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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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I. General

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- 1) sustained campaign for the **full** implementation and enforcement of **R.A. No. 9266** (The Architecture Act of 2004) and its 2004 Implementing Rules and Regulations (**IRR**) with the Government, particularly at the LGU level;
- 2) *motu proprio* investigations on **unregistered** persons (natural and juridical) who engage in the potentially **illegal** practice of the profession of architecture;
- 3) update of the 1979 Standards of Professional Practice (**SPP**) for registered and licensed Architects (**RLAs**);
- 4) continuing registration of architectural firms and enforcement of the rules and regulations governing temporary/ special permits (**TSPs**) for foreign architects (**FAs**);
- 6) participated in the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Agreement (**MRA**) for Architecture Meetings;
- 7) actively assisted the **PRC** (or the "Commission") and the Accredited Professional Organization (APO, the **IAPoA**) in implementing the Continuing Professional Education/ Development (**CPE/D**) program;
- 8) maintenance of the official PRBoA website at URL: www.architectureboard.ph. To date, it has had almost 2/3 of a million (+/-**640,000**) hits/ views since website visits were first monitored in May 2008; and
- 9) maintenance of three (3) official PRBoA email addresses and two (2) official address for its Chair, with almost 1,500 messages exchanged for 2010 alone.

II. Composition of the PRBoA

The three (3) Members of the PRBoA for the year 2010 are **Acting Chairman Architect (Ar) Armando N. Allii** (commenced 16 November 2006), **Acting Senior Member Ar Angeline T. Chua Chiaco** (commenced 3 November 2006) and **Member Ar Marietta B. Segovia** (commenced April 2007). The first 2 PRBoA Members named are currently on holdover status.

III. Licensure Examination for Architects (LEA)

For the year 2010, the PRBoA has given a total of two (2) Manila **LEAs** in January and June 2010, and one (1) Foreign LEA (**FLEA**) in November 2010 (administered at 4 test centers overseas), as follows:

The Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBoA) composed of (L-R) Member Architect (Ar) Marietta B. Segovia (commenced April 2007/ reappointed 2010), Acting Chairman Ar Armando N. Alli (commenced 16 November 2006) and Senior Member Ar Angeline T. Chua Chiac (commenced 3 November 2006). The last 2 PRBoA Members named are currently on holdover status.



- 1) Manila LEA on 15 and 17 January 2010;
- 2) Manila LEA on 11 and 13 June 2010;
- 3) FLEA administered simultaneously in Al-Khobar (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/ KSA), Riyadh (KSA), Doha (Qatar) and Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates/ UAE) in late November 2010.

The Combined Percentage of Passing for the 2010 Manila LEAs and FLEA are as follows:

	January 2010 LEA	June 2010 LEA	November 2010 FLEA	Total
Number of Examinees	1,092	2,004	454	3,550
Total Number Passed	550	993	236	1,779
Percentage	50.37%	49.55%	51.98%	50.11 %

IV. Implementation and Enforcement of R.A. No. 9266 (The Architecture Act of 2004)

For the entire 2010, the PRBoA again concentrated its efforts on the attainment of the full implementation and enforcement of R.A. No. 9266 (The Architecture Act of 2004), approved by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo into law on March 17, 2004, and taking effect 10 April 2004. In this regard, the PRBoA has consistently monitored developments concerning the enforcement of **R.A. No. 9266** and its 2004 IRR nationwide and at all levels of governance.

V. APEC Architect Registry & ASEAN MRA

The PRBoA and the PRC are addressing the concerns brought about by the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS, taking effect 2020)/ World Trade Organization (WTO) since the Philippines is part of these economies thru the AFAS. The ASEAN MRA for architectural services was signed in November of 2007, thereby eventually committing the Philippines to a collaborative mode of practice i.e. liberalization of FAs but in compliance with Philippine laws, for qualified FAs to practice only **with** a local/ Filipino counterpart on a project on Philippine soil.

