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U.S. Embassy Improves "Drop Box" Visa Service

As part of on-going efforts to streamline the visa application process, the U.S. Embassy has unveiled a new plan that will allow drop box applicants to apply for visas without leaving their homes. Qualified applicants will be able to summon a courier to their doors and, if qualified, will receive their visa within two weeks.

Previously, applicants meeting certain criteria dropped off their visa applications at the embassy in person or through a representative appointed in writing. Under the new procedure, applicants wishing to use the drop box should call the U.S. Embassy's Nonimmigrant Visa Appointment and Information number, 1-909-101-0000, to arrange for courier pick-up at the location of their choice. When calling, applicants will be screened by operators for eligibility to use this procedure and told what supporting documentation will be needed to process their application. Then the operator will schedule a courier to go to the applicant's home or office to retrieve the passport, application and necessary documentation. For a fee of P200, this packet will be delivered to the U.S. Embassy for processing, and returned by a courier. Applicants not eligible to use this service will be able to book an appointment for an interview.

The telephone drop box system uses the same number currently in place for scheduling visa interviews. This telephone system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, but currently only on Philippine Long Distance Telephone (PLDT) Company lines with National Direct Dial (NDD) access. This is a toll call costing P18 per minute, plus applicable long-distance charges for calls from outside of Manila. Operators will screen applicants to determine

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Filipino Alumni Really Shine at East-West Center Reunion

Filipinos played a highly visible role in the successful July 4-8 40th anniversary conference of the East-West Center (EWC). More than 30 traveled to Honolulu as members of the EWC Association of the Philippines to actively participate in the historical international alumni gathering. Focused on the theme "Building An Asia Pacific Community: The EWC in the 21st Century," nearly 700 former EWC participants and staff members from 35 countries attended the event, which was the largest EWC alumni event ever.

The alumni from the Philippines did more than nostalgically renew acquaintances with EWC staff and friends. They also met new colleagues with similar interests, presented papers on a range of timely regional issues, discovered what's new in their fields, learned how the institution has been continually evolving since its establishment by the U.S. Congress in 1960 and rediscovered the beauty and cultural diversity of the Hawaii, America's 50th state and home for many Filipino-Americans.

For Filipinos, the conference had at least three highlights. Their alumni association, under its president, Dr. Bruce Tolentino, was honored as the top EWC chapter among the 32 throughout Asia Pacific and the U.S. Also, Dr. Santiago R. Obien, Executive Director of the Philippine Rice Research Institute, was one of three alumni awarded "2000 EWC Distinguished Alumni Awards" for their significant contributions to the promotion of better relations and understanding among the peoples of Asia, the Pacific and the U.S. Dr.



Dr. Obien

Obien was honored for his accomplishments in the field of rice cultivation and development, for his work in education and for his continuing support of the EWC Association chapter in the Philippines. Finally, the Filipino delegation gave a lively musical performance during

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Iloilo Mayor Visits Family of Slain Peace Corps Volunteer



Mayor Raul Baniyas of Concepcion, Iloilo (center), who was recently in the U.S. as an International Visitor, paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bock, parents of the late Robert Bock who was killed while serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Concepcion. See more details on page 6.

Camp John Hay History Book Released



A new book on the colorful history of Camp John Hay has been published by the John Hay Poro Point Development Corporation (JPDC). Ambassador Thomas C. Hubbard was presented the first copy of **Camp John Hay: How It All Began . . . Where It Is Bound**. It documents the cultural, historical and environmental significance of the camp, which the U.S. military established in Baguio. Photo (left to right) shows Attorney Damaso E. Bangaot, Jr., JPDC Vice President; Ambassador Hubbard; Porfirio N. Zablan, Jr., JPDC President; and U.S. Embassy Deputy Chief of Mission Michael E. Malinowski.

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whether they will require an interview or if they are eligible to use the drop box procedure and then schedule them accordingly.

When making an appointment for courier pick-up, drop box applicants must follow criteria similar to those of persons scheduling interviews. Callers must have their passports and nonimmigrant visa application fee receipts handy. They will need to provide the operator with their passport number, the time and date printed on the receipt, and the biographical information on the passport.

The nonrefundable visa application fee of US\$45 may be paid in Philippine currency

at many branches of the Bank of the Philippine Islands or Citibank.

