



Newsline

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CLCD Report to the Executive Committee

HANDA NA BA SA AUTOMATION?

THE NCPAG Assembly Hall was full on 24 September 2009. Students, representatives from the academe, civil society, media and private citizens came to participate in the forum, *Elections 2010: Handa na ba sa AUTOMATION?* The Center for Leadership, Citizenship and Democracy (CLCD) sponsored the forum in partnership with the U.P. Circle of Administrators (UPCIRCA), UPNCPAG Student Council, and the U.P. University Student Council.

Distinguished personalities graced the occasion as panel members. The speakers were Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Commissioner Rene V. Sarmiento, Ambassador Henrietta T. De Villa of the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV), Dr. Rowena A. Cacanindin of the Department of Education (DepEd) Division of Schools in Quezon City, and Mr. Miguel Avila of Smartmatic International Corporation (Smartmatic).

The forum provided an in-depth understanding of the preparations for and challenges of automated elections on 10 May 2010. One of the highlights of the event was the actual demonstration of the voting and counting machine provided by Smartmatic--the contractor that won the bid to provide the technology for the coming elections. The audience eagerly participated in the demonstration and asked critical questions about the process.

Among the participants in the forum were faculty and student delegates from the Tarlac State University, San Beda College, Quezon City Polytechnic University, University of Caloocan, Ateneo de Manila University, U.P. Institute of Government and Law Reform, U.P. College of Arts and Letters, U.P. College of Mass Communication, U.P. NCPAG, and other high schools in Quezon City.

U.P. PUBLIC LECTURES SERIES

ON TUESDAY, 29 September 2009, three days after the devastating floods brought about by Typhoon Ondoy, the Center finally got a call from the Malacañan appointments office that the much-awaited meeting with the President was finally pushing through. The meeting was earlier set on Saturday, 26 September, but had to be cancelled because of the floods.

Dr. Jose V. Abueva and CLCD Director Lily Domingo met with President Arroyo about the CLCD's proposal to hold the U.P. Public Lectures on the Presidency and Administration of President Arroyo next year. After her positive response to the proposal, President Arroyo designated Mr. Dodie Limcaoco to flesh out the details of the lectures.

This will be the 4th U.P. Public Lectures on the presidency. The first was held in 1992 with President Cory C. Aquino, the second was in 1998 with President Fidel V. Ramos, and the third was in 2004 with President Arroyo, and their respective Cabinets.

The public lectures will be held beginning February next year. The final lecture will be given by the President on 18 June 2010. Each Cabinet Secretary will be given the opportunity to give a report on the performance and achievement of the agency under his/her leadership. Experts from the academe, media, and civil society will be invited to present alternative assessments.

GAWAD CES

THE CLCD submitted the final reports on the field validation of award finalists for the Gawad CES award. These were presented on 16 September 2009 to the Search Committee. Recognition of Awardees will be held later this year.

Formerly called Outstanding CEO Award, the Gawad CES is a recognition of career executive officers (CEOs) with exemplary performance in service. The Award started in 2004 and was transformed as Gawad CES through Executive Order 715 on 28 March 2008.

IN THE PIPELINE

GLOSARI, ATBP.

CLCD DIRECTOR Lily Domingo met with Dr. Jovy Peregrino of the Sentro ng Wikang Filipino on 9 September 2009. The meeting focused on the possible collaboration of CLCD with the Sentro in developing a glossary of public administration terminologies in Filipino. Other projects include the translation of articles/papers on public administration into Filipino for wider readership. This is in line with the Sentro's vision to use Filipino as the primary medium of instruction in school and official discourse.

ROTC: ATTENTION!

THE CENTER, Director and Extension Specialist Jean Nicolas, met on 10 September 2009, with UP Vanguard alumni on the possibility of conducting a survey on the perception of students about the Reserved Officers Training Course (ROTC) program in the University.

Prior to the implementation of the National Service Training Program-Civic Welfare Training Service (NSTP-CWTS), the ROTC was a required course for freshman and sophomore male students. Today, the enrollment in the ROTC is very low.

The Center has received feedback that the UP Vanguard Alumni Association has approved the plan.

MAY BUKAS PA

THE CLCD is co-sponsoring a symposium entitled: *"May Bukas Pa Ang Career Mo sa Government: A Symposium on Issues and Challenges on Career Development in Government and How They Can Be Addressed"* with the graduate classes of PA 221 (Public Personnel Administration) and PA 227 (Human Resources Development) under Professor Lily

Domingo. This aims to bring HR practitioners from the government, academe, and other stakeholders to discuss issues and challenges, and best practices on career development programs of the bureaucracy. The event originally scheduled on 30 September had to be rescheduled due to the effects of Typhoon Ondoy. The symposium is set sometime in November.

INSIDE CLCD

GIDDY!

THE CENTER is buzzing with excitement as the new members of the staff prepare to go on a fieldtrip to the printing press. Director Lily Domingo would like all the staff to be acquainted with press work and has taken the time to teach the team the various steps in the process. Aries Printhouse, where the latest CLCD publication will be printed, will be the laboratory for learning. Yahoo!

HOME, SWEET HOME!

AFTER TWELVE months of being away, Charlie Cabotaje sets foot in the CLCD office again. Cha is on a study leave to pursue a masters degree in The Netherlands. He is here for a month-long research break and is currently gathering data in Pangasinan. He is expected to report back to duty after completing his program in March 2010.

ONDOY HITS CLCD

TWO CLCD staff members from Bulacan were affected by Typhoon Ondoy. Jean Nicolas and Arlene Santiago attended graduate classes on Saturday, 26 September. Jean was stranded on campus and stayed overnight at the office. Arlene braved chest-deep flood waters to reach home. Jean had to repair her roof due to leaks caused by excessive rain and strong wind and to pump out ankle-deep flood water inside her house in Baliuag. The knee-high flood water inside Arlene's home in Malolos lasted a week. Water also entered the house of Nora Cortez but quickly subsided. Neither of them sustained serious damage or injuries.
