

# TJIC DIALOGUE

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## De La Salle Hosts U.S. Studies Seminar

What does the advance of technology augur for the United States; and for other nations by extension? That was the question explored recently at an American Studies conference at De La Salle University. Teaming up with the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. embassy, De La Salle sponsored a two-day exploration of the effect of technological innovation on U.S. society. It was designed to serve as the culminating event for the four-week summer institute on the same topic.

The conference was held at the University's Marilen Gearlan Conservatory on May 19-20. Nearly 150 participants from a wide variety of institutions took part, helping to spark new interest in American studies. Those invited included members of the American Studies Association

of the Philippines, alumni of American Studies summer institutes in the U.S. and those who had participated in the U.S. Embassy's International Visitor Program.

Presenters came from diverse backgrounds and institutions, and presented papers on such topics as Technology and Democracy, Technology and the Media, Technology and the Environment and Technology and Education. Dr. David Goodman, a historian from the University of Melbourne in Australia, traveled the furthest to help make the event a success. He offered a presentation on technology and democracy, focusing on the impact of the radio in the United States.

The event focused attention on De La Salle University as a leader in American

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Dr. David Goodman

## U.S. Art Exhibit Opens at MET



First Lady Loi Estrada is briefed by Nancy Mathews as Mrs. Hubbard looks on.

The U.S. Embassy helped sponsor an exciting art exhibit, *Outward Bound: American Art at the Brink of the Twenty-First Century*, which opened May 11 to an enthusiastic, invitational crowd of more than 200 art lovers at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila. Philippine First Lady Dr. Luisa Estrada cut the ribbon. She was assisted by U.S. Ambassador Thomas C. Hubbard; Ms. Corazon Alvina, President, Metropolitan Museum of Manila; Dr. Jaime Laya, Chairman, National on Culture and the Arts; and Mr. David A. Baldwin, Vice President and General Manager of CalEnergy International.

The exhibition featured 83 works of art by 77 contemporary American artists, including Robert Rauschenberg, Sam Gilliam, Roy Lichtenstein and Audrey Flack. It gave visual expression to the diverse nature of America, its people and its landscapes. It comprised works by men and women of various races and ethnic backgrounds from different regions of the United States, and offered viewers a unique opportunity to appreciate the latest trends and developments in contemporary American art. These works, seen together, offered a visual presentation, not only of American scenery, but also a sense of the "American scene" at the end of the twentieth century.

As Ambassador Hubbard said in his opening remarks, "The exhibit was the most significant cultural program event in my tenure in the Philippines both as DCM and Ambassador."

Organized by Meridian International Center, the Washington, D.C. educational institution, the exhibit's Asian tour was underwritten by a grant from Mobil Foundation. The Philippine part of the regional tour was generously funded by CalEnergy International in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy and the Metropolitan Museum. It was open to the public until June 17.



"Kingfisher", 1996, in watercolor, courtesy of William Mathews

# Peace Educators Meet

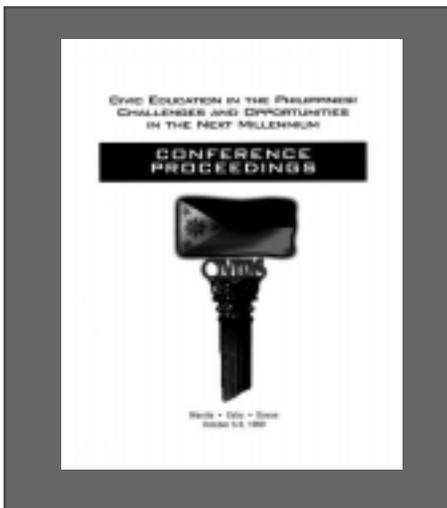


Attendees at Peace Educators' Mindanao Congress included (left to right) Amb. Manuel Yan, Adviser on the Peace Process, Notre Dame University (NDU) President Fr. Eliseo Mercado, Melindi Malang of the NDU Peace Education Center, and Prof. Keith Fitzgerald of the U.S.

