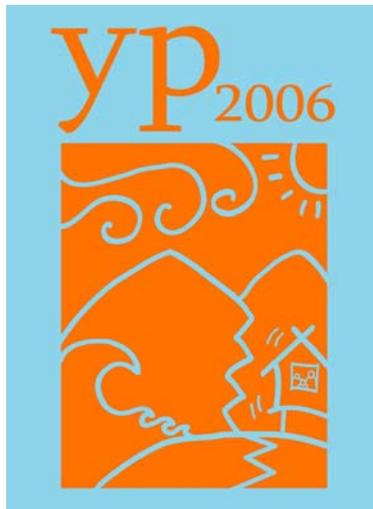


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for more workshop information

TAO-Pilipinas will again organize the YP General Orientation Workshop on Social Housing on **October 17-21, 2006**, to coincide with the college semestral break and the month-long celebration of World Habitat. The theme for the 2006 YP Workshop is: **"YPs working towards Sustainable Communities: Integrating Community-based Disaster Risk Management in Social Housing"**.

This annual workshop is the first stage activity of the Young Professionals Orientation and Training Program (YP-OTP). The workshop shall be conducted in two levels: theory (lectures/training sessions, group activities) and practicum (exposure visits/field studies, 2-day community immersion). These activities are aimed at fostering social responsibility and encouraging the involvement of young professionals in working with poor communities in need of technical professional services.

Participation is open to NCR/Luzon-based young professionals, new graduates and 3rd-5th year college students in the fields of architecture, engineering (civil, geodetic, sanitary, electrical), and environmental planning. The workshop program and application details are now available on-line at www.ypws.tao-pilipinas.org or workshop information kits and application forms can also be requested from the TAO office.

Featured articles in this month's e-newsletter include:

- **TAO joins International Conference on Heritage Houses and Vernacular Architecture in Tagbilaran City**
- **2006 YP Workshop to focus on Community-based Disaster Risk Management**

Please download the attached .pdf file for full story articles. Previous e-newsletters can be accessed at www.tao-pilipinas.org/ypp.htm

Quotes for this month:

"Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?"
"That depends a good deal on where you want to get to," said the Cat.
"I don't much care where --" said Alice.
"Then it doesn't matter which way you go," said the Cat.
"-- so long as I get somewhere," Alice added as an explanation.
"Oh, you're sure to do that," said the Cat, "if you only walk long enough."
- **Carroll, Lewis**. 1904. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Chapter 6.

"Unless we change direction, we are likely to end up where we are going." – **Chinese proverb**

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

TAO joins International Conference on Heritage Houses and Vernacular Architecture in Tagbilaran City



From left: Architect Ligaya Namocatcat, UP Mindanao professor and 1996 YP Alumni, Angel Sales of TAO-Pilipinas, Mrs. Lin Li Loh-Lim and Architect Laurence Loh of Penang Heritage Trust, and Mr. Abe Garcia of UP Mindanao.

Bohol conference tackles heritage conservation, creative industries and sustainable tourism.

TAO-R&P staff and architecture graduate Angelus Sales was at the International Conference on Heritage Houses and Vernacular Architecture held in Tagbilaran City, Bohol last May 16-17, 2006. Organized by the Metropolitan Museum of Manila and Holy Name University, the conference featured presentations from some of the leading experts on Philippine ancestral houses and heritage conservation such as Augusto Villalon, Fernando Zialcita, and Martin Tinio, Jr. Participants were also provided with on-site lectures at some of Bohol's heritage structures. Exposure trips were conducted at Baclayon Church, considered the oldest church in Bohol, and at the ancestral house Casa Rocha-Suarez in Sitio Ubos.

Issues of particular interest to TAO that were discussed in the conference included the adaptive re-use of heritage structures, support for local creative industries, and the active involvement of local communities in heritage conservation projects. The presentation of Architect Laurence Loh and Mrs. Lin Li Loh-Lim from the Penang Heritage Trust illustrated how their organization was able to successfully restore The Blue Mansion in Penang, Malaysia. They also brought to attention sustainable tourism concerns like taking into account the carrying capacity of local environments versus intensive tourism activities, and balancing the goals of profit/revenue from tourism and those of preserving the cultural traditions and customs of a place.

With its participation in the conference, TAO supports the call for the architectural preservation of our heritage structures and hopes to someday spearhead projects that bridge local community involvement and heritage conservation.