While the PRC is continuously negotiating for reciprocity within AFAS and WTO, the PRBoA continues to be supportive of the Commission's thrust. Such reciprocity requires compliance with CPE/D which the PRBoA has continually looked into, in conjunction with accredited and possible CPE/D providers such as the UAP-IAPoA, the schools offering B.S. Architecture programs and the other PRBoA-recognized Other Associations of Architects (**OAA**s) i.e. PIA, AAIF, CODHASP, etc.

VI. Dialogue with National Government Agencies (NGAs)

The PRBoA attends meetings called by the Department of Public Works and Highways (**DPWH**) on matters affecting the profession i.e. as the PRBoA Chair is concurrently the Co-Vice Chair of the DPWH Board of Consultants (**BoC**). The PRBoA has likewise consistently and actively maintained relations with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (**NCCA**), particularly in the planning and implementation of its programs and projects in which the PRBoA participation is requested.

VII. Relationship with the UAP-IAPoA and with the OAAs

The PRBoA and the UAP-IAPoA, as well as the OAA's have assured each other of mutual support and involvement in activities addressing the many areas of concern relating to the **full** implementation/ enforcement of **R.A. No. 9266**.

VIII. Involvement in PRC/ PAPRB Activities

The PRBoA participated actively in all the major activities of the Commission, with PRBoA members contributing their time and talents in various PRC programs and projects such as the new PRC Building Project. The PRBoA is currently represented at the PAPRB Board.

Full Report and Attachments follow.



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LIST OF ACRONYMS USED FOR THIS REPORT

ADSP	Architectural Design & Site Planning, a LEA Day 2 subject
AFAS	ASEAN Framework on Agreements in Services
AAIF	Architecture Advocacy International Foundation, an OAA
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
APO	Accredited Professional Organization, generic term for the IAPoA
ASEAN	Association of SouthEast Asian Nations
CHED	Commission on Higher Education
CODHASP	Council of Deans and Heads of Architectural Schools in the Philippines, an OAA
CPE/D	Continuing Professional Education/ Development
DPWH	Department of Public Works & Highways
FA	Foreign Architects
FLEA	Foreign Licensure Examination for Architects
GATS	General Agreement on Trade in Services, of the WTO
HLURB	Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board
IAPoA	Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects, specific term for the APO
IRR	Implementing Rules and Regulations
LEA	Licensure Examination for Architects, a 2-day event
LGU	Local Government Unit
MRA	Mutual Recognition Arrangement for Architectural Services, signed by the Philippine Government on November 2007
NBCP	National Building Code of the Philippines
NCCA	National Commission for Culture and the Arts
NGA	National Government Agency
NGO	Non-Government Organization
OAA	Other Associations of Architects (OAAs) such as the AAIF, CODHASP and the PIA
PAPRB	Philippine Association of Professional Regulatory Boards
P.D.	Presidential Decree
PH	Philippine/s
PIA	Philippine Institute of Architects, an OAA
PICE	Philippine Institute of Civil Engineers
PRB	Professional Regulatory Board
PRBoA	Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture
PRBoCE	Professional Regulatory Board of Civil Engineering
PRC	Professional Regulation Commission
PRL	Professional Regulatory Law
R. A.	Republic Act
RA	Registered Architect
RAF	Registered Architectural Firm
RLA	Registered and Licensed Architect
SPLBE	Special Professional Licensure Board Examinations (for the Middle East)
SPP	Standards of Professional Practice
TSP	Temporary/ Special Permit
UAP	United Architects of the Philippines, the IAPoA
WTO	World Trade Organization