An American expert on conflict resolution was a key resource person at the "First Mindanao Congress for Peace Educators," which was held April 25-26 in Cotabato City. Keith M. Fitzgerald, a visiting lecturer at the University of Singapore and an associate of the Harvard Negotiation Project, shared his experiences in negotiation efforts in such diverse settings as Northern Ireland, the Middle East and Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

The conference, which attracted some 100 educators and other participants, was organized by Notre Dame University President Father Eliseo Mercado, OMI, with support from the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, CRS, and CIDA, as well as the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy. Given recent developments in Mindanao, the conference's focus on peace education and conflict management was unusually timely.

## Civitas Publication



"Civic Education in the Philippines: Challenges and Opportunities in the Next Millennium" has just been published by the

Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy. The 133-page publication features the papers from the first-ever Civitas Philippines conference, which was held simultaneously in Manila, Cebu and Davao on October 5-6, 1999. The publication highlights a range of issues and concerns about civic education and the role that government, schools and the wider community play—or should play—in fostering civil society and good citizenship in democracies like the Philippines and the U.S. The Embassy, in cooperation with the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) and the Commission on Human Rights, as well as the University of Asia and the Pacific, the University of San Jose-Recoletos and the Ateneo de Davao University, sponsored the three gatherings. One major outcome of the conference was the creation of widespread interest in establishing formal Civitas organizations in the Philippines to follow-up on the many practical ideas and tap the great enthusiasm generated by interaction among attendees.

## Regional Meeting Tackles Trafficking

**More than one million human beings are bought and sold each year around the world in a modern-day form of slavery. The trade is so lucrative and fast-growing that it competes with trafficking in arms and drugs.**

This was the alarming message heard by representatives from 21 Asia-Pacific nations, 20 multilateral organizations, and dozens of NGOs present at the first ever Asian Regional Initiative Against Trafficking in Women and Children (ARIAT). The meeting, which was held in Manila from March 29-31, was co-sponsored by the governments of the U.S. and the Philippines. The U.S. Embassy's Public Affairs Section and the DFA provided public affairs support for this important gathering.

During three days of meetings and workshops, representatives hammered out a regional action plan against trafficking. The action plan commits each nation to increased cooperation in the four primary areas of prevention, protection, prosecution, and reintegration. Among the specific goals are measures to improve information sharing, establish an international data bank on trafficking, generate greater public awareness of the human costs of trafficking, strengthen training for law enforcement officials, and enhance support and protection for victims.

In a special videotaped message to the participants, U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said that "Trafficking in human beings is an urgent, increasing and devastating program, which we must recognize clearly and address firmly. This cynical and shameless trade distorts our economies, degrades our societies, endangers our neighborhoods, and robs many of our citizens of their dreams, their dignity, and often their very lives."

The U.S. delegation was headed by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs Ralph Boyce and Anita L. Botti, the Deputy Director of the President's Interagency Council on Women.

# American Studies

## DE LA SALLE HOSTS INSTITUTE

As a formal academic discipline, American Studies has not been a priority for Philippine universities. Only one, De La Salle University (DLSU), offers coursework leading to a degree. And even at DLSU, one can only aspire to a bachelor's degree in the field.

In an effort to give support to this important but neglected area of study, the Public Affairs Section—aided by an important grant from the State Department's Office for the Study of the United States—partnered with DLSU to offer the first-ever summer institute in American studies. The institute took place from April 24 to May 19.

Consisting of two courses linked by a common theme, "Technology and U.S. Society," the institute attracted nearly 60 students and faculty. For the most part, faculty were from universities outside Manila, but the institute also attracted faculty members from UP, PNU and Miriam College. They attended as auditors to learn more about contemporary U.S. society with the intention of returning to their schools to design one or more courses in American studies.

The first course featured U.S. Fulbright professor Milton Cofield, who traveled from his Fulbright assignment in Taiwan for two weeks to teach "Technology and the New Economy." Professor Cofield, a distinguished professor of Imaging Science at the Rochester Institute of Technology, who is developing a new course in



Dr. Milton Cofield

innovation management at RIT, offered an exciting look into business and technology in contemporary America.

A well-known Filipino scholar from DLSU, Dr. Isagani Cruz, led the second course, "Technology and U.S. Culture," which attracted an even larger audience of students and visiting faculty. Looking at the ways in which technology has affected the

world of culture in the United States, Dr. Cruz's course demonstrated that though culture is as old as humankind, it is always evolving.

