



Photo for the Month

At the resettlement site for typhoon victims in Taysan, Legaspi, a child fetches collected rainwater to use for house chores. The photo shows how relocatees cope with less than minimum site development and basic services provision in resettlement sites.

Quotes for the Month

"One of the most significant aspects of the impacts of climate change, which has unfortunately not received adequate attention from scholars in the social sciences, relates to the equity implications of changes that are occurring and are likely to occur in the future. In general, the impacts of climate change on some of the poorest and the most vulnerable communities in the world could prove extremely unsettling."

"Will those responsible for decisions in the field of climate change at the global level listen to the voice of science and knowledge, which is now loud and clear?"

- **Dr. Rajendra K. Pachauri**, chairperson of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), in his 2007 Nobel Peace Prize Lecture.

"... the earth has a fever. And the fever is rising. The experts have told us it is not a passing affliction that will heal by itself. We asked for a second opinion. And a third. And a fourth. And the consistent conclusion, restated with increasing alarm, is that something basic is wrong. We are what is wrong, and we must make it right."

"Make no mistake, the next generation will ask us one of two questions. Either they will ask: 'What were you thinking; why didn't you act?' Or they will ask instead: 'How did you find the moral courage to rise and successfully resolve a crisis that so many said was impossible to solve?'"

- **Al Gore, Jr.**, former vice-president of USA, in his 2007 Nobel Peace Prize Lecture.

Just as the case last year, the typhoon season this November gave another indication that extreme weather occurrences are indeed upon us. We experienced three typhoons in a week – *Lando*, *Mina* and *Lando w/ Nonoy* – and this movement of multiple typhoons also introduced us to a new terminology, the "Fujiwhara effect" (a rare weather occurrence that pulled back *Lando* after it has left the country). As *Mina* threatened to turn into a supertyphoon headed towards the Bicol region, a massive pre-emptive evacuation of flood-prone communities was mobilized in Albay and also prompted the postponement of the YP Workshop to January 2008 (see page 2 for announcement details).

As we take a look back at another year of YP activities, our deepest gratitude goes to all our project partners, sponsors, donors and interns/volunteers who have helped us reach out to more young professionals, students and more importantly to communities needing technical assistance (see our thank you's on page 6). For 2008, we look forward to more completed projects (starting with the YP Workshop in Bicol), YP lectures, internship programs, and YP involvement in community-led initiatives.

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

YP Workshop in Bicol rescheduled to January 2008

Due to the series of typhoons (*Lando*, *Mina*, and *Nonoy*) that passed through the Bicol region in November, the YP Workshop slated for November 26-30, 2006 was postponed to a later date. The workshop is now tentatively rescheduled to the 4th week of January 2008. Please visit the workshop homepage www.ypws.tao-pilipinas.org for further announcements.



APPLICATIONS STILL OPEN FOR YP WORKSHOP IN BICOL

For Bicol-based young professionals / students:

Young professionals and students of architecture and engineering based in Bicol are still welcome to apply as sponsored participants. Please submit completed application forms to COPE Foundation Office (107 Toledo's Compound, Gogon, Legazpi City) before the end of the year. Another round of applicant interviews will be conducted on the second week of January 2008.

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For NCR-based young professionals / students:

Interested young professionals and senior students of architecture and engineering from NCR /Metro Manila universities may apply for non-sponsored participant's slots. They will have to shoulder transportation costs to and from the workshop venues and find external sponsorship for the workshop registration fee of PhP 3,000.

Sponsored slots may be given to young professionals/students who are part of the YP Internship Program and YP Volunteers' Pool. We will also consider applicants for sponsored slots to those who are willing to be part of the YP Volunteers' Pool for 2008. (Selected sponsored applicants from NCR should be able to log in volunteer hours for TAO-Pilipinas projects.)

Please submit completed application forms to the TAO-Pilipinas Office (23A Mapagbigay Street , Barangay Pinyahan, Diliman, Quezon City) or email to yp@tao-pilipinas.org before December 21, 2007.

For Visayas/Mindanao-based young professionals /students:

Interested young professionals and senior students of architecture and engineering from Visayas/Mindanao-based universities may apply for non-sponsored participant's slots. They will have to shoulder transportation costs to and from the workshop venues and find external sponsorship for the workshop registration fee of PhP 3,000.

Please submit completed application forms to the TAO-Pilipinas Office (23A Mapagbigay Street , Barangay Pinyahan, Diliman, Quezon City) or email to yp@tao-pilipinas.org before January 11, 2008.

