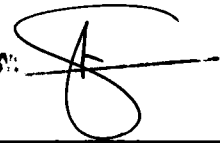


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**RESOLUTION**  
**CONGRATULATING AND COMMENDING KENNETH COBONPUE AS THE FIRST  
FILIPINO TO RECEIVE THE 2023 PRATT LEGENDS AWARD**

1       **WHEREAS**, the Pratt Legends Awards celebrate distinguished individuals and  
2 corporations in the world of art and design, whose accomplishments and values  
3 resonate with those of Pratt Institute. Each year, Legends raises essential funds to  
4 provide financial aid to Pratt students based on need and merit. Eight percent of Pratt's  
5 students require financial aid to pursue their educations. Every dollar raised through  
6 Legends strengthens the student body by increasing the scholarship endowment  
7 allowing the most qualified students an opportunity to attend one of the world's  
8 foremost schools of art, design, and architecture, regardless of their financial  
9 background<sup>1</sup>;

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11       **WHEREAS**, internationally acclaimed Filipino furniture designer Kenneth  
12 Cobonpue received the Pratt Legends of 2023 award on November 9, 2023 in New  
13 York, USA<sup>2</sup>;

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15       **WHEREAS**, Kenneth Cobonpue is a multi-awarded industrial designer and  
16 manufacturer, who is known for integrating locally sourced organic materials with  
17 innovative hand-made production techniques;

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19       **WHEREAS**, Kenneth Cobonpue is an alumnus of Pratt Institute in New York.  
20 He earned his degree in Industrial Design and graduated as summa cum laude in  
21 1991. He trained as an apprentice for a leather and wood workshop near Florence,  
22 Italy. In 1994, he studied Furniture Marketing and Production at the Export Akademie  
23 Baden-Württemberg in Reutlingen, Germany on a private and state scholarship  
24 program;

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<sup>1</sup> Pratt Legends 2023. Available at <https://www.pratt.edu/giving/special-events/legends/>

<sup>2</sup> Cobonpue named Pratt 'Legend'. Available at  
<https://www.philstar.com/headlines/2023/11/11/2310535/cobonpue-named-pratt-legend>

1           **WHEREAS**, Kenneth Cobonpue has received various local and international  
2 awards which include:<sup>3</sup>

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- 4           • Maison Et Objet Asian Designer Asian Designer of the Year for 2014
  - 5           • 12 Mugna and 4 Katha Awards for design excellence at the annual
  - 6           Philippine International Furniture Exhibition
  - 7           • 5 Japan Good Design Awards
  - 8           • 2005 Design for Asia Award of Hong Kong
  - 9           • 1<sup>st</sup> prize, 2004 Singapore International Design Competition
  - 10          • 2003 Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines for his achievement
  - 11          in the field of Arts & Design
  - 12          • 2002 Golden Shell Award;

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14           **WHEREAS**, Kenneth Cobonpue’s distinct craftsmanship and artistry has made  
15 the world aware of the unique talents of Filipinos and the diverse native materials that  
16 the Philippines has to offer;

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18           **RESOLVED, AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Senate of the Philippines,  
19 to congratulate and commend Kenneth Cobonpue as the first Filipino to receive the  
20 2023 Pratt Legends Award.

Adopted,

  
**MARIA LOURDES NANCY S. BINAY**

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<sup>3</sup> Kenneth Cobonpue. Available at <https://kennethcobonpue.com/the-brand>