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44 Scout Rallos St., Quezon City, NCR

ATTENTION : **Arch. EDRIC MARCO FLORENTINO, FUAP**
National President

SUBJECT : **REQUESTED CLARIFICATION BY A UAP-IAPOA MEMBER ON REQUIRED**
REGISTRATIONS FOR THE LEGAL PRACTICE OF ARCHITECTURE

REFERENCES : email coursed through the address boa_chair@yahoo.com

Mesdames/ Gentlemen/ Dear Sir,

Warm greetings from the **PRBoA** and thank You for the UAP-IAPOA's continuing support of the PRBoA initiatives to fully implement and enforce **R.A. No. 9266**, its **IRR** and derivative regulations nationwide and in both the public and private sectors.

In response to the e-mail query from the Middle East as to the mandatory registrations to legally practice the profession of architecture in the Philippines, as sent to the above address, the PRBoA herein makes the following clarifications:

- 1) for registered/ licensed architects (as **natural** persons) to legally practice architecture as an **individual** in the Philippines, a valid license (represented by a PRC identification card with expiry date) coupled with a professional/ privilege tax receipt ("PTR") to be secured from the LGU and a taxpayer identification ("TIN") number issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue ("BIR") are all that are required;
- 2) a registered/ licensed architect (as a **natural** person) need **not** register as a sole proprietorship (with the Department of Trade and Industry or DTI) nor with the Securities and Exchange Commission or SEC (only required for partnerships, corporations and associations or joint ventures), unless such a natural person desires to legally practice architecture in the Philippines as part of an architectural firm (a **juridical** person);
- 3) for registered/ licensed architects (natural persons) wishing to engage in **group** practice as part of an architectural firm (a **juridical** person), the legal **group** practice of architecture in the Philippines requires that the architectural firm must be duly registered with the PRC and with either the DTI or the SEC, coupled with a mayor's/ business permit to be secured from the LGU and the requisite tax registration with the BIR.

Thank You all very much.

Yours sincerely,
For the PRBoA

Armando N. ALLÍ
Chairman