Operators will schedule a date and time for a courier to come to the applicant's home or office. The courier will collect the packet and a nonrefundable fee of P200. This fee will include the pick-up and return courier service. This fee is in addition to the US\$45 visa application fee.

If an applicant fails to submit required documents to the courier, or neglects to fill out the application form completely and accurately, application packages will be returned without visas. Some applicants eligible for drop box submission will still be required to appear for an interview before a final visa decision is made. Those applicants will be provided with a letter for an open appointment, at no additional cost.

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the conference's International Cultural Night.

Senen C. Bacani, Chair, EWC Association, and Amy Agbayani, President, EWC Association, helped plan the conference and welcome alumni back to Hawaii.

Hawaii's Filipino-American Governor, Benjamin J. Cayetano, sent the conference a special message. "More than 40 years ago, Lyndon Johnson proposed the establishment of an

international institution in Hawaii that would serve as a meeting place for intellectuals from the East and West," he said. "Since that time the EWC has attracted more than 40,000 scholars and students to our islands, and served as an important forum for the study of Pacific-area cultural, social and economic developments."

Alumni departed the conference full of the "aloha spirit" and convinced that the EWC, with its setting in the globally-friendly State of Hawaii, still serves as a beacon for strengthening relations in the important Asia-Pacific-U.S. region.

VOA-WORLDNET on Skycable Moves to Channel 48 in Manila

In the continuing effort of SkyCable to find the most ideal slots for its network clients, the VOA-WORLDNET TV Channel that used to be on Channel 52 is now seen on Channel 48. VOA-WORLDNET TV also carries C-SPAN (Cable Satellite Public Affairs Network) that covers Congressional proceedings and other activities of the U.S. government such as those related to the elections in November. VOA-WORLDNET TV programs are also aired by the new VOA affiliate, ABS-CBN News Channel, which is on Channel 21 of SkyCable. Following are the U.S. programs and their time slots:

Program	Time	Day
Lehrer		
News Hour	1:30 - 2:00 AM	M-F
Net Café	11:30 - 12:00 PM	SAT
Computer		
Chronicles	12:00 - 12:30	SAT
This Week	12:30 - 1:00	SAT
This Week (Replay)	6:30 - 7:00	SAT
Sports		
Machine	9:00 - 9:15 AM	SUN
Living With Health	9:30 - 10:00	SUN
National Arts	11:30 - 12:00 PM	SUN
Space Tech	4:00 - 4:30	SUN

For Home Cable subscribers, VOA-WORLDNET TV is on Channel 76.

For cable subscribers outside Metro Manila, contact your local cable provider.

Public Affairs Program Calendar

Aug. 21 – 28	Visit by U.S. Presidential Election Expert, Steven A. Lotterer
August 31	Civitas Philippines Action Plan Committee meeting in Cebu City
Sept. 1	American Studies Association of Cebu Annual Assembly at the Sacred Heart Center, Cebu City
Sept. 11-15	Visit by International Trade Expert, Prof. Steve Suranovic
November 7	U.S. Election Day
November 8	U.S. Election Watch Open House in Manila

American Studies

Thomasite Centennial Approaches

An important special anniversary symbolizing close U.S.-Philippine educational relations is only about a year away.

It was on July 1, 1901, that 600 school teachers sailed from San Francisco on board the U.S. Army transport *Thomas* and arrived in Manila Bay on August 21 to perform an arduous task. Known as the Thomasites, these pioneers fanned out around the Philippines and played a key role in establishing a modern public school system.

To mark next year's centennial of the arrival of the first American teachers, the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Section plans to work with the American Studies Association of the Philippines (ASAP), the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) and others to help tell the Thomasites' story and foster an exchange of views on our two nations' shared democratic values and institutions and educational ties.

The ASAP team is looking for descendents of Thomasites or students of Thomasites who can provide photos, diaries, letters or other testimonials from the Thomasite era. If you can help identify sources of people or primary historical material, please contact Tony Perez in the Public Affairs Section (tel. 2-523-1001, ext. 2520 or fax 2-522-1608).

Details of Thomasite centennial events will be reported in future issues of this newsletter.

Ateneo Announces Grants to Foster American Historical Research

Scholars outside Manila are invited to apply for grants of P10,000 to defray expenses related to doing research for two weeks at the American Historical Collection in the Rizal Library of the Ateneo de Manila University.

