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NURTURING THE BENEFITS OF AUTONOMY



Prof. Nene Pimentel as a Plenary Speaker at the 5th National Conference of the Association of the Local Colleges and Universities Committee on Accreditation. The affair took place on October 24 at the Mini Theater University of Makati. Spotted at the front row are the Committee President Dr. Adelina Patriarca (back turned to camera), Dean Dalisay Brawner, and seated at the center 3rd row is Taguig City University President Lutz Barbo.

CITY-BARANGAY RELATIONS: A CHALLENGE TO COORDINATION NOT CONFRONTATION FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

By Dr Jaime G. Ocampo

Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim urged barangay leaders to “focus on coordination, not confrontation, with their respective city and municipal officials at the two day seminar on good barangay governance for national transformation conducted by the Pimentel Center for Local Governance of the University of Makati at the World Trade Exchange Building at Binondo Manila last Oct. 19 and 20.

The Mayor stressed the special bond that connect the Mayor and the barangay officials. Barangay is the smallest level but an independent body of the LGU. It acts as

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Word from the Center

Everybody should support the effort of the government to look for a peaceful settlement of the Moro rebellion in Muslim Mindanao.

The Framework Plan for Peace that the Executive Department has signed with the MILF is a new beginning. It is, by no means, a guarantee that the elusive peace that we have all been longing for will now be achieved today.

Much more needs to be done.

For one, Congress has to flesh out the plan so that it will become all inclusive and the just demands of the Moro peoples, the Lumads, and the non-Muslims in the conflict areas will be addressed.

And for another, the people who will be covered by the

Plan would have to approve it in a plebiscite called for that purpose.

Then if certain provisions of the Constitution need to be amended, then the citizens of the land must also give their consent.

We have a long way to go before peace will finally reign in the land of the Mindanons.

But there’s light at the end of the tunnel. And we need to make that light shine brighter so that we can finally give what is due to the Muslim peoples of Mindanao. They are, after all, our brothers and sisters through our Father Abraham or better still because they are children of the same God who created all human beings.

YESTERDAY, AUSCHWITZ AND HIROSHIMA! TODAY, TAMPAKAN AND PADCAL

By Nene Pimentel

Historically, some places remind us of the evil that men had done to their fellow human beings.

The mere mention of the Nazi prison camp, Auschwitz, and Hiroshima immediately conjures up images of what probably are the cruellest examples of man’s inhumanity to man.

Those horrible offenses against humanity took place more than half a century ago in the aftermath of World War II. But they should never be forgotten if only to make sure that mankind would never repeat such tragedies.

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SEMINAR TACKLES BARANGAY BUDGET

By Clarisse Aquino

One of the important functions of every barangay in the country is to enact their annual budget.

The barangay budget is the local counterpart of the national budget, that congress enacts each year, known as the general appropriations law.

In the barangay, the funds that come to the barangay coffers are also subjected to a budget process to properly allocate the funds for projects that were beneficial to their barangay constituents.

The regular seminar for good barangay governance of the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance inserted in its menu of topics a workshop on the barangay budget.

In this activity, facilitated by lawyer Jay Dejaresco, a fellow of the PILG, the participants familiarized the legal framework of the barangay budget process.

The main goal of the workshop was for the participants to be able prepare a sample budget for a barangay.

Barangay budgeting is one of the most important functions of elected barangay officials.

The barangay budget process is mandated under Republic Act No. 7160 or the Local Government Code particularly in Sections 329 to 334, as

every barangay is tasked to enact an annual budget.

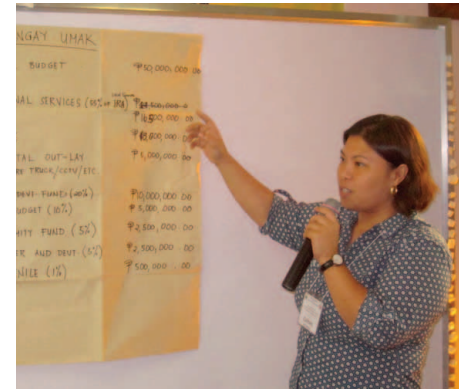
According to the local government code, "the punong barangay shall pre-

pare the barangay budget for the ensuing fiscal year and submit the annual barangay budget to the sangguniang barangay for legislative enactment."

Participants discuss their proposed budget during the workshop.