With this year's successful initiation of the summer institute concept, Public Affairs is hoping that it will become a tradition and that 2001 will see an even more extensive set of courses available for those interested in American Studies.

## FILIPINO SCHOLARS STUDY IN THE U.S.

Each year, the Department of State, through its Office for the Study of the United States, announces an open competition for participation in six-week long summer institutes in American studies. These institutes are competitively awarded to U.S. universities, which bid for the right to serve as the academic host.

Each of these intensive, academically challenging programs—there are eight in total—is very focused on one theme. Topics range from the U.S. constitution to American geography to contemporary American literature. The purpose of the program is to give selected scholars from around the world an opportunity to focus on one aspect of the United States for several weeks. The hope is that, upon return to their home countries, the scholars will incorporate what they have learned into the courses they teach.

This year, six scholars from the Philippines have been awarded grants to participate in an institute. Professor Maria Lourdes Rallonza from Miriam College will travel to Delaware University to study U.S. foreign policy. Saint La Salle Law Professor Ralph Sarmiento will go to Temple University to study the U.S. constitution. De La Salle Professor Julio Teehankee departs in June for six weeks at Southern Illinois University, where he will study the U.S. political system. Professor Rodelio Manacsa from the Ateneo de Manila University will travel to Boston College to study reform of American history and law. Finally, Professor Maria Antoinette Montealegre from the Philippine Normal University (PNU) will focus on contemporary American literature at the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

In addition, a sixth Filipino scholar, PNU Professor Felice Yeban, through a similar program sponsored by the Yale-China Foundation, was selected to participate in a program at Yale University focusing on "America and the Rule of Law."

## PUBLIC AFFAIR SECTION, UNIVERSITIES REVIEW ASRC TIES

Starting in the mid-1980s, USIS Manila began working in partnership with several Philippine universities to establish American Studies Resource Centers (ASRC)—small libraries about the United States. In succeeding years, USIS continued to seek these ASRC linkage agreements, signing the last in 1998 with Mindanao State University in Marawi.

In March, the Public Affairs Section (former USIS) invited all ten of its partners to a meeting to discuss new directions for the ASRCs. The two-day gathering covered a wide range of issues: the expansion of cooperative programming; the development of American studies; the gradual conversion of the small libraries into research and reference facilities; the sale of English language materials; and the development of educational advising services for those wishing to study in the U.S.

The representatives were asked to return to their institutions and consult with their administration and faculty to discuss the new directions proposed by Public Affairs. They were asked to indicate by May 1 their interest in continuing to work in the new, expanded partnership.

Public Affairs is now preparing formal agreements to replace those signed in the '80s and '90s. In nearly every case, partner institutions have agreed to be involved in the full range of activities. Public Affairs has also committed to a broader range of support. Together, both partners hope to bring renewed energy to American studies in the Philippines. Future issues of the TJIC Dialogue will report on new activities within the ASRC network.

Nine ASRCs are university-based: Saint Louis University (Baguio City), the Mariano Marcos State University (Batac, Ilocos Norte), Bicol University (Legazpi City), the University of Saint La Salle (Bacolod City), Central Philippine University (Iloilo City), Mindanao State University (Marawi City), the Ateneo de Davao University (Davao City), Xavier University (Cagayan de Oro City) and the Ateneo de Zamboanga (Zamboanga City). The Cebu American Resource Foundation, Inc., (CARF) in Cebu City is the tenth ASRC.

## U.S. STUDIES JOURNAL ANNOUNCED

On May 19, De La Salle University Press announced the launch of a new, refereed journal on American studies. The new

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# Information Resource Center

## ORIENTATION

The Thomas Jefferson Information Center (TJIC) staff conducts orientation sessions for groups interested in learning about the resources and services available at the new TJIC. The sessions include a brief explanation of the mission and objectives of the TJIC and a hands-on opportunity to access the center's electronic information sources under the guidance of TJIC's information specialists.

Recent visitors included American Studies Resource Center (ASRC) directors, members of the Medical and Health Librarians Association of the Philippines, the latest batch of Peace Corps volunteers, and scholars from De La Salle University's American Studies Summer Institute.