The American Historical Collection is arguably the best repository of books and other materials that document the American experience in the Philippines and the history of both countries.

The American Association of the Philippines, at the initiative of its president, Mr. Robert Robbins, set up the research fund.

Grant applicants are asked to submit a research proposal indicating the topic, its significance, and the proposed research methodology.

For more information, please call Ms. Noelle Rodriguez, Chair, Department of History, Ateneo de Manila University, at 426-6001.

Program News

Security Specialist Briefs Audiences on ASEAN Regional Stability

Dr. Sheldon Simon, Professor of Political Science at Arizona State University, visited the Philippines in June as part of a five-country Asia-Pacific academic tour he undertook to conduct research on the relationship between the National Councils on Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP) region and each country's membership in the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF).

The Public Affairs Section arranged a series of lectures for Dr. Simon at prominent defense and military institutions, Philippine think tanks, and academic institutions on the U.S. security role in the Asia-Pacific area. In his prepared remarks, Dr. Simon discussed the comparative overview of military capabilities and prospects for conflicts and cooperation in the region with respect to recent events within ASEAN and in North and South Korea, Japan, China and Taiwan. Dr. Simon's visit was highlighted by a dinner reception hosted by the U.S. Embassy's Deputy Chief of Mission, Michael Malinowski, for high-level Filipino government and military officials, respected journalists, noted NGO leaders, former International Visitor Program grantees and participants in the Symposium on the East-Asia Security (SEAS) Program, which Dr. Simon helped pioneer.



Dr. Simon

USAID Experts Promote Pollution Control and Renewable Energy

Mr. Alfred Nakatsuma and Ms. Rosario Calderon, USAID experts on environmental conservation, gave separate lectures at the University of the Philippines in Los Baños

before faculty members and students of the Chemical Engineering Department.

Mr. Nakatsuma was guest lecturer June 27. He discussed industrial pollution control and policy formulation. Ms. Calderon was guest speaker July 6. She addressed the topic of renewable energy.

Mr. Nakatsuma and Ms. Calderon are both volunteer speakers for the Public Affairs Section's Speakers Bureau. They and other speakers in the bureau are available for speaking engagements covering a wide array of topics. For more information, contact Mr. Jomar Ascaño in the Public Affairs Section at 523-1001, extension 2524.

Fulbrighter Promotes Criminal Justice Education in Baguio

Dr. Chris Eskridge, Professor of Criminal Justice at the University of Nebraska and Director of the American Society of Criminology, offered a series of lectures on criminal justice during a visit to Baguio in June.

The Public Affairs Section (PAS) organized Dr. Eskridge's program, during which he lectured at two universities, Saint Louis University and Baguio Colleges Foundation, and at the Child and Family Service Philippines, Inc., Center, a justice advocacy group. Dr. Eskridge also appeared on *Skyline*, a local public service TV program, with Dr. Sheldon Simon, professor of Political Science at Arizona State University (see below).

Dr. Eskridge, who departed the Philippines shortly after his Baguio program, spent four months at Silliman University in Dumaguete, where he was a visiting Fulbright lecturer on criminal justice.

Filipino Artists Win Asian Fellowship

Two Filipino artists were recently named as fellows under the Asian Artists Fellowship 2000-2001 Program of the Vermont Studio Center. Founded in 1992 and funded by the Freeman Foundation, the fellowship provides two-month residencies to two outstanding international artists nominated from ten countries in Asia (China, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam).

Mr. Leon Gerardo Leonardo, a sculptor and teacher at the Philippine Science High School for the Arts in Mount Makiling, Los

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Information Resource Center

UP Chancellor Visits IRC

Five staff members of the University of the Philippines, Los Baños, Laguna, attended an IRC briefing May 22 with a visiting consultant from Canada. They also met with PAO Dr. Michael H. Anderson to discuss the philosophy and objectives of the new Thomas Jefferson Information Center. The group was shown a variety of TJIC's resources and services.

UST Library Staff Attends IRC Forum

Forty-six staff members of the University of Santo Tomas' library system, led by Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Library, and Ms. Erlinda Flores, University Librarian, visited the IRC June 5. They attended a special presentation for librarians which included an introduction to U.S. Government web sites, the Info USA database, a discussion of the goals and objectives of an information resource center and a special library such as the TJIC, IRC resources and services, and the problems and requirements involved in the shift from a traditional public-access library to an information resource center.

