



UNIT 1: THE HISTORY OF THE PHILIPPINE ARCHITECTURE

I. The history of the Philippine architecture is a rich and diverse one, reflecting the country's unique cultural heritage and its position as a crossroads of different civilizations. From the pre-colonial period to the present, the architecture of the Philippines has evolved through various influences, including indigenous, Spanish, American, and modernist styles. This unit explores the historical context and the key figures and movements that have shaped the Philippine architectural landscape.

The pre-colonial period is characterized by the traditional architecture of the various ethnic groups in the Philippines. These structures were often made of natural materials like bamboo, wood, and mud, and were designed to be functional and harmonious with the environment. The Spanish colonial period brought a significant change in architectural style, with the introduction of European architectural elements such as the Gothic and Baroque styles. The American colonial period further influenced the Philippine architecture, introducing modernist and neoclassical styles. The post-independence period has seen a resurgence of interest in traditional architecture, as well as the development of a distinctively Philippine modernist architecture.

One of the key figures in the history of Philippine architecture is Juan Nakpil, who is considered the father of modern Philippine architecture. He was a pioneer in the use of modernist principles and materials, and his work has inspired many other architects. Other notable architects include Francisco Mañosa, who is known for his traditionalist approach to architecture, and Leandro V. Roces, who was a prominent figure in the development of modernist architecture in the Philippines. The Philippine Architecture Institute (PAI) was established in 1962 to promote and preserve the architectural heritage of the Philippines.


The Philippine Architecture Institute (PAI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the architectural heritage of the Philippines. It was established in 1962 and has since then been actively involved in various architectural projects, including the restoration of historical buildings, the promotion of traditional architecture, and the development of modernist architecture. The PAI has also been instrumental in the establishment of the National Center for Architecture (NCA) and the Philippine Architecture Museum (PAM). The NCA is a government agency that is responsible for the promotion and development of the architectural profession in the Philippines. The PAM is a museum that is dedicated to the history and development of Philippine architecture.

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