

## WHAT IS AIPO?

Refers to the concerned Board and Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) Accredited Integrated Professional Organization (AIPO) for a given profession which is specifically mandated by the provision of the Professional Regulatory Law (PRL) to integrate the professionals into one national organization and where the membership therein by professionals is automatic and mandatory.

## WHAT IS PAP'S ROLE AS AIPO?

- a. To define the professional responsibilities of its members;
- b. To ensure that its members adhere to the Code of Ethics, Responsibilities, and highest professional and technical standards;
- c. To improve the standards of the profession through effective collaboration with the Board and the PRC;
- d. To look into the conditions affecting the practice of the profession and to propose policies or measures to the Board of the PRC for its improvement;
- e. To ensure the welfare, and the best interest as well as harmonious relationship among its members; and
- f. To report violations of the PRL to the PRC, through the office of the Legal Service, for possible prosecution or filling of a complaint.

Accredited Professional Organization qualification is established for the promotion of the benefit and welfare of the professionals of one discipline, the advancement of their profession, and the attainment of other professional ends.

The rights and privileges of an AIPO shall enjoy, within the period of the validity of its accreditation, the following are:

- a. To represent the profession for which such organization has been established and accredited;
- b. To submit nominees for vacant positions in the Board;
- c. To bid for the yearly award for the outstanding professional organization;
- d. To nominate for the annual outstanding professional of its profession;
- e. To designate a representative to sit as the 1st member of the CPD Council;
- f. To be part of the oath-taking ceremony of the new professionals;
- g. To represent the profession in the Monitoring Committee for the ASEAN MRAs, if applicable; and
- h. To exercise analogous rights and privileges under the law.

