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International Visitors Program

Organized Labor

From August 24 to September 14, Rolando Librojo, Assistant Secretary General of the National Mines and Allied Workers Union, participated in an International Visitor Program on organized labor in the United States. During visits to Washington, New York, Davenport, San Antonio and San Francisco, Mr. Librojo met with union representatives and observed how unions participate in electoral politics.

Upon his return, Mr. Librojo said he was impressed by the apprenticeship programs designed by U.S. unions. Mr. Librojo plans to meet with officials of various Philippine labor groups and with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to discuss the possibility of implementing a similar apprenticeship program in the Philippines.

Radio Broadcasting

Mr. Reynaldo Hulog, Executive Director of the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP), was the Philippine participant in the International Visitor Program on radio broadcasting that took place from August 31 to September 21. In his review of the program, Mr. Hulog said that he obtained useful insights on how the Philippines can successfully respond to competition in the broadcast industry. He noted that public radio in the United States offers many programs on current affairs, while commercial stations seemed primarily interested in profits. He found that, and the professionalism of those involved working in public radio, quite impressive.

Mr. Hulog said he was also impressed by the sense of volunteerism evident in all the communities he visited,
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De La Salle University Joins American Studies Network



The doors to De La Salle's new American Studies Resource Center (ASRC) were officially opened by (left to right) Jocelyn Ladlad, ASRC Librarian; U.S. Embassy Chargé d'affaires Michael Malinowski; DLSU Executive Vice President Carmelita Quebengco; and DLSU President Brother Rolando Dizon.

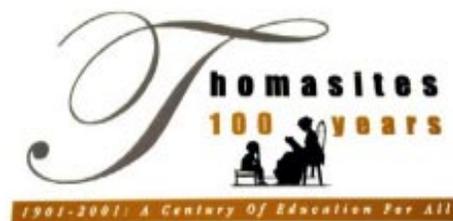
Chargé d'affaires Michael E. Malinowski officially opened the tenth American Studies Resource Center (ASRC) in the Philippines at De La Salle University in Manila on October 18. In doing so, he presided over the launch of what instantly became the nation's most comprehensive print collection devoted to the study of the

United States. The new De La Salle facility includes 8,000 books donated from the former Thomas Jefferson Library.

In his remarks, the Chargé explained the reasons for the closing of the USIS

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Thomasites Website Launched



A logo and web site focused on the 2001 centennial of the arrival of the Thomasite teachers in the Philippines have been launched. Dr. Michael H. Anderson, Counselor for Public Affairs of the U.S.

Embassy; Dr. Judy Ick, project director of the Thomasites Centennial Project; Dr. Corazon D. Villareal, president of the American Studies Association of the Philippines (ASAP); and Ms. Natividad Crame-Rogers, ASAP chairperson of the Special Projects Committee, did the honors during ASAP's Annual Assembly on December 2 at the National Computer Center at U.P. Diliman.

The address of the new official Thomasites Centennial website is www.thomasites100.org. The site is

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library in Makati and the opening of the new Thomas Jefferson Information Center in the Embassy. At the same time, he noted that "although we may have changed the way we operate, we are very much aware of the need to provide basic, accurate information about the United States and to make this information more accessible to students and specialists in American Studies."

Following the Chargé's remarks and the response by De La Salle University President Brother Rolando Dizon, both representatives signed a formal agreement designating De La Salle as an ASRC partner institution in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy's Public Affairs Section (PAS). The formal agreement stipulates the obligations of each side in the partnership.

With the launch of the new ASRC at De La Salle, the PAS has now established ASRCs at ten institutions—nine universities and one private foundation—in the Philippines. Like De La Salle, each of the ten ASRCs operates in cooperation with the PAS under a formal memorandum of agreement, an arrangement first started in the mid-1980s. These agreements are currently in the process of revision, and a new agreement, similar to the one signed at DLSU, will be signed with the other nine ASRCs in the near future.

The new partnership with De La Salle University is part of an intensified effort begun by the PAS more than a year ago to promote and strengthen American Studies in the Philippines.