Groups interested to receive a TJIC orientation tour should contact Eva B. Brillo, TJIC's director. The TJIC is in the U.S. Embassy Annex Building.

## "INTERNATIONALIZATION OF E-COMMERCE"

The latest edition of the electronic journal, *Economic Perspectives*, produced by the Economic Security Team of the U.S. State Department, is now available at <http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/ites/0500/ijee/ijee0500.htm>. The subject is "Internationalization of E-Commerce," featuring an introduction by Vice President Al Gore, an article by Under Secretary of State Alan Larson about the importance of closing the digital divide between industrial and developing countries, and a piece by Department of Commerce General Counsel Andrew Pincus on four steps that every country can take to standardize international e-commerce, as well as articles on the safety of the Internet, the Internet and customs duties, how to keep cyber-criminals at bay, and hints from a major e-retailer about how to expand e-commerce internationally.

## INTERNET SEARCHING AND SEARCH ENGINES

Information Resource Officer (IRO) for East Asia David Lee gave a lecture on "Internet Searching and Search Engines" to the participants in the conference of American Studies Resource Centers

(ASRC) on March 5-8. Mr. Lee's lecture included tips for efficient search strategies, the function of search engines and a comparative survey of the most popular search engines.

Mr. Lee also joined TJIC director Eva Brillo in a separate session on "The Organization and Management of Model ASRCs."

Mr. Lee also gave the presentation on searching the Internet to the faculty and students of the Institute of Library Science of the University of the Philippines, which sponsored a program on March 3. Librarians from the different units of the university's library system were also in attendance.

Contact TJIC if you would like a copy of the handouts Mr. Lee provided with his presentation.

## SPECIAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES

The IRC prepares special subject bibliographies upon request. Its latest offerings are:

1. Trafficking in Women and Children
2. Women in Society
3. Technology & U.S. Society Series

- Literature & Technology
- Publishing & Technology
- Print Media & Technology
- Music & Technology
- Visual Arts & Technology
- Theater & Technology
- Film & Technology
- Television & Technology
- Electronic Commerce

To request copies, contact Brine Alejandrino: Tel : 526-8295, Fax: 525-0432, Email: [tjic@pd.state.gov](mailto:tjic@pd.state.gov)

## WEBSITES WORTH VISITING

- "10 Most Wanted U.S. Government Documents:" <http://www.cdt.org/righttoknow/10mostwanted>
- "Center for Democracy & Technology:" <http://www.cdt.org>
- "Report to the U.S. Congress on the Optimal Utilization of Judicial Process:" <http://uscourts.gov/optimal2000.pdf>
- "Smith Report on Genetically-

Modified Plants"

<http://www.house.gov/science>

- "A U.S. National Security Strategy for a New Century:"

<http://usinfo.state.gov/regional/easec/natsec2k.htm>

- "The Electronic Frontier: The Challenge of Unlawful Conduct Involving the Use of the Internet:"

<http://usdoj.gov/criminal/cybercrime/unlawful.htm>

- "Progress in Reforming the IMF and Strengthening the Architecture of the International Financial System:"

<http://www.imf.org/external/np/omd/2000/report.htm>

- "World Population Information:"

<http://www.census.gov/ipc/www/world.html>

- "Condition of Education, 2000. Annual Report"

<http://nces.ed.gov/pubsearch/pubinfo.asp?pubid=2000062>

- "Digital Economy 2000. Report. June 2000."

<http://www.esa.doc.gov/de2000.pdf>

- "Land Use Planning for the 21st Century. Report. May 2000.

<http://www.senate.gov/~jec/landuse.PDF>

- "U.S. Employment Trends and Developments. Chartbook. June 2000."

