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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO.19, S. 2024  
Fiscal Year 2024-2025

September 4, 2024

TO : ALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

THRU : AREA VICE PRESIDENTS AND REGIONAL DISTRICT DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : WORLD ARCHITECTURE DAY (WAD) 2024 CELEBRATION

In celebration of the World Architecture Day come **October 7, 2024** (Monday), we are enjoining all UAP Areas, Districts, and Chapters to actively participate in various undertakings that align with this year's global theme: **“Empowering the Next Generation in Participatory Urban Design.”**

The said theme emphasizes the importance of engaging the next generation in shaping our urban environments and fostering inclusive, sustainable, and community-centered design practices.

The UAP Commission on Governmental and External Affairs (CGEA), through its Committee on World Architecture Day, has outlined several activities and initiatives aimed at promoting architectural excellence, sustainability, and the vital role of architecture in empowering communities through participatory urban design.

A. KEY ACTIVITIES:

- Kick-Off and Opening Ceremonies** to be held on October 7, 2024, 8:00 AM at the UAP National Headquarters, Quezon City.
- WAD 2024 Architectural Design Competition: Temporary Learning Shelter in the Philippines – ECO, Innovative, Sustainable, and Child-Friendly Ideas for TLS**

We invite all chapters to participate in, or support, the WAD 2024 Architectural Design Competition, which focuses on creating temporary learning shelter in response to disasters. This competition is a platform for professional architects and students to present innovative designs that emphasize eco-friendliness, sustainability, and child-friendly features. It's an opportunity to showcase creativity and expertise in developing resilient and sustainable solutions for educational spaces in challenging environments.

- WAD CPD Seminar: Empowering the Next Generation–Specialized Roles in Sustainable Urban Design**

This is a hybrid event platform offering both face-to-face at the UAP National Headquarters and virtual (upon registration) for the attendees.

The WAD CPD seminars will delve into the following key topics:

**Architects in Government Service: Catalysts for Sustainable Urban Policy**  
By: Ar. Edison “Ching” Padilla

Explore how architects working within government roles influence and drive sustainable urban policies, shaping the future of urban development through effective policy-making.

**Young Architects in Design-Build Services**  
By: Ar. Robert S. Sac

Discover the impact of young architects in the design-build sector, highlighting their innovative approaches and contributions to integrated project delivery and sustainable building practices.

Awards Receive:

2019 APAC Association Awards by Eventbank | 2019 The International Achievement Award by the Europe Business Assembly (EBA), UK 2020, 2019 and 2018 PCAAE's ANG SUSI Award | 11-Time PRC's Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization of the Year (2002, 2007, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022) | First-ever recipient of DTI-CAAP's Outstanding Professional Organization (2017) | 2010 EAROPH 50th Golden Jubilee Award 2009 Father Neri Satur Award for Environmental Heroism



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Green Building and Infrastructure: Leading the Charge Towards Sustainable Cities  
By: Ar. Alvin Tejada

Examine the role of green building and infrastructure in advancing sustainable urban environments, focusing on practices that lead to healthier, more resilient cities.

4. WAD Exhibit on UIA Friendly and Inclusive Spaces Awards (Open for viewing at the 6/F Activity Center, UAP National Headquarters) and Accessibility Seminar Workshop

Chapters are encouraged to view the exhibit on the UIA Friendly and Inclusive Spaces Awards 2023 and participate in the seminar workshops focusing on Accessibility. These activities will showcase architectural designs and projects that promote inclusivity and accessibility, aligned with this year's theme. The goal is to raise public awareness and appreciation for how architecture contributes to creating spaces that are welcoming, accessible, and beneficial for all members of society.

5. Collaboration with Local Governments and Communities through the WAD Project Hook-Up 3.0

Through Project Hook-Up 3.0, the UAP is enjoining the chapters to uphold continuous partnerships with local government units (LGUs) and community organizations for CSR projects. This initiative aligns with the WAD objectives by supporting key UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), Goal 4 (Quality Education), Goal 13 (Climate Action), Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being), Goal 14 (Life Below Water), Goal 17 (Partnerships for the Goals), and Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure). Recognizing these efforts will inspire further dedication and action. Activities may include volunteer projects, educational programs, and the integration of green building practices in local developments, all contributing to our shared goals of sustainability and community well-being.

6. WAD-A-Shot Contest

"WAD-A-Shot" photo narrative contest, which will feature adaptive reuse structures. This contest aims to showcase the creative ways in which existing buildings have been repurposed and revitalized to serve new functions while preserving their architectural heritage. Participants are encouraged to capture and submit photos that highlight the beauty, innovation, and sustainability of these transformed spaces.

7. WAD CSR Activities in Boracay

The following CSR activities will be held in collaboration with various stakeholders:

- Brigada Bulilit** (provision of early learning materials) – In collaboration with the UAP Commission on Professional Practice - Committee on Competitions and LGU Malay, Aklan on October 4.
- Coastal Clean-Up** – Partnering with the UAP Aklan- Boracay Chapter, Aklan on October 5.

For more details, please click this link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10Jq23JlrSHEtYgyQZYEv16fm2Ba58WFh?usp=sharing>

B. COORDINATION AND REPORTING:

We request that each chapter's director of the External Committee coordinate with the CGEA to ensure that all activities are carried out smoothly. All projects submitted by each chapter will automatically be considered for the UAP National Awards—Meritorious Awards for World Architecture Day. Kindly ensure that your WAD projects and activities are submitted using the official WAD Meritorious Award format by no later than November 30, 2024. (The WAD 2024 Meritorious Award Format can be accessed through the provided link).

Additionally, the UAP College of Fellows is set to organize the **UAP BalikTanaw** event (as a component activity of the WAD) on **October 5, 2024 at the National Museum of Fine Arts**. This special occasion honors and recognizes the contributions of fellow architects while celebrating the rich history and achievements of the architectural profession in the Philippines.

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