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VP BINAY'S VISION: AN OFW BY CHOICE



Vice President Jejomar Binay (at the podium) expresses hope and confidence Filipinos will no longer be driven to work abroad out of poverty and necessity, but because they voluntarily choose to. Binay was the speaker at a Forum on OFWs at the University of Makati last January 25. Seated listening are Jun Aguilar, leader of a world-wide OFW organization, Ms. Mache Torres, President of Rotary Makati Uptown, Prof. Nene Pimentel and Dean Ederson Tapia.

KOREANS VISIT PCLG

By Jay Dejaresco

Visiting professors from the Seoul National University in South Korea participated in a roundtable discussion on "Decentralization and Local Governance" with the officers and fellows of the Pimentel Center for Local Governance, the college of governance and Public Policy of the University Makati and the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance (PILG) last June 21.

The dialogue centered in exchanges of experience between the Philip-

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Word from the Center

TIME WILL TELL

Looks like the election fever has taken over the flu season in the country that the last three 'ber' months of 2012 had brought to many of our people.

At the start of the New Year, politicians of all stripes have started to talk of their own candidacies and of others they are supporting in preparation of the May 2013 polls.

The Comelec has come into the picture by announcing all kinds of banned election activities and threatening those who violate Comelec's dictums with the fires of hell.

From the sidelines, we can only wish that the Comelec would be true to its word.

There is reason, however, to doubt the Comelec's determination to cleanse its ranks of officials and employees who commit blatant election anomalies.

One glaring example is the case of Cagayan de Oro City Comelec Director, Atty. Gina Luna Zayas-Sabio. She was charged with having been remiss in the discharge of her duties that enabled individuals associated with the City Mayor

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We look forward to the day when Filipinos will be overseas workers by choice and no longer by necessity.

This was the vision outlined by Vice President Jejomar C. Binay when he spoke in a forum on Overseas Filipino Workers at the University of Makati Friday January 25.

The forum on OFWs, sponsored by the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance (PILG), the Pimentel Center for Local Governance (PCLG), the College for Governance and Public Policy invited the vice president to give an update of the government's efforts in looking out for the welfare of Filipinos working abroad.

After the 2010 elections, the vice president was appointed by President Benigno C. Aquino III as presidential adviser on overseas workers affairs.

Vice President Binay bared
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the sad plight of many Filipinos, even until today, who leave the country in droves by necessity borne by the lack of economic opportunities in the country.

Because of this necessity, many fall victim to human trafficking which lead many of our fellow Filipinos to suffer hardships abroad and are forced to work in unfair labor and living conditions.

He explained that the influx of Filipinos forced to work abroad has spawned other problems like the problem of undocumented workers.

Undocumented Overseas Filipino Workers suffer a disadvantage because they cannot avail of government benefits in the event they would need assistance from the government.

He disclosed it is almost impossible to track down the exact number of overseas Filipinos because many are undocumented and therefore cannot be accounted for by the government.

Many leave the Philippines as tourists, only to end up as forced laborers or workers suffering from dire disadvantages in their wages and benefits.



VP Binay (left) explains that his "priority is to curb human trafficking so no OFW will have to suffer while working abroad."

He said undocumented workers usually fly to visa-free countries because of the ease in reaching such destinations.

Binay however said the government has taken strides in reversing the situation by stamping out criminal syndicates engaged in human trafficking.

He also bared that his office coordinates regularly with governors of provinces where there may be incidents of human trafficking so that the local governments can also take action in helping rid their areas of human trafficking syndicates.

The vice president stressed that local governments can be a vital partner in efforts to curb the incidence of human trafficking.

He also acknowledged non government groups who have been active in helping the government attend to the welfare of overseas workers and prevent innocent young Filipinos from falling prey to syndicates.

At the same time, Binay also said that efforts are being made to coordinate the different cabinet departments of the government so that problems of overseas Filipino workers will be attended to in a more efficient manner.

He said that it has been the mission of our government to live in a day where Filipinos who leave our country to work would be out of their choice, and not because of survival or necessity.