<http://jec.senate.gov/employmentchart.PDF>

- "United States of America v. Microsoft Corporation, C.A. 98-1232. State of New York, ex. rel. Eliot Spitzer et al v. Microsoft Corporation, C.A. 98-1233. Memorandum and Final Judgement. June 7, 2000"

<http://usvms.gpo.gov/ms-final.html>

<http://usvms.gpo.gov/ms-final2.html>

## SEARCH ENGINES WORTH TRYING

Allone Search

<http://allonesearch.com>

Information Please:

<http://www.infoplease.com>

Fast Search:

<http://www.ussc.alltheweb.com>

GOOGLE: <http://www.google.com>



### EAST-WEST CENTER TO HOLD REUNION

Some 25 or more Filipino alumni of East-West Center programs are expected to join hundreds of alumni and friends from around the world in Honolulu at the July 4-8 international conference marking the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Center. The theme of the conference is "Building an Asia-Pacific Community: The East-West Center in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," and alumni will make presentations, share professional interests and "talk story" with old friends. More than 2,000 Filipinos have participated in programs at the Center, which was established by the U.S. Congress in 1960 to promote better relations between the U.S. and Asia through cooperative study, training and research. Active Filipino alumni include Mr. Senen Bacani, chair of the East-West Center Association Executive Board, and Dr. Bruce Tolentino, the new president of the East-West Center Association Philippine Chapter.

### FILIPINO RECEIVES HOLLAND AWARD

1997 Fulbright grantee Norman Arancon was one of four international Fulbright scholars from 130 countries awarded the Kenneth Holland award this year. The Holland award was established by the Institute of International Education (IIE) in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fulbright Program. Named for IIE's third president and supported solely by private funds, the award consists of grants of \$2,500 for Fulbright Fellows in their last year of study in the U.S. Each year, the Award is competitively granted to four Fulbright students in the U.S. Students use the Award to conduct innovative projects of their own design immediately upon return to their home countries. Mr. Arancon teaches at Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro City. He is pursuing a Ph.D. program in sustainable agriculture at Ohio State University.



*Judge Tomson Ong (second from left), a California Superior Court judge and an adjunct professor at Pepperdine University and the University of Southern California, was a 1999 Fulbright-SyCip Distinguished Lecturer. Following a March 17 lecture on "Citizenship and Civil Society in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: An American Judge's Perspective," Judge Ong was given a plaque for his contributions to promoting mutual understanding. Shown left to right following his lecture Thomas Jefferson Information Center lecture are Dr. Alex Calata, Executive Director, Philippine American Educational Foundation (PAEF); Dr. Cayetano W. Paderanga, Jr., Vice-President, Philippine Fulbright Scholars Association; Corazon S. De La Paz, Association President, and Dr. Mike Anderson, PAEF chairman.*

### PAEF ANNOUNCES HUMPHREY COMPETITION

The U.S. Department of State and the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) have announced the opening of the competition for the 2001-2002 Hubert H. Humphrey (HHH) fellowships in the United States. This year, full scholarship programs are offered to mid-career professionals with a track record of leadership, public service commitment and the capacity to take advantage of a self-defined program of independent study at a leading U.S. university.

The HHH Fellowship Program brings accomplished professionals from developing countries to the U.S. for a year of study and related professional experiences at a midpoint in their careers. The program was initiated in 1978 to honor the memory and accomplishments of the late U.S. Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey.

Humphrey fellowships are granted competitively to public and private sector candidates who have a commitment to public service in the fields of communications/journalism, natural resources and environmental management, public policy analysis and public administration, economic development,

agricultural development/agricultural economics, finance and banking, human resource management/personnel, law and human rights, urban and regional planning, technology policy and management, educational planning, and public health policy and management. Public health policy and management may be understood in terms of community or infrastructure development. The field of public health policy includes a drug abuse component and emphasizes drug abuse education, treatment and prevention. Prospective fellows should be policy- rather than research- or technically-oriented, with a minimum professional experience of five years.

The Humphrey Fellowship provides international and domestic travel, tuition, accident and sickness insurance, monthly maintenance, and funding for books and professional activities. Application forms are available at the PAEF office, 395 Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue, Makati City. The deadline for application is August 16, 2000.

### FULBRIGHT GRANTS AWARDED FOR 2000-2001

The J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board (BFS) and PAEF

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awarded a total of 30 grants for the year 2000-2001. Of the 30 awards, 15 were to Americans and 15 to Filipinos.

### U.S. SCHOLARS

Five of the 15 awards were to senior American scholars. The rest were to American students.

