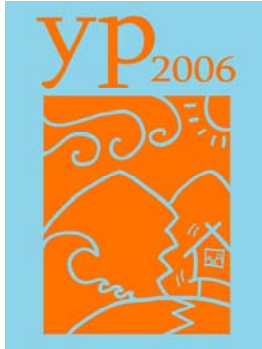


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Preparations are underway for the YP Workshop on Social Housing on October 17-21, focusing on this year's theme on **disaster risk management**. With the help of community organizers from COPE and SAC-Infanta, three sites in Barangays Agos-agos and Dinahican in Infanta, Quezon Province have been identified as community immersion areas for the workshop participants. In the workshop's training sessions, we'll be having speakers from the Center for Disaster Preparedness (CDP), DENR-Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), UN-Habitat, Seastems, Inc., and presentations from Dr. Laura David of UP-Marine Science Institute, Dr. Rhodora Gonzales of UP-Geodetic Engineering Department, and Prof. Danny Mostrales of MSU-Iligan Institute of Technology.

Around twenty delegates from NCR have been selected as participants, including architecture students from Far Eastern University and UP-Diliman, civil engineering students from UST, geodetic engineering students from UP-Diliman, and graduate students of Urban and Regional Planning. Representatives from YP-Bicol and YP-Visayas and Mindanao are also expected to attend the workshop, along with community organizers and leaders from people's organizations. ( More of the YP workshop information and updates are available on-line at [www.ypws.tao-pilipinas.org](http://www.ypws.tao-pilipinas.org) )

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**TAO-Shelter Magazine:** To those who have received the complimentary first issue of TAO-Shelter Magazine (*Water issue*), please fax the accompanying feedback/survey forms to 926-9504. Your comments will help us in improving the publication. Watch out for the next issue which will be released by November and will focus on *Community-based Disaster Risk Management*. For subscription and advertising inquiries, email [info@tao-pilipinas.org](mailto:info@tao-pilipinas.org)



**Call for Sponsorships:** Finally, we're still looking for sponsors for the 2006 YP Workshop. Interested companies may contact Ge Matabang or Yeye Perdigon at 926-9504 or email [yp@tao-pilipinas.org](mailto:yp@tao-pilipinas.org).



## Quote for this month:

*"Philanthropy is commendable, but it must not cause the philanthropist to overlook the circumstances of economic injustice which make philanthropy necessary."*

- **Martin Luther King Jr.** (1929-1968), civil rights movement leader and 1964 Nobel Peace Prize awardee.

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

## Preparations for 2006 YP Workshop on-going; collaboration with COPE set for YP community immersion activities



Left: Pope John Paul II Village, a resettlement area in Bgy. Agos-agos, Infanta; Right: TAO staff with COPE's Jo Vicente-Angeles, Demo Raynera of SAC, and Patrick Dawes



Left: The Dinahican fishport in Infanta; Right: TAO staff with PO leaders in Munting Sabang, Bgy. Dinahican, Infanta



### TAO staff conducts initial site visits to communities in Barangays Agos-agos and Dinahican in Infanta, Quezon

In line with this year's YP Workshop theme, "Young Professionals working towards Sustainable Communities: Integrating Community-Based Disaster Risk Management in Social Housing," TAO is coordinating with the Community Organizers of the Philippines (COPE) and the Social Action Center (SAC) in Infanta for exposure and immersion activities of workshop participants in areas affected by recent disasters. COPE and SAC, under the Prelature of Infanta, have been actively involved in the rehabilitation efforts of residents from the 2004 Quezon province flashfloods and landslides. COPE and SAC accompanied the TAO staff in visiting a resettlement site in Barangay Agos-agos and the coastal fishing villages of Munting Sabang and Barrio Proper in Barangay Dinahican.

### Buklod-Tao in San Mateo, Rizal is model for community-based development initiatives

Buklod-Tao is a people's organization of Bgy. Banaba residents in San Mateo, Rizal whose mission is to strengthen the capability of its members in coping with disasters and in protecting the environment. The group was organized in the late 90s primarily as an advocate for more environment-friendly development in response to the proliferation of medium and light-use industries in Rizal Province. Today, the Buklod-Tao association is considered as a model for community-based disaster management, with water-level monitoring and early warning systems in place. It also conducts rescue and relief operations and assists other communities in disaster preparedness activities. During the 2006 YP Workshop on October 18, the workshop participants will visit the Buklod-Tao community.



