



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
PHILIPPINE COUNCILORS LEAGUE (PCL) AND
UNITED ARCHITECTS OF THE PHILIPPINES (UAP)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This agreement is made and entered into by and between

The **PHILIPPINE COUNCILORS LEAGUE (PCL)**, a duly organized association of Councilors nationwide, with office address at the 10th Floor DILG-NAPOLCOM Centre, Edsa Corner, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City, herein represented by its Chairman, **HON. DANILO C. DAYANGHIRANG**, hereinafter referred to as the "PCL";

The **UNITED ARCHITECTS OF THE PHILIPPINES (UAP)**, a non-stock, non-profit and the duly integrated and accredited professional organization of architects in the Philippines, which holds office at No. 53 Scout Rallos Street, Barangay Laging Handa, Quezon City, represented herein by its National President, **ARCH. GUILLERMO H. HISANCHA**, hereinafter referred to as "UAP"

-Witnesseth: that-

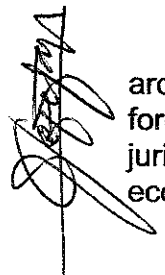
WHEREAS, Section 25 of the Architecture Act of 2004 or Republic Act No. 9266, which was signed into law on March 17, 2004 repealing Republic Act No. 545, provides that no person shall practice architecture in the Philippines unless such person shall have been registered and licensed by the Professional Regulatory Board of Architecture of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC);

WHEREAS, further, Section 35 of the same law mandates that all existing and proposed positions in the local and national government, whether career, permanent, temporary or contractual and primarily requiring the services of an architect shall be filled only by registered and licensed architects and as such shall exclusively prepare, sign, and seal architectural plans and documents;

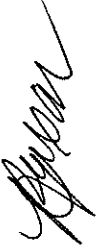
WHEREAS, on the other hand, Section 485 of the Local Government Code of 1991 or Republic Act No. 7160 dated October 10, 1991 provides for the appointment of Provincial, City or Municipal Architect who must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the local government unit concerned, of good moral character, and a duly licensed architect and who shall take charge of the architectural planning and design for the local government unit;

WHEREAS, public safety and welfare which deals with accessibility, sustainability, fire and safety standards, and livability must be taken into consideration by the local government unit in architectural planning and design to assure the construction of safe and sustainable buildings and communities;

WHEREAS, local legislators play a key and powerful role in the enactment of laws and ordinances to promote the common good, social order and economic development of the community;






WHEREAS, the support of the LGUs to the UAP underscores the crucial role of architects in the urban renewal, greening of land, appropriate planning of marine and foreshore areas, aesthetics and the maximum utilization of the land and water within the jurisdiction of the local government unit, compatible with environmental integrity and ecology balance;



WHEREAS, the PCL and the UAP espouse a common commitment and objective to promote local economic development (and protect the rights and good welfare of the community including all its inhabitants, developers, and home and building owners, as well as all professionals, especially registered and licensed architects) through the implementation of the laws on architecture as provided for by the Local Government Code and the Architecture Law; and

WHEREAS, the Parties have agreed to pursue this collaborative endeavor to promote their mutual interests and that of the sectors they respectively represent.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises and more specifically the mutual commitments herein set forth, the parties hereto have voluntarily agreed and covenanted hereunder that:

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1. The PCL shall launch and spearhead an advocacy campaign among all its members for the passage of a resolution enforcing and implementing fully the pertinent provisions of RA 9266 and its implementing rules and regulations;
 2. Since the appointment of the city and municipal architect is optional under the Local Government Code, the PCL shall enjoin all its members to enact an ordinance creating the Office of the Architect and/or pass a resolution requesting the local chief executive to appoint a qualified city or municipal architect, as the case may be;
 3. Furthermore, the PCL shall initiate concrete steps, in coordination with their respective local chief executives, in establishing clear LGU policies on the illegal practice of architecture pursuant to the provisions of RA 9266 and its IRR, and other pertinent laws;
 4. On the other hand, the UAP through its 145 chapters all over the country, shall direct all its members to uphold excellence in the professional services thereby serving as active development partners of the local government units in pursuing the physical and economic development of local communities;
 5. The UAP shall direct all its members to render community development and pro bono services in order to help meet the development requirements of their city or municipality and extend service to the less fortunate members and basic sectors of our society;
 6. The UAP through its chapters shall collaborate with their respective LGUs for the accreditation of the local UAP chapter as a recognized NGO;

7. Both parties shall pursue all other related actions, programs and activities in order to realize their common objectives based on this MOU and those provided under the National Building Code of the Philippines and its Revised IRRs and the RA 9266 and its IRRs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have set their hands this 30th day June 2017 at Quezon City.

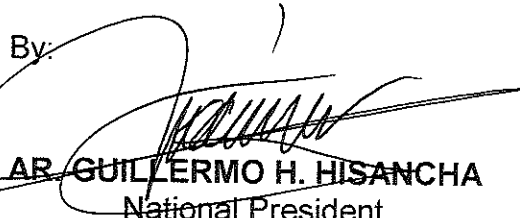
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UNITED ARCHITECTS OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC.

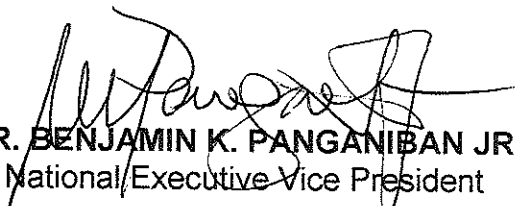
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HON. DANILO C. DAYANGHIRANG
Chairman

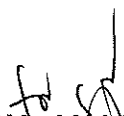
By:


AR. GUILLERMO H. HISANCHA
National President


HON. LUIS "CHAVIT" SINGSON
President


AR. BENJAMIN K. PANGANIBAN JR.
National Executive Vice President


Attested by:


HON. JAY PIMENTEL
Secretary-General


AR. RENATO A. HERAY
Secretary General


HON. JESUS CRUZ
Liaison Officer

Witnessed by:


AR. ROSARIO Q. ROXAS
Chairperson
Committee on National & Civic Affairs


AR. GIL V. JAPITANA
Executive Director
Commission on Government & External Affairs

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
QUEZON CITY) S.S.

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, for and in QUEZON CITY this 17 JUL 2017
day of _____, personally appeared the following:

Name	Gov't ID No.	Date/Place Issued
Danilo C. Dayanghirang	LTO L02-91-077145	6-7-16/LTO
Luis Chavit Singson	OSCA ID 4722	1-17-14/Vigan
Guillermo H. Hisancha	PRC ID No. 9269	PRC Manila
Benjamin K. Panganiban, Jr.	PRC ID No. 8140	PRC Manila


Known to me and to me known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed, and that of institution they respectively represent.

The foregoing instrument refers to a Memorandum of Agreement between the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) and the United Architects of the Philippines consisting of four (4) pages including this page whereon this Acknowledgment is written, signed by the parties and their instrumental witnesses on the left hand margin of each and every page thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND AND NOTARIAL SEAL on the date and the place first above written.

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