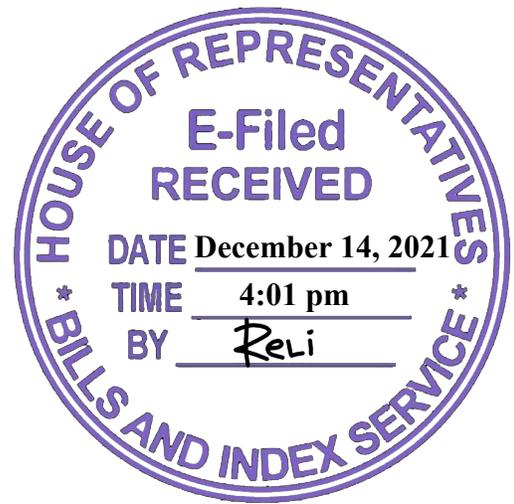


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A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING FILIPINO ARCHITECTS AND DESIGNERS FOR WINNING IN THE WORLD ARCHITECTURE FESTIVAL 2021

WHEREAS, the World Architecture Festival or “WAF” is the largest and one of the most prestigious international architecture competitions in the world;

WHEREAS, overall winners were selected for the World Architecture Festival 2021 last December 1-3, 2021 in Lisbon, Portugal;

WHEREAS, on the first two days of the festival, 148 judges from 68 countries judged over 500 shortlisted entries in 33 categories. Architects who won in their category faced a Super Jury on the third day to compete for major prizes, such as World Building of the Year, Future Project of the Year, World Interiors of the Year, Small Project of the Year, and WAFX Project of the Year;¹

WHEREAS, the WAF Futures or WAFX Award heralds twelve of the world's most forward-looking architectural concepts and is awarded to future projects that identify twelve key challenges that architects will need to address in the coming years;²

WHEREAS, a Filipino project, Horizon Manila, by WTA Architecture and Design Studio helmed by Mr. William Ti is the overall winner of the 2021 WAFX Award at the 2021 World Architecture Festival after first winning the WAFX Water Category;

¹ <https://www.worldarchitecturefestival.com/2020-2021-shortlist>

² <https://www.worldarchitecturefestival.com/wafx-winners-2021>

WHEREAS, "Horizon Manila" designed by WTA Architecture and Design Studio, is a 419-hectare master plan designed to serve as a new hub for growth and development for the Philippine capital. This is composed of three islands bisected by a four-kilometre canal park, creating many different waterside neighbourhoods, gardens, and urban parks, to allow for a diverse and permeable urban environment to evolve. The festival director Paul Finch also complimented the design as "very vibrant" and "inspirational," particularly how the project, comprised of 28 *barangays*, each with its own character and residential typologies, envisioned "the organic growth of neighbourhoods" and eschewed a uniformity of architecture and scales but planned instead for "a very welcome variety;"³

WHEREAS, Filipino design consultant Mr. Carlo Calma of Carlo Calma Consultancy won in two categories at this year's WAFX Awards—the Food category for "Cagbalete Sand Clusters" and the Construction Technology category for "Museum for Architecture + Residences," a collaboration with Japanese architect Sou Fujimoto;"⁴

WHEREAS, "Cagbalete Sand Clusters" designed by Carlo Calma Consultancy Inc. is a new self-sustaining eco-tourism typology at Cagbalete Island in Quezon Province designed to mix farming and leisure, including a farm-to-table restaurant focusing on local plants and produce. It is constructed from a prefabricated unit system inspired by the areas' corals, made from a membrane of fishing nets, sand, and soil;⁵

WHEREAS, Buensalido Architects led by Mr. Jason Buensalido garnered two Highly Commended nods for the "Interweave Building," in the Completed Building – School category and the Best Use of Color Prize.⁶

WHEREAS, the "Interweave Building" is the home of the CIIT College of Arts and Technology. Buensalido Architects breathed new life into an abandoned building with designs based on the traditional Filipino art of "*paghahabi*." The colourful façade exudes the vitality of CIIT Philippines' students and faculty, while the industrial aesthetic of the interior keeps the focus on goal-directed student activities;

WHEREAS, the Athletics Stadium in New Clark City designed by BUDJI+ROYAL Architecture and Design Studio won the World Architecture Festival (WAF) jury's nod as Highly Commended in the Completed Buildings under the Sports category;⁷

WHEREAS, the 20,000-seat "New Clark City Athletics Stadium," designed by BUDJI+ROYAL Architecture+Design, is an Olympic-rated sports complex reflecting Central Luzon's natural and cultural heritage and New Clark City's values as a sustainable and smart city with world-class facilities;

³ <https://kanto.com.ph/voices/horizon-manila-is-wafx-project-of-the-year/>

⁴ <https://kanto.com.ph/voices/waf-carlo-calma/>

⁵ <https://kanto.com.ph/voices/horizon-manila-is-wafx-project-of-the-year/>

⁶ <https://kanto.com.ph/voices/buensalido-color-prize-waf/>

⁷ <https://kanto.com.ph/voices/budji-royal-clark-stadium-win/>

WHEREAS, Sudarshan Khadka and his Norwegian partner, Alexander Furunes, have won the Architectural Review Emerging Architect Awards' Peter Davey Prize for their "quietly radical collaborative approach to practice" and their work with local people of Vietnam and the Philippines;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives recognizes the role of architecture and design in nation-building, economic competitiveness, and development, in uplifting humanity and civil society, and in improving productivity;

WHEREAS, the people of the Philippines may stand united in respect for and deep admiration of the creative talent of our people and the dedication to excellence of our professionals in the art and science of architecture and design;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives thanks members of the Philippine architecture and construction industries for extending, in true *bayanihan* style, help in preparing our World Architecture Festival finalists for the global competition this year and in years past, resulting in a growing number of finalists and recognition on the world stage over the last decade;

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives calls on the Philippine design and construction industries, businesses, the academe, and general public to openly support and promote critical thinking and the country's global competitiveness in architecture and quality design in all areas of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that taking into consideration the above-mentioned premises, we, the undersigned members of the House of Representatives, hereby warmly congratulate the architects and designers for their achievements in their respective categories at the World Architecture Festival 2021. We laud these architects and designers and express our deepest gratitude to them for bringing honour to our country. We urge them to continue in their passion and to keep walking the narrow path to excellence. May their future work bring even greater honour to the country, and may their vision and commitment bring to our citizens the quality of a built environment they deserve—one that corrects inequalities, cares for the future of our planet, and elevates every Filipino's quality of life.

Adopted,



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