



## ARCHITECTS REGIONAL COUNCIL ASIA

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### ARCASIA RESOLUTION

#### Resolution No. 07-001

**WHEREAS**, the Architects Council of Asia (ARCASIA) is the umbrella organization of Seventeen Asian Nations Architects Organizations, namely; Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), the Architectural Society of China (ASC), Hongkong Institute of Architects (HKIA), Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), the Indonesian Institute of Architects (IAI), Japan Institute of Architects (JIA), the Korea Institute of Registered Architects (KIRA), Macau Association of Architects (MAA), Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM), Union of Mongolian Architects (UMA), Society of Nepalese Architects (SOAN), Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP), the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA), Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA), Association of Siamese Architects (ASA) and Vietnam Association of Architects (VAA).

**WHEREAS**, the United Architects of the Philippines, a *bonafide* and active member of ARCASIA, together with the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) of the Philippines, the Professional Regulation Board of Architecture (PRBoA), the Philippine Institute of Architects (PIA), the Architects Advocacy International Foundation (AAIF) and the Council of Consulting Architects and Planners of the Philippines (CCAPP) worked for the passage of REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9266, AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORE RESPONSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE REGULATION FOR THE REGISTRATION, LICENSING AND PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 545, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE IN THE PHILIPPINES," AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. This new law is otherwise known as The Architecture Act of 2004.

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 9266 had taken effect since April 10, 2004 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) took effect since December 1, 2004. Yet despite the full effectivity of this law over three (3) years ago, it has not been fully implemented much more by government agencies of the Philippine more specifically but not limited to the Department of Public Works and Highways Office of the Building Officials (DPWH-OBO).

**NOW THEREFORE, WE**, the architects of the **SEVENTEEN NATIONS** do strongly recommend and call upon the government of the Philippines, its Departments, Bureaus and Agencies to ensure that not only do they take steps necessary for the compliance of all professionals and the public, but also to provide the necessary example by abiding the new law.

**SO RESOLVED** at the Office Bearer's Meeting at KLCC, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2007.

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July 7, 2007

Her Excellency  
Madame President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo  
Malacanan Palace, Manila  
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Dear Madam President,

Greetings from ARCASIA!

We, the Architects of seventeen (17) nations namely; Institute of Architects Bangladesh (IAB), the Architectural Society of China (ASC), Hongkong Institute of Architects (HKIA), Indian Institute of Architects (IIA), the Indonesian Institute of Architects (IAI), Japan Institute of Architects (JIA), the Korea Institute of Registered Architects (KIRA), Macau Association of Architects (MAA), Pertubuhan Akitek Malaysia (PAM), Union of Mongolian Architects (UMA), Society of Nepalese Architects (SONA), Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP), the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP), Singapore Institute of Architects (SIA), Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA), Association of Siamese Architects (ASA) and Vietnam Association of Architects (VAA) constituting the Architects Regional Council of Asia (ARCASIA), gathered in conference held in the city of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, take this opportunity to present our greetings to the President and to the Government of Republic of the Philippines.

It is a privilege and honour to compliment and congratulate the President and the government of the Republic of the Philippines on the passage of **The Architecture Act of 2004** otherwise known as the **REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9266, AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A MORE RESPONSIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE REGULATION FOR THE REGISTRATION, LICENSING AND PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE, REPEALING FOR THE PURPOSE REPUBLIC ACT NO. 545, AS AMENDED, ALSO KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE IN THE PHILIPPINES", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

This new Law inspires the Architectural sovereignty of the 17 member nations of Arcasia, as it does not only delineate the roles of the professionals in society but more importantly ensure to develop and create a healthy, safe, and sustainable environment. The legislative cover provided by the government of the Republic of the Philippines is a source of pride and emulation for the rest of us in Asia.

However, we in Arcasia also note with deep concern that recently certain individuals and groups are trying to undermine the effectiveness of the government's efforts in the implementation of the said law.

We hope and encourage the President and the government of the Republic of the Philippines' valiant and strict implementation of the Architecture Act of 2004.

In acknowledgement of this, we in Arcasia, unanimously adopt this Resolution of Support and the encouragement to the government of the Republic of the Philippines' legislative steps in defining and delineating the particular role of the Architects in the society.

We pray for a continued, impartial, and strict implementation of RA 9266, in letter and in spirit.

Again, our congratulations to you Madam President and to the government of the Republic of the Philippines for providing a law that address public safety and welfare. The adherence to The Architecture Act of 2004 surely form part of your efforts towards a more progressive and stronger Philippines.

Respectfully yours,



Kun Chang Yi  
Chairman  
Architects Regional Council Asia