The PAS worked closely with De La Salle Library Director Perla T. Garcia and decided to donate books to DLSU because it is the

only university in the country that offers a formal academic program in American Studies. The new ASRC is an expression of the continued commitment of both the U.S. government and DLSU to support this program. The collection is under the direction of senior librarian Jocelyn Ladlad and is the result of the dedicated work of DLSU's Director of Libraries, Ms. Perla Garcia. George Marasigan is coordinator of DLSU's American Studies Program.

Among those who attended the ceremonies were university administration officials, faculty members and students of the DLSU American Studies Program, the Economic, Political and Public Affairs Counselors of the U.S. Embassy, PAS Regional Information Resource Officer David Lee, the Executive Director of the Philippine-American Educational Foundation, and librarians from nearby colleges and universities.



The Thomasite Centennial website was officially launched December 2 by (from left) Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) Executive Director Dr. Alex Calata; Naty Crame Rogers, American Studies Association of the Philippines (ASAP) Thomasite Project Chair; Dr. Cora Villareal, ASAP president; Dr. Michael Anderson, U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Officer; and Dr. Judy Ick, Thomasite Project Director.

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designed to promote events leading up to the August 23, 2001, 100th anniversary of the arrival in Manila of the Thomasites, the pioneering American teachers who started the Philippine public education system and widespread use of English.

Organizers say they hope that the website will serve as a valuable tool to create public awareness of the work of the Thomasites and foster a dialogue among Philippine and American scholars, as well as Thomasite descendants and former students.

Titled, "American Technology and Education," the December 2 ASAP assembly

was designed to help those in attendance stay in step with global developments in education based on recent technological changes. Its objectives were to identify aspects of American technology that have or can have an impact on Philippine education, to explore applications of American technology in the various disciplines, and to develop an awareness of the need to apply technology to Philippine education.

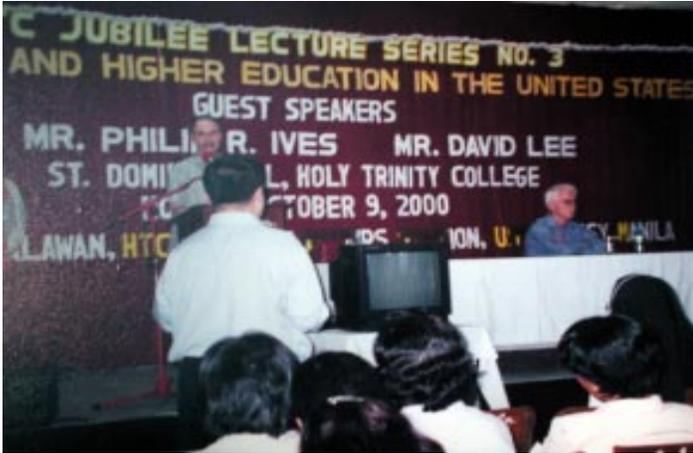
The assembly featured the presentations "American Technology Today" by Mr. Gregg P. Marshall, president of Lucent Technologies; "Technology in the Teaching of Music" by Professor Gary P. Nash, Fulbright Exchange scholar; "Interactive Media in Teaching Creative Writing" by Professor Collis H. Davis, also a Fulbright Exchange scholar; "The Thomas Jefferson Information Center (TJIC): An Introduction," by TJIC director Eva B. Brillo; "Distance Education: Trends" by Dr. Michael W. Churton, director of Distance Learning at the University of South Florida; and "Distance Education Applied in a Mixed-Mode Setting" by Professor Celia T. Adriano, Director of Instruction at the University of the Philippines in Diliman.

The ASAP has announced that it will host a major conference in Manila in August on the theme of the Thomasites and American influences on Philippine education.

American Studies

IRO Lectures On Internet

Information Resource Officer (IRO) David Lee visited the Philippines from October 1 to 20 for consultations with the Thomas Jefferson Information Center (TJIC) staff and for a series of lectures at American Studies Resource Centers (ASRCs) in Manila, Batac, Baguio, Bacolod, Iloilo and



The American Studies Association of Palawan sponsored a lecture on "Technology and Higher Education in the United States" on October 29, 2000. Mr. Phillip Ives, U.S. Embassy Cultural Affairs Officer, and Mr. David Lee, U.S. Regional Information Officer, acted as resource speakers of the said activity.