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- 2) *motu proprio* investigations on **unregistered persons** (natural and juridical) who engage in the potentially **illegal** practice of the profession of architecture or who wittingly/ unwittingly **violate R.A. No. 9266**; **R.A. No. 9266** is the **only Philippine (Ph) law that limits the professional privilege to practice architecture to registered and licensed architects (RLAs)** i.e. the **exclusive** preparation, signing and sealing of **architectural plans**, designs, drawings, specifications and related documents (collectively the "**architectural documents**") for **any and all buildings** on Philippine soil;
- 3) update of the 1979 Standards of Professional Practice (**SPP**) for registered and licensed Architects/ **RLAs** (part of the 1979 IRR of the predecessor architecture laws R.A. No. 545 (of 1950), as amended by R.A. No. 1582 (of 1956). As of the end of 2010, the SPP only awaits its printing date at the National Gazette, before taking full effect;
- 4) continuing registration of architectural firms i.e. sole proprietorships, companies/ partnerships, corporations or associations engaged in the **group** practice of architecture, in compliance with the 2004 IRR of R.A. No. 9266 and the covering 2007 PRBoA Resolution (No. 5, series of 2007). The PRC Standards and Inspection Division (SID) has already listed nineteen (19) registered architectural firms (**RAFs**) as of the end of 2010;
- 5) continuing enforcement of the rules and regulations governing temporary/ special permits (**TSPs**) for foreign architects (**FAs**). The PRBoA has granted only its second (2nd) TSP in 2009 to an American architect. No new TSPs for FAs were granted in 2010;
- 7) participated in the ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement (**MRA**) for Architectural Services Meetings, now officially called the ASEAN Architect Council Meeting, in Brunei Darussalam (09-12

- March 2010) and in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, (01-02 July 2010), with the PRC (for architecture) represented by PRBoA Member Architect (Ar) Angeline T. Chua Chiaco;
- 7) conducted unofficial visits to two (2) schools of architecture, undertaken by PRBoA Member Ar Marietta B. Segovia as no official visits with CHED had been scheduled;
 - 8) promulgated/ issued various orders and resolutions for the different PRC administrative cases filed against **RLAs** at the Professional Regulation Commission (**PRC**);
 - 9) crafted and signed Resolutions pertaining to regulatory matters.
 - 10) actively assisted the PRC (or the "Commission") and the Accredited Professional Organization (APO, the IAPoA) in implementing the Continuing Professional Education/ Development (**CPE/D**) program.
 - 11) maintained the official PRBoA website at URL: www.architectureboard.ph; to date, it has had almost 2/3 of a million (+/-**640,000**) hits/ views since website visits were first monitored in May 2008; for the year 2010 alone, it has had more than a quarter of a million (**+281,000**) hits/ views i.e. an average of 770 visits daily.
 - 12) maintained three (3) official PRBoA email addresses i.e. prboa.prc.gov.ph@gmail.com, prc.prboa.gov.ph@gmail.com and prboa.ph@gmail.com and two (2) official address for its Chairman at abchair@gmail.com and at boa_chair@yahoo.com for which almost 1,500 messages were exchanged; the following is the summary of the 2010 electronic mail traffic for the foregoing addresses:

A. Email Address	B. <u>Approximated*</u> No. of Official Incoming Mail	C. <u>Approximated*</u> No. of Official Outgoing Mail
abchair@gmail.com	390	210
prboa.ph@gmail.com	180	110
prboa.prc.gov.ph@gmail.com	220	130
prc.prboa.gov.ph@gmail.com	60	30
boa_chair@yahoo.com	100	50
Total	950	530

*excludes some deleted mail and spam mail

II. Composition of the Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBoA)

The three (3) Members of the PRBoA for the year 2010, together with their respective areas of **architectural** specialization are the following:

CHAIRMAN (Acting)

(commenced 16 Nov 2006) :

Architect (Ar) Armando N. ALLÍ

fuap, hfpia, fspac, aaif, piep, piid, apec ar
Site and Physical Planning,
Space Planning, General Architectural
Consulting Services; private practice;

MEMBERS (Acting)

(commenced 03 Nov 2006) :

Ar Angeline T. Chua Chiaco, *fuap, apec ar*
Architectural Design; private practice; and

(commenced Apr 2007 &
reappointed 2010) :

Ar Marietta B. Segovia, *uap, piid, aaif*
Space Planning and Architectural Interiors (AI);
private practice;



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III. Licensure Examination for Architects (LEA)

Conduct of LEAs

For the year 2010, the PRBoA has given a total of two (2) Manila LEAs in January and June 2010, and one (1) Foreign LEA (FLEA) in November 2010 (administered at 4 test centers overseas), as follows:

- i. Manila LEA on 15 and 17 January 2010;
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- iii. FLEA administered simultaneously in Al-Khobar (Kingdom of Saudi Arabia/ KSA), Riyadh (KSA), Doha (Qatar) and Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates/ UAE) in late November 2010.

