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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO.11, S. 2017
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TO : ALL CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

THRU : AREA VICE PRESIDENTS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS

RE : UAP TANIM +58: ROAD TO 100 YEARS

PURSUANT to Board Resolution Series of 2017-2018 No.14 passed and approved during the National Board of Directors' Meeting held last 15th of August 2017 in Quezon City, the attached UAP Tanim +58: Road to 100 Years Project (as **Annex A**) which aims to plant one hundred million (100,000,000) trees for the next 58 years is hereby adopted.

Relative thereto, all UAP Chapter Presidents are hereby enjoined to provide full support to this endeavor of our organization by participating in the Kick-off Tree Planting on September 30, 2017 in Hilltop Anggat, Bulacan and Nationwide Tree Planting Month which will coincide with the "National Indigenous People's Month" in October 2017. Please see the attached poster (as **Annex B**) with more information about the said activities.

For any further inquiries or concerns, you may contact the Chairperson of the Committee on Environment and Ecology, Ar. Josefina Bautista-Alfonso, through e-mail at: jbcal2004@yahoo.com.

All Area Vice Presidents and District Directors are hereby enjoined to ensure the prompt and effective dissemination of this Circular in your respective jurisdictions and extend necessary assistance.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

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By the President:

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Road to 100 Years

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RATIONALE

The world is changing. Through the years, the environment has been on top of people’s concern worldwide. With the rise of different types of pollution, different environmental problems took place that brought different causes and effects. For one, people were talking about greenhouse gases brought about by chemicals we often use. These greenhouse gasses hinder most of sun’s rays from exiting our planet. Since then, our ozone layer’s original function has been altered. Too much heat accumulated and trapped in this planet created global warming. This phenomenon melts most of our polar ice caps and mountain glaciers, which results to sea level rise. Alteration of the natural movement and cycle of water leads to extremes. In some parts of the world, extreme hydrological events occur while the other parts of the world experience drought. The frequent changing of our climatic pattern led us the idea of climate change. Climate change, according to studies has direct effect to our indigenous people. It has been said that indigenous people are the most vulnerable when climate change is at its worst simply because their lives are very dependent on agricultural and forest products.

One of our main responses to these problems and phenomenon is reforestation. It has been said that cut trees should be replaced with new ones in order to continue the essence of sustainability. Thus, tree planting activities have been at the forefront of most environmental groups. Here in the Philippines, our government has also responded to this need for replacing cut trees. Executive Order no. 26, commonly known as the National Greening Program, was signed and was implemented. This program aims to plant billions of trees in a nationwide scale.

With the growing understanding on sustainability and resiliency and through the advancement of knowledge transfer and dissemination, the protection of environment and ecology has relatively improved in the country. The laws related to environmental

protection are already in place. The local and national government units and non-governmental organizations put their thrust on, to name a few, massive clean-up drive, carbon reduction, revocation of environmental permits to closure of facilities for non-compliance with government policies. Environmental education and awareness is echoed across educational institutions, professional societies, social media, and tourism destinations among which, they are considered to deliver the importance of economic, social, and environmental sustainability. Despite these huge efforts, we still see a sway on achieving a healthy environment.

Organizations, institutions, and cause-oriented groups supporting a move to make our environment competitively livable, see these compelling obvious and indirect effects of man-made and natural factors that harm the environment steadily. These factors are not limited to, uncontrolled population growth, silent downsides of economic progress, delayed responses to waste management on huge waste generation, offensive building developments, global warming and climate change. All these heavily harm the environment, communities and cities. There is a colossal pressure on us, human beings, not just the environmental groups to take part in restoring what our environment has been stripped of because of these factors; that is – sustained resiliency. To rebuild resiliency requires a genuine act to collaboratively contribute and find ways to heal the environment. One such group, a professional organization for that matter, that which espouses resilient environment is the United Architects of the Philippines.

The United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) is a professional organization for architects in the Philippines that extends its role not just provide services to the architects, to the profession, to the organization, but also, provides opportunities to its members and target stakeholders in their educational, sports and recreational, cultural, social, and, environmental projects. This holistic approach in the management of the organization has gained the UAP the award as the “Most Outstanding Accredited Professional Organization of the Year” in 2002, 2007, 2008, 2011, and 2014. The organization also received the “2009 Father Neri Satur Award for Environmental Heroism.”

