

TAO-Pilipinas, Inc.

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This August, TAO-Pilipinas, Inc. turns five years old. What was started by the indefatigable duo of Arlene and Faith is now staffed by ten more dynamic young women professionals running its four programs. After three changes in office address and struggling with the growing pains of a non-profit org, we are still overwhelmed by the enormity of our set vision. Thankfully, our small efforts have not gone unmerited as TAO was just recently given the 1st IYSH Memorial Encouragement Prize by the Japan Housing Association. We are definitely encouraged by this award.

We continue to reach out to the marginalized sectors and the academic community with **TAO Shelter: the magazine for sustainable human settlements**, the first publication of TAO.

Also, the YP program is still accepting application submissions to the 2006 YP Workshop on Social Housing to be held October 17-21, 2006. Slots for sponsored participants are still open, especially for motivated young professionals. We ask the support of college deans and department heads to endorse this activity to their students.

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Featured in this month's e-newsletter:

- **TAO celebrates its 5th anniversary with the launch of TAO-Shelter Magazine**
- **Japan Housing Association awards TAO-Pilipinas with the 1st IYSH Encouragement Prize**
- **TFA students design 12th batch of housing units for SAPSPA beneficiaries**
- **Applications for the 2006 YP Workshop extended until August 30, 2006**

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In Pics: UP - TFA students design 12th batch of SAPSPA housing units



Quote for this month:

"The task of the excellent teacher is to stimulate 'apparently ordinary' people to unusual effort. The tough problem is not in identifying winners: it is in making winners out of ordinary people."

- **K. Patricia Cross**, professor emerita of higher education at University of California-Berkeley and author of books on classroom teaching, learning and assessment.

"It's time for us to go to the people rather than ask the people, especially the poor, to come to us."

TAO celebrates 5th anniversary with the launch of **TAO Shelter: The Magazine for Sustainable Human Settlements**



The first issue cover of TAO Shelter

TAO-Pilipinas marks its 5th anniversary with an initial publication of its Research & Publications (R&P) program, **TAO Shelter**. TAO was established on August 20, 2001 with the vision of sustainable human settlements that are inclusive, people-centered, environment-friendly and promotes equitable distribution of and access to resources. TAO Shelter is a bi-annual magazine dedicated to promoting this vision. More specifically, the publication aims to:

- share practical knowledge on the planning and design of sustainable human settlements, especially socialized housing and resettlement areas, with urban poor organizations, NGOs, and local government units in simple, easy-to-understand format;
- serve as a venue for marginalized groups to share their experiences and present issues affecting their communities to technical professionals, government agencies and the academe; and
- share examples of participatory settlements planning, development and management practices.

For its first issue, the magazine focuses on water and the low-lying coastal area of Tanza, Navotas. Prone to flooding due to sea-level rise and ground subsidence, the area is still the chosen housing site of informal settler communities in Navotas. A story on sea level rise examines how vulnerable this area can be, while a feature on housing-on-stilts looks at a building type that can help cope with this kind of environment.

The July 2006 issue is complementary and the next issue will be released on November 2006, with the theme: community-based disaster risk management. Those interested to subscribe may email asrodil@tao-pilipinas.org

Japan Housing Association awards TAO-Pilipinas with the **1st IYSH Memorial Encouragement Prize**

JHA or Japan Housing Association, an incorporated organization that supports housing and building administrations by international and local bodies, recently set-up the 1st IYSH Memorial Encouragement Prize to give credit to individuals or organizations that have made significant contributions to housing in developing countries. The award commemorates the International Year for Sheltered Homeless of 1987 and JHA has since been carrying out various activities for promoting international exchange in human settlements issues. The organization's activities are focused on the provision of housing appropriate to the aging society, promotion of safe and comfortable urban life and living environments which contribute to regional revitalization.

TAO-Pilipinas was nominated for the IYSH Prize by Mr. Inamoto Etsuzo of the Settlement and Health Action for Re-Evaluation (SHARE) who last year has been in the Philippines to visit various informal communities in Metro Manila. In July, JHA's Fund Managing Committee decided to award TAO with a grant of 500,000 yen (within the span of 3 fiscal years) to support TAO's activities geared towards community development and encourage the work of young architects and engineers in improving the housing situation in the Philippines.

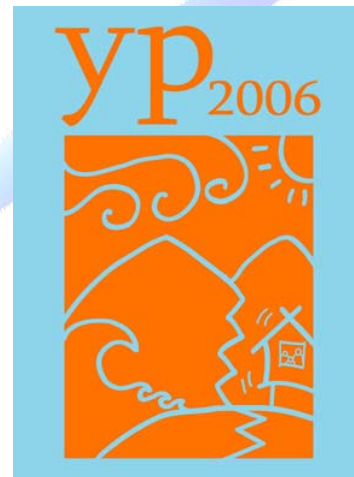
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2006 YP Workshop still accepting submissions

TAO's Young Professionals Program has extended the deadline for applications to the 2006 YP Workshop until August 30, 2006. This 5-day activity is scheduled for 17-21 October 2006, to be held at the The First Villa Cristina Hotel & Resort, Taktak Road, Antipolo City, with the theme: "Young Professionals working towards Sustainable Communities: Integrating Community-based Disaster Risk Management in Social Housing"

Workshop fee is Php3,000.00. A limited number of applicants will be selected as sponsored YP participants based on review of completed application forms and interview. Sponsorship shall cover workshop registration fees, including food and lodging. Forty (40) slots are open for new graduates and university students, including sponsored participants.

Information kits and application forms are available on-line [www.ypws.tao-pilipinas.org] or can be requested by calling the YP workshop coordinators Ge Matabang and Osang Marcelo at 926-9504 / 436-7301.



please visit
www.ypws.tao-pilipinas.org
for more workshop information



CALL FOR SPONSORSHIPS

TAO-Pilipinas is also inviting sponsors for the 2006 YP Workshop. Sponsors are entitled to logo space in the conference streamers, will be cited in the workshop homepage and poster advertising of the conference, and could have their brochures included in the conference binder and bags.

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