



Paglbaum



Issue No. 21 • 8 pages

HOPE FOR NATIONAL TRANSFORMATION

July 2013

The official publication of the Pimentel Center for Local Governance and the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance

DOJ CITES BARANGAY ROLE IN FIGHT VS DRUGS

STORY ON PAGE 3



Prof. Nene Pimentel (holding mic) speaks at the two-day Seminar-Workshop on Good Barangay Governance for National Transformation held at the Pimentel Center, University of Makati (July 19-20).

THAIS LEARN RP DECENTRALIZATION

By Clarisse Aquino

Decades ago, Thais came to the Philippines to study how Filipinos grew their rice.

Today Thais come to the Philippines to learn the way decentralization of government is being implemented.

Former Senate President Aquilino Nene Pimentel Jr., Chair of the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance (PILG) discussed with a delegation from Thailand, led by the Senate President of

Turn to Page 2

Word from the Center

TRUTH SAVES

In the current brouhaha over the misuse of pork barrel (PDAF) funds by some legislators, Xavier University's motto, Veritas Liberauit Vos, the 'Truth Shall Make You Free' reminds all concerned that there is a remedy.

Let the truth come out in all its splendor. And reveal the good that the PDAF funds have brought to our people - as well as the bad uses to which the funds might have been diverted by

unscrupulous individuals.

Let there be no cover-up.

Accountability of public servants is a constitutional principle that must be always be upheld if the people are to keep their trust in government.

More laws are not needed. There are already a thousand and one laws in place that the Commission on Audit,

Turn to Page 2

CONTRACEPTION, ABORTION, ETC.

By Nene Pimentel

Contraception is now officially allowed by Republic Act No. 10354 that was signed into law by President Noynoy Aquino on December 21, 2012.

The constitutionality of the law is being challenged by no less than 10 separate petitioners.

Nobody knows for sure how the Supreme Court will ultimately resolve the case that was set for oral argument last July 22.

Aside from the constitutional issue that burdens the law, a practical problem intrudes into its public discussion like a sour note in a Fur Elise piano

Turn to Page 6

THAIS

From Page 1

Thailand, the Philippine thrusts in empowering local government through decentralization.

The visiting Thais headed by Nikom Wairatpanij, Senate President, received a first hand briefer last July 3 from the principal author of the Local Government Code, the landmark piece of legislation enacted twenty years ago that shifted the gears of political power from a centralized administrative national body to the different local government units all over the country.

This shift has been seen to accelerate the economic development of the countryside, where local governments have been given powers to decide how they would design and



Prof. Nene Pimentel discusses with officers and members of the Political Development Council of Thailand, the Philippine experience on decentralization last July 3.

implement the blueprint for progress in their respective areas of responsibility.

The Political Development Council, an independent organization in Thailand came to the Philippines July 3 to observe and gain knowledge from the Philippine experience on Decentralization.

The PDC also visited various government agencies including the Local Government

Academy.

The objective of their visit was to familiarize the members of the PDC on Philippine Decentralization and Local Administration.

The visitors intended to identify governance model that can be replicated in their country; identify challenges and strategies in managing local governance and acquire awareness of the Philippine local governance system.

WORD

From Page 1

the Ombudsman, the Department of Justice, and the people in general, can avail of to nail down the raiders of the public treasury.

What is lacking is a sincere, honest-to-goodness and determined effort on the part of the authorities to implement existing laws against corrupt individuals whose patrons may be lurking in the shadowy corridors of power in the executive, legislative or judicial departments of our government.

Execute the laws against the criminals. Let the truth come out and it will free all of us from the burdens of corruption that seems to have been our lot as a people for as long as one can remember.



More than 200 newly elected local government officials of Iloilo acquaint themselves with their powers, duties and responsibilities under the local government code from Prof. Nene Pimentel, Jr., who emphasized that good governance is the primary ingredient in developing the economy. Pimentel also challenged the new local officials to curb corruption in their respective offices and jurisdictions.