In view of the foregoing and the greater attention given by the National Government to overseas foreign workers (OFWs), the PRBoA has continually reviewed the conduct and results of the past LEAs to continually improve on the delivery of the required services.

1) The 2009 Manila LEAs

The results of the two (2) 2010 LEAs held in the City of Manila are as follows:

- i. January 15 and 17, 2010 LEA with 1,092 applicants, 550 passers (50.37% passing rate); and
- ii. June 11 and 13, 2010 LEA with 2,004 applicants, 993 passers (49.55% passing rate).

1. Release of Manila LEA Results

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

- 1) January 15 and 17, 2010 - released seven (7) working days after the last day of the LEA.
- 2) June 11 and 13, 2010 - released five (5) working days after the last day of the LEA.

The Percentage of Passing for the 2010 Manila LEAs are as follows:

	January 2010	June 2010	Total
Number of Examinees	1,092	2,004	3,096
Total Number Passed	550	993	1,543
Percentage	50.37%	49.55%	49.84%

2. Oath-taking

The PRBoA administered the mass oath-taking of new Architects i.e. January and June 2010 Manila LEA passers, in coordination with the United Architects of the Philippines (**UAP**), the integrated and accredited professional organization of architects (**IAPoA**) under the 2004 IRR of R.A. No. 9266. Both events were held at the Fiesta Pavilion of the Manila Hotel.

The PRBoA released the results well within the target schedules as required by existing rules currently enforced. Each PRBoA Member prepared and encoded the requisite number of test questions per LEA subject. For the Architectural Design and Site Planning (**ADSP**) subject, up to 600 new questions i.e. at 5 per situational problem, were added to the data bank.

3. Zero Anomaly for the 2010 Manila LEAs

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 the two (2) 2010 Manila LEAs in strict compliance with exacting PRC procedures.

The 2 Manila LEAs were very important as it was in these two (2) examinations where the **non-drafting** format of examination in the subject of ADSP was effected in a LEA conducted in the Philippines. With the **non-drafting** ADSP examination format, there is now full LEA compliance with the clear dictates of 2 laws i.e. R.A. No. 9266 (The Architecture Act of 2004) and R.A. No. 8981 (The 2000 PRC Modernization Act).

4. Recognition Given to the 2010 Manila LEA Topnotchers

As a special citation to the 2010 Manila LEA top-notchers, the PRBoA presented certificates of recognition and medals to the respective sets of top-notchers during and right after the March and August oath-taking ceremonies.

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.

3) One (1) 2010 Foreign LEA (FLEA) held as part of the Special Professional Licensure Board Examination (SPLBE)

The result of the 2010 FLEA held in four (4) test sites in the Middle East on November 15 and 17, 2010 was at 236 passers out of 454 takers (51.98% passing rate).

A. Release of FLEA Results

The PRBoA met its target December 2010 schedule for the release of the FLEA results i.e. on December 03, 2010 i.e. 11 working days after the last day of the FLEA.

B. Oathtaking

PRBoA member Ar Angeline T. Chua Chiaco attended the Oathtaking Ceremony of the November 2010 SPLBE/ FLEA passers at Riyadh in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) at the very end of the year 2010. The then PRC Officer-in-charge (OIC), the Hon. Commissioner Antonio Adriano, administered the mass oath-taking of new Architects and other new RLPs while Ar Chua Chiaco inducted them as members to the UAP, the IAPoA under the 2004 IRR of R.A. No. 9266.