The Commission on Governmental and External Affairs of the UAP has delegated the Committee on Environment and Ecology to promote the protection and preservation of environment and energy conservation in buildings through seminars, symposia, information campaign, and on-site environmental endeavors. The Committee has lined up aforementioned activities with which the UAP members and target stakeholders in particular projects may involve.

One worthwhile project of the Committee that it desires to commit UAP to the community and the environment is the launching of **“UAP TANIM +58: Road to 100 Years”**. This project will be an annual nationwide tree planting month, which will coincide with

“National Indigenous Month” on the month of October. The initial year of this program shall be in two phases: the Kick-off Tree Planting and the Nationwide Tree Planting Month. The Kick-off Tree Planting will happen on September 16, 2017 coinciding with the World Ozone Day. This event will be participated by committee members, National Board of Directors, and District Directors and thus, signifying the start of a nationwide UAP Tanim +58. Nationwide Tree Planting will happen on the Whole Month of October coinciding with the National Indigenous People’s Month. This event will be participated by all local chapters. Chapters overseas are also enjoined to participate in this endeavor. This collective effort of different UAP Chapters makes UAP Tanim +58 an institutionalized project.

The term “Tanim +58” in the project title suggests UAP to commit with the nationwide tree planting event for the next 58 years - the road towards UAP’s centennial year. This event is a contributive partnership of UAP with the other concerned environmental groups to restrengthen sustainability and resiliency of the environment. On top of that, the 100 years of UAP (58 years from now), will consider this feat in the rainbow of achievements of the organization. This long-term commitment will inspire good stewardship and deep regard to our environment.

DETAILS AND MECHANICS

1. A Kick-off Tree Planting will take place on September 30, 2017 coinciding with the World Ozone Day and will be held at Anggat, Bulacan. This event shall be participated by the members of the committee, the National Board of Directors, and District Directors.
2. All UAP Chapters shall conduct the **“UAP TANIM +58”: Road to 100 Years**, which will coincide with “National Indigenous People’s Month” on the month of October. Chapters shall coordinate with the UAP National Committee on Environment and Ecology about the details and execution of the project. All chapters shall establish their own local committee on this area to prepare for logistics.
3. Chapters may solicit free seedlings from a local government unit or agency. Some non-governmental organizations or private environmental associations may also be a source of free seedlings or funding the miscellaneous expenses in the tree planting project. Shall secure the necessary permits before implementing the project.
4. Tree planting sites may be suggested by a local government agency or any preferred sites, which the chapter deems necessary to plant trees. Examples are upland, lowland, watershed areas, community parks, institutional facilities, or significant public places. It’s a welcome option if there is one critical large site that a chapter can adopt and plant trees regularly provided the concept must be referred first to the national committee or to the local agency concerned for endorsement.
5. Provide UAP chapter reference identification on all the seedlings to be planted. This small ID on seedlings brings recognition to the organization in the community.

6. Report the number of seedlings planted every year. The local and national committee must keep a table of type and number of seedlings planted every year by all the chapters.
7. Chapters shall ensure that these trees will not be taken down or not be used in the next 58 years.
8. The tree planting activity must be supported with photo/video documentation.
9. Optional requirement is the wearing of uap chapter's uniform during the tree planting.
10. Chapters can localize the title by translating "tanim" to their vernacular term. Example "UAP Tanum +58, UAP Tanam +58, and etc.
11. MOA with DENR re: Adoption of lot by UAP CHapters will take place.

Important notes:

This long-term project will highlight the 50th, 75th, and 100th years of UAP in order to emphasize the following:

1. Reaffirmation of commitment of UAP to environmental and community resiliency.
2. Assessment of this project's progress.
3. Build new partnerships with new environmental groups or other supportive government agencies.
4. Welcome new technologies that may improve tree planting procedures/techniques.
5. Create a statement that UAP recognizes the value of sustainable living through its life-long commitment to achieve resiliency.
6. Showcase this project as a model for other related advocacy groups to duplicate.
7. Bring people to consciousness that this is not just an environmental project but also a social obligation to give future generations a better life to live in a resilient environment.
8. 50th, 75th, and 100th year of UAP as celebratory events to look back to how this notable project started, stewarded and passed on to one generation to the next.

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