



# Newsline

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## CLCD Report to the Executive Committee

### **GAWAD CES**

THE CENTER for Leadership, Citizenship and Democracy (CLCD) partnered once again with the Career Executive Service Board (CESB) in its Gawad CES search.

The CESB has been granting the Outstanding Career Executive Officer (CEO) Award since 2005 to recognize exemplary performance of CEOs in the country. The CLCD serves as partner institution of the CESB in conducting field validation on the accomplishments of the finalists and submitting reports to the Award search committee.

On 28 March 2008, the Office of the President through Executive Order 715, upgraded the CESB's Outstanding CEO Award into the Gawad CES. "The Award highlights exceptional accomplishments not only to reward and encourage consistent superior performance, but most importantly to motivate government workers in the Third Level to give their best in public service and to promote excellence among their ranks" states EO 715.

On 12-14 August 2009, Director Lily Domingo and Ms. Jean Nicolas went to Ilagan, Isabela and Tuguegarao, Cagayan for the field validation interviews. They were also able to interview 25 informants, including Gov. Grace Padaca of Isabela during this period. Prior to the field interviews, orientation and other meetings on the validation process were conducted at the CESB office. The Gawad CES awardees will be awarded later this year.

### **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES FORUM**

ON 26 AUGUST 2009, the CLCD co-sponsored a forum with the UPNCPAG Student Council (SC) on indigenous peoples' rights. With the title, "In Their Shoes: Articulations of the

Indigenous Peoples," the forum was held at the NCPAG Case Room from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The panel of speakers was composed of Gov. Teodoro B. Baguilat, Jr. of Ifugao Province; Mr. Manuel Rara of Koalisyon ng mga Katutubong Samahan ng Pilipinas (KASAPI); Ms. Ma. Teresa Guia-Padilla of Anthrowatch; and Ms. Judith Pamela Pasimio of the Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center, Inc.

Director Lily Domingo gave the opening remarks during the program. The SC officers served as moderators. An Open Forum followed the speakers' presentations. The students participated actively in the said forum.

Tokens of Appreciation were awarded to the speakers at the end of the forum. Certificates of Participation were also distributed to those who attended.

### **LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE OF CONSTITUTIONAL COMMISSIONS**

THE MANUSCRIPT for the book on the *Leadership and Governance of Constitutional Commissions* was delivered to the printer on Friday, 4 September 2009. The book is scheduled to be launched later this year.

The book includes the public lectures of the constitutional commissions and alternative assessments from the academe, media, and civil society presented during the U.P. Public Lectures on the Leadership and Governance of Constitutional Commissions held from December 2007 to January 2008. Among the agencies that participated in the public lectures were Commission on Audit, Civil Service Commission, Commission on Human Rights, and Commission on Elections.

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## ***IN THE PIPELINE***

### **HANDA NA BA SA AUTOMATION?**

IN ANTICIPATION of the Elections in 2010, the Center, in collaboration with the UPNCPAG Student Council and the U.P. University Student Council, will hold a forum on election automation come 24 September 2009 at the NCPAG Assembly Hall.

The forum aims to provide a venue for voters to be informed and involved parties to articulate their concerns about the planned automation of the elections next year.

Four distinguished personalities will compose the panel of speakers. Commissioner Rene V. Sarmiento of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) will discuss the process and challenges in automating elections; Ambassador Henrietta T. De Villa of PPCRV shall discuss the efforts of the PPCRV in protecting the ballot and following the paper trail; Dr. Rowena A. Cacanindin of the Department of Education (DepEd) Division of Schools in Quezon City will share the preparations for the 2010 elections as far as learning the technology; and a representative from Smartmatic International Corporation (Smartmatic) will demonstrate how to make the election automation technology work.

The public is invited to the forum.

### **U.P. PUBLIC LECTURES SERIES**

THE CENTER is gearing up for another series of public lectures on the Arroyo Administration. This will be the fourth U.P. public lecture series.

The plan is to begin the public lectures of the Cabinet in February 2010 until June 2010--with the President as the final lecturer. Each Cabinet Secretary will be given the opportunity to give a report on the performance and achievement of the agency under his/her leadership.

At the moment, the Center awaits the approval of the Office of the President on this endeavor.

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

THE CENTER has finished mapping its plan of activities and projects from September 2009 to October 2010. A comprehensive timeline of activities was prepared by Director Lily Domingo, with the CLCD staff, to ensure smooth transition in leadership come the Director's end of term in October next year. The plan of activities is ready for submission to the Dean.

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### ***INSIDE CLCD***

#### **A NEW ADDITION**

THE CENTER welcomes the newest member of the CLCD family: Don Jeffery A. Quebral. Don is a 2008 BAPA *cum laude* graduate of the NCPAG. He was chosen from among the several applicants for the position after a series of test and interviews. He is one of the five University Research Associates (URA) of CLCD.

#### **A TRIBUTE TO CORY**

THE CENTER for Leadership, Citizenship and Democracy (CLCD) paid tribute to the late President Corazon C. Aquino (Tita Cory) on 4 August 2009 at the necrological services held in Manila Cathedral. The CLCD Staff led by Director Lily Domingo were privileged to have special VIP passes to witness and take part in honoring an important figure in the Philippine democracy. *We salute you, Tita Cory!*

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