

[PRC BOARD OF ARCHITECTURE RESOLUTION NO. 11, S. 2000, September 18, 2000]

ADOPTION AND PROMULGATION OF THE ARCHITECTURAL CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, in his speech during the Area Planning Conference of the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) in July 1996, then UAP National President, Arch. Emmanuel Cuntapay pointed out the "lack of a comprehensive code for the architectural profession in the country (akin to the existing referral codes of the other professions)" and stressed the "need for the formulation of such code."

WHEREAS, the proposed Architectural Code of the Philippines "was compiled over a period of one year of painstaking and diligent work by the members of the Architectural Code Committee."

WHEREAS, in his letter of December 20, 1999 to Arch. Yolanda David-Reyes, National President of the UAP, the Undersecretary of Public Works and Highways, Hon. Teodoro T. Encarnacion, informed that "[B]ased on the review by the National Planning Code Review Committee on Architectural and Urban Planning x x x we find the same ready for adoption and publication."

WHEREAS, the Board of Architecture, after a review of the proposed Architectural Code of the Philippines, finds the representations of the Architectural Code Committee that "[T]he Code in its present form is meant to bring together many of the pertinent documents, rules and procedures governing the profession of architecture in the country"; that "[I]t takes liberally from the provisions of the National Building Code (P.D. 1096) and the Unified Building Code (UBC) Series of 1997" and that "[M]any sections included in this edition – notably the sections of Architectural Heritage (by Rosario Encarnacion-Tan and Augusto Villalon) and Information Technology (by Ramon L. Abiera and Federico A Gregorio) – are mostly new" to be well-taken and undoubtedly will provide direction to the architects in the practice of their profession.

WHEREFORE, the Board resolved as it hereby resolves to adopt and promulgate the Architectural Code of the Philippines embodied in the document bearing the same title and made an integral part of this Resolution as part of the rules and regulations governing the practice of architecture and recommends to the Secretary of Public Works and Highways the approval and incorporation of this Code as a referral Code in the National Building Code as provided thereunder. (Sec. 201, Chapter 2, P.D. No. 1069).

This Resolution shall take effect after fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation in the Philippines, whichever is earlier.