IRC Conducts Briefing for New Peace Corps Volunteers

As part of their introduction to the Philippines, twenty-five newly arrived Peace Corps Volunteers visited the Thomas Jefferson Information Center May 4 to attend a briefing on its resources and services. The Volunteers were shown web sites relevant to their different fields of work, and were given the opportunity to surf the Internet.

All new Volunteers participate in a six-week in-country training program and then depart to their assigned sites to begin work. There are currently 107 Peace Corps Volunteers assigned to work in the Philippines. The majority work as teacher-trainers in English language education, but others are engaged in environmental work and sustainable land development, as well as other fields. For more information about the Peace Corps program in the Philippines or to request a volunteer for your community, contact Dr. William E. Bright II, Country Director, Peace Corps Philippines, at telephone numbers 551-2261 and 523-1001, extension 2992, and telefax number 551-4585.

Information and Research Packets Available to Professionals

In response to requests from professionals for information assistance on specific topics, TJIC prepares information and research packets. These packets included recently compiled materials on Federalism, the U.S. Judiciary, the U.S. Elections, Child Labor, American Studies, and American Culture.

Contact Eva Brillo, TJIC director, at telephone number (632) 526-8295, fax number (632) 525-0432, and e-mail tjic@pd.state.gov if you would like any of these materials.

Special Bibliography

TJIC prepared a bibliography on "East Asia Security" in support of the lecture series by Dr. Sheldon Simon, a specialist in Asia-Pacific regional security.

If you would like a copy of this bibliography, contact Brine Alejandrino at telephone number (632) 526-8295, fax number (632) 525-0432, and e-mail address tjic@pd.state.gov.

New Electronic Journal Issues Available on the Internet

"Towards a Community of Democracies" Issues of Democracy, Volume 5, Number 1, May 2000 - <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itdhr/0500/ijde0500.htm>

"Education in the United States: The Pre-University Years" U.S. Society & Values, Volume 5, Number 2, June 2000 - <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itsv/0600/ijse/ijse0600.htm>

"AIDS: The Threat to World Security" Global Issues, Volume 5, Number 2, July 2000 <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itgic/0700/ijge/ijge0700.htm>

Websites Worth Visiting

Britannica.com - <http://www.britannica.com>

CNN/ALLPolitics Election 2000 - <http://www.cnn.com>

Presidential Elections In the United States: A primer - <http://www.fpc.gov/crsres.pdf>

Election/2000/C-Span: Campaign 2000 - <http://www.cspan.org/campaign2000>

Republicans Website: <http://www.rnc.org/>

Democrats Website: <http://www.democrats.org/>

Campaigns & Elections: <http://www.camelect.com>

U.S. Federal Election Commission: <http://www.fec.gov>

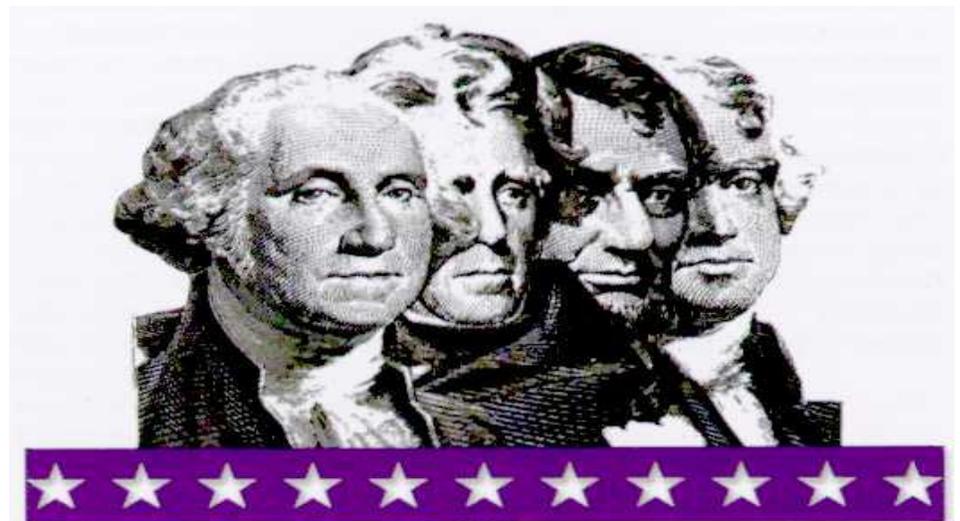
Center for Responsive Politics: <http://www.opensecrets.org/home/>