Paglaum



The official publication of the Pimentel Center for Local Governance and the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance

<p>Editorial Director Contributing Writers</p>	<p>Jay Dejaresco Alex Brillantes Roy Carandang Reneliza Ferrer Nene Pimentel Raymund Rosuelo Ed Tapia Cris Uy</p>
<p>Artist/Photographer Publisher</p>	<p>reyronda Gwen Gana</p>
<p>Editorial Consultant Editorial Staff</p>	<p>Coylee Gamboa Clarisse Aquino Maelyn Calizo Carla Caringal</p>

Pimentel Center for Local Governance
 Pimentel Institute for Leadership & Governance
 4th Floor Administration Building, University of Makati,
 JP Rizal Extension, West Rembo, Makati City
 Telephone No.: 882-0678 loc 307
 Email: info@pimentelinstitute.org, rcroffice@yahoo.com.ph
 Website: www.pimentelinstitute.org

DOJ

From Page 1

Leaders of the nation's 42,000-strong barangays play a vital role in the difficult and dangerous task of curbing the proliferation of illegal drugs that has brought about "wasted youths" among or people.

Department of Justice top drug prosecutor, Senior Assistant Deputy State Prosecutor Theodore M. Villanueva spoke before barangay leaders attending the seminar on good barangay governance for national transformation conducted by the Pimentel institute for Leadership and Governance.

Villanueva emphasized the barangay leaders play key role in the criminal prosecution against drug peddlers.

He cited the law against illegal drugs, Republic Act 9165, which requires an elected official as among those who are to be present during drug raids.

Usually, the elected leaders who are asked to be present in drug raids, are the elected barangay kagawads because they are the ones who can immediately be contacted and coordinated during anti-



Senior Assistant Deputy State Prosecutor Theodore M. Villanueva emphasizes the need for barangay leaders to familiarize themselves with their duties and responsibilities when they assist in drug raids, so they can be vital instruments in curbing the drug menace in our society that has affected the lives of our youth.

drug operations, Villanueva said.

Elected officials are required to be present to preserve the integrity of drug raids, and to ensure a successful prosecution of drug criminals.

Barangay leaders are also the ones familiar with their respective territories so it is logical that their valued assistance is needed in drug operations.

State Prosecutor Villanueva expounded on the role of barangay leaders in the drive against the proliferation of illegal drugs, and their specific roles and duties in prosecuting drug cases, a heinous crime.

That is why he said, barangay officials must be trained and made familiar with all forms of prohibited drugs.

Barangay officials must also be acquainted with the raid procedures because this

can spell the difference between success and failure in the prosecution of drug cases.

Barangay officials who witness drug raids vital witnesses in the criminal prosecution of illegal drug cases.

Villanueva has had extensive training abroad in many aspects of prohibited drugs, specially in the United States where the illegal drug problem has also taken centerstage in the fight against criminality.

FIGHT DRUGS, PREVENT WASTED YOUTHS

Message of Senior Assistant Deputy State Prosecutor Theodore M. Villanueva to barangay leaders as he exhorted them to help our young citizens from falling into drug addiction, as he keynoted the seminar on barangay good governance for national transformation

All of us are aware of the ever growing menace of dangerous drugs its ill effects on our lives, community and country.

It is not imaginary, it is reality.

It affects not only the youth but also the middle aged members of our society and sometimes even our senior citizens.

It has brought sadness,

frustrations, disappointments, displacements and death.

It has produced **Wasted youths**, the very future of our country, who become victims of drug pushers both local and foreign.

Everyday we see people being arrested for violations of the law on dangerous drugs, that court dockets are filled with drug cases.

Numerous court trials about dangerous drugs are common sight everyday. Detention centers are filled with violators of the law on illegal drugs.

This must stop.

The barangay being the basic government unit of the country should be in the fore-



Senior Assistant Deputy State Prosecutor Theodore M. Villanueva (right) receiving a plaque of appreciation from Jay Dejasco of PILG and Liza Ting.

front in the drive against dangerous drugs, they being the vanguards in the everyday lives of our citizens.

No amount of police work would stop this drug menace if the barangay and our local government units would not share in the fight.

So I encourage and rally our local elected officials to continue with their strong, dedicated and vigilant role in the fight against illegal drugs.

Mabuhay kayong lahat."