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IV. Implementation and Enforcement of R.A. No. 9266 (The Architecture Act of 2004), its IRR and Derivative Regulations

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- 1) The PRBoA continued to lobby and campaign 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) Attendance by the PRBoA Acting Chairman (and Acting Members, as needed) in official meetings called by the **DPWH** National Building Code Review Committee (NBCRC) and its Board of Consultants (**BoC**) and by the PRC, pertaining to professional practices and documents affected by the implementation and enforcement of the 2004 Revised IRR of **P.D. No. 1096** (the 1977 National Building Code of the Philippines/ **NBCP**); the said 2004 Revised IRR took effect on 01 May 2005;
- 3) Liaised with senior members of the Executive Branch of the present administration, who assumed office in July 2010, including the sending of official correspondences about the violations of the law, committed in particular by the DPWH and by the LGUs;
- 4) Publicly warned third (3rd) parties who may be illegally preparing, signing and sealing **architectural** plans and documents, in clear violation of law through web-posted public notices uploaded in the October 2010 at the PRBoA website at **www.architectureboard.ph**; the same notices were published nationally on broadsheets in 2009 i.e. Philippine Daily Inquirer;
- 5) Formulation of generic materials for use by all registered and licensed architects (**RLAs**) and architectural organizations to brief government officials and to establish a uniform standard

in the filing of administrative or criminal complaints against national and local government officials who refuse or neglect to implement and enforce **R.A. No. 9266**;

- 6) Public information and awareness through different media regarding fake architects (natural and juridical persons) who are portrayed in media as capable of rendering professional services reserved by law only for RLAs;
- 7) Implement policies for the registration of architectural firms i.e. sole proprietorships, companies/ partnerships, corporations, or associations of RLAs in full compliance with Sec. 37 of R.A. No. 9266; and
- 8) Conduct of special lectures/ presentations for or participation in fora and local/ international conferences organized/ participated in by the Philippine Government, the PRC, the UAP-IAPoA, the Architecture Advocacy International Foundation (AAIF), Inc., the Philippine Institute of Architects (PIA), the Council of Deans and Heads of Architectural Schools in the Philippines (CODHASP) and schools such as the University of San Carlos (USC) in Cebu City.

These include the active PRBoA participation in the various **ASEAN MRA** and **APEC Architect Register**-related conferences/ meetings here and abroad. The PRBoA Acting Chair also chaired the 2-day Fourth (4th) Central Council Meeting of the **APEC Architect Register** held in Metro Manila (SMX, Pasay City) on 10 and 11 October 2010 (with about 16 Asia-Pacific economies represented by about 70 delegates). PRBoA Acting Chair Alli and PRBoA Acting Senior Member Chua Chiaco were also paper presenters and exhibitors at the First (1st) International Conference of Architects (ICA) also held in Metro Manila (SMX, Pasay City) on 08 and 09 October 2010.



Members of the Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture (PRBoA) attended and actively participated in the two (2)-day Fourth (4th) Central Council Meeting of the APEC Architect Register held in Metro Manila (SMX, Pasay City) on 10 and 11 October 2010 (with 16 Asia-Pacific economies represented by about 70 delegates). The PRBoA Acting Chairman Architect (Ar) Armando N. Alli, apec ar (first row, third from left) chaired the event while PRBoA Member Ar Angeline T. Chua Chiaco, apec ar (first row at center) represented the Philippine (PH) economy. To the immediate right of Ar Chua Chiaco is Ar Prosperidad C. Luis, apec ar, who is the Chair of the APEC Architect Register PH Monitoring Committee, and who ably headed the event Secretariat. With the full support of the UAP-IAPoA [represented by its National President, Ar Ramon S. Mendoza, fuap (front row, extreme left), the international event was a qualified success.