Cebu. Based in Bangkok, Mr. Lee spoke on three topics: "Internet Searching: Search Engines," "The Internet's Impact on U.S. Libraries," and "American Studies Information Sources."

Cultural Affairs Officer Phillip Ives accompanied Mr. Lee and gave lectures on "The Year 2000 Elections in the U.S." and "Study in the U.S." The lecture series reaffirmed the Public Affairs Section's linkages with ASRC partner institutions and its support for American Studies programs at these institutions. TJIC provided program support for both lectures by compiling background materials on the topics of both speakers and putting together an information packet for distribution to participants.

CASA Convenes in Manila

Nine members of the Council of American Studies Associations (CASA) convened at the Ateneo de Manila University on December 1 to discuss activities for the Thomasites Centennial Project, which culminates August 23, 2001, with the

Annual Assembly of the American Studies Association of the Philippines (ASAP). The day-long gathering featured a tour of the American Historical Collection (AHC) at Ateneo's Rizal Library led by AHC librarian Ms. Waldette Cueto and a formal presentation on the arrival of the Thomasites by U.P. History Professor Dr. Bernardita Churchill.

The CASA representatives in attendance included Dr. Edgar A. Alosbaños, member of the board of directors of ASA Cebu; Ms.

Ma. Luisa L. Binueza, representative of ASA Iloilo; Dr. Agustin A. Cabrera, president of ASA Cagayan de Oro; Dr. Zeneida Caintic, president of ASA Musuan, Bukidnon; Mr. Edward V. Enriquez, secretary of ASA Palawan; Dr. Annabelle C. Felipe, representative of ASA Batac, Ilocos Norte; Ms. Evangeline M. Quinto, liaison officer and consulting director of ASA Baguio-Cordillera; Dr. Teresita Tumapon, president of ASA Surigao; and Dr. Corazon D. Villareal, president of the ASAP.

Also attending were Dr. Oscar Campomanes, professor of the Filipino and Literature Department at De La Salle University and editor of *American Studies-Asia*, a new refereed journal on American Studies; Fr. Jose Cruz, S.J., dean of the School of Social Sciences at the Ateneo de Manila University; Dr. Nanette Dungo, chairperson of the Department of Sociology at the University of the Philippines and head of an ad-hoc committee on American Studies in the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy; Dr. Judy Ick, director of the Thomasites Centennial Project; Professor George Marasigan, coordinator of the American Studies Program at De La Salle University, and Professor Veneracion Rallonza, chairperson of the International Studies Department at Miriam College.

New English Program Officer Visits

Dr. Craig Dicker is the U.S. Embassy's new Regional English Language Officer (RELO). Based in Jakarta, Dr. Dicker is responsible for providing English language

program support in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. He replaced Dr. Michael Kenneth Jenson, who is now the Chief of Programs, English Language Programs Division, U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Dicker was in the Philippines from November 8 - 22. The purpose of his visit was to introduce him to the educational system in the Philippines and to meet with prominent English language teachers and professors of different institutions around the country. He also paid and made courtesy calls on the Secretary of Education, the Chair of the Commission on Higher Education, and seven regional directors of DECS and CHED.

During visitations to Mariano Marcos State University, Batac; St. Louis University, Baguio City; University of San Carlos, Cebu City; Holy Trinity College, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan; Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro; Ateneo de Davao University, Davao City; and Philippine Normal University, Manila, Dr. Dicker conducted one-day workshops on "Using Content-based English Language Instructions Focusing on Civic Education." In addition, Prof. Eloisa Ventura, UP Diliman, and Professor Annette Ward, UST, accompanied Dr. Dicker, and spoke on "Plagiarism and the Writing Process" and "Developing Critical Thinking through Reading and Writing."

Dr. Dicker received his Ph.D. in Second/ Foreign Language Education from Columbia University. In previous assignments, he served as Public Affairs Officer in Azerbaijan and Regional English Language Officer in Pretoria, South Africa. Prior to entering the foreign service, Dr. Dicker taught English at Florida Atlantic University, Columbia University and City University of New York. He was also a Fulbright Scholar in Yugoslavia.