RECENT PICTORIAL EVENTS



Prof. Nene Pimentel receives a token of appreciation from the Political Development Council of Thailand, whose members visited the country to observe Philippine decentralization (July 3).



Members and officers of Political Development Council of Thailand pose with Prof Nene Pimentel (July 3).



PILG Fellows King Flores, Hugh Nguyen and Roy Carandang with visitors from the religious sector, together with PILG Chair Nene Pimentel Jr. (July 3).



Dean Alex Billantes, PILG fellow, accompanies the newly elected councilors from Metro Manila in paying a courtesy call with former Senate President Nene Pimentel Jr., at the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance in Makati City (July 5).



Prof. Nene Pimentel welcomes Prof. Laura Turchi from Arizona State University with PILG fellows, Mr. Winnie and Mrs. Noreen Marbella (July 20).



DOJ's Theodore Villanueva with PILG President Gwen Pimentel Gana and Jay Dejaresco (July 19).



Participants of the July 19-20, Seminar-workshop on good barangay governance composed of barangay officials from Claver, Surigao del Norte, Iligan, Biliran, Bulacan and Metro Manila, with Prof. Nene Pimentel Jr. and Retired Archbishop Oscar Cruz at the PILG Center in Makati.



Prof. Nene Pimentel spearheaded the oath-taking of the officials of the different organization of the UP-Visayaz, Iloilo City (July 23).



Prof. Nene Pimentel receives a plaque of Appreciation from Dean Guban of UP Visayaz and Pastor Cris Uy of Community Influencer's Impact (July 23).



Prof. Nene Pimentel receives a plaque of Appreciation from ASI President Mina Ramirez assisted by Prof. Villy Vital (July 26).



The forum of the Asian Social Institute where Prof. Nene Pimentel was guest speaker, was attended by delegates from different countries in Southeast Asia (July 26).

PIMENTEL TALKS ON ADVOCACY, NETWORKING BY LOCAL GOV'TS

By Jay Dejaresco

Former Sen. Aquilino Nene Pimentel Jr., Chair of the Pimentel Institute for Leadership and Governance (PILG) was guest speaker in a forum on Sustainable Economics, conducted by the Asian Social Institute last July 26, at the ASI Academe Building at Leon Guinto Street, Malate Manila.

Nene Pimentel expounded on the topic: The Art of Advocacy and Networking by local governments, where he shared his more than forty years of experience in government service occupying various positions in government including being mayor of Cagayan de Oro City in 1980.

In his presentation during the forum, Pimentel defined Local Government Advocacy as the promotion of something or some idea, while networking means working with other local government units or individuals in the pursuit of something or some

idea, by local government authorities.

Advocacy by local government authorities is done either by words, through announcements, or by deeds, he said.

Thus, Pimentel he said advocacy by local governments is done verbally by talking or announcing plans to do a particular government project.

The intent would be to inform the people what those in authority intend to do and why.

The second part of advocacy is the execution of the plan and proceeding with the government project, he explained.

Pimentel stressed that in planning and executing the advocacy, the LGU concerned is clear, not only about what it wants to do, but also where, how, and why it is pursuing a particular action.

By fully explaining things, the LGU makes clear its in-



Prof. Nene Pimentel Jr. expounds on the Art of Advocacy and Networking by local government units during a forum conducted by the Asian Social Institute.

tent, leaving no room for guesswork, which is part of the system of transparency and accountability, Pimentel said.

Pimentel has served as Senate President, having been elected to the country's upper chamber for seventeen years, plus as an assem-

blyman during the Marcos years. He was also elected delegate to the 1971 constitutional Convention.

Pimentel authored Republic Act No. 7160 known as the Local Government Code, which broadened the power, authority and autonomy of local government officials.

CONTRACEPTION

From Page 1

rendition that one cannot avoid but notice. And it is as simple as this: If contraception fails a woman who gets pregnant despite pills or IUDs, is confronted with how would she now deal with the unwanted fetus in her womb?

The contraceptive ideologues have a facile solution: get rid of the unborn that she is carrying. After all, the baby is unwanted.

In simple terms that means aborting the unborn who is probably the most defenseless being on earth. But what a terrible and tragic choice. Still, in the mind of contracep-

tionists it is something that would logically follow whenever contraception fails.