2006 YP Workshop to focus on Community-based Disaster Risk Management

The goal of creating more sustainable communities continues to be the main thrust of the Young Professionals Orientation and Training Program (YP-OTP) activities. For this year, the YP Workshop will focus on one aspect of sustainability, that of disaster resilience. Sustainable communities have the capability cope with changes that time brings, including from the impact of inevitable natural occurrences like typhoons, floodings, and earthquakes.

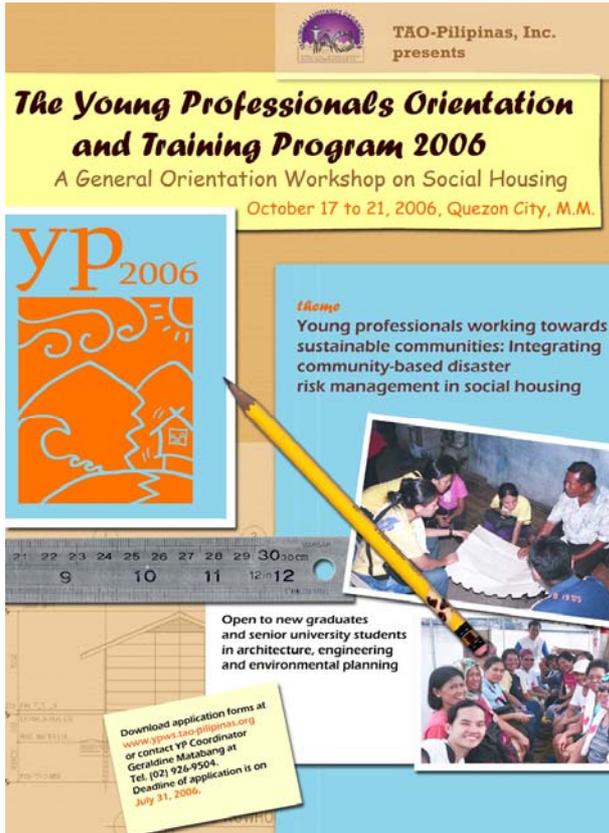


Participants of the 2005 YP Workshop at the Walter Hogan Conference Center in Ateneo de Manila University

The recent disasters that have stricken the Asian region have taken a tremendous toll on the lives and properties of affected communities. Lessons learned from the impact of the Asian tsunami, Pakistan and Indonesian earthquakes, Quezon flashfloods and Leyte landslides on human settlements have highlighted the need to adapt sustainable approaches to disaster management --- one that encompasses disaster preparedness, prevention and mitigation, --- aside from rescue and relief operations. Preparing our communities to cope with natural hazards is of utmost relevance, considering that our country is also within the Pacific Ring of Fire and has been constantly subjected to typhoons, earthquakes, and volcanic eruptions. Design professionals, together with the communities, have important roles to play in ensuring that people can withstand the negative effects of both natural and human-made hazards on their lives and livelihoods.

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Spread the word on the YP Workshop with this poster and place them on your campus bulletin boards. Posters may be requested from the TAO office.



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

TAO-Pilipinas is now accepting applications for the 2006 YP Workshop. Forty (40) slots are open for new graduates and university students. Information kits and application forms are available on-line [www.ypps.tao-pilipinas.org] or hardcopies may be requested by calling 926-9504.

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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The workshop will also challenge its participants to explore the ways to make poor communities more safe and disaster resilient. Poverty increases a people's vulnerability and often leads them to inhabit hazardous places (creeks and canals, steep hillsides, dump sites) if they mean the closest they can get to economic opportunities, regardless of the risks. When disasters do strike, the potential for loss of lives is enormous in poor communities.

The 2006 YP Workshop is aimed at gathering key resource persons, young professionals and community representatives to be oriented and to take part in community-based disaster risk management activities that can contribute to reducing vulnerability and increasing the capacity, especially of poor communities, to cope with disasters. The 5-day workshop will be held on October 17-21, 2006 with the theme, "Yps working towards Sustainable Communities: Integrating Community-based Disaster Risk Management in Social Housing."



Workshop information can now be viewed on-line at www.ypps.tao-pilipinas.org

The official homepage for the 2006 YP Workshop is now available on-line. Interested applicants may download application forms and get updates on the workshop program here.

Also featured in the site are last year's YP fellows and the 2005 YP Workshop Report.



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