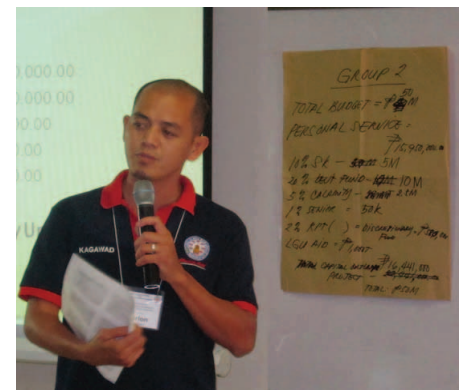
Barangay Captain Sally Li Dy.



Barangay Captain Carmen Mendoza.



Barangay Treasurer Edeliza Enverga.



Barangay Councilor Hilarion Eborra.



Atty. Jay Dejaresco, Fellow of the Pimentel Institute, and Editor-in-Chief of Paglaum, discusses how to prepare barangay budgets according to the Local Government Code at the barangay seminar on Oct. 19, at the World Trade Exchange Building, Binondo, Manila.



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CITY...

the primary planning and implementing unit of government policies, plans, programs, prospects and activities in the community and as a form wherein the collective views of the people may be expressed, capitalized and considered and where disputes may be amicably settled.

In contrast, the city government serves as general –purpose government for the coordination and delivery of basic, regular and direct services and effective governance of the inhabitants within its territorial jurisdiction.

The city mayor, Mayor Lim said, operates to manage the existence of the barangays for delivering effective governance to the people. This is backed up by the legal framework of the Local Government Code that ordains the city mayor “shall exercise general supervision over component barangays to ensure that said barangays act within the scope of their prescribed powers and functions (LGC, section 32).

The LGC likewise provides, the Mayor added, the bases for monitoring healthy working relationship and coordination between and among city officials and the barangays.

Among the manifestations presented by Mayor Lim, in his coordinative relationships with the city barangay were:

1. The existence of check and balance measures proves that the Mayor and the city barangays work on the same field. However, if irritants, dispute on disagreement brew into confrontation, barangay officials cling to their autonomy issue while the Mayor will insist on his power to supervise and sometimes abuse his preventive suspension power.

2. The Mayor involves the barangays in developing plans, programs and

strategies to the management and implementation of the related programs and projects of the city. This is done by visiting barangays so he can personally find out their conditions and how the city government can help solve their problems to attain a better quality of life.

3. He has adapted a policy of non interference in barangay affairs. The barangays are given a free hand in formulating their own policies, in passing their budgets and management of their affairs especially in their government procurement process. He never dictates what project they should undertake, he only provides them technical assistance, training and advise.

4. He gives the barangay officials the full privilege to manage their barangay affairs by transforming he automatically to the account of the barangays their IRA and Red Property Tax shares. He does not meddle with the funds of barangays.

5. Programs and projects of the national government are properly coordinated with the Manila Barangay Bureau as the coordinating agency which has about 120 plantilla employees under it to effectively exercise general supervision of the 896 barangays of Manila.

6. He calls the attention of the barangay officials to stop whatever excesses or abuse they commit.

7. The city government of Manila puts much emphasis on recognizing and validating exemplary performanc-



Manila Mayor Fred Lim explains that the proper relationship between the barangays and the city administration should be one of coordination, not confrontation.(October 20)

es of its barangays officials. It awards them with certificates of Recognition or Commendation for every heroic act or best practices performed.

According to Robert Denhardt (2007), the primary role of the public servant is to help citizens articulate and meet their mutual interests rather than to attempt to control or steer society in new directions. This is the essence of the principle of what they call “The New Public Service”. In order to solve the prevailing problems in the City –Barangay Relations, the following approaches on new public service should be adopted:

1. There should be an honest to goodness exercise of the oversight functions over barangay administration and development.

2. Strengthen the need for city executive to provide more support to the barangay justice system.

3. Institutionalize participatory governance through barangay political dialogue or general assembly that provides venue to allow the barangay residents to actively participate and articulate their voices in local and city issues.

4. Adopt a policy of barangay clustering or consolidation of barangays to transcend political boundaries.

5. Enhance service delivery by the city to benefit the barangay and all constituents. But a more functional and responsive city –barangay relations can be easily attainable if solutions to the issues and problems are identified and implemented.