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Filipina Introduces Secretary Albright

Maria Socorro V. Zingapan, currently a Hubert Humphrey Fellow at American University in Washington, D.C., played a key role in a recent gathering in the U.S. capital in recognition of International Education Week.

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U.S. Election Watch (...and Wait) Held in Makati

The dramatic, extremely close November 7 U.S. presidential election, with its potential for affecting the way America

story. All who came were treated to an U.S.-style atmosphere featuring refreshments from companies such as California Pizza

with Chargé d'Affaires Michael Malinowski, Information Officer Thomas Skipper and local personalities.



Chargé d'affaires Michael Malinowski tries out the electronic voting machine in a mock election held in the American Business Center. Assisting him is Marilou Apolinario of the Public Affairs Section.

relates to Asia and the Philippines, evoked widespread interest among Filipinos.

To help keep Filipinos abreast of U.S. developments, the Public Affairs Section (PAS) organized a one-day event on November 8 focusing on the U.S. presidential election. Philippine Government officials—including presidential legislative liaison Jaime Policarpio, Senator John Osmeña and Comelec Chair Harriet Demetriou — prominent businesspersons, university presidents and senior academics, media commentators and media owners, leading representatives from civil society and many former Fulbrighters, Humphrey fellows and International Visitors were on hand for the occasion.

The venue was the new American Business Center in the Ayala Life-FGU Building in Makati. The Center houses the Embassy's Foreign Commercial Service (FCS), the Foreign Commercial Service of the Asian Development Bank (FCS/ADB), the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (TDA), and the U.S.-Asia Environmental Partnership (US-EAP).

Although some guests just dropped by for a short visit, others came early and stayed for an hour or two, or even longer, to watch and listen to the developing election

Kitchen, Coca-Cola, Dunkin' Donuts, McDonald's, Sabretto's Hotdogs and Shakey's Pizza.

Those who came watched live election returns on large screens and listened to commentary from CNN, Fox News and CBS News. In addition, many who attended took part in a mock election on

the premises using new electronic voting machines similar to those used in some U.S. voting precincts.

The local media were well represented. Radio Mindanao Network and ABS/CBN's all-news channel broadcast directly from the site, while GMA, IBC and PTV had crews on-site throughout the day, filming the gathering and taping interviews

Those taped interviews as well as reports on the election itself abounded on television throughout the day, as all the TV stations ran them on various programs. (We heard via the grapevine that newsclips of the event were seen in Bangkok and in the United States, as well, thanks to Fil-Am cable programming.)

More than one station also did a feature story on the new Philippine-made computerized voting machines on exhibit at the election event. They were particularly interested in the reaction of Comelec's Demetriou to the new machines, given that the Philippines is moving toward the use of an electronic voting system.

According to Mr. Bo Erixson, director of international sales of Election Systems and Software International, the U.S. firm marketing the machines, they are currently being utilized in about 400 precincts across the U.S.

The TV stations also reported on the outcome of the mock election, which was open to those who attended the election event. Vice-President Gore won roughly 65 percent of all ballots cast during the Makati event.



Guests look intently at the monitors placed in the American Business Center as the close results of the election were being flashed.

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and this aspect of American society left a lasting and positive impression on him.

Legislative Process

Johnas Lamorena, Presidential Legislative Liaison at the Senate of the Philippines, took part in a specially designed three-week program on the American legislative process that began on August 14. His itinerary included Washington, New York, Chicago, Florida and Texas. He observed electoral activities and met with candidates running for local office. His Washington, D.C. program included discussions on policy issues and an opportunity to study the relationship between the three branches of government.

Print Journalism

Jennifer Gonzales, Senior Media Relations Officer in Malacañang's Office of the Press Secretary, participated in the September 21 – October 14 International Visitor Program on print journalism. She said that the experience provided excellent networking opportunities not only among American counterparts but also with colleagues from the various countries represented in her group. She found community newspapers to be particularly noteworthy. They are, she said, the "touch base center of the American community." According to her, these papers feature more information and less politics than the regular, major publications.



