and orientation fora organized by the UAP-IAPoA and CODHASP.

## **XII. Relationship with UAP - The Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects (IAPoA)**

The PRBoA and the UAP have assured each other of mutual support and involvement in all activities particularly in the following areas of concern:

- (1) Updating of the RLA roster;
- (2) Professional development of RLA members (CPD program)
- (3) Implementation of R.A. No. 9266 and its 2004 IRR;
- (4) Information dissemination and consultative meetings on R.A. No. 9266 and its 2004 IRR;
- (5) Review and revise the Standards of Professional Practice to conform to R.A. No. 9266
- (6) APEC Architect Registry and the ASEAN MRA: To involve the UAP in bilateral consultations leading to the MRA.

## **XIII. Involvement in PRC/ PAPRB Activities**

The PRBoA participated actively in all the activities of the Commission. PRBoA members have contributed their time and talents in various PRC programs and projects such as the CPE/ CPD re-institutionalization, the physical development, improvement of parts of the PRC offices and buildings, etc. In the PRC Manila main office, the examiners' lounge was given a totally new look and changes in the lobby area and examiners room were also effected through the able assistance of PRBoA Member Angeline T. Chua Chiacó.

The PRBoA members attended and participated in the PRC and PAPRB meetings, seminars and workshops held April 14-15, 2008, CPE planning and consultative meetings, PRC week, PAPRB General Assembly and the PAPRB Christmas party held on 11 December 2008.

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