For foreign young professionals / students:

All foreign young professionals/students who would like to be part of the YP Workshop in Bicol are required to shoulder (international and local) travel costs to and from the workshop venues and pay the workshop registration fee of PhP 3,000.

Please submit completed application forms to the TAO-Pilipinas Office (23A Mapagbigay Street , Barangay Pinyahan, Diliman, Quezon City) or email to yp@tao-pilipinas.org before January 11, 2008.

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Research projects by TAO staff selected for funding in the ProVention Consortium Grant for Young Researchers

The ProVention Consortium launched Round 3 of its Research and Action Grants for Disaster Risk Reduction in 2007 which funds innovative action-oriented projects that aim to reduce disaster risks in developing countries. The proposed projects are to be implemented by researchers and practitioners under 35 and guided by mentors. From among a total of 261 proposals received, ProVention selected for funding 90 proposals from 40 countries. Among these selected proposals are two projects by TAO staff members --- a team project by Geraldine Matabang, Rosalyn Marcelo and Beryl Baybay; and an individual project by Amillah Rodil. Both projects focus on disaster risk reduction in the Albay, Bicol areas affected by typhoon *Reming* last November 2006.

- *Integrating disaster risk management in site planning and house design of resettlement projects in Albay, Bicol region* by Matabang, Marcelo and Baybay; mentored by Jocelyn Vicente-Angeles of COPE Foundation and Faith Varona of TAO-Pilipinas
- *Client needs assessment for post-disaster shelter planning in Albay, Philippines* by Amillah Rodil; mentored by Prof. Ernesto Serote of UP-SURP

ProVention Research and Action Grants support research and action at the local level and encourage young professionals to gain experience in disaster risk reduction. Selected teams are invited to seek ways to cut across professional disciplines and to exchange knowledge and engage stakeholders from scientific and academic, civilian, public and private sectors. Their research findings will be disseminated locally and globally at the end of 2008. The Grants Program is administered in association with University of Wisconsin Disaster Management Center and Asian Disaster Preparedness Center.

For more information about the ProVention Grants and the selected project proposals for 2007-2008, visit www.proventionconsortium.org/grant_projects

YP Reflections



Edra Belga, TAO program staff for HS&E, was selected as an Action Partner in the Oxfam International Youth Partnerships (OIYP) program. She attended a series of OIYP events in Sydney, Australia this October 2007.

From YP to OIYP

OIYP really sounded like YP, so I took a look at the brief description of the event that was e-mailed to me. This is something I rarely do, as I always felt there were many tasks waiting in line for me. OIYP (Oxfam International Youth Partnerships) Kaleidoscope, was a week-long event once every three years. It was an opportunity to share skills, experiences, and broaden perspectives with youths all over the world. I thought it would be exciting, and the trip to Sydney, Australia was of

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Call for articles for TAO SHELTER Magazine 4th issue

In the first quarter of 2008, TAO-Pilipinas (www.tao-pilipinas.org) will be releasing the 4th issue of TAO Shelter, the magazine about planning and design for sustainable communities. The issue will focus on the theme "**Planning and Design for Extreme Weather Conditions.**" We are calling for articles which deal with the following issues or topics:

- **Typhoon-resilient house and building design**
- **Risk reduction through site and urban planning**
- **Flood prediction and mitigation**
- **Effect of urban physical patterns on local weather**
- **Indigenous or traditional solutions for extreme weather protection**
- **Experiences of communities dealing with the impact of extreme weather**

The articles can be feature stories, opinion essays, case studies, how-to articles, and summaries of research papers, written in English, and focusing on or applicable in the context of the Philippines or Southeast Asia. Announcements on seminars, workshops, and events related to the theme can also be submitted.

Please restrict the articles to 1500-2000 words. The author should also send a brief CV along with the article. Relevant images in jpeg or tiff format in 300dpi can be attached, or mailed to our postal address at 23-A Mapagbigay St., Bgy. Pinyahan, Diliman, 1100 Quezon City, Philippines.

Submissions will be screened and those chosen will be notified of acceptance within a month after the deadline of submission. The articles will be published in the print and online version (www.tao-pilipinas.org/taoshelter). Published authors will receive a complimentary copy of the printed magazine.

Deadline: 26th January 2008
Submit inquiries and -mail all articles to Amillah S. Rodil at asrodil@gmail.com or rp@tao-pilipinas.org

YP Reflections

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From YP to OIYP (by Edra Belga)

course a plus. I really wanted to be selected so I bid a lot of prayers and more effort in making a level headed application. I got in, but I really did not know what to expect.

