

HDM Urban Shelter: Architecture for Extreme Environments Course (2010 - 2019)

Capability building / training services

Location : Metro Manila

Dates : February 15 – March 12, 2010
February 14 – March 11, 2011
February 13 – March 2, 2012
February 18 – March 8, 2013
February 17 – March 7, 2014
February 16 – March 6, 2015
February 15 – March 4, 2016
February 13 – March 3, 2017
February 12 – March 2, 2018
February 18 – March 8, 2019

Client : Housing Development and Management (HDM) Department
Lund University-Sweden

Funding support

- Housing Development and Management (HDM) Department Lund University-Sweden

Contract / agreement value

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HDM Lund University Sweden Architecture Exhibition featuring the Urban Shelter Course Manila Field Study Projects (2017)

Project brief

In 2010, the partnership between TAO-Pilipinas and the Housing Development and Management (HDM) department of Lund University in Sweden commenced its third collaboration with the international training program Urban Shelter (US): Architecture for Extreme Environments Course. The program brought senior architecture, planning and engineering students of Lund University to the Philippines for a three-week field study. The local run of the course gave students firsthand experience of the Philippine's climate, culture, poverty situation, growing population and housing backlog, and multi-hazard environment.

The course participants attended lectures on Philippine architecture and urban development, visited several social housing communities in Metro Manila, and were oriented on the local shelter situation, housing laws and policies. The students were then tasked to create plans for the development of a local housing site identified in coordination with the National Housing Authority (NHA). At the end of their field study, the students' design proposals were shared with NHA and TAO-Pilipinas.

Since 2010 to the present year, the field study for the US course has been held annually in Manila from mid-February to early March. The international collaboration has paved a way for TAO-Pilipinas to widen its network and link with different sectors in promoting people-centered community planning and house design.

Project outputs

- Lectures and Study Visits
- Housing Design Proposals