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to dump election paraphernalia into the city's garbage site in the 2010 elections.

The incident was seasonably discovered by the City's Parish Pastoral Council and denounced by concerned citizens.

Nothing seems to have been done about it. To the best of the Center's information, she is awaiting a new assignment apparently like the other Comelec officials who were involved with the massive rigging of the 2007 elections in Maguindanao and other areas.

Should the people merely twiddle their thumbs and hope for the best - while expecting the worst - from the Comelec, the agency entrusted by the Constitution and by the laws of the land to make the nation's elections clean, honest and credible?

Only time will tell.



Vice President Jejomar Binay (4th from right) receives a plaque of appreciation from the Pimentel institute for Leadership and Governance President Gwen Gana (3rd from left) as Dr. Norma Camunay, Juvy de la Cruz, Jun Aguilar, Mâché Torres, Dean Tapia and Prof. Nene Pimentel look on.



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KOREANS

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piners and South Korea on the area of expanding local governance in their respective countries.

The visiting South Korean professors were Prof. Soon Eun Kim, Prof. Huck-ju Kwon and Ms. Eunju Kim.

They are visiting the Philippines, meeting with the counterparts in the academe like the University of the Philippines, seeking to observe the progress and development of decentralization in the Philippines.

Prof. Aquilino Nene Pimentel Jr., Chair of the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance gave a powerpoint briefing on the history, development of local autonomy and decentralization in the Philippines.

The Philippines carved inroads in the progress of empowering local governments as a result of the enactment of the local government code in 1991.

Under the local government code, there has been deconcentration of admin-



Professor Soon Eun Kim of Seoul University (seated center) explains the challenges faced by South Korea in matters of decentralization of government power. Among his audience are Prof. Nene Pimentel Jr. (seated); Prof. Alex Brillantes, PILG Fellow; former Supreme Court Justice Minita Chico-Nazario, and former Justices of the Sandiganbayan Cristina Estrada, and Raoul Victorino.

istrative powers from the national government, as well as devolution of powers to the various local government units.

The visiting professors in Korea acknowledged the challenges that are faced in spreading out governmental power from the national to the local governments in the country.

Prof. Soon Eun Kim disclosed that many national officials in Korea find it

difficult sharing powers with local executives.

Prof. Pimentel meanwhile, noted the differences in the geographical terrain between the two countries, which may be a factor in the thrusts to push for greater autonomy to local governments.

While Korea is a huge land mass, the Philippines on the other hand is mainly archipelagic which makes it more suitable for individual local govern-

ments to chart the pathways to progress of their respective areas of jurisdictions.

The local government code has been cited as one of the principal laws that have sparked development in the country sides as local government officials have been given ample powers under the law to develop their territories without intervention from the national government.



The first round table discussion for 2013 tackled the progress and development of local autonomy, decentralization in the Philippines and South Korea joined by distinguished professors from Seoul University, held at the PILG seminar hall at the 4th floor University of Makati Administration Building. (January 21)



The Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance presents plaques of appreciation to a visiting delegation of professors from Seoul University who observed the decentralization efforts of the government in favor of local government units.

RECENT PICTORIAL EVENTS



Juniors' talk. Senator Ferdinand 'Bongbong' Marcos Jr., chair of the Senate committee on local governments gets some insights from Prof. Nene Pimentel Jr., principal author of the Local Government Code of the Philippines. (January 14)



Professor Nene Pimentel Jr., and friends receive guests from Australia who paid a visit at the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance. (January 16)



Senator Bongbong Marcos poses with the family of the late Eleuterio Terry Dumogho, principal adviser of the Senator for the local government committee. (January 16)



Four rolling kusinas were formally turned over by Joseph Haresco, son of Kasangga Partylist Rep. Teodorico Haresco to the Pimentel Institute through Prof. Nene Pimentel Jr., for piloting in selected LGUs. (January 16)



Professors from Seoul University exchanged experience on local autonomy during the PILG round table talks on decentralization which was also attended by retired justices from the Supreme Court and Sandiganbayan. (January 21)