Mayor Alfredo Lim (in yellow shirt) receives a citation from PILG Chair Nene Pimentel, witnessed by seminar participants. At his left is Manila councilor Lou Veloso.(October 20)

RECENT PICTORIAL EVENTS



Coylee Gamboa, a Fellow of the Center, discusses profile writing with students of University of Makati. The writing workshop seeks to improve writing skills of students of UMak. (September 26)



Prof. Nene Pimentel (middle) explains his proposal for a federal system of government at the Forum on Citizen's Participation on Constitutional Reform at the House of Representative. (October 9)



Desu Go who provided the venue of the barangay seminar at the World Trade Exchange Center receives a certificate of appreciation from Pastor King Flores and Prof. Nene Pimentel. Pastor Hugh Nguyen looks on. (October 20)



Coylee Gamboa receives a birthday cake from PILG Secretary Clarisse Aquino at the Center. (October 24)



Prof. Nene Pimentel receives the certificate of appreciation from the officers of the ALCU-COA led by its President Dr. Adelina Patriarca (October 24)



Prof. Nene Pimentel speaks at the Public and Private Partnership Manila Conference 2012 at the Asian Development Bank, Mandaluyong City. (October 24)

MANILA HOSTS PILG BARANGAY SEMINAR

By Jay Dejaresco

The regular barangay seminar for good governance of the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance (PILG) held its October training for the first time in Manila exclusively for barangay officials of the city.

Thirty seven (37) barangay officials from five of Manila's barangays led by their respective punong barangays, honed their skills in good barangay governance for two days last October 19-20, held at the tenth floor of the World Trade Center in Binondo.

The barangay seminar for good governance aims not only to improve the knowhow of barangay officials in running the affairs of the barangay, but also seeks moral transformation among public officials while performing their public duties, emphasizing on doing what is right for their constituents.

The participants in the Manila Seminar were:

From Barangay 247: Sally Li Dy, Barangay Chairman, Joseph Chan, Kagawad, Shaun Henry Li Dy, SK Chairman.

From Barangay 631: Irene R. Rillo, Barangay Chairman;



Some participants pose with barangay seminar discussants (seated left to right) Dr. Elmie Domondon, MD, Dr. Norma Camunay, Dr. Jimmy Ocampo, Prof. Nene Pimentel, Archbishop Oscar Cruz, Pastor King Flores, and Barangay Chair Carmen Mendoza.

Kagawads Teresa Aquino, Francisca Datuin, Ferdinand Perez, Jose Crisanto Olaso, Benito Suarez, Monchito Dinonlay, Francisco Afafe Jr., SK Chair Rhon Ymil Ilagan, Barangay Treasurer Marivic Brito and Yvette Grace Abrigo their Barangay Secretary.

From Barangay 635: Tere-sita Domingo, Barangay Chairman; Barnagay Kagawads An-

nabelle Villaflores, Felicitas Rejuso, Geraldine Domingo, Paolo Mark Dela Cruz, Carmen Ferrer, Agapito Villaflores, Edito Ascaño Jr., SK Chair Jenecis Villaflores, Barantgay Treasurer Danilo San Bueno, and Baragnay Secretary Loreta Ascaño.

From Barangay 636: Arnold Chan, Barangay Chairman, Barangay Kagawads Ricardo

Navarro, Azucena Pemanente, Eufemia Tuldac, Hilarion Eborra, and Barangay Treasurer Jeffrey Liban.

From Barangay 847: Carmen Mendoza, Barangay Chairman Barangay Kagawads Ruben Flores Jr., Ma. Josefa Arcenal, Lorena Santos, Barangay Treasurer Edeliza Enverga, and Barangay Secretary Belen Hapa.



STREET ART FOR THE MASSES

Commentary

People's Tonight, October 23, 2012

By Winston A. Marbella

“Nakakain ba ang art? Does art really improve our quality of life?” With these words Prof. Acel German begins her lecture at the good governance class for barangay officials of the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance, which Mayor Alfredo Lim invited to Manila.

The institute, named for former Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr., has been training barangay officials in the craft of good governance. The class on barangay art is one of its innovative approaches.

Professor German continues, “Many Filipinos share the belief that “Art is the monopoly of the elite and that one can never appreciate art when the stomach is empty.

“But, there are studies proving that art engagement improves individual health, psychological

well-being, skills and creativity.”

Professor German adds, “Art regenerates the community ... the people involved feel an increased sense of pride and appreciation of their town.”

Key concerns

She cautions that “Sustainability of art projects depends to a great extent on the sense of local ownership. Involving the community in the art projects gives them a sense of ownership of the project. They begin to care for it and values its sustainability.”

To ensure success, she advises the communities to explore available talents, manpower, materials and art spaces.

“Art programmers must be sensitive in spotting raw talent from among a group of fishermen, drivers, mothers,”



Prof. Acel German highlights the significance of promoting art in the barangays.

she says.

Multi-sectoral collaboration is also essential: “Involve the church, youth organizations, women’s groups, local associations,” she advises.

