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## DILG ENDORSES PILG/PCLG BARANGAY SEMINARS



Participants and lecturers of the July 20-21 seminar for local government officials conducted by the Center.

The Department of Interior and Local Government has endorsed the barangay seminars conducted by the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance (PILG), in conjunction with the Pimentel Center for Local Governance (PCLG), which aim to enhance the knowhow, skills and competence of those serving the frontlines of public service.

DILG Secretary Jesse M. Robredo signed Memorandum Circular No. 2012-118 dated July 3, 2012 enjoining all city and municipal mayors, sangguniang bayan/panlungsod, punong barangays, sangguniang barangays, DILG regional directors, regional governor and field officers of the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao to allow barangay officials in their respective jurisdiction "to attend the Seminar-Workshop which covers various aspects of barangay governance."

The memorandum circular cited the training program designed by the PILG, in conjunction with PCLG, that will enable local government to officials to earn high school diplomas or baccalaureate college degrees by crediting their experiences, seminars, and additional course programs they may have already undertaken and/or

### PCLG REPORTS GAINS ON 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNIVERSARY

The Pimentel Center for Local Governance (PCLG) marked its second year anniversary of promoting good governance and leadership among the nation's barangay leaders last July 21, 2012.

At the center of the PCLG's activities, together with the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance (PILG) is the holding of regular barangay leadership seminars, at the University of Makati where the institute is based, as well as out of town sorties.

Atty. Gwendolyn Pimentel-Gana, President of PILG reported during the PCLG anniversary celebration last July 21, 2012 that 1,842 local executives have participated in 14 barangay leadership and good governance seminars.

"It is our belief that for the nation to be truly transformed, the barangays have to be involved in

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### Word from the Center

#### Despite

- > His having been a double amputee as a baby, **Oscar Pistorius**, now 24 years old, is competing in the 2012 London Olympics against able-bodied athletes in track-and-field events that start this month. He represents his country, South Africa. His triumphs over physical adversity are stuff out of which legends are made.
- > Her having been a polio victim at 4 years of age, **Wilma Rudolf** became the 'fastest woman in the World' in the '60s. She won three gold medals in various running events in the Rome Olympics of that year. Her father was a railroad porter and her mom, a housemaid. Her triumph over the obstacles of poverty and racism also speaks volumes of her indomitable spirit. She said that she

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Founding Anniversary

of the

## Pimentel Center for Local Governance

University of Makati

July 21, 2012, 6:00 PM, Pimentel Center, 4th Floor,  
Administration Building, University of Makati

### PCLG...

this effort. So we work with barangay officials to upgrade their skills and to impart to them transformational values," Pimentel-Gana in explaining the thrust of the PILG.

The Pimentel Center for Local Governance (PCLG) works hand in hand with the PILG, a private foundation, in attaining the goals of empowering the local governments.

Atty. Pimentel-Gana said the Pimentel Center for Local Governance, guided by Senator Nene Pimentel, was born from an inspiration of VP Jejomar Binay, with the support of Makati Mayor Junjun Binay.

Another key activity of the PILG/PCLG is the holding of round-table discussions with leaders in government and non-government organizations, hosted by former Senator Aquilino Nene Pimentel, Jr. who chairs the PILG.

Pimentel-Gana bared that since January 31 this year, seven Roundtable Discussions have been conducted.

The first was with Secretary Ramon Paje of the DENR on Climate Change and Geohazards.

This was followed by a Tri-Continental Roundtable Presentation on Climate Change.

The third Roundtable Discussion was on the Issue of the Spratlys. Secretary Gen-

eral Antonio Cuenco of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly was the main discussant.

In the fourth Roundtable Discussion, Energy Issues were discussed by Energy Secretary Rene Almendras.

The fifth Roundtable Discussion featured COMELEC Chairman Sixto Brillantes, who discussed the challenges facing the COMELEC today and in the future elections.

Economic Growth through Potential Business Partnerships was the topic of the sixth Roundtable Discussion. Mayor Donald Flores of Saipan was the discussant.

During the seventh Roundtable Discussion, Gawad Kalinga Chairman Tony Melo touched on Transformational Leadership and Nation Building from the perspective of Gawad Kalinga.