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 and dry sealing of architectural plans and documents as part of building permit application applications** required by the 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 **R.A. No. 9266 is valid, subsisting and in full effect i.e** there is **no** TRO, **no** injunction and **no** pending constitutional question before any PH court on any of its provisions; only the PRBoA, as mandated by **R.A. No. 9266**, regulates **architectural** practices and documents, 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 National and Local Governments; the PRBoA believes that it is still the opportune time to officially resolve the matter of registered and licensed civil engineers (RLCEs) **illegally** preparing, signing and sealing **architectural** documents, with the Professional Regulatory Board of Civil Engineering (PRBoCE), possibly in a non-confrontational manner, under the PRC's auspices; please note that in the October 2009 DPWH NBCRC meeting attended by then PRC Commissioner Nilo L. Rosas at the DPWH Operations Room of the Office of the DPWH Secretary (Ebdane), it was agreed among the professionals present/ professions represented (which included many PRC Professional Regulatory Board/ **PRB** members and accredited professional organization/ APO representatives), that **issues concerning professional practices and documents in relation to the DPWH implementation and enforcement of the 2004 Revised IRR of P.D. No. 1096 (the 1977 National Building Code of the Philippines/ **NBCP**) shall be resolved only at the PRC;** the PRBoA believes that the PRC must decide firmly on the matter as the worst-case alternative is for the concerned PRBs to possibly resort to independent legal action to uphold certain rights guaranteed by their respective professional regulatory laws (PRLs); the late December 2010 meeting between the PRBoA and the PRBoCE did **not** materialize owing to the unexpected absence of the PRC Chairman, who called for the meeting, in consideration of a long-standing PRBoA request for the PRC to host such a meeting;
- 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 process and derivative cases such as the indirect contempt complaints filed by the Phil. Inst. of Civil Engineers/ PICE against RLAs, including PRBoA Acting Chairman Alli;
- 3) continuing follow-ups on the PRBoA complaint for violations of **R.A. No. 3019** (Anti-Graft Law) and **R.A. No. 6713** (Code of Conduct of Government Officials) filed at the Office of the Ombudsman on 04 November 2009 against DPWH Secretary Hermogenes E. Ebdane, Jr., DPWH Senior Undersecretary Manuel Bonoan, DPWH Secretary Jaime Pacanan, Ph.D., the PICE and Atty. Vicente B. Foz, the publisher of the **intercalated** version of P.D. No. 1096 (1977 NBCP and its 2004 Revised IRR) that purports that CEs can sign and seal **architectural** plans and documents, for their apparently concerted acts against the full implementation and enforcement of R.A. No. 9266 and P.D. No. 1096 (1977 NBCP);
- 4) continuing document-gathering and evidence build-up for the planner 2011 filing of separate or Omnibus Ombudsman complaint/s against other national and initially identified LGU officials refusing to abide by/ neglecting to implement and/or enforce **R.A. No. 9266**, which may potentially implead local PICE chapters/ national officers and even the PRBoCE, as warranted ; and
- 5) 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 also 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) and the PRBoCE, again possibly in a non-confrontational manner, again under PRC 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** plans and documents, the PRBoA believes that the PRC must decide firmly on the matter as the worst-case alternative is for the PRBs to possibly similarly resort to independent legal action to uphold certain rights guaranteed by their respective PRLs.

1) **Diversified Experience in Architecture (DEA)**

The finalization of the PRBoA-proposed revisions to the Logbook for DEA (**LDEA**) series of 2000 is now necessary to fully conform to R.A. No. 9266 and its 2004 IRR. The revision may be ready by mid-2011, for use in the 2012 LEAs/ FLEAs.

2) **Standards of Professional Practice (SPP) for RLAs**

While the PRBoA has already resolved to publish the Standards of Professional Practice (**SPP**) in 2010, to fully conform to R.A. No. 9266, and to address the different demands and problems facing the practice of architecture, it still awaits the publication of the document at the Official Gazette, for the SPP (the Supplemental IRR of R.A. No. 9266), to take full effect by the first quarter of 2011.

3) **The PRBoA’s Regulatory Functions**

The PRBoA signed and issued at least **1,779** certificates of registration to the successful examinees who passed the 2 Manila LEAs held January and June 2010 and the November 2010 FLEA, upon completion of the pertinent registration requirements. The PRBoA has also signed and issued a small number of duplicate and/or replacement certificates for those who reapplied due to certificate loss and/or damage.

As regards complaints filed against RLAs at the PRC, the PRBoA continues to attend to fifty eight (58) docketed/ pending administrative cases through the scheduled hearings i.e. about thirty four (34) pending cases at present, 2 of which are illegal practice (criminal) cases (and 1 of which has already been filed in Court).