The lecturers are Collis H. Davis, Jr., from Okara Art, Ltd., for motion picture and television production, based at the Communications Department of the De La Salle University (June 1, 2000 – March 31, 2001); and Gary P. Nash from the Mississippi Valley State University, for music theory and composition, based at the College of Music of the University of the Philippines in Diliman (June 1, 2000 – March 31, 2001).

The lone lecturer-researcher is Charles M. Hubbard from Lincoln Memorial University, for American history, who will be based at the History Department of the De La Salle University and to research on the effect of the American presence on Philippine society (November 1, 2000 – October 31, 2001).

The researchers are Frederic C. Schaffer, a political scientist from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who will research on clean elections and voter disengagement in the Philippines at the Third World Studies Center and the Department of Political Science of the University of the Philippines in Diliman, and at the Institute of Philippine Culture at the Ateneo de Manila University (January 1 – July 31, 2001); and Arthur R. Williams, a specialist in government and health administration from the University of Missouri-Kansas, who will research on social capital and rural localities in the Philippines at Cebu Normal University (August 15, 2000 – February 15, 2001).

The students are Alvin R. Cabrera from Harvard University, who will research on the intersection of religion and HIV/AIDS in the Philippines (August 1, 2000 – May 31, 2001); Samantha M. Carpenter from the Monterey Institute of International Studies, who will research on the environmental policy of Philippine coral reef ecosystems (November 1, 2000 – October 30, 2001); Deidre L. de la Cruz from Columbia University, who will research on Filipino religious imagery and transformation (September 1, 2000 – May 31, 2001); Carmen S. Flores from Dartmouth College,

who will research on the Filipino zarzuela as a vehicle of political independence (September 1, 2000 – April 30, 2001); Danella M. Hafeman from Brown University, who will research on the perceptions of tuberculosis treatments in the Philippines (August 15, 2000 – May 15, 2001); Karlin L. Kreindler from the University of Colorado at Boulder, who will research on sustainability and ecotourism projects in Palawan (September 1, 2000 – June 30, 2001); Justin M. Mog from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who will research on agricultural land use sustainability in the Manupali Watershed (January 1 – August 31, 2001); Anthony N. Talbott from Arizona State University, who will research on the persistence of millenarianism in the Philippines (October 1, 2000 – August 31, 2001); and Anastasia M. Telesetsky from the University of California at Berkeley, who will research on overseas development funds and indigenous rights in the Philippines (September 1, 2000 – May 31, 2001).

### FILIPINO SCHOLARS:

Of the 15 Fulbright grants awarded to Filipinos, eleven were to students and four to senior scholars.

The students are Angelita P. Alvarado from the Sulu Fund for Marine Conservation Foundation, who received an M.A. study grant for Marine Studies at the University of Washington; Danton R. Remoto from the Ateneo de Manila University, who received a doctoral dissertation study grant for Literature (university to be determined); Ana W. Nobleza from the National Economic and Development Authority, who received an LI.M. study grant for International Trade Law at the University of Arizona; Gina A. Fontejon from Silliman University, who received an M.A. study grant for English as a Second Language at the University of Hawaii in Manoa; Marylyn I. Ballug from the National Youth Commission, who received an M.A. study grant for International Affairs at the University of Ohio; Maria Carmen L. Vicencio of GMA Films, Inc., who received an M.F.A. study grant for Film Production (university to be determined); and Cristina V. Uy from Puyat, Jacinto and Santos, who received an LI.M. study grant for International Law at Georgetown University.

The senior researchers are Dr. Loreta N. Castro from Miriam College, who will research on developing training manuals for peace education at Teachers College, Columbia University; Dr. Julian Prospero E. De Vera from the National College of Public Administration and Governance of the

University of the Philippines in Diliman, who will research on innovative practices of legislative bodies that enhance the advocacy activities of civil society organizations at Johns Hopkins University; Dr. Nagasura T. Madale from Mindanao State University-Marawi, who will research on peace education at Teachers College, University of Nebraska; and Mr. Lamberto R. Ocampo from the Ateneo de Manila University, who will research on American pioneers in Philippine archeology at the Smithsonian Museum, the U.S. National Archives and the University of Michigan Library.