Ka Noli Abinales of Buklod-Tao presents the 3-dimensional relief map of San Mateo's Land Use Plan

### PHIVOLCS' REINA project team conducts orientation seminar on multi-hazards mapping for TAO-Pilipinas staff



The 2005 REINA project team of PHIVOLCS presents multi-hazard maps of Quezon Province



PHIVOLCS Director Rene Solidum presents the chronology of the 2004 flooding events in Quezon Province



TAO staff view the 3D relief maps of Quezon presented by PHIVOLCS through special lenses

As part of the preparations for the 2006 YP Workshop, TAO-Pilipinas requested from PHIVOLCS a briefing on its Real-Infanta-General Nakar or "REINA" Project where multi-hazard maps were generated for the municipalities most heavily affected by the December 2004 flashfloods and landslides in the province. The REINA project, which was completed in 2005, was a multi-agency undertaking by PHIVOLCS, PAGASA and DENR-MGB with funding assistance from UNDP.

Last September 15, PHIVOLCS gathered its REINA project team led by Dr. Leonila Bautista to provide the TAO staff with an orientation seminar on the generation of maps for different types of natural hazards in the

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*Director Solidum explains to TAO staff the use of various hazard maps to assess hazard-prone areas*

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Real-Infanta-Gen.Nakar areas. These included hazard maps for active faults, groundshaking, liquefaction, rain-induced landslides, earthquake-induced landslides, tsunamis, storm surges, floods and flashfloods. An Information-Education-Communications campaign and piloting of a Community-Based Early Warning System were also part of the REINA project initiative.

The REINA project documentation and results are intended to be used by TAO in the conduct of community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM) activities for the YP Workshop on October 17-21, 2006.

**In Pics: Product presentations at TAO**



Last August, *Imac Roof* and *Kotec* gave product presentations for TAO staff and members of SAPSPA and SANAGMANA. *Imac Roof* presented its thermoplastic, corrosion-resistant roofing as an alternative roof material in areas constantly exposed to water like Navotas. *Kotec*, on the other hand, presented its 3-chamber plaster purifying septic tanks as a less expensive alternative to reinforced concrete septic tanks.

**In Pics: Lunch with Fr. Jorge Anzorena**

TAO Advisory Board member Fr. Jorge Anzorena of SELAVIP was once again in the Philippines from August 15 to September 15, visiting various people's organizations and social housing projects in Cebu, Laguna, and Manila. TAO invited Fr. Jorge to lunch at the TAO office and gave him an update on the different TAO projects, especially the YP workshops which SELAVIP funded last year.



**In Pics: TFA submits plans for SAPSPA houses**



Third and fourth-year architecture students of UP-Task Force Arki (TFA) went back to Magsaysay Village, Tondo and presented their drafted plans to SAPSPA beneficiaries. Architectural and engineering plans for 5 houses were completed by the group in the middle of their various academic deadlines this semester at UP-Diliman. The plans are now in the process of application for building permits at the Manila City Hall.



**In Pics: TAO 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration**



*Celine Vicente of Manila Observatory with TAO Board officers Lisa Pilapil and Ning Caringal*

*Architects Roni Manahan of PROS and Rollie Palacio of Panirahanan*

*SAPSPA's Mely Sevillana, Rita Guevarra, and Edring Sebastian*

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*TAO Advisory Board member Roni Manahan leads the induction of TAO Board of Directors – (L-R) Lisa Pilapil, Ning Caringal, Avic Ilagan, and Ellen Ramos*



*Nonoy Velasco of JAD Infinite and Pol Erato of SANAGMANA*



*Angel Sales and Pon Rodil of TAO-Research & Publications*



*DAMPA's Manay Casin*



*Bodjie Pascua and Avic Ilagan of Blacksoup, Inc.*



*TAO BODs Ning Caringal and Lisa Pilapil with TAO-Pilipinas staff (standing L-R) Edra Belga, Yeye Perdigon, Nethz Salvan, Pon Rodil, Ge Matabang; (seated L-R) Osang Marcelo, Angel Sales, Ger Samson, Angging Aban*



*(top left): Osang Marcelo and Rudy Rodil; (top right): TAO volunteers Paolo Lim and Gen Matabang of Chocolate Clothing; (bottom): TAO Volunteers Willy Awitan, Mike Malabasag of FDUP, and Pura Rebite of SIKAT*



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