The Committee for the Study of the American Electorate - <http://www.gspm.org/csae>

CultureFinder.com - <http://www.culturefinder.com>

ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center) - <http://www.accesseric.org>

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PAEF News



U.S. Fulbright Scholars Arrive

The PAEF Board has awarded grants to five U.S. senior scholars—three lecturers and two researchers—for the year 2000-2001. Two of the three lecturers have arrived and settled in at their respective institutional affiliations in Metro Manila.

Mr. Collis Davis, producer and director of Okara Art, Ltd. dba Graphics, is currently teaching in the Communications Department at De La Salle University. He arrived in June and is on a one-year Fulbright grant.

Dr. Gary Nash, assistant professor of music at the Mississippi Valley State University, is teaching at the U.P. College of Music the first and second semesters of school year 2000-2001.

International Visitor News

Mr. Edgar Comeros, Executive Director of the Cebu-based Visayas Cooperative Development Center (VICTO), departed for the United States July 15 to participate in a specially-designed International Visitor Program focusing on the role of cooperatives and micro-finance in community development.

Mr. Comeros is this year's Ninoy Aquino Fellow for Public Service. His four-week program began in Washington, D.C., July 17, where he examined micro-financing issues and met with representatives from the World Bank and various U.S. government agencies.

Mr. Comeros' pre-departure briefing was held July 14. Thanks to the enthusiastic contributions of several former International Visitors—Ms. Angie Cunanan (United Nations Development Program and the Communities for Global Foundations, Inc.), Ms. Tess Espenilla (Office of Economic

The third lecturer is Dr. Charles Hubbard, Associate Professor of History at Lincoln Memorial University in Nebraska. Dr. Hubbard will teach American Studies in DLSU's International Studies Department and undertake research on the effects of the American presence on Philippine society. His Fulbright grant is from November 1999 to October 2001.

The researchers are Dr. Arthur Williams, a professor at the Henry W. Bloch School of Business Administration of the University of Missouri in Kansas City, and Dr. Frederic Schaffer, Associate Professor of Political Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Williams, who arrives in August, will do research on social capital and rural localities in the Philippines. Dr. Schaffer, who arrives in January, 2001, will engage in research on clean elections and voter disengagement in the Philippines. Both senior researchers will be on Fulbright grants covering seven months.

While the senior scholars, particularly the lecturers, are based at specific universities, other educational institutions and organizations in all regions of the Philippines are encouraged to invite them to conduct workshops or give lectures. For more information, contact Gigi Dizon, program officer, at 895-2993, or Tony Perez, program

officer for American Studies, at 523-1001, extension 2520.

Three Filipino Professionals Receive Humphrey Grants

Following nomination by PAEF, the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board confirmed three Filipinos as Hubert H. Humphrey Fellows for the year 2000-2001. The three fellows are Atty. Benedicto Bacani, Mr. Elcid Pangilinan and Ms. Maria Socorro Zingapan.

Atty. Bacani is Vice President for Research and External Affairs and Assistant Professor of Law at Notre Dame University in Cotabato City. He will study the relationship between the federal and state governments in the United States at the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Pangilinan is Bank Executive Officer of the Land Bank of the Philippines. He will spend his Humphrey fellowship year at Boston University to learn more about local government financing and capacity-building.

Ms. Zingapan is director of the National Planning Policy Staff of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA). She will study corporate governance and capital markets at the American University in Washington, D.C.

New Fulbright, Humphrey Grantees Honored



PAEF and the U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Section hosted an August 3 reception for new Fulbright and Humphrey grantees and other guests. Photo (left to right) shows Fulbrighter Gina Fontejo, Dr. Alex Calata of PAEF, Humphrey Fellow Benedicto Bacani, Fulbrighter Marlyn Ballug, Humphrey alumnus Pacifico Maghacot, Jr., Fulbright alumnus and National Artist Napoleon Abueva, Fulbright alumnus Ruperto Majuca II, Fulbrighter Angelita Alvarado, Fulbrighter Dr. Loreta Castro and Humphrey Fellow Socorro Zingapan.