The Fulbright-CHED students include Rebekah M. Alawi from Mindanao State University-Marawi, who will do doctoral dissertation research on rhetoric and semiotics (university to be determined); Chita P. Evardone from the Institute of Technology of the Mindanao State University-Iligan, who will do doctoral dissertation research on neural networks at Arizona State University; Ronald Z. Pascual from the University of Southern Mindanao, who will do doctoral dissertation research on molecular modeling at Northwestern University; and Ronald Penaso from Central Mindanao University, who will do doctoral dissertation research on dynamical systems and chaos (university to be determined).

## Program News

### INTERNATIONAL VISITOR NEWS

Rosa Guzman, Committee Secretary at the House Committee on Agriculture, returned from her participation in the International Visitor Program on "The U.S. Agriculture and the World Economy" (March 16 - April 6, 2000). Together with six participants from various countries, Ms. Guzman explored the domestic, political, social, environmental, and economic forces that influence U.S. agricultural trade policy. She analyzed U.S. positions on key world agricultural and trade issues to explain the U.S. decision-making process, and examined current efforts, at the federal, state, and local levels, to ensure American agricultural competitiveness in the global marketplace. The highlight of Ms. Guzman's experience was a two-day "home stay" at a family farm. She was touched by the gracious hospitality extended and had substantive and comparative discussions about agricultural farming with her hosts. Ms. Guzman was surprised by the openness of the program that always sought to present both sides of the picture, particularly on biotechnology issues. She commiserated with the farmers who expressed concern

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over the planned consolidation of large farms that would reduce them to being mere contract workers. Ms. Guzman was impressed by the concern demonstrated by the federal government in providing support to local farmers. She plans to share the relevant insights gained in her work at the House Committee on Agriculture, in the hopes that in one way or the other, the concerns of the Filipino farmer may also be adequately addressed.

Merliza Makinano, a senior research analyst at the Office of Strategic and Special Studies at the Armed Forces of the Philippines, is currently on a grant by the New Zealand Government to obtain her master's degree in International Relations from Wellington's Victoria University. Ms. Makinano participated in the International Visitor Program on "Dynamics of U.S. Foreign Policy: Security Issues" (April 6 - 27, 2000).

The three-week program introduced Ms. Makinano to the main institutional players in U.S. national security policymaking. Activities encompassed current issues in American national security policy that have a direct relationship to U.S. foreign policymaking. Major program components

entailed arms control, internal security, cyberwarfare, and how the public and private sectors respond to these issues.

Corazon Guerrero, officer-in-charge at the Supervision and Examination Sector of the Department of Commercial Banks I at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, participated in the International Visitor Program on "The U.S. Financial System" (February 17 - March 9, 2000). Ms. Guerrero was introduced to the U.S. financial system in its global and domestic contexts, with a focus on financial market operations. She also studied the U.S. banking system, project finance, and transferable U.S. experiences to assist and reform markets in developing countries. The itinerary included visits to cities that demonstrate the geographic and economic diversity of the United States, and the inherent strengths of each in regional development, technological innovation, and financing strategies. Of particular significance to Ms. Guerrero were her visits to the stock exchanges that provided insights on how best to reach crucial decisions on the job. She values the interaction with co-participants who have kept in touch with one another since the program's conclusion.

Carina Agarao, president of the Crusade Against Violence, returned recharged and

enthusiastic about the outcome of her participation in the International Visitor Program on "Administration of Courts in the United States" (March 30 - April 20, 2000). Ms. Agarao was provided an overview of the U.S. judicial process and had opportunities for first-hand experiences in court operations, management, and reform. The program also enabled Ms. Agarao to observe effective case flow management and general court administration procedures at all levels. Ms. Agarao discussed with American counterparts legal and judicial training, examined the challenges facing the judiciary in the United States today as well as efforts to solve growing caseloads, increased court user diversification, and the problem of more litigants proceeding without attorneys. A special feature of the program was attendance at a conference on equal justice that was co-sponsored by the American Bar Association.

Ms. Agarao was surprised by the importance American society extends to victims of crimes. She learned many attributes of U.S. court administration through her "shadowing" assignment in Tallahassee, and is applying much of what she learned, particularly in arguing for reform of the criminal justice system in the Philippines.