The Pimentel Center for Local Governance conducted a National Forum on Muslim Perspectives on the Peace Process.

This was followed by a Dialogue on Decentralization and Federalism between the Philippines and Nepal.

Other leaders have imparted their experiences, and gave valuable inputs in the seminars and round-table discussions.

Among the distinguished speakers in the past two years were: Vice President Jejomar Binay, retired Chief Justice

Puno, Defense Secretary Voltaire Gazmin, former PDEA Director General Dionisio Santiago, and Presiding Justice Francisco Villaruz of the Sandiganbayan; as well as courageous and inspiring young student Raissa Laurel, victim of bomb blast during the 2010 bar examination.

Similarly inspiring were lecturers Cong. Cynthia Villar, religious leader and lawyer Jose Villanueva and Archbishop Oscar Cruz, Pimentel-Gana said

At the same time, Atty. Pimentel-Gana reported that the PILG offers courses leading to baccalaureate and masteral degrees, in coordination with the University of Makati's College of Governance and Public Policy led by Dean Ederson Tapia, Dr. Jim Ocampo and Professor Raymund Rosuelo.

There were also innovative activities of the PILG that involved the students of the University of Makati.

With the help of UMak Faculty, the Center sponsored English Writing contest for the college students of the University and the winners in two categories were given substantial prizes, sponsored by the Senator Bong Bong Marcos.

With the active support from the university's Art Department, the Center also organized a belen contest called "Nativitihan sa UMak". Prizes for the winners were sponsored by Senators Koko Pimentel and Sonny Trillanes.

During the 2nd anniversary celebration Atty. Pimentel-Gana thanked the support of core spiritual warriors who believe in the transformation of the Philippines as God's vision for our country.

She also thanked the community in the University of Makati led by UMak President Tom Lopez, EVP Dr. Edith Chan, VP for Admin Raymund Arcega, VP for Academic Affairs Prof. Patriarca, and other officials and employees of UMak and the city government of Makati.



Atty. Gwen P. Gana, President of PILG reports on the gains and accomplishments of the Pimentel Center for Local Governance on the occasion of its 2nd anniversary last July 21.

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completed.

The memorandum circular said "The PILG aims to provide world-class education in local governance, conduct research and offer regular monthly training seminars such as 2-day Seminar-Workshop on Good Barangay Governance for National Transformation scheduled on July 20-21, 2012."

The PILG/PCLG has a pool of experienced lecturers from the government, the academe, the legal, and the church sectors who deliver the topics of the seminars over a wide range of barangay concerns.

The Institute takes its spirit and direction from former Senate President Aquilino Q. Pimentel, Jr., who was the principal author of the Local Government Code of 1991 and whose life in government service spans some forty years.

The Pimentel Institute of Leadership and Governance is a non-stock, non-profit foundation established to promote competent, ethical and innovative leadership in the public sector.

It advocates political and economic reforms needed to strengthen Philippine democracy; and engage in the national discourse on key issues that affect the lives of Filipinos that hopefully will lead to a national transformation that in turn ensures a better quality of life for all.

The DILG directive likewise urged dissemination of the PILG and PCLG address among all local government units, which is momentarily based at the 4th floor Administration Building, University of Makati along JP Rizal Extension, Makati City.

The PILG/PCLG can be reached at Tel. Nos. 882-0678 Cell No. 09175014356, or by email at [info@pimentelinstitute.org](mailto:info@pimentelinstitute.org) or at its website at [www.pimentelinstitute.org](http://www.pimentelinstitute.org).



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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR  
NO. 2012-118

July 3, 2012

TO : ALL CITY AND MUNICIPAL MAYORS, SANGGUNIANG BAYAN/PANLUNGSOD, PUNONG BARANGAY, SANGGUNIANG BARANGAY AND DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS, ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR AND FIELD OFFICERS

SUBJECT : ATTENDANCE TO SEMINAR-WORKSHOP ON GOOD BARANGAY GOVERNANCE FOR NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION

The Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance (PILG), a non-stock, non-profit organization established in CY2010, in conjunction with the Pimentel Center for Local Governance at the University of Makati, designed a training program enabling local government officials to earn a high school diploma or a baccalaureate college degree by crediting their service experience, seminars and additional course programs undertaken and/or completed.