The week came that I was in Australia, and with 300 plus strangers from all over the world, in all walks of life and professions. I was the only architect. I must say that I felt out-of-place during the first few days. A loadful of cultural presentations made me wish that I took a liking for social dance when I was in college. I felt I was as stiff as driftwood, and as technical-minded as a physics professor. But I learned to lighten up and make myself comfortable around these people speaking Spanish, Chinese, Swahili, and English of all accents. Tagalog was a refuge, a secret, and I loved every single bit of our language more.

The mood was festive and relaxed, and was a confirmation of what I was working for: community development and empowerment. However, each day I was there kept me wishing that I was home. Everyone felt that it was an escape from the usual work that we do. I do not know, but it seemed to me that a few even forgot about their homes, wanting to stay in Sydney much longer.

I felt different, I felt the need to come home. The "change" as they say will not be waged in Sydney but in our own communities. A strengthening of networks in the Philippines should be a greater priority. I really hoped that when I come back we would find more groups working for the same cause as our organization does. I thought it would make the work a lot easier...

Thank you OIYP, there was much I have realized. But I was a YP at heart. So Manila... Manila... I came back home to Manila...



My Homeroom – Platypus. People are from Botswana, Brazil, Burma, Cambodia, Canada, Ecuador, Indonesia, New Zealand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tibet, Uganda, and Vanuatu.



With the ladies. Waiting for the Cirque du Soleil Performance at Carriageworks.



A little shake-up. Morning Exercise at King's School, I was forced to shake it up a bit.

Announcement

BE THE BUILDER OF A SAFER TOMORROW
A GLOBAL SCHOOL DESIGN COMPETITION FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Design Criteria

- Innovative Construction Technology
- Cost Effective
- Typhoon Resistant
- Earthquake Resistant
- Sustainable Site and Building
- Flexibility of Use
- Adaptability to Other Sites

REVISED Competition Timetable

January 11, 2008	Deadline of Registration
January 23, 2008	Deadline of Submission of Questions
February 15, 2008	Deadline of Dispatch of Answers
March 16, 2008	Deadline of Entries
March 24-April 7, 2008	Judging
April 2008	Awarding and Exhibition

Prizes

First Prize	US\$ 10,000
Second Prize	US\$ 5,000
Third Prize	US\$ 3,000
Special Category Awards	US\$ 2,000 each

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Deadlines Extended for the Millennium School Design Competition

Millennium School is a design competition for school buildings in developing countries located in the tropics. The Competition is part of the Be Better Build Better Campaign and aims to solicit the best architecture-for-humanity designs from all over the world. Architects shall be brought together in a collective effort to try to find solutions to the problems of school buildings in the developing world, and in particular those that are constantly faced by natural disasters like typhoons, flash floods and earthquakes. The competition will facilitate the emergence of new sustainable design solutions and appropriate technologies that will improve the quality of school buildings in the developing world. The competition will offer a venue for the practice of architecture for a client group that would otherwise have no access to design professionals that can solve their problems.

To download the Competition Manual and Registration Forms, go to www.millennium-school.org or email Competition chairperson Architect Rey S. Gabitan at raegab@yahoo.com.

IN PICS: YP Volunteer Groups

UP-TFA (Task Force Arki)

Project: Design Options for Renovation and Extension of DSOP Core Housing

Presentation of Designs to DSOP
19 October 2007
Pasig River Linear Park,
Punta, Sta. Ana, Manila



DSOP members examine drawing boards and scaled models presented by UP-TFA student volunteers.



DSOP members who will be relocated to the Montalban resettlement site view the design schemes for incremental improvement of the standard housing units.



UP-TFA member Frances Cortez explains the drawings and models for a one-story unit.



UP-TFA's Ray Sebastian shows actual heights and distances in the house design.



Left: Mrs. Vener Alpapara, DSOP president, presents to UP-TFA chairperson Ray Sebastian a token of appreciation.



Top left: Phase 2 of SHEC housing project during initial site visit of UPCLAS; Top right: UPCLAS chairperson Dhene Domingo presents the landscape design proposals to SHEC Phase 2 community association; Right: Landscaping and urban gardening project being developed at SHEC Phase 2 with the help of the Department of Agriculture and UPCLAS.

UPCLAS (Circle of Landscape Architecture Students)

Project: SHEC Housing Project Phase 2, Malibay, Pasay City
Oct-Dec 2007



Turn-over ceremonies for SHEC Phase 2 Housing Project with beneficiaries, project sponsors and volunteers.



Landscape treatment at pocket areas of SHEC housing site.

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