U.S. Embassy Immigrant Visa Branch chief Edward Wehrli and former International Visitor Aelo Macapagal Salgado share insights on the U.S. with several members of the delegation from the National Movement of Young Legislators.

Ms. Gonzales met with the Press Secretary of the Office of the Governor General of Madison, Wisconsin. She found the discussions on the functions of the State Department, the relationship between the three branches of government, the roles of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Secret Service, and the Office of the White House Press Secretary relevant to her current responsibilities.

Ninoy Aquino Fellowships

The two latest Filipinos to be awarded the prestigious Aquino Fellowships—one for public service and one for journalism—

have returned from recent four-week programs in the U.S.

Edgar Comeros, Ninoy Aquino Fellow for Public Service and Executive Director of the Visayas Cooperative Development Center (VICTO) in Cebu, participated in a specially designed program that began on July 17. The program focused on finance inter-mediation, micro-finance and micro-enterprise development, housing cooperatives, and cooperative business integration. Among the many program highlights, according to Mr. Comeros, were meetings with representatives from the office of Senator Jay Rockefeller and visits to three organizations - Youth Build, Business Incubation, and Venture Capital Fund.

Youth Build engages the youth in the construction of housing cooperatives. Mr. Comeros has already presented this idea to Cebu youth organizations to encourage them to carry out similar activities during the summer.

Mr. Comeros found that insights obtained at Business Incubation, which assists entrepreneurs by providing networking opportunities, were relevant to the objectives of VICTO.

Venture Capital Fund assists in the creation of jobs and encourages the establishment of low income livelihood projects. The insights gained from Venture Capital are applicable to the Philippine situation and, already, Mr. Comeros has



Three American filmmakers exchanged views recently in the Thomas Jefferson Information Center. Shown left to right are Fulbright Professor Collis Davis from De La Salle University; recent Fulbrighter in Cagayan de Oro Anthony Collins; and San Francisco-based Thomasite documentary filmmaker Michael Magnaye.

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Ms. Zingapan, who is Director of the National Planning Policy Staff of the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), had the honor of introducing U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, who was a speaker at a November 29 dinner emphasizing the U.S. Government's strong commitment to international educational exchange programs, such as Humphrey and Fulbright. Secretary of Education Richard Riley and guests from the international education community also attended.

"Too often, we see conflicts arise from...a failure to communicate," Secretary Albright remarked. "International education helps Americans to truly understand the world in which we live and do business, and helps others understand us as well." She emphasized that sustained U.S. Government support for educational programs should continue "no matter who occupies the White House or controls the Congress."

NAB Official Addresses Broadcasters

The Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) held its 37th general assembly in Manila from November 2 to 10. Member-broadcasters from Asia, Europe, and the U.S. were among the delegates to the assembly hosted by the Kapisanan ng Brodkasters ng Pilipinas (KBP). This year's assembly sought to build an awareness among broadcasters of the latest media technology and the broadcasters' treaty drafted by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

One of the guest speakers was Mr. Benjamin Ivins, senior associate general counsel for intellectual property and international legal affairs of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), in Washington, D.C. Mr. Ivins, who was invited to come to Manila under the U.S. Speakers Program of the Embassy, was a presenter on copyright issues in one of the seminars conducted during the general assembly. His presentation focused on the legal and economic framework of broadcast music licensing in the U.S. and the issues and trends that are affecting the broadcast industry. Approximately 50 broadcasters from the Philippines, Malaysia, Germany, Iran, Vietnam, Australia, Thailand, India, Singapore, Hong Kong, Egypt and Japan attended the seminar, which resulted in several recommendations pertaining to

copyright issues. The recommendations included the establishment of an advisory service led by copyright experts and the creation of a web page to serve as a forum for broadcaster communities to exchange ideas on how to strengthen copyright laws.

Outside the assembly, Mr. Ivins met with the head of the Philippine Intellectual Property Office Director General Emma Francisco. The exchange focused on the positions of the U.S. and the Philippines in the ongoing WIPO deliberations, particularly the draft broadcast treaty and the policy protecting audio-visual performances. This was followed by a roundtable discussion with Philippine Senate staff members during which Mr. Ivins discussed the broader framework of intellectual property rights and pending IPR-related cases, such as Napster and MP3, and how existing legislation is being applied to find solutions.