Partnerships

“Partnership with the business sector is encouraged,” she says. “Arts attract investments. By improving a community’s image, people may feel

more confident about investing in the community.”

She suggests several barangay art ideas that would be easy to implement:

Storytelling

“Planners can explore community values creatively through storytelling,” she says.

“Storytelling allows people to present ideas



Mural Art



Street Art

about place and experience and to define their roles in those contexts.”

She adds: “As a creative tool, storytelling helps planners understand how people in the community are seeing, have seen, and would like to see their location.”

Mural art

“Mural art as an engagement technique can be applied in settings such as celebrations of history, commemorations, and educational events. Community members can paint in small groups, perhaps with the guidance of an artist or planner,” she suggests.

“Sketching or art contests can involve the public in urban design,” she says.

“Urban design can encompass a broad range of elements (e.g. street furniture, waiting shed, signage, entryways, parks, and plazas) It can be helpful to call for sketches and art ideas from the public for a specific project type.”

Sari-sari stores

“Instead of lewd posters promoting liquors, barangay leaders can en-



Enigmata Treehouse in Camiguin is a showcase of art being promoted in the barangay level.

courage store owners to beautify their stores,” she says.

She also suggests creative signage for doors and gates in the community, and using art for environmental advocacy like recycling.

As creative examples of local art galleries, she cites the following: the Enigmata Treehouse, Camiguin Island, and Fundacion Pacita Natures Lodge in Basco, Batanes, a tribute to international artist Pacita



Fundacion Pacita Natures Lodge in Basco, Batanes.

Abad, who hails from Batanes.

For easy-to-manage art programs, she suggests kite flying, a paper lantern festival, and a sand art festival.

Even the Internet can be mobilized for art programs: “Optimize the use of the new media,” she urged the participants. “Join the Google Earth sketch-up project.”

Institute of integrity

The Pimentel Institute was established two years ago to make available programs that promote good governance down to the barangay level. Mayor Lim has engaged Pimentel to conduct a series of seminars for Manila barangay officials

Pimentel, who authored the landmark Local Government Code while still a senator, is the institute’s guiding light.

YESTERDAY...

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Today, some parts of our country are being subjected to the horrors of devastation, not of war, but of indiscriminate mining activities.

Already the natural beauty of the rolling hills and mountains of Tampakán in South Cotabato are being scarred. And the toxic wastes spilling out of a leaking tailing pond of a mining company threaten the health and the lives of the residents in and around Padcal, Benguet.

In Tampakán, the provincial government of South Cotabato has spoken out against the deleterious practices of the mining companies operating in the area.

In Padcal, the Department of Energy and Natural Resources has taken up the cudgels for the people.

In both instances, though, positive relief from the wasting of the environment to alleviate the plight of the people concerned is still the subject of argumentation and debate between the government and the mining companies.

It is time the whole nation gets into the act and speaks out as one against the destruction of the environment in Tampakán and Padcal.

If we don’t, before we know it, we would be grooming a generation of zombies, ogres and deformed creatures who can hardly qualify as human beings created by a loving God to have care and dominion of the earth.



CESELE-KABALIKAT PROJECT: Lingkuran/Katuwang sa Paglilingkod sa Bayan



By Lhiza M. Ferrer

MEDICAL MISSION IN PASBUL-KAMIAS PORAC, PAMPANGA



The University of Makati, Center for Extension Service, Entrepreneurial and Livelihood Education (CESELE) conducted a Medical Mission and distributed Two Hundred Eight (208) School Bags with school supplies/hygiene kit for Aeta's children ages 3 to 7 in Pasbul-Kamias, Porac Pampanga on September 22, 2012. The KABALIKAT project is intended to give medical health services to the Katutubo "Aeta's" community in Pasbul-Kamias, Porac Pampanga.

The project is included in the CESELE's Annual Investment Plan for University's Community-Based Development Program that is in line with the 112th Celebration of the government's Civil Service Month. Our partner agen-



cies are the Alfonso Yuchengco Foundation, Philippine Charity Sweepstakes, Planet Earth Drug Store, Philippine Navy, Makati Social Welfare Department and Colgate Palmolive c/o Dr. Mique. The League of UMak-Student Volunteers, University Student News and Current Affairs (USNCA). The Filipino Department also supported the project by donating school supplies led by Dr. Loreta E. Catipon, Head, Filipino department.

Hon. Condralito de la Cruz, Mayor of Municipality of Porac assisted UMak-CESELE in providing medical doctors and his staff that made the mission possible. Around 200 to 250 people benefited from the free consultations and free medicines.

VOLUNTEER MEDICAL DOCTORS AND THEIR PATIENT'S

