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UPDATE ON ONGOING ACTIVITIES

1. Launch of the Book on the Japanese Occupation

THE CENTER had a successful launching of the Book on World War II and the Japanese Occupation

(*Ang Aklat sa Ikalawang Digmaang Pandaigdig at ang Pananakop ng mga Hapon*) last 15 August at the NCPAG Assembly Hall. The book

editor is renowned and multi-awarded

historian Dr. Ricardo T. Jose of the U.P. History Department. The Book is the 6th in the series of the *PAMANA: The U.P. Anthology of Filipino Socio-Political Thought since 1872*.

Among those who witnessed the launching were Chancellor Sergio S. Cao, faculty members from the different UP colleges including colleagues of the author from the Department of History, students, and relatives of the author, among others.

In his remarks during the launch, Dr. Jose mentioned that the book chronicles the socio-political views of Filipinos mainly written during brief Japanese occupation that lasted for only just over three years. The writings, according to him, express sentiments

of shock and surprise, of confidence and cynicism. They show how Filipinos perceived their country and themselves; what

motivated them to fight or to collaborate. The anthology tries to

represent the various sides to the many issues and events of those years as well as their impact.



The author, Dr. Ricardo T. Jose, gave a brief introduction of the book.

Invited to share their reviews on the book were Dr. Augusto V. de Viana, Division Chief of the Research, Publication and Heraldry Division of the National Historical Institute (NHI) and Dr. Benito Legarda, president of Benleg, Inc. and Board Member of NHI.

A one-day special sale with up to 50% discount on all the Center's publications coincided with the launch.

2. First National Congress on Good Citizenship

THE CENTER is busily preparing for the First National Congress on Good Citizenship scheduled on 27-28 October 2006. The Center serves as Secretariat and Convenor for this event, together with the Good Citizenship Movement (GCM) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

The Congress hopes to gather 200 or more participants from various sectors of the country.

The event is in pursuance of Proclamation No. 828 *Declaring a Decade of Good Governance and Good Citizenship to Fight Corruption and Eradicate Poverty* signed by the President on 14 April 2005. The Congress highlights workshops for three target sectors—government, business, and civil society—to come up with a Three-Year Action Plan for their respective sectors.

3. Bilibid Leadership Training

WITH THE active participation of Dean Alex B. Brillantes, Jr., the UP-NCPAG, through the Center, is collaborating with the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG) for the conduct of a leadership training program for National Bilibid Prison (NBP) *mayores*. The Center is seeking the financial assistance of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Entitled *Capacity Building for Effective Leadership of National Bilibid Prisoner Mayores*, the training program is expected to contribute to a more accountable and rule-based justice institutions by building/enhancing the leadership capacity of cellblock leader (called *Mayor*) in managing his cellblock members.



Among those who attended the launching were (from left to right) Dr. Oscar Alfonso, the copy editor of the book, Chancellor Sergio S. Cao, Prof. Jose Endriga of NCPAG, and Dr. Luisa Camagay of the Department of History.

In connection with the training program, two consultative meetings with the *Mayores* in the medium security compound were already conducted to explore the possible assistance the UP-NCPAG could provide and to identify their training needs.

The leadership training will run every Monday for seven consecutive weeks at the Assembly Hall (Visitors' Area) of the NBP, from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m. There will be one batch of participants coming from the medium security compound. A total of 92 participants composed of 63 *mayores*, 12 elders, and 14 other leaders/officers of the school within the compound are expected to take part in the training.

The Project would be part of the GOP-UNDP CPAP for 2005 to 2009 under the Justice Reform umbrella.

4. Writing of IP Policy Briefs

IN LINE with the project on Indigenous People Governance aimed to enhance capacities of indigenous peoples/indigenous cultural communities (IPs/ICCs) to more effectively participate in local governance and to enable them to effectively engage with policy and administrative structures, the CLCD staff are currently in the process of developing policy issue briefs on five identified policy reform areas as regards IP governance. The writing of policy briefs is one of the several components of the Project. The identified themes for the Policy Reform Agenda Briefs are the following: policy reduction, education and health, livelihood assistance, ancestral domain, and sustainable development. The state of IP women will be a cross-cutting issue. After the policy briefs will have been developed, these will be presented in a comprehensive yet user-friendly format to be used for information awareness and generation of support and advocacy.

The IP Governance Project will be carried out from 2006 to 2009. Its scope will be both national and local and is being undertaken in cooperation with the Association of Schools of Public Administration of the Philippines and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, the principal duty bearer tasked to formulate and implement policies to promote and protect the rights and well-being of the IPs/ICCs.

5. Gawad Kalinga Profiling

AS ITS CONTRIBUTION to the UP-NCPAG's participation in Gawad Kalinga (GK), the Center, in collaboration with Prof. Mila Reforma and her PA 299 class, is spearheading the profiling of GK

beneficiaries. Mr. Tony Meloto of GK has linked up with the UP-NCPAG through the Center. The GK is a Philippine-based movement that envisions building 700,000 homes in 7000 communities in 7 years.

The study aims to look into the current situation of beneficiaries in GK communities after having been awarded homes through the GK Program. It will assess the changes resulting from having been granted GK homes. The study will focus on the impact of the GK program on the beneficiaries' livelihood, needs, and quality of life. The Center has finalized the survey instrument, which shall be administered by Prof. Reforma's class.

6. COMELEC Trainers Presentation of Proposals

LAST 25 AUGUST, the COMELEC invited Dir. Domingo and Ms. Nicolas to witness the presentation of the COMELEC National Pool of Trainers of their assigned session plans. Together with Commissioner Resurreccion Borra, they served as critics during the presentation. They gave frank comments/suggestions to further enhance the proposals presented. The training topics focused on Election Laws, Values Orientation, Strategic Planning and Operation Merit, and Election Management. The COMELEC National Pool of Trainers attended the Training of Trainers Program, which the Center conducted from 29-31 of May 2006.

The COMELEC is set to implement the training program nationwide in preparation for the 2007 elections.

6. CPBO Web Portal

MR. GARIE Briones, University Research Associate of the Center, attended the one-day training program on the Web Portal to be put up by the Congressional Planning and Budget Office (CPBO) of the House of Representatives. It was held last 11 August at the Tribeca Room of the Astoria Plaza in Ortigas, Pasig. To be managed by the CPBO, the web portal is expected to keep the public abreast on the bills pending at the House of Representatives. It will also serve as a repository of researches, papers, and reports of CPBO's different partner institutions such as the UNDP, the Senate of the Philippines, the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, the National Economic and Development Authority, among others, which the public may download.

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