Embassy Manila Assists APEC 2000

U.S. Embassy Manila personnel helped support the visit of President Clinton and other senior U.S. officials to the eighth Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) leaders' meeting, which was hosted November 15-16 by the government of Brunei. Public Affairs Officer Mike Anderson, Information Officer Tom Skipper and Ambassador Aide Heide Bronke joined about a dozen Filipino employees from the Embassy in Manila in providing press and other support to the U.S. APEC delegation during its stay in Bandar Seri Begawan.

This year's APEC summit may not have generated dramatic headlines, but the U.S. considered it a success because it continued to lay the groundwork for a secure, stable and prosperous Asia-Pacific region. The U.S. goals at the meeting focused on making APEC markets stronger and more competitive; APEC more wired; and APEC more connected. Specifically, the

U.S. was pleased that the APEC leaders came out in support of starting the next round of WTO negotiations in 2001; the multilateral open skies agreement, the first of its kind, was accomplished; and the financial sector training initiative to strengthen financial capacity in both the public and private sectors and help ensure sustainable recovery in the region was announced.

In 1993, on Blake Island, outside Seattle, President Clinton hosted the first APEC economic leaders' meeting, an annual event that has become the single most important institution in the region. The Philippines hosted the fourth meeting in Subic Bay in 1996. Next year's meeting will be in Shanghai, China.

Georgetown Alumni Raise Funds

Responding to a challenge from former U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines Thomas Hubbard, the Georgetown Club of the Philippines has launched a program to raise funds for deserving Filipino students who want to take up International Studies at Georgetown University in Washington. According to Club President Dr. Jesus Y. Perez, Jr., the group feels that it "should undertake projects which would contribute significantly to the educational advancement of future leaders of our country."

Vice President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, a Georgetown alumna, was the guest of honor at the Club's initial fundraiser, an October 26 international art auction in Makati.

In several speeches on the importance of international educational exchange, Ambassador Hubbard had challenged U.S. alumni groups in the Philippines to establish scholarships so that more Filipinos could benefit from an U.S. university experience. He said he was concerned with the relatively low number of Filipino students in the U.S. compared to the numbers from many other Asian nations.

Fulbrighter Couple Writes on Health

Fulbright Research Scholar Dr. Arthur R. Williams, Professor in the Henry W. Bloch School of Business and Public Administration at the University of Missouri at Kansas City, and his Fulbrighter wife, Dr. Phoebe Dauz Williams, Professor at the

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School of Nursing, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, have written a new book entitled "Individual, Family and Community: Promoting and Restoring Health and Well-Being."

Most of the book's studies were undertaken in the Philippines, and can serve as models for those seeking to answer questions about effectiveness or ineffectiveness of health interventions in the Philippines. The book should be of interest to students and professionals in nursing, culture and personality, child and family development, early childhood education, medicine, the allied health professions, health administration, health promotion and comparative and international health.

As a Fulbrighter, Dr. Williams is in the Philippines studying the effects of social capital on child health outcomes in the rural Philippines. His wife is currently a Fulbright researcher in Thailand, where she is studying mothers' expectations for young children's development in three countries.

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initiated steps to introduce similar concepts to the Cebu community.

Mr. Comerros considered his meeting with the World Council of Credit Unions in Madison, Wisconsin to be of particular significance. Negotiations to replicate similar operations in the Visayas are now under way.

Melinda Quintos de Jesus, Ninoy Aquino Fellow for Journalism and Executive Director of the Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility, participated in a specially designed program focusing on public journalism and media ethics. Her visit to the U.S. included meetings at the Pew Center, Harvard's Shorenstein Center in Washington, the Washington Times, Freedom Forum and Newseum and the Center for Civic Journalism.

Although a frequent visitor to the United States, Ms. de Jesus said that her latest experience gave refreshing insights into the vitality of the local communities she visited. She was impressed by the special role community papers play in fostering volunteerism, citizen involvement, and developmental initiatives. Of particular interest was her visit to the Poynter media training institute in Florida.



