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## 3<sup>rd</sup> NATIVITYHAN WINNERS BARED



Senator Cynthia Villar (5<sup>th</sup> from right) graced the awarding ceremony of the 3rd Annual Nativityhan Contest at the Pimentel Center, December 14.

By Jay Dejaresco

The Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance (PILG) has bared the winners of the 3rd annual Nativityhan contest among students of the University of Makati last December 14, 2013.

The Nativityhan, an initiative of the PILG every Christmas season, is aimed at instilling greater consciousness among students on the importance of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ to the lives of ordinary citizens.

Gracing the awarding of the winners with her presence was Senator Cynthia Aguilar Villar

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## Word from the Center

### Year of Triumphs; Year of Learning

For us at the Center, the year ends with a lot of glorious victories.

We did our commitment to do seminars for our local officials.

We did a number of round table conferences through the year.

We continued with the Christmas Belen Contest among the Departments of the University.

We did Power-Lunches with the faculty and staff of the University.

We even did a four-day Batang Transformer Seminar at the Pepe Pestaño resort that resonated very well with the Muslim, Lumad, and Christian youth participants.

But we had to call off the essay-writing contest for the University students for lack of response.

It looks like the students - and, perhaps, some faculty members - do not like writing in a

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## PILG/PCLG 2013 ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

By Clarisse Aquino

The Pimentel Center for Local Governance, in partnership with the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance has reported on its activities for the year 2013.

In the annual Christmas Party of the organizations, the achievement report cited the following activities held in the year.

Jan 16 - Tribute to the late Eleuterio "Terry" Dumogho, a PILG Fellow

Jan 21 - Roundtable Discussion on the Progress and Development of Local Autonomy, Decentralization in the Philippines and South Korea

Jan 25 - Forum on the Issues of Overseas Filipino Workers with Vice President Jejomar Binay

Feb 13 - Roundtable Discussion on

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- how Bhutan measures the Wealth of their Nation
- Feb 26 - Discussion on "Barangay Leaders: as Agents of Change" with Barangay Leaders of Aklan
- Feb 27 - Roundtable Discussion on Good Governance and Effective Leadership for National Transformation with Graduate Students of Pampanga Agricultural College
- Feb 28 - Roundtable Discussion on the Future of Governance in the Philippines
- Mar 14 - Forum on Decentralizing Philippine Education
- Mar 22 - International Conference of the Decentralization Program of the German Development Cooperation (GIZ)
- Apr 27 - Meeting with New Officers of the Architecture Advocacy International Foundation (AAIF) Inc.
- Apr 30 - Consultation Lunch Meeting with the Retirees of Bureau of Fire Protection
- Jul 3 - Interfacing with the Members of the Political Development Council of Thailand
- Jul 19-20 - A Two-day Seminar-Workshop on Good Barangay Governance for National Transformation
- Jul 23 - Oath Taking of the officials of student organizations of UP-Visayas, Iloilo City
- Jul 26 - Forum of the Asian Social Institute
- Aug 7 - Consultation Meeting with the Officers and Members of League of Veterinarians
- Aug 28 - A Seminar on "Effective Local Legislation in the Context of Good Governance" for Newly Elected Local Officials
- Aug 30 - Discussion on the Salient Features of the Local Government Code at the Philippine Christian University
- Sep 11 - Roundtable Discussion on the Situation in Syria
- Sep 26 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Graduation Rites of CGPP-Zuellig Public Health Governance
- Sep 26 - 1<sup>st</sup> POAP Human Resource Forum
- Oct 1-2 - PSPA's 2013 International Conference on Public Administration with the theme: "Public Sector Reform and Governance in Transition: Values, Institutions, Leadership, Citizen Engagement, and Human Rights"
- Oct 22 - Discussion on the Philippine's historical experience on imposing the death penalty to convicts of heinous crimes in Bangkok, Thailand
- Oct 24-27 - A Four-day Youth Leadership and Bonding Seminar, Batang Transform-ers: Building a Peaceful Nation
- Nov 19 - Roundtable Discussion on Local Governance and Decentralization with Delegates from Timor-Leste
- Nov 20 - UMak Empower Lunch "Why the Empower Lunch"
- Nov 22-23 - Seminar-Workshop on Good Barangay Governance for National Transformation
- Dec 4 - Empower Lunch "Promotion Financial Literacy as a Way of Life"
- Dec 4 - 38<sup>th</sup> National Conference "Personnel Officers' Association of the Philippines
- Dec 6 - Roundtable Discussion on the Recent Typhoon Yolanda
- Dec 12 - Joint Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) - Centrist Democracy Political Institute (CDPI) Fellowship Event and Workshop. Topic: "The Centrist Solution to Reshaping the Philippine Political System".
- Dec 13 - Awarding Ceremony of the Nativity-han sa Umak

