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Nene Pimentel poses with the speakers and participants in the November 2014 Barangay Seminar after they received their certificates (November 14).

KAPAMAHALA OFFICERS TAKE OATH

By Clarisse Aquino

The new officers of Kapamahala People's Council of Payatas Quezon City for 2014 took their oath of office before Prof. Nene Pimentel last November 8, 2014.

Kapamahala Peoples' Council of Barangay Payatas has become one of the model peoples' organizations that have partnered with the local government of Payatas in working towards alleviating the plight and living conditions of

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Word from the Institute

Looks like there's much ado about nothing in the reaction of some people to the Pope's recent pronouncements on civil unions and homosexuality.

As usual, some media outlets like the Huffington Post, and the ThinkProgressLGBT fanned the controversy after the Pope's statement came out in the Italian daily Corriere della Sera on March 4, 2014.

What the Pope said about civil unions was to the effect that states should seek "to regularize different situations of living together" in order to "ensure health care and other economic benefits."

He added that, "We have to look at the different cases and evaluate them in their variety."

But, the Huffington

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STRONG RP-S. KOREA TIES CITED

By Jay Dejaresco

The strong relations between the Philippines and South Korea continue to grow as more and more people from both nations interact with each other.

Prof. Aquilino Q. Pimentel Jr., Chair of the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance (PILG) keynoted the installation of the First Chairman of the Philippine International College Foundation, Dr. Chun Seung Hwan at their site

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Barangay Seminar enhance dads' skills

By Clarisse Aquino



PILG Chair Nene Pimentel lectures on the subject, "Public Service is a Calling" (November 13).

Punong barangays, mostly first-timer in government service, participated in the latest Good Barangay Governance for National Transformation of the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance (PILG) at the University of the Philippines NCPAG auditorium from November 13-14, 2014.

The participants came from barangays in Malabon City, Bayawan Negros Oriental, Victorias, Negros Occidental and Puerto Princesa Palawan.

It was an introduction into the nitty-gritty of barangay public service for the new public servants during the two-day seminar-workshop.

The talks began with the evolution of the barangay in the country, by Atty. Gwen Pimentel-Gana, President of PILG.

PILG Chair Nene Pimentel gave his talk on the subject, "Public Service is a Calling" to emphasize to the barangay leaders that their entry into government service serves a higher purpose in society.

Commissioner Alex Brillantes of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) explained the "Pillars of Good Governance" and shared with the participants some "Best Practices" in barangay public service.

Senator Koko Pimentel dropped by to give an update of the bills he has filed that are significant to local government issues, particularly the need to increase the share of local governments in the national taxes.

The participants got immersed into the salient provisions of the local government code, particularly on their powers as public officers endowed by law, the legislative processes and a basic course on understanding the

legal framework of the barangay budget process, by Atty. Elmar Jay Dejaresco.

The participants then grouped together to prepare a barangay budget during the workshop that followed.

Andy Rosales, a longtime community organizer, shared his vast experience in NGO participation and partnership in local government affairs.

Pastor King Flores gave his lecture on Leadership and Core Values focusing on his "SAHIG" model which stands for the values of Sacrifice, Accountability, Humility, Integrity and Generosity, which are vital in effective public service.

On the second day, participants listened to a retired Colonel in the US Armed Forces, Reynaldo Sandico, share his expertise in "Barangay Communications, Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change."

Other topics that enriched the participants knowledge include the barangay justice system, with a lecture given by lawyer Luigi Gana.

Prof. Nene Pimentel hammered on the ill-effects and dangers of corruption in public service.

Fr. Francis Lucas discussed the importance of observing ethics in public service.

Architect Roy Carandang shared his views on the real aim of power and authority which is to serve the best interests of the people.

Facilitators during the barangay seminar were PILG Fellows Hugh Nguyen and Prof. Norma Camunay who acted as moderators.

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Post headlined it to read, "Pope Francis Suggests Gay Civil Unions May Be Tolerable By Church."

And the LGBT paper "touted a story that 'Pope Francis Suggests Support For Civil Unions.'"

Even The Catholic News Service reportedly tweeted that the "Pope, in interview, suggests church could tolerate some civil unions."

Of course, the above quoted newspaper takes on the Pope's statements on marriage and civil unions did not truly reflect what he actually said.

To begin with, the Pope did not advocate any change in the official doctrine of the Church on the sanctity of marriage. Neither did he say that civil unions of persons of the same sex was anywhere near being accepted by the Church in lieu of its long standing tenet that marriage is the union of man-and-woman, not of man-and-man, or woman-and-woman.

In the view of The Center, what the Pontiff said is that it is wrong for us, Christians to ostracize those living in sin especially if they manifest a sincere desire to rectify their sinful ways.

Indeed, "who are we," as the Pope says, "to condemn sinners?"



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residents of Payatas.

The council has given flesh to the Constitutional vision which accords the “right of the people and their organizations to effect people’s participation at all levels of social, political and economic decision.”

At the same time, people’s organizations are vital partners in local development, through the guarantees of the Local Government Code that local government units shall promote the establishment and operation of people’s and non-governmental organizations to become active partners in the pursuit of local autonomy.

Because of strong people’s participation in government activities, the genuine concerns of the peoples are truly addressed in the LGUs.

Among the NGO-PO representations to local special bodies of barangay Payatas are the barangay



Nene Pimentel administered the oath-taking of the newly elected officers and members of the Kapamahala Peoples Council of Barangay Payatas (November 8).

development council, the barangay disaster risk reduction and management council, barangay physical fitness and sports development, barangay law and order council, barangay solid waste and management council, barangay council for the protection of children and the barangay anti- drug abuse council.

Strong RP- S. Korea ties cited

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in Antipolo City on November 7, 2014.

In his brief speech, Pimentel cited the history of mutual assistance between the two nations dating back to the Korean War in the 1950s.

“South Korea and our country are inseparable allies in the ASEAN in our countries’ determination to help deter the aggressive tendencies of other countries that might undermine peace, progress and development in our part of the world,” Pimentel noted.

Pimentel hailed the installation of Dr. Chun Seung Hwan, which he said further “strengthen the ties that bind South Korea and our country.”

Pimentel honored “our Korean brothers and sisters who have chosen Antipolo City as the location of the educational facilities of the Philippine International College headed by its President Dr. Kwon Young-Han”.



Nene Pimentel delivers his keynote speech at the installation of the First Chairman of the Philippine International College Foundation, Dr. Chun Seung Hwan in Antipolo City (November 7).

“Allow us to salute you, all, for daring to widen the frontiers of education from your own country to ours,” Pimentel said.

Philippine International College caters to the growing population of South Koreans who have grown to love the Philippines as their own, citing the country for its widespread use of the English language that many Koreans would also want to learn.

RECENT PICTORIAL EVENTS



Nene Pimentel receives the Plaque of Appreciation during the installation of the First Chairman of the Philippine International College Foundation, Antipolo City (November 7).



Nene Pimentel serenades the people of Payatas with his own rendition of the song "You Are My Sunshine" (November 8).



Andy Rosales talks about the need of the Barangay Officials and their constituents to coordinate activities during the Seminar -Workshop on Good Barangay Governance (November 13).



Fr. Francis Lucas discusses Ethics at the Seminar -Workshop on Good Barangay Governance (November 14).



Senator Koko Pimentel gives an update of the bills he has filed that are significant to local government issues (November 14).



PILG core group meeting with guests (L-R) James Lora Caulilan, King Flores, Nene Pimentel, Roy Carandang, Dr. Carl Wieland and Isarel Soltura (November 19).