The departing delegation from the National Movement of Young Legislators shown with Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer Lonnie Kelley Jr.; Counselor for Public Affairs Michael Anderson; and Mr. Rollie Fabi, NMYL Director for International Affairs.

A stopover in Arizona gave Ms. de Jesus a breathtaking visit to the Grand Canyon and an opportunity to visit the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism in Phoenix.

U.S. Presidential Campaign

Broadcasters Gene Orejana of ABS-CBN's Regional Network Group and Andy Vital, DZRH's public relations officer, participated in a September 7–28 program on the U.S. presidential campaign. Both described their U.S. experience as informative and eye opening. They found the emergence of the electronic system in today's campaign practices quite interesting. Both were impressed with the work volunteers carry out in encouraging citizens to vote for a particular candidate. The "house to house" campaign they observed in various communities provided them insights on volunteerism in the United States. Meetings with minority groups and with the League of Women Voters enabled them to understand voting patterns in various U.S. locales.

Philippine Officials Visit U.S.

From October 14 to 27, a delegation from the National Movement of Young Legislators (NMYL) participated in a U.S. election exchange program organized by the American Council of Young Political Leaders. The delegation was composed of Mr. Emmanuel Caberte, Vice Mayor of Sevilla, Bohol; Mr. Alfredo Corona, Vice Mayor of Tanauan, Batangas; Ms. Mary Ann Dino, Councilor of Victorias City, Negros Occiden-

tal; Ms. Nancy Madjos, Vice Mayor of Laguindingan, Misamis Occidental; Ms. Anna Liza Morales, Board Member of Vigan, Ilocos Sur; Mr. Vincent Soriano, Vice Mayor of Pakil, Laguna; Mr. Allan Sunglao, Councilor of Binangonan, Rizal; and Mr. Frederick Ylaya, Councilor of Puerto Princesa City, Palawan.

During its two-week program, the delegation traveled to Washington, D.C.; Louisville, Kentucky; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

To prepare the delegation for its U.S. experience, Dr. Michael H. Anderson, Counselor for Public Affairs, hosted a pre-departure reception that included the delegates plus officers from various offices of the American Embassy and former participants in similar exchange programs.

Information Resource Center

TJIC Hosts Holy Angels Group

Twenty-one librarians and library science students of Holy Angels University, Angeles City, visited the TJIC on October 11 for an orientation session. After a presentation on the role of the TJIC in the local information environment by IRC

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director Eva B. Brillo, the attendees were introduced to TJIC's electronic information sources such as ProQuest Full-Text, periodical databases, Info U.S.A., the U.S. Embassy home page and the Public Affairs home page in Washington, D.C. The participants tried their hand at accessing these electronic sources with the assistance of TJIC's information specialists.

Available Resource Materials

Information Packets available upon request include:

"Judicial Reform"
"U.S. Financial Markets"
"Electronic Commerce"
"Global Economy"
"Administration of Courts"

New Electronic Journals

Issues available on the Internet include:

"Guide to Elections 2000"
Issues of Democracy, Volume 5,

Number 3, October 2000
<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/itdhr/1000/ijde/ijde1000.htm>

"International Transportation: Moving the Global Economy Forward"
Economic Perspectives, Volume 5, Number 3, October 2000
<http://usinfo.state.gov/journals/ites/1000/ijee/ijee1000.htm>

Websites Worth Visiting

Center for Policy Alternatives:
<http://www.cfpa.org>

Distance Learning:
<http://www.distancelearn.about.com>

Globewide Network Academy:
<http://www.gnacademy.org>

Distance Educator: <http://www.distance-educator.com>

Economic Policy Institute:
<http://www.epinet.org>

University of California Asian American Studies Center:
<http://www.sscnet.ucla.edu>

National Conference of State Legislatures: <http://www.ncsl.org>

American Studies @ University of Virginia:
<http://xroads.virginia.edu>

American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy: <http://aceee.org>

Environmental Business International:
<http://www.ebiusa.com>

Search Engines Worth Trying

<http://www.whatsnu.com>

<http://www.metaiq.com>

<http://www.invisibleweb.com>

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