The PILG aims to provide world-class education in local governance, conduct research and offer training seminars such as a 2-day Seminar-Workshop on Good Barangay Governance for National Transformation which is scheduled monthly starting July 20-21, 2012.

In view of this, all City and Municipal Mayors are hereby enjoined to allow their barangay officials to attend the Seminar-Workshop which covers various aspects of barangay governance.

The participants may coordinate directly with the PILG with address and contact numbers below, on the payment of the seminar fees:

Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance  
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Web: [www.pimentelinstitute.org](http://www.pimentelinstitute.org)

It is understood that seminar fees, including travelling expenses and other incidental expenses are subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and procedures and provided that, the 20% Development Fund shall not be utilized for the purpose.

All Regional Directors and Field Officers are hereby directed to disseminate this Memorandum Circular.

For compliance.



*Celebrating 20 Years of Local Autonomy in the Philippines*

**WORD...**

was inspired by her mother's constant advice that she could achieve whatever she really wanted to do.

> Her having been raised in a broken family and in poverty, and having been a victim of sexual harassment, notwithstanding, **Oprah Winfrey** is now what she is: a wealthy world celebrity in television and a philan-

thropist in the field of education.

"Education", she says, "liberated me."

With God's blessings, life is what you make of it.

Put more directly, you are the limit of what you can do.

And despite everything, life goes on.

That is why Paglaum is still around.

# RECENT PICTORIAL EVENTS



Standing (L-R): Arch. Norberto M. Nuke, Arch. Sonny Rosal, Arch. Nanette Segoria, Arch. Angeline Chua-Cha Co. Seated (L-R) Arch. Joel Rico, Prof. Nene Pimentel, Arch. Armando N. Alli . (June 26)



First Secretary, Japan Embassy Hiroataka Ono in a visit to the Center discusses with Nene Pimentel the proposal to federalize the Philippines. (June 27)



Dr. Sombat Thamrongthanyawong, President, National Institute Development Administration, Thailand receives a book on the Local Government Code authored by Prof. Nene Pimentel (left). At right is Prof. Tomas Lopez, President of the University of Makati. (June 29)



Prof. Nene Pimentel delivers an inspirational message for the city and municipal councilors graduating from the CGPP Executive Program. (June 30)



Coun. Ricojudge Echiverri, National President of the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas shares his insights on topic Public Service: Trends, Concerns and Directions of Liga ng Barangay. (July 20)



Atty. Christian Monsod discusses major concerns on the issue on mining which affects directly the lives of people on the barangays at the Center's barangay seminar. (July 20)

# Reflections After a Year at PILG

## A Privilege

By Alex Brillantes, Jr.

This sums up my one-year journey with the Pimentel Institute of Leadership and Governance and the Pimentel Center for Local Governance based at the Center of Governance and Public Policy at the University of Makati. It has been a privilege and honor to be part of the PILG family.

Actually, I believe that my own journey with the PILG started in 1986, more than 20 years since it was founded. Yes, 1986, simply because the Pimentel Center was founded upon the advocacies, ideologies and struggles of the man it has been named after, Professor Aquilino "Nene" Pimentel, Jr., nationalist, patriot, human rights advocate, protector of the underprivileged, incredibly principled, a great Filipino, "Tatay" to many of us at the PILG.

I first heard about Aquilino Q. Pimentel when I was a graduate student at the University of Hawaii in the early eighties. Pimentel was then the mayor of Cagayan de Oro City and was invited to go to an international financial institution (IFI) in Washington DC to negotiate a loan for his City. However, as I recall there were some strings attached to the loan or aid that then Mayor Pimentel could not agree since he felt these



Prof. Alex Brillantes, Jr.

conditions were prejudicial to his constituents in Cagayan de Oro. This IFI said that if this were the case, they could not provide the financial assistance sought by the City. The news item reported that Mayor Pimentel then told them that, if this were the case, they could keep their dollars and he went home! This act characterized the public service of this man: principled, non-conformist, and with the interests of the people who elected him always his primordial concern. It was also then that I thought that this man should be President of the Philippines.