Members of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) pay courtesy call to Prof. Nene Pimentel at the Center. Seated 2nd from right is Univesity Secretary Dr. Elexur Ramos. (January 23)



Officers of the Kontra Pandaraya Movement (KPM) take their oath to Prof. Nene Pimentel. (January 23)



Mache Torres, President of the Rotary club of Makati uptown delivers the welcome remarks at the forum on OFWs where Vice President Jejomar Binay was the speaker. (January 25)



Jun Aguilar, head of a World-wide Filipino Overseas Workers Organization delivers the closing remarks of the Forum on OFWs which was graced by Vice President Jejomar Binay. Aguilar himself a former OFW, thanked the vice president for his efforts to look after the welfare of Filipino workers abroad. (January 25)



Vice President Binay receives citations from the PILG and the various Rotary Clubs of Metro Manila after he spoke at the forum on OFWs at the University of Makati. (January 25)



Vice President Binay poses with some of the guests - foreign and local - who attended the forum on OFWs. (January 25)



On hand to listen to the vice president during the OFW forum were senior citizens from Nueva Ecija and Bulacan who travelled all the way to Makati to listen to the vice president. (January 25)

COLLEAGUES EXTEND 'PARANGAL' TO TERRY

By Clarisse Aquino

The Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance (PILG), together with the Pimentel Center for Local Governance (PCLG) and the College of Governance and Public Policy of the University of Makati held a tribute to the late Eleuterio Canete Dumogho, who was fondly remembered as a peerless, dedicated advocate for local autonomy last January 16.

Terry, as he was known by close associates, devoted much of his professional life in empowering the people, especially in the countryside and rural areas by helping strengthen the local government units as a catalyst for the nation's development.

Recalling his brief stint with Terry in the committee on local governments, Senator Ferdinand 'Bong Bong' Marcos Jr., the committee chair, recalled he always turned to his primary adviser and consultant, Terry Dumogho on those occasions he need enlightenment on the reasons behind certain provisions of the local government code.

Marcos said he could always count on Terry to elaborate on the provisions of the code, as Terry was among the associates of Senator Nene Pimentel who did the spade-work when the local government code was crafted and enacted in 1991.

Former Ambassador Jose Nonon Romero also spoke how he saw Terry as a man whose interest was to uplift the plight of the coconut farmers.



The Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance stages recognition rites for the late Eleuterio 'Terry' Dumogho at the Pimentel Center for Local Governance last January 16. Receiving the award is Lorenda, the widow of Terry, and his children Joy and Maebel and granddaughter Bianca.

Romero worked with Terry even before his stint in the local governments department, during the Cory Aquino presidency.

Romero said Terry advocated the establishment of coconut farmers cooperatives to institutionalize the desires of the coconut farmers in availing the benefits of the coconut industry, and to prevent them from being exploited by big business.

Karl B. Miranda, Assistant Solicitor General also worked with Terry during the Senate days under Senator Nene Pimentel in 1998.

Miranda recalled that Terry's lecture on the local government code lightened up faces because Terry made people dream of what was possible in local governance.

He described Terry as a patriot for championing the empowerment of the people through the local government code.

Also, fellow professors of Terry in the academe were on hand to pay tribute to his selfless dedication to education.

Dr. Adelina Patriarca, Vice President of the University of Makati, saw in Terry the heart of a true probinsiyano, which explains why Terry was so passionate in looking out for the welfare of people in the remote barangays of the country.

She sang Terry's favorite Visayan song "Laylayan sa Payag" which was his theme when he was a radio announcer in his younger days.

At his late age, Terry would still travel all the way

to Pangasinan, riding the bus, just to share their knowledge in local government administration to mayors and other local executives.

Terry, she noted was very careful with what he ate, which perhaps explained why he lived a long life.

Terry's only weakness was lechon kawali, she said.

Dean Ederson Tapia of the College of Governance and Public Policy of the University of Makati marveled at Terry's zest for life.

"At age 80, Terry could do many more things than people thirty years his junior," Dean Tapia said.