V. APEC Architect Registry & ASEAN MRA

The PRBoA and the PRC are addressing the concerns brought about by the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS, to take effect by 2020)/ World Trade Organization (WTO) since the Philippines is part of these economies thru the ASEAN Framework on Agreement in Services (AFAS). In the ASEAN MRA (architecture)-related meetings of 2010, the PRBoA and the PRC were represented by Ar Angeline T. Chua Chiacco. The ASEAN MRA for architectural services was signed in November of 2007, thereby committing the Philippines to a collaborative mode of practice i.e. liberalization of Foreign Architects (FAs) but in compliance with Philippine laws, for qualified FAs to practice only **with** a local/ Filipino counterpart on a project on Philippine soil.

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 Education/ Development (CPE/D) which the PRBoA has continually looked into, in conjunction with accredited and possible CPE/D providers such as the UAP-IAPoA, the

schools offering B.S. Architecture programs and the other PRBoA-recognized OAAs i.e. PIA, AAIF, CODHASP, etc..

VI. The PRBoA, CODHASP and CHED

In 2010, the CODHASP invited the PRBoA for meetings with CODHASP representatives during the various UAP-IAPoA assemblies/ conferences i.e. centering on the ADSP subject of the LEA which was converted in late 2009 into a multiple choice, **non**-drafting format requiring only drawings and sketching (departing from the previous drafting format).

Other coordination with the CHED Technical Committee and the CHED Technical Panel for Architecture Education included matters pertaining to the graduate programs in architecture, centers of excellence criteria, and the mainstreaming of CHED ETEAAP programs for the evolution of alternative masteral degree programs that may be tied up with PRC CPE/D programs.

VII. Low - Performing Schools

With the objective of improving the quality of architecture education, the PRBoA identified schools with low performance in the 2010 LEAs. The PRBoA has unofficially visited two (2) architectural schools in 2010 to help determine the possible cause of the low performance of such schools and also to peripherally check on the professional qualifications of faculty members in compliance with R.A. 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 has maintained a continuing dialogue with the academe and the architecture students. Upon invitation of the UAP Graduate Auxiliary (GA), seminars and dialogues in which PRBoA Members acted as resource-persons, were conducted twice in 2010. Before each LEA, the PRBoA in coordination with the UAPGA, conducts a one (1)-day orientation seminar in preparation for the LEA.

IX. Dialogue with National Government Agencies (NGAs)

DPWH

The PRBoA attends meetings called by the DPWH on matters affecting the profession i.e. as the PRBoA Chair is concurrently the Co-Vice Chair of the DPWH Board of Consultants (**BoC**). Prior to the 04 November 2009 filing of the PRBoA graft complaint at the Office of the Ombudsman, various strongly-worded correspondences and warnings were already sent by the PRBoA to the Office of the DPWH Secretary and his concerned Undersecretaries regarding the full enforcement and implementation of **R.A. No. 9266** (The Architecture Act of 2004). The graft complaint was filed by the PRBoA partly due to the fact that the urgent 2008 and 2009 PRBoA letters have almost all been unacted upon.

NCCA

The PRBoA has consistently and actively maintained relations with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), particularly in the planning and implementation of its programs and projects in which the PRBoA participation is requested. Ar Chua Chiaco represents the PRBoA in the NCCA.

X. PRBoA Resolutions, Memoranda, Letters, etc.

For 2010, the PRBoA had total of about fourteen (14) meetings to tackle various pending issues. The PRBoA has prepared and approved about four (4) major Resolutions, about sixteen (16) memoranda, and has acted on more than one hundred (100) letters and general correspondences, including invitations for the PRBoA Chair or members to be resource persons for various assemblies. The

PRBoA has also prepared, signed and sent out (via courier service) about sixty (60) letters, and has issued a similar number of letters of invitation to inductees, architectural school Presidents/ Deans/ Heads/ Guests, who were invited to the mass oath-taking events.