Since then I have followed the career of Pimentel, a freedom fighter, one who sacrificed and walked the talk of nationalism and service to the people. He was imprisoned by the Marcos dictatorship several times. When Mayor Pimentel was ordered arrested and ousted by the Marcos administration, the first people power in the Philippine occurred when the citizens of Cagayan de Oro went out to the streets and demanded his release.

It was in 1986 when Pimentel was appointed Minister of Local Government by President Aquino. At one point after the EDSA revolution, he had the opportunity to run for vice president and would have won. But he stuck to his principles.

In the nineties, Senator Pimentel authored the Local Government Code that radically transformed the nature of national-local relations with the massive transfer of powers, functions and responsibilities to the local governments. It is no exaggeration to say that the Local Government Code started a politico-administrative revolution in the countryside unleashing

the potentials in the countryside long held hostage by a centralized government. It is still an unfinished revolution. The struggle for autonomy continues. And Senator Nene – with the PILG – remains at the forefront of the struggle. In our small way we at the University of the Philippines, and also at the Local Government Academy, supported the advocacies to empower sub-national governments. This is based on our desire and ideology that an authentic system of decentralization under a regime of local autonomy is a major way that would bring about development and transformation.

As a student of public administration and governance, based on our own studies we have come to the conclusion that reform efforts towards the elusive goal of development and transformation should be targeted at the following areas: reform institutions, structures and processes; and *reform paradigms, mindsets and even values*. However, these have to be reinforced by a committed and transformed leadership and



Prof. Nene Pimentel

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active citizen engagement and participation.

As a fellow of the PILG, I have seen how these reform areas have been incorporated in the advocacies to transform local governance, and how these have been incorporated in the many seminars and workshops conducted for local officials, including councilors and barangay captains and kagawads. *What I love most about being part of the PILG family is the emphasis on the imperatives to bring about reforms at the level of values and the importance of leadership.* For instance, a key message of the seminar workshops for the barangays is the need to transform the mindsets and values if we are to bring about sustained changes. For one Professor Nene himself has always said that Public Service is actually a calling, not dissimilar to public service being a vocation. Reforms must begin with the self and must come from within. Public service should be marked by integrity, commitment, compassion, honesty and selflessness. Pimentel knows from whereof he speaks considering that these are the very same traits that characterized his over four decades of public service as a Mayor, delegate to the constitutional convention, member of the Batasan, as a cabinet member (Minister / Secretary of Local Government), as Senator and as Senate President. Senator Nene points at his models of public service: Jesus Christ himself, who showed humility when he washed the feet of his apostles, and Mahatma Gandhi of India who led the non-violent movement for resistance to the British colonies, and Mother Teresa of Calcutta who has always said that “if you cannot feed a hundred, feed one.”

A very inspiring module included in the seminar workshop for barangays is Pastor King Flores’ SAHIG approach to governance and leadership. He emphasized what he called “five non-negotiable core values of servanthood: Sacrifice, Accountability, Humility, Integrity, Generosity. During the seminars, these are very



**Pastor King Flores**

passionately explained by Pastor King Flores as follows: **Sacrifice:** great leaders never desire to lead but to serve. They have a purpose, not only to live for but to die for. **Accountability:** Great leaders are responsible and they act simply as stewards, not owners. **Humility:** is knowing who you are, and accepting it without boasting. Do not overshoot. Do not undershoot, he counsels. **Integrity:** is wholeness in being who you are whether in public or alone. A high commitment to integrity is the basis of trust. Trust is earned, not acquired. Qualified not qualipaid, he quips. Then the last attribute is **Generosity:** it involves being a blessing because this is your assignment from creator of the universe.

The very enthusiastic sharing of Architect Roy Carandang is always a hit among our participants. Architect Roy talks about transformation that is a process of going through paradigm shifts that leads to the eradication of systemic poverty. It is not just a personal change, but applies corporately to groups, communities and entities, including of course barangays, cities and provinces. It is a complete positive turnaround in the whole of human life (ecomincally, motivationally, spirituality and relationally. It is rediscovering our true identity as human beings created in the image of God and finding our true vocation as productive stewards, faithfully caring for our world and its people. Then there is the powerful discussion on Ethics by the very authoritative – yet incredibly humble - Archbishop



**Architect Roy Carandang**

Oscar Cruz, whose combination of wisdom, experience, wit and humor has always been a favorite among our barangay officials.