It was fellow Prof. Raymund Rosuelo who read Dean Tapia's message, since the

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Atty. Karl Miranda



Sen. Bongbong Marcos



Prof. Nene Pimentel

A TRIBUTE TO TERRY DUMOGHO, AN ADVOCATE, A FRIEND, A GOOD MAN

By Alex Brillantes



Alex Brillantes

I have had the privilege of knowing Terry for over two decades. I first met him during the many meetings and consultations when the *Local Government Code* was being crafted by Senator Pimentel in the early nineties. Without him knowing it Terry was responsible for one of the high points in my life as a public administration scholar: in one of our many conversations, he told me that when he helped draft the sponsorship speech of Senator Pimentel on the Local Government Code, it was he who inserted refer-

ence to my work on decentralization and local autonomy into the speech of Senator Pimentel, my idol in life! Public administration academics go on a high when their work is cited especially by well known and respected policy makers.

A few years later, I worked with him as my senior colleague at the office of Senator Pimentel. Through time we have become good friends, exchanging stories about our common interests ranging from our academic interests as professors, to our old but trusty Mercedes Benzes. He was a staunch supporter of Senator Nene in his continuing advocacy for decentralization, local autonomy and federalism: all for the cause of good and responsive governance especially at local level. I have always been inspired by Pimentel and Dumogho in my work as a scholar of public administration and local governance. I remember our standing light one liners for Terry: if Nene Pimentel was the Father of the Local Government Code and autonomy, Terry Dumogho was

the Grandfather of the Local Government Code! Indeed, he dedicated much of his career, his time and resources in promoting the cause of autonomy for local governments in order for them to attain their full potential as sub-national governments and be agents of transformation at the local level. Terry was an advocate of change and transformation at the local level.

Terry wrote and published a lot. He co-authored many articles with Tatay. Many of his writings found their way into his lectures prepared for local governments. We had the privilege of having him as resource person in many of our capacity building programs at Local Government Academy where I served for a number of years and also at the Center for Local and Regional Governance in UP. I also invited him as resource speaker to many other capacity building programs including those at the National Defense College of the Philippines. He always came more than prepared, and his lectures were punctuated by wisdom and expertise

drawn from his long years as a government official and as a professor at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

When Terry passed on, we were actually working on a publications project. For the past two years, my colleagues and I have been working on a publication assessing the state of decentralization in the Philippines. Vice President Binay wrote the foreword of the book and an article by Professor Nene Pimentel is also featured. Sometime back, I talked to Terry and invited him to write an article for the book, which he did. I am glad I asked him to write the article and which he submitted quite promptly! We are now editing the book and we will include a tribute to him when we publish it within the first quarter of the year.

Terry has gone ahead to be with the Lord. Our memories of him as an advocate of local governance and local autonomy remain. Equally important though are our memories of him as a friend and an inspiration to many, indeed a good man!

TERRY, AS I KNEW HIM

By Coylee Gamboa

"What a priceless gift Terry is!" I quickly realized when we were cobbling the contents of the Barangay Seminar. He had a prodigious memory, but he wasn't a stuffy professor. In fact, he had a way of getting excited about facts and little bits of information that he discovered in the pursuit of knowledge. And he had an enthusiastic way of sharing these facts that often it seemed a light bulb suddenly switched on in my mind.

Illumination was the goal that most teachers I knew had. But Terry's goal went beyond mere knowledge. He was intent on transformation. He equipped people with knowl-

edge so that they could use the information for change, for betterment and for good.

Terry gave his knowledge away freely. The wealth of his experience over 82 years, he dispensed generously and humbly, for he thought it a privilege to have been able to acquire that knowledge.

He was never proud, never cranky and never unappreciative. He rejoiced in small favors that people did for him. And he spoke of others with kindness and equanimity, calling to mind Paul, the evangelist, who late in his life wrote:

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does

not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Terry, inimitable Terry, has passed away and the knowledge that he had is gone. But the Lord — who inspired Terry to love as he had — lives forever and Terry lives in Him. Forever.



