

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

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This Agreement is made and entered into by and between

The **VICE MAYORS' LEAGUE OF THE PHILIPPINES (VMLP)**, a duly organized association of Vice Mayors nationwide, with an address at the 3rd Floor, DILG Main Office, Francisco Gold Condominium, EDSA, Quezon City, herein represented by its National President, **VICE MAYOR JESUS C. CRUZ**, of Mandaluyong City, hereinafter referred to as the "VMLP";

-and-

The **UNITED ARCHITECTS OF THE PHILIPPINES (UAP), INC.**, 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 St., Brgy. Laging Handa, Diliman, Quezon City, represented by its National President, **ARCH. ENRIQUE O. OLONAN**, hereinafter referred to as UAP;

-Witnesseth: that-

WHEREAS, the Architecture Act of 2004 or Republic Act No. 9266, which was enacted into law on April 2004 repealing Republic Act No. 545, succinctly provides that, inter alia, the practice of architecture shall be the exclusive domain of licensed architects and no other professionals, and all the positions for architecture in the national and local government shall be filled up only by licensed architects;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Revised National Building Code of 2005 which came out in newspaper of general circulation last April 01, 2005, all architectural plans, documents and papers, which serve ancillary requirements for the approval of a local Building Permit, shall be prepared and signed only by licensed architects;

WHEREAS, Section 444 (2) of the 1991 Local Government Code or RA 7160 provides that municipal mayors, who are mandated to enforce all laws and ordinances relative to the governance of the municipality and the exercise of its corporate powers, shall issue such executive orders as are necessary for the proper enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances;

WHEREAS, the Vice Mayor, being the alter-ego of the local chief executive of local government unit (LGU), and the presiding officer of the local legislative body or the Sangguniang Panlungsod or Bayan, plays a key and powerful role in the enforcement of laws and ordinances to promote the common good, social order, and the economic development of the community.

WHEREAS, the VMLP 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 licensed architects;

WHEREAS, both parties shall consider the resolution issued by the sanggunian of San Pablo and Nagcarlan, Laguna, as model resolutions that can be replicated by all members of the Vice Mayors League of the Philippines;

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:

1. The **VLMP** shall launch and spearhead an advocacy campaign among all its members to facilitate the approval of sanggunian resolution mandating the strict enforcement and implementation of RA 9266 and its IRR and the Revised IRR of the National Building Code, specifically directing that all architectural plans, designs and documents shall be prepared, signed and sealed by duly licensed architects of their respective LGUs or by any duly accredited private architects of UAP.

2. Likewise, the **VMLP** shall issue a directive to all its members to adopt and issue a local sanggunian resolution following the San Pablo and Nagcarlan, Laguna models to enjoin their local chief executives to enforce the full provisions of RA9266 in their respective geographical jurisdictions, especially in establishing the office of the municipal or city architects and appropriating funds therefore, or appointing a licensed architect as a key member or officer of the local building official, as the case may be, depending on the actual infrastructure needs and the resource capacity of the local government unit.

3. Furthermore, the **VMLP** shall enjoin all its members to 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, the Revised IRR of the National Building Code and other pertinent laws.

4. The **UAP** thru its 108 local chapters nationwide, shall direct all its members to uphold excellence in their professional services and thereby serve as active development partners of the local government units to pursue the physical and economic development of local communities and protect the rights, interests and welfare of the community including all its inhabitants, developers, and home and building owners.

5. The **UAP** may 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 services to the less fortunate members and basic sectors of our society.

6. Both parties shall work hand in hand for the accreditation of the local UAP Chapters as recognized NGO at the respective local Government units;

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

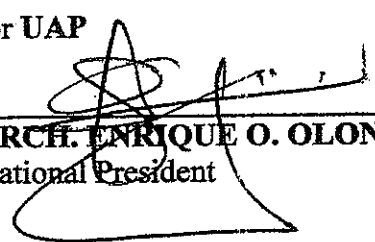
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the PARTIES have hereunto affixed their signatures this 5th day of May, 2005, at the Manila Hotel in the City of Manila.

for **VMLP**



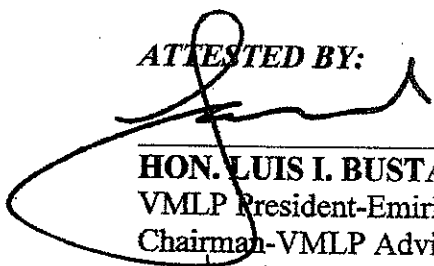
ATTY. JESUS C. CRUZ
National President

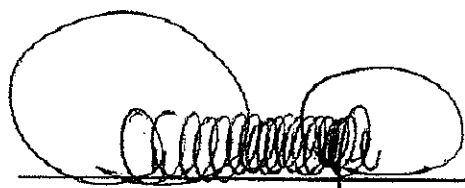
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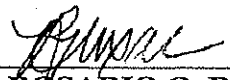
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National President

ATTESTED BY:


HON. LUIS I. BUSTAMANTE
VMLP President-Emiritus
Chairman-VMLP Advisory Council

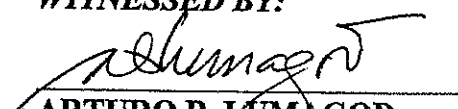

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES)
Mandaluyong City
MADRINA CITY)

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, this 24 JUN 2005 day of _____, 2005, for and in the City of Mandaluyong, personally appeared and exhibited to me their Community Tax:

1. ATTY. JESUS C. CRUZ

Comm. Tax No. 15999511
Issued on 2/3/05
Issued at MAND. CITY

2. ARCH. ENRIQUE O. OLONAN


Comm. Tax No. _____
Issued on _____
Issued at _____

who are known to me and to known to be the same person who executed the foregoing Memorandum of Agreement and acknowledged to me that the are their own voluntary act and deed and that of the establishments they represent.

This instrument consist of three (3) pages including this page whereon this acknowledgement is written and duly signed by the parties and their instrument witnesses in each and every page hereof.

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

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ATTY. MARCIANO S. BACALLA, JR.
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