The modules offered by the PILG do not remain at the level of theory. Guided by these core values, actual practices at the local level are operationalized. These include the evolution of the barangay by Atty. Gwen Gana; Barangay Powers, Funds and Local Legislation by Professor Eleuterio Dumugho (“the grandfather of the Local Government Code”); Barangay Justice by Atty Luigi Gana; Smart and good practices among barangays by Jimmy Ocampo; Pillars of Good Governance by Dean Ederson Tapia; and Barangay Art by Professor Acel German. We also have guest speakers who have zeroed in on specific themes such as on mining by former Comelec Chair Christian Monsod and now Chair of Climate Change Congress of the Philippines. Hence, the healthy combination of theory and practice – praxis – mark the seminars at the PILG. Liza Ting and Pastor Hugh Nguyen have always located the delivery of these modules within the context of transformational leadership and values reorientation. Coylee Gamboa continues to provide the framework for many of the seminar workshops.

And of course, at PILG we have our silent team of dedicated workers: the ever patient and intelligent Clarisse Aquino, Carla Caringal, Maelyn Caliso, and Nelson De Los Santos.

The PILG also has featured roundtable discussions as part of its continuing advocacy for



**Archbishop Oscar Cruz**

transformational leadership. For me one of the most inspiring times this year was being in the same room with two paragons of transformational leadership of our time: Nene Pimentel himself and Gawad Kalinga founder Antonio Meloto.

Being, and working with our brothers and sisters at PILG has always been an *edifying experience*. They build each other up. They are not self righteous, not judgmental. Yet they remain grounded and firm. We all get our inspiration and guidance from our Tatay supported by our ever inspiring and encouraging Nanay Bing who not only inspires us with her art but also the way she supports the Senator.

It has been a year since I have been part of the PILG family. And longer still, since we have been among the millions of Filipinos that have been blessed and inspired by the public service career of Nene Pimentel, a Great Filipino. Someone who has always chosen the path less travelled. That’s why he rejected that dollars dangled by the IFI where others would have grabbed it!

My favorite verse in the bible is Romans 12: 1,2: “Do not be conformed to this world but be a new and different person with a fresh newness inside. Then you will learn from your own experience how His ways will satisfy you.” This verse has been true for me as I reflect on my one year at PILG, working with Tatay Nene Pimentel and the PILG family. Advocates of change from within. Different persons. People with a fresh newness inside. Non conformists. What a privilege!

# UNIVERSITY OF MAKATI ACTIVITIES

By Reneliza M. Ferrer

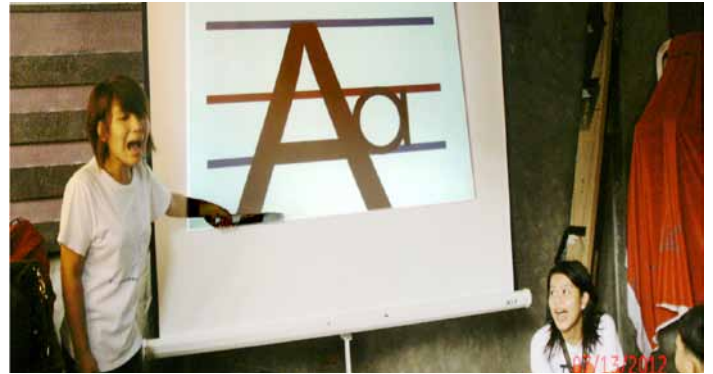
## UMAK-CESELE OPERATION SHOE BOX



The Center for Extension Service, Entrepreneurial and Livelihood Education-League of UMak-Student Volunteers with Prof. Corazon Benozza of the College of Computer Science in partnership with Philcox recently distributed the adopted children of UMak-CESELE at Taytay, Rizal. The Shoe Box contains various school supplies, candies, clothes and some hygienic products

for children ages 2-10 years old. The forty adopted children of UMak-CESELE and International Baptist Church for Literacy Training Program (Reading and Writing) received the shoe box during the Distribution Ceremony conducted last 1 JULY 2012. Present during the ceremony were the Director of the Center, Prof. RENELIZA M. FERRER, members of the League of UMak Volunteers, Corps of Sponsors, Pastor Bernabe Betero, Mr. Norman Yanson and Onesimus Members.