Coylee Gamboa

TERRY, A MAN WHO FINISHED WELL

By Cris Uy

I find most people in PILG more privileged than I am. That is because many of them have known Professor Eleuterio "Terry" Domugho longer than I have. I just came to know Tito Terry a couple of years ago. I treasure those moments of working with him in PILG. Why? Because of the following reasons. Allow me to use his nickname TERRY as an acronym:

First, **T for Tireless**. Tito Terry was a highly motivated person and never got tired of doing what he believed was worthwhile. In spite of his age and health, he never stopped attending our meetings in PILG and didn't miss teaching in our seminars. I was wondering where he was getting his strength. Then I was reminded of a passage in the Scripture that says "But those who wait for the LORD's help find renewed strength; they rise up as if they had eagles' wings, they run without growing weary, they walk without getting tired"

Tito Terry was a reflection of a person who waited upon the Lord and therefore his strength got renewed day by day.

T is for Tireless. **E** is for **Eternal Perspective**. Tito Terry was aware that life is short. He told me that last month. He said, he wanted to invest his remaining days empowering local leaders. He was fully aware that by doing so, the fruits of his labor will outlive him. Tito Terry is an unknown hero. He had done good to this country than almost any of us and yet when I checked the internet, only 3 sites mentioned his name, one of which is PILG's. And the topic of those sites were not about him. He was just simply mentioned. Why? Maybe because Tito Terry was never after popularity, he was after impact. He invested his life for the generations to come. Thus his life's impact will surely outlive us. Acts 13:36 in the Bible says, "For David, after he had served God's purpose in his own generation, died, was buried with his ancestors, and experienced decay". Tito Terry, just like King David, had served God's purpose in his own generation.

T for Tireless, **E** for Eternal Perspective, **double R for Repeatedly Rejoicing**. Have you seen Tito Terry frowning? I can't remember a

single day when Tito Terry was not smiling. In fact, I could not imagine a non-smiling Tito Terry. He was always rejoicing. Even in the midst of difficulties, even when he was very ill, he always wore that signature smile. A picture of a genuinely transformed person. A person filled with the Holy Spirit, for the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace!

T for Tireless, **E** for Eternal Perspective, **double R** for Repeatedly Rejoicing, and lastly, **Y for Yah-WeH-lover**. YaHWeH is the name God gave Himself when Moses asked Him his name. It means "I am who I am". This same God is the God Tito Terry loved so much. Every time we met, he never failed talking to me about God. Tito Terry was a YaHWeH-lover. He knew very well who he was serving. And he recognized that real transformation could only be achieved through a life-changing power of this God through Christ our



Cris Uy

Saviour and Lord. Once in his life, he surrendered himself to Jesus knowing that He alone paid the penalty of his sin and he alone can transform his life. As Tito Terry left us to meet his Creator, I believe he was uttering the words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 4: 7 "I have fought a good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith!"

May we all be inspired to live a fulfilled and fruitful life like that of Tito Terry Domugho... and finish well...

COLLEAGUES

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latter was sick.

Pastor Cris Uy, a fellow of the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance like Terry, also cited his tireless dedication to his work in the Institute, and was always sought for advice on local gov-

ernment matters.

Pastor Cris recalled one of Terry's last words to him one month before Terry died.

At 82, Terry said life is short. He wanted to spend the remaining days of his life empowering the people.

The family of Terry was on hand to received the trib-

ute which included Terry's daughters Joy Sebastian and Maebel Rivas, widow Loren with son Terryboy, granddaughter Bianca.

Terry's in-laws, siblings of his first wife the late Inday Baby, were also present.

A plaque in honor of Terry was received by the family,

led by former Senator Nene Pimentel Jr..

Senator Nene Pimentel Jr. with whom Terry worked in the crafting of the local government code, described Terry as peerless advocate of local autonomy, family man, scholar and professor, public servant, and one of the unsung heroes of our time.



Daughter, Maebel Rivas



Daughter, Joy Sebastian



Wife, Loren Dumugho