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Development and Governance, U.S. Agency for International Development), Ms. Eden Garde (Philippine Business for Social Progress), and Dean Pascual Guerzon (Management Association of the Philippines and the Agri-Business and Countryside Development Foundation)—Mr. Comeros gained many valuable ideas about ways to take full advantage of his upcoming trip.

Mayor Raul Baniyas of Concepcion (Iloilo) recently returned from his International Visitor Program on “The U.S. Mayor and Local Government.” Scheduled June 8 to 29, the program also hosted participants from Greece, Israel, Jordan, Kosovo, Uganda, and Zambia. Highlights of the program included the group’s participation in the convention of U.S. mayors in Seattle, meetings with Albuquerque’s mayor, city council, and county commissioners, and attendance at a dinner hosted by the Honorable Ernesto Maceda, Philippine Ambassador to the United States, for Mayor Baniyas and his co-participants. Mayor Baniyas also met with Bill and Ginny Bock, parents of Peace Corps volunteer Robert Bock, one of ten individuals gunned down in a 1998 massacre that occurred in a town adjacent to Concepcion Municipality

IV Alumni May Organize

The Public Affairs Section, together with various former International Visitors, is working to organize an alumni association that will offer program and networking possibilities as well as a chance to keep communication lines open for substantive discussions on bilateral concerns. There are approximately 400 International Visitor participants in the Philippines, all of whom represent various sectors of society. The majority are leaders in their respective fields and hold significant influence in the Philippine economic, political, educational, and social arenas.

The Public Affairs Section would like to maintain an up to date contact record of all Philippine International Visitors. It is working with a number of International Visitor alumni who have agreed to act as coordinators for the proposed association. We invite all former International Visitors to contact the following coordinators representing various Philippine geographic regions and provide their current positions and affiliations, contact addresses (including e-mail), and telephone and fax numbers:

For Northern Luzon:

Ms. Edna Tabanda
Former Mayor, Municipality of La Trinidad
Ex-Officio, Philippine Health Social Science Association (Cordillera Chapter)
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442-3221
Facsimile: (074) 442-4142

For Central Luzon:

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For the National Capital Region:

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106 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village
Makati City
Telephone:
(632) 892-7771 ; 892-0611, local 241
Facsimile:(632) 813-0593 (telex)

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University of San Jose Recoletos
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(032) 253-7900
Facsimile:
(032) 254-1720

For Mindanao:

Mr. George Misa
Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
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Matina Town Square
Matina, 8000 Davao City
Telephone:
(082) 299-0807 , 297-1432
Facsimile:
(082) 298-0193

We look forward to hearing from the Philippine International Visitor community and to working with you on substantive

undertakings that will further enhance Philippine-American relations.

Former IV Appointed to ILO Administrative Tribunal

Retired Supreme Court Associate Justice and International Visitor grantee Florida Ruth P. Romero was recently appointed Judge of the Geneva-based Administrative Tribunal of the International Labor Organization (ILO), the first Filipino to be appointed to that post.

Her designation comes on the heels of her conferment of an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Indiana University where she obtained her Master of Laws, specializing in Labor and Industrial Relations Law.

Before she served the Supreme Court from 1991 to 1999, Justice Romero was Law Professor in the University of the Philippines. In 1986, she was appointed by President Corazon C. Aquino as Secretary-General of the 1986 Constitutional Commission. Instead of returning to the academe when the 1987 Constitution was ratified, she was appointed Special Assistant to the President and concurrently Presidential Legislative Liaison to the Senate.

Well known in labor and management circles for her pioneering work in setting up the University of the Philippines’ Labor Education Center (later expanded to the regional Asian Labor Education Center), now known as the degree-granting School of Labor and Industrial Relations, Justice Romero was much sought after as arbitrator of industrial disputes.

In 1972, when she was connected with the University of the Philippines’ Law Center, Justice Romero was appointed the first Voluntary Labor Arbitrator under Presidential Decree 21 by the National Labor Relations Commission.

Of her latest appointment, ILO Director-General Juan Somavia said, “(I) am glad that (Justice Romero’s) election upholds the tradition of appointing to the Tribunal those who have held high judicial office in their countries. It is a tradition to which I believe the Tribunal owes much of its authority and repute.”

Justice Romero participated in the International Visitor Program in 1980 when she headed the University of the Philippines’ Law Center.

