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Celebrating architecture

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Architecture can refer to a process, a profession or documentation. That's why we speak of architects of society, and architects of an art movement.

However, the common understanding of architecture is the activity of designing and constructing buildings by a person. The primary aim is to give socially purposeful shelter. The bonus is the beauty that the buildings provide for the community.

Thirty-seven years ago, then Pres. Ferdinand Marcos made a Presidential Decree declaring every first week of December as "Nationwide Architecture Week."

To celebrate the occasion this year, architects from all over Cebu actively took part in various events. These

activities were carefully planned by the United Architects of the Philippines (UAP) Regional District C-1, headed by district director Alan Choachuy.

Their annual exhibit was held at the new shopping destination of the metropolis, Parkmall 168. The event was definitely bigger and better.

Gracing the opening ceremonies was the hardworking leader of Mandaue City, Mayor Jonas Cortes.

The exhibit showcased projects made by the local architects, activities of the four Cebu-based UAP chapters and the newly formed Cebu Chapter of the Philippine Institute of Interior Designers (PIID).

Also sharing the spotlight were the outstanding thesis

works executed by architecture students of the University of San Carlos (USC), Cebu Institute of Technology, University of the Visayas and University of Southern Philippines Foundation.

During the weekend, a whole-day architecture forum was held at the USC College of Architecture and Fine Arts Theater. The resource speaker in that forum was the Professional Regulation Commission's Board of Architecture (PRC-BOA) chairperson Arch't. Armando Alli.

It was a fulfilling week with every participant knowing that there will always be builders in society. (CONTRIBUTED FOTOS)



RIBBON CUTTING. Mandaue City Mayor Jonas Cortes (left) and UAP District C-1 director Alan Choachuy lead the opening of exhibits.



OFFICERS. The District Council officers with the Mayor Cortes.



BOOTH. District director Alan Choachuy (standing, right) with (seated, from left) Arch't. Boy Liston, Mayor Cortes, Arch't. Jose Mari Canizares and the officers of PIID-Cebu.