## READING AND WRITING SESSIONS EVERY THURSDAY WITH LUV-STUDENT VOLUNTEERS



## OATH TAKING OF LEAGUE OF UMAK-FACULTY AND STUDENTS ELECTED OFFICERS



LAUNCHING OF UMAK-CESELE AND INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST CHURCH LITERACY TRAINING PROGRAM: READING AND WRITING SESSIONS FOR THE FORTY (40) CHILDREN OF BARANGAY DAMAYAN, FLOODWAY-



## LEAGUE OF UMAK VOLUNTEERS 4TH ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY



The importance of having sustainable and reliable outreach programs. Since the establishment of the LUV last 2008, LUV has helped CESELE to conduct various outreach programs inside and outside Metro Manila. Recently, the CESELE has also made a partnership with non-government organizations such as Gawad Kalinga-Taguig City and International Baptist Church, Taytay. In addition, the CESELE has already adopted the Buck Estate National High School, at Rodeo Hills, Alfonso, and Cavite.

For almost four years now, the LUV has been the only organization in the University that strongly promotes the advancement of volunteerism among the members of the UMAk community. Furthermore, it is the only known organization which membership extends to the Faculty and Administration, Non-teaching staff which makes the LUV a dynamic organization. This year, the LUV-Student and Faculty have elected officers for AY 2012-2013.

The League of UMak-Student Volunteers has recently conducted its 4th Annual General Assembly at the Mini-theater last July 11, 2012. Present during the event were the LUV consultant and Executive Vice President, Dr. Edita I. Chan, Higher School Executive Director, Dr. Milagros Lourdes M. Torres, Adviser and CESELE Director, Prof. Reneliza M. Ferrer. The student membership of the LUV has grown from 108 last year to almost 500 this year and still counting. The new members come from the College of Business Administration, College of Technology Management, College of Governance and Public Policy, College of Computer Science and College of Arts, Sciences and Education.

During the assembly, Dr. Chan and Dr. Torres accentuated in their speech, the



## ADOPT A COMMUNITY PROGRAM: AETA'S COMMUNITY AT PASBUL-KAMIAS, PORAC, PAMPANGA

UMak-CESELE Kabalikat Program, under the propitious leadership of Dir. Ferrer, shall adopt a community of our fellow Aeta's community in Pasbul-Kamias, Porac, Pampanga. This is yet the biggest venture of the Center and the first of its kind undertaking in the University. An ocular visit was held last June 27, 2012 to assess the area and the needs of its people. Present during the said visit were the Director of CESELE and Adviser of League of UMak Volunteers, Prof. Reneliza M. Ferrer, and Executive Director of Design Center for Nation Building, Prof. Analie T. Sancho, LUV Coordinator, Ms. Mary Ann Soronio and LUV Assistant Adviser and SSG Vice President for External Affairs Mr. Ryan Andrew F. Dela Luna. The UMak delegation were given a warm welcome by the Office of the Municipal Mayor led by the Executive Assistant, Mr. Ronnel Dela Cruz and the Barangay Captain of Aeta's community in Pasbul-Kamias, Porac Pampanga.

The group of Mr. Ronnel Dela Cruz with Barangay Captain of Pasbu-Kamias helped the UMak delegation to de-

termine which existing Aeta's community will be adopted. After a thorough discussion at the Office of the Municipal Mayor, the group left the municipal hall to visit Barangay Pasbul and Kamias with eagerness in their eyes. After an exhilarating and bumpy ride and almost an hour of mountain hiking, the team finally arrived its destination at Barangay Pasbu-Kamias. The team was welcomed by the daughter of Barangay Captain and explained to the delegation that despite the cultural differences of the Aeta's to the lowland settlers, our fellow Aeta's are now much willing to learn the new ideas and practices in our country today. The UMak delegation was toured by the natives and by Mr. Ronnel Dela Cruz in their community and to the only accessible Elementary and High School in the area which is managed by the Department of Education. Numerous students welcomed the delegation with smile on their faces. The group left the community with a vow to return and bring with them the help that they need which will assist them in coping with the rapid changes of our country.