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foreign tongue.

Whatever. The thing is that the Center learned that good intentions are never enough.

There must be other incentives to move people into action.

The Center also did its teeny weeny bit in alleviating the plight of the victims of Yolanda.

More concretely, there was a shipment of goods from Pastor King Flores' friends in the US for those damaged by the typhoon here.

The goods were sent through the Center's alumni in Cebu City, headed by Vice Mayor Wilson Wenceslao of Santander town.

The Center thanks all its officers, staff, and friends for making it possible for us to come out of the ending year with more victories than failures.

The Center looks to 2014 with much hope and faith that love will be the centerpiece of everything that we do in the service of God and country.



"Empower Lunch" is an innovative activity where faculty members of the University of Makati meet for lunch and discuss a certain topic that is relevant to the everyday lives not only among the University faculty but ordinary citizens. Photo shows PILG Fellow Pastor King Flores discussing Financial Literacy during one of the "Empower Lunch" activities at the PILG Seminar hall (December 4).



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who paid tribute to the holding of the Nativityhan as a way of highlighting an important event in the history of Christianity, which was the birth of the Savior Jesus Christ.

She also shared the manner in which the Christ's birth is remembered in her place in Las Pinas City, where large, colorful Christmas lanterns or Christmas 'parols' are made to light up the city.

Pastor King Flores, a PILG Fellow, stressed that the humble birth of our savior more than 2,000 years ago bears much significance in the lives of many, specially that the nation suffered numerous natural calamities that has broken the spirit of those affected.

With more reason that we should appropriately renew and strengthen our faith in our Lord, in whom we place our complete trust, amidst all the misery and despair among many of our brother Filipinos, Pastor King said during the awarding ceremonies.

Meanwhile, bagging this year's top prize for the Nativitihan contest is the College of Computer Science (CCS) which



1st Prize Winner - College of Computer Science.



Senator Cynthia Villiar keynoted the awarding ceremonies of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nativityhan. She highlighted the significance of the Nativity as part of the celebrating of the birth of Christ (December 14).

set up their version of the nativity at the Middle Wing (Between Rooms 105 and Maces Office) in Building II of the University of Makati.

Second placer is the Center for Broadcast and Digital Arts (CBDA) with their winning nativity design installed at the Middle Wing, (Entrance), Building 1.

Third place in the Nativitihan contest is the Design Center for National Building (DCNB), whose Nativitihan entry was set

up at the Middle Wing (Between HSU office and DCNB), in Building 2 of the University.

Special awards were also given to the College of Technology Management (CTM) being the Most Eco Friendly.

The Center for Broadcast and Digital Arts was also awarded for having the highest number of on-line votes.

The Nativitihan Contest is now on its third year, where every December the competition is staged among students of various departments of the university.



2nd Prize Winner - Center for Broadcast and Digital Arts.



3rd Prize Winner - Design Center for National Building.

# RECENT PICTORIAL EVENTS



Nativityhan 1st Prize Winner - College of Computer Science.



Nativityhan 2nd Prize Winner and Special Award for Online Voting - Center for Broadcast and Digital Arts.



Nativityhan 3rd Prize Winner - Design Center for National Building.



Nativityhan Most Eco Friendly - College of Technology Management.



The PILG/PCLG led by Prof. Nene Pimentel and wife Bing Pimentel holds their annual Christmas Party at Emerald Garden to recall the activities and the blessings that have poured into the Center in the year 2013.



Well wishers, including friends and neighbors, greet Tatay Nene Pimentel on his 80th birthday in a simple gathering at the PILG Seminar Hall on December 11.