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Journal, *American Studies Asia*, will appear four times a year, starting early next year.

De La Salle, the only university in the Philippines offering a degree program in American Studies, hopes that the new journal will provide a scholarly outlet for academic articles written by American Studies specialists in the Philippines.

There have been other American studies publications in the Philippines, but none have been refereed journals. A refereed journal collects manuscripts, sends them to a carefully selected editorial board composed of specialists in the field, and publishes only those recommended by the specialists for inclusion.

Further information is available from DLSU Press: tel. (02) 536-1761 or 526-5052; fax: (02) 526-5139; e-mail: [press@mail.dlsu.edu.ph](mailto:press@mail.dlsu.edu.ph);

### ASA HOLD NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE

Representatives from nine American studies associations from around the Philippines met in Manila on May 18 to

review ways of cooperating and coordinating activities. Meeting under the banner of the Council of American Studies Associations (CASA)—an unstructured coordinating body, the group announced agreement on a national conference to take place in Manila in August, 2001.

The conference will focus on the American Contribution to Philippine Education, with special emphasis on the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the Thomasite teachers in Manila on August 21, 1901. The program will be coordinated by the American Studies Association of the Philippines. ASAs in other parts of the country will contribute by researching Thomasite activities in their area and by promoting conference attendance by their members.

Three additional activities were also announced: an August, 2000 Thomasite pre-centennial event in Manila (coordinated by ASA-Philippines); a regional conference in Cebu in August, 2000 on "The American Influence on Culture and the

Arts in the Philippines" (coordinated by ASA-Cebu); and a regional conference in Puerto Princesa in January, 2001 on "Culture and Environment: the American and Philippine Experience" (coordinated by ASA-Palawan).

The CASA members include ASA-Baguio/Cordillera; ASA-Bukidnon; ASA-Cagayan de Oro; ASA-Cebu; ASA-Iloilo; ASA-Laoag; ASA-Palawan; ASA-Philippines; ASA-Surigao. For information, write or call Mr. Tony Perez at the U.S. Embassy (Tel. (02) 532-1001, Ext. 2520 or 2525); fax: (02) 532-1608; e-mail: [tsptjcc@pd.state.gov](mailto:tsptjcc@pd.state.gov)



*The participants of the ASA meeting together with Cultural Affairs Officer Phillip Ives and the staff from the Cultural Affairs Office.*

## U.S. Environmental Team Visits RP

At a May 12 press conference in the Thomas Jefferson Information Center (TJIC) auditorium, Gary Vest, Principal Deputy Assistant Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security, told the journalists that he and a team of eight other U.S. officials had wrapped up three days of very successful talks with Philippine government officials on increasing cooperation and sharing expertise on a broad range of environmental and public health issues. Vest said that the two sides had "agreed in principle to an exchange of information on environmental technology, an exchange of professionals or experts on environment and health, and the sending of a U.S. military delegation to cooperate with the Armed Forces of the Philippines on environment-military issues." Vest added that the details of the planned cooperation would be worked out over the next several months.

In response to questions from the media, Vest reiterated the U.S. Government's position that it met its obligations under the Military Bases Agreement, and has no legal

obligation to clean up any hazardous wastes at the former U.S. bases at Clark and Subic. Vest added that "The bases were like U.S. cities—cities where our families lived. I can assure you that the U.S. military operated those bases in a manner that did not endanger the safety of our families."

During their visit to the Philippines, the U.S. team members met with representatives from the Philippines Department of National Defense, the



U.S. officials led by Deputy Assistant Undersecretary Gary Vest (4th from left) during the press conference at the TJIC multipurpose room.

Department of Foreign Affairs, the Department of Environment and National Resources, the Department of Science and Technology, and the Department of Health. The group also traveled to Subic Free Port and the Philippine Naval base in Cavite.

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studies in the Philippines, and has helped give renewed emphasis to this important field of study. Further information about

the conference and De La Salle's American studies program is available from Professor George Marasigan, Coordinator of the American Studies program at De La Salle (Phone/Fax: (02) 526-5917).



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