We extend our congratulations to Justice Romero and wish her all the best in her new assignment.

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GPO Access - <http://www.access.gpo.gov/sudocs>

Historical United States Census Data Browser - <http://fisher.lib.Virginia.EDU/>

Census Scholarly Societies Project - <http://www.lib.uwaterloo.ca/society>

AsiaSource by the Asia Society - <http://www.asiasource.org>

Presidential Appointee Initiative Survey - <http://www.appointee.brookings.org/survey.htm>

Electronic Theses and Dissertations - <http://etd.eng.usf.edu/conference>

Countering the Changing Threat of International Terrorism -

<http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/commission.html>

Report of the Acting Managing Director to the International Monetary and Financial Committee on Progress in Reforming the IMF and Strengthening the Architecture of the International Financial System - <http://www.imf.org/external/np/omdl2000/report.htm>

Trafficking in Women and Children (The President's Interagency Council on Women, (PICW)) - <http://secretary.state.gov/www/picw/trafficking/home.html>

Search Engines Worth Trying

My Starting Point - <http://www.stpt.com>

Scrub The Web - <http://www.scrubtheweb.com>

Look Smart - <http://www.looksmart.com>

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Baños, Laguna, and Ms. Ega Carreon, a painter, will represent the Philippines in Vermont. Painter Butch Payawal was voted as first alternate to the two winners, while artists Katrina Miranda and Chati Coronel were cited with honorable mentions.

Aside from the two-month residency at an international creative community set in scenic, rural northern Vermont, the award covers roundtrip air travel, art materials, a shipping allowance, a stipend, and a cultural trip to New York.

The Vermont Studio Center is a 23-building studio campus that offers residents the seclusion of uninterrupted working time, the companionship of professional peers, and interaction with prominent contemporary visiting artists and writers.

English Teaching Forum Subscriptions Available

The Public Affairs Section (PAS) of the U.S. Embassy sells subscriptions to English Teaching Forum, a professional journal dedicated to all facets of teaching and learning English as a foreign or second language.

Published quarterly (January, April, July and October), Forum is a rich source of articles on English teaching methodology, descriptions of effective teaching techniques

and classroom strategies, and aspects of American culture for teachers at the elementary, secondary and tertiary levels. The one-year subscription rate is P150, which includes postage.

To subscribe, mail the form below with your postal money order payable to "United States Embassy, Manila" to the following address:

Public Affairs Section (ETF)
American Embassy
P.O. Box 151, Manila
Philippines

In addition to Forum, the English Language Programs Division of the U.S. Department of State publishes English teaching materials for classroom use focusing on basic language skills (reading, writing, speaking and listening) and some special areas (ESP, grammar and idioms).

These publications are for sale from the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy. For more information, or to order, please contact Ms. Ruby T. Martin at telephone number 523-1001, extension 2538, or via e-mail (rtmtjcc@pd.state.gov).

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MIRIAM LAUNCHES U.S. FOREIGN POLICY SERIES

Miriam College's International Studies Department, chaired by Prof. Vene Rallonza, has inaugurated an American Studies Lecture Series on "U.S. Foreign Policy: Formulation and Operationalization."

The four-part series, which features U.S. Embassy officials as guest speakers, was launched August 7 in the College's Mini Theater with talks by Ms. Judith Cefkin, Political Counselor, and Dr. Michael H. Anderson, Counselor for Public Affairs, and welcoming remarks by College Dean Prof. Aurora de Dios.

The two American career diplomats explained how the complex U.S. foreign policy process works under the U.S. Constitution and how "globalization" and other developments are affecting international relations.

They outlined key U.S. foreign policy objectives and discussed how various "players," including the White House, the Department of State, embassies, the Congress, multi-lateral organizations like the UN and private sector groups like the media and NGOs at home and abroad formulate, implement or influence the foreign policy of the United States.

U.S. Helps Establish \$7M Biotechnology Program



U.S. Ambassador Thomas C. Hubbard (right) and Agriculture Secretary Edgardo J. Angara chat after signing a memorandum of agreement establishing a \$7-million Philippine biotechnology program during a ceremony at the Department of Agriculture on June 30. The five-year program will be funded from the proceeds of a commodity loan provided by the U.S. last August in support of the Estrada Administration's agriculture and fisheries modernization goals.



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