Free choice, they say. Women, they say, have absolute power over their bodies.

Yes, but at the expense of the life of the unborn.

They ignore that "Life", the Constitution says, "begins at conception."

Unlike other countries, then, in the Philippines, one just cannot, even in the guise of free choice abort the life of the unborn.

If contraception want full freedom to destroy the life of the unborn, they have to amend the Constitution.



Anti-RH Duo Dr. Reynado Chavez and Prof. Nene Pimentel

Until then, it is wrong - aside from being a crime - to abort even a fetus who - the Constitution holds - has life from its conception.

Our people would do well to ponder on these simple truths by which our lives, as a nation, have

been guided for long, and which we should continue to hold sacred if we do not wish our families to be sundered by secularist ideologies that are now spreading their malevolent agenda worldwide.



UNIVERSITY OF MAKATI ACTIVITIES



By: Dir. Lhiza M. Ferrer

CESELE WITH CTM VISIT ADOPTED AETA COMMUNITY IN PORAC ANEW

28 June 2013, PORAC, Pampanga– For the third year in a row, the Center for Extension Service, Entrepreneurial and Livelihood Education (CESELE) led UMaK’s visit to the university’s adopted Aeta community in the lower land and upland area in Pasbul-Kamias, Porac, Pampanga.



This time, the College of Technology Management (CTM) Dean, Prof. Eliseo Co, along with the CTM faculty, joined the ocular visit to meet with the Aeta community barangay captain and other community leaders. CTM is proposing to undertake an entrepreneurial and livelihood program for the Aetas to help this indigenous group upgrade their way of living



Dr. Norma Camunay, Executive Director of the Office of Student Affairs, Dr. Loreta Catipon, Head of the Filipino Department, the extension coordinators from the Center for Broadcast and Digital Arts, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Business Administration, College of Computer Science, College of Education, and Design Center for Nation Building, and the Supreme Student Government officers went with the visiting group.



Shown in the photos with the Aeta community are CESELE Director Lhiza Ferrer, Prof. Eliseo Co and his faculty, Dr. Norma Camunay, Dr. Loreta Catipon, Prof. Venus Cuyugan, Prof. Margarita Paulmitan, Prof. Maria Argielyn Soriano, Prof. Ram Cabalada, student representative Lorna Inna de Luna and other student leaders.

THOUSANDS OF CCS, GRADE 11 AND 12 STUDENTS JOIN THE 'REVOLUTION'

25 June 2013, UNIVERSITY OF MAKATI MAIN THEATER –An estimated 2,000 UMak College of Computer Science (CCS) and Grade 11 and 12 students of the Higher School ng UMak trooped to attend the “True Love Waits: Love Revolution” Seminar on Values Education.



The whole day seminar with the intriguing title and the provocative “Don’t waste your life!” battle cry, attracted a long queue of participants as it featured compelling speakers from True Love Waits Philippines (TLWP), Personal Revival Asia (PRASIA) and International Baptist Church (IBC)-Manila Chapter who spoke to the students about prioritizing their studies and not rushing into serious relationships or marriage while still in school. It proved to be an enlightening and inspiring day for the young ‘revolutionists’.

CCS Dean Estrella Chan delivered the welcome remarks during the morning session, while the Center for Extension Service, Entrepreneurial and Livelihood Education (CESELE) Director Lhiza Ferrer welcomed the students in the afternoon. The seminar was made possible through the CCS partnership with CESELE, TLWP, PRASIA, and IBC-Manila Chapter.

UMak Welcomes the Federation of Senior Citizens of Santiago City

It was an afternoon delight for the senior citizens from Santiago City last June 28, as UMak, through the Center for Extension Service, Entrepreneurial and Livelihood Education, welcomed them to the university and treated them to a filling *merienda* and a lively program.



The Dalubhasaang Mananayaw ng UMak performed dance numbers showcasing both the modern and traditional, while the members of the Corps of Sponsors serenaded and danced with the lolos and lolas who were thrilled to be onstage. The seniors enjoyed the production numbers and appreciated the warm UMak reception.