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Resolution No. 03
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RECOGNITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS ASIA-PACIFIC REGION (IFLA APR) LANDSCAPE CHARTER AS A GUIDING PRINCIPLE OR FRAME OF REFERENCE IN THE PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE OF LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHEREAS, the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) is a non-political, non-government and non-profit democratic organization representing as the global body of professional Landscape Architects, with members from over sixty (60) countries in all continents, among which is the Asia-Pacific Region (APR), and which cover fourteen (14) member-organizations of Landscape Architects in the world;

WHEREAS, IFLA's primary objectives are to provide for a platform to coordinate the activities of member-associations on global issues, and to ensure that the profession of Landscape Architecture continues to prosper as it continues to effect the design and management of the environment. Specifically, it aims to: (1) develop and promote the profession of Landscape Architecture, together with its related arts and sciences, throughout the world; (2) ingrain an understanding of Landscape Architecture as physical and cultural phenomena concerned with environmental heritage and ecological and social sustainability; and (3) establish high standards of professional practice in the design of the landscape, its management, conservation and development;

WHEREAS, the IFLA APR Landscape Charter to which all its member-associations adhere to has for its purposes, to wit:

"The Charter is the IFLA Asia-Pacific Region's declaration of a set of fundamental principles to support the active stewardship of, advocacy for, and enhancement of the landscapes of our region. It serves as a **set of guiding principles for landscape architects, and as a frame of our reference** to inform decision-makers about the broad scope of landscape matters.

The Charter sets out policies, principles, definitions and values for the protection, planning, enhancement, design and management of landscapes in our region, and provides a framework through which other disciplines, government agencies and departments, and other stakeholders can cooperate on landscape and landscape-related issues."

WHEREAS, the Philippine Association of Landscape Architects (PALA), the accredited and integrated professional organization (AIPO) for Landscape Architects, is a member of the IFLA APR;

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WHEREAS, the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission), through the Professional Regulatory Board of Landscape Architecture (the Board), is the statutory body that regulates the practice of Landscape Architecture as a profession in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 9053, also known as the Philippine Landscape Architecture Act of 2000, vests upon the Board the power and authority to promulgate and adopt rules and regulations necessary for carrying out the provisions of the law; and to monitor the conditions affecting the practice of Landscape Architecture and to adopt such measure as may be deemed proper for the enhancement and maintenance of high professional, ethical and technical standards of the profession;

WHEREAS, the Board finds the principles embodied in the IFLA APR Landscape Charter acceptable and in conformity with the existing Philippine regulatory framework on the practice of the Landscape Architecture profession;

WHEREAS, the Board takes cognizance of the pertinent provision of the IFLA APR Landscape Charter which states that such instrument shall not prejudice other more specific provisions concerning sustainable landscape protection, planning, design and/or management contained in other existing or future binding national or international documents.

WHEREFORE, the Board has **RESOLVED**, as it hereby **RESOLVES**, to recognize the International Federation of Landscape Architects Asia-Pacific Region (IFLA APR) Landscape Charter as a guiding principle or frame of reference in the professional practice of Landscape Architecture in the Philippines: *Provided*, that herein recognition shall not be construed to create any legal obligation or liability on the part of the Board and the Professional Regulation Commission (Commission), in case of breach or non-compliance therewith.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Board and the Commission reserve their right to withdraw or revoke this recognition at any time, should the circumstances so warrant.

Done this 10th day of March, 2017 in the City of Manila.


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