Over the past year, the PRBoA has processed within PRC confines, over forty two thousand (+42,000) pages of official documents relating to LEA/ FLEA applications (mainly logbooks), PRC administrative cases, internal PRC and PRBoA communications/ exchanges and general correspondences (outgoing and incoming). The PRBoA members all maintain offices and equipment and part-time support staff outside the PRC in support of the afore-stated PRBoA activities.

XI. Invitations to the PRBoA, Government/ NGO Meetings and Speaking Engagements

The PRBoA was invited by the UAP-IAPoA, at various levels, on several occasions to conduct lectures 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 P.D. No. 1096 (the 1977 National Building Code of the Philippines/ NBCP).

The PRBoA has also actively participated in various activities, programs, seminars and conventions conducted by the OAAs, other professional organizations and various local and international non-government organizations (NGOs).

ACADEME

The PRBoA has also participated as resource persons upon the invitation of the academic community and has made assurances of its full support at fora organized by the UAP-IAPoA and/or the CODHASP.

XII. Relationship with UAP - The Integrated and Accredited Professional Organization of Architects (IAPoA) and with the Other Associations of Architects (OAAs)

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) Professional development of RLA members (CPE/D program/s leading to possible future PRC-issued Architectural Specialization Certificates and possible future Master's Degrees from partner academic institutions via the CHED ETEEAP); the PRBoA has requested more CPE/D Seminars and Workshops on **P.D. No. 1096** (1977 NBCP), **P.D. No. 957** (Subdivision and Condominiums), **B.P. No. 220** (Socialized Housing), **B.P. No. 344** (Accessibility), The Water Code, Environmental Laws and their respective IRRs and the like to allow RLAs a greater degree of appreciation of the laws that are the LEGAL BASIS for ALL **ARCHITECTURAL PLANS AND DOCUMENTS**;
- 2) Implementation of **R.A. No. 9266** and its 2004 IRR;
- 3) Information dissemination and consultative meetings on R.A. No. 9266 and its 2004 IRR;
- 4) Review, revise and disseminate information on the Standards of Professional Practice (**SPP**) to conform to **R.A. No. 9266**; and
- 5) **APEC Architect Register** and the **ASEAN MRA**.

Other target areas of cooperation include:

- 1) work for the possible revision/ repeal of **P.D. No. 1096** (1977 NBCP);
- 2) be vigilant vs. PICE-initiated and other proposals to repeal their PRL;
- 3) organize the registered architectural firms (RAFs) into the 5th OAA;
- 4) organize the large alumni associations into the 6th OAA;
- 5) a UAP-IAPOA Apprentice Mentoring Program; and

- 6) RLAs in active volunteerism thru Bid and Award Committee (BAC) Memberships at LGU and National Government (NG) levels (under **R.A. No. 9184/** GPRA of 2003 and its 2009 IRR).

XIII. Involvement in PRC/ PAPRB Activities

The PRBoA participated actively in all the major activities of the Commission, with PRBoA members contributing their time and talents in various PRC programs and projects such as the new PRC Building Project, for which about six (6) sets of concept-level architectural plans have been prepared by the PRBoA to size the project, before the PRC resident Architect was called in.

The PRBoA members attended and participated in the PRC and PAPRB meetings, seminars and workshops, CPE/D planning and consultative meetings, PRC week, PAPRB General Assembly and in preparations for the PAPRB Christmas party. The PRBoA representative to the PAPRB, Ar Segovia has been re-elected to the PAPRB for a second term (year 2011).

PRBoA 2010 Annual Report Attachments

(some Attachments were already transmitted electronically to the PRC Planning Division and the Offices of the PRC Chair and Commissioners in 2010)

1. *Selected 2010 PRBoA Photos*
2. *2010 PRBoA Midyear and Quarterly Reports (Narrative)*
3. *2010 PRBoA Quarterly Assessment of 2010 Action Plan Accomplishment (Matrix)*
4. *2011 PRBoA Issues and Concerns (Matrix)*
5. *2011 & 2012 Work Program and Financial Plan*