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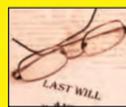
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EDITORIALS

Doing Business in the Philippines Makes Sense

The Philippines is a largely untapped source of potential business opportunities and partnerships. Tapping into this source could benefit local businesses, given Hawaii's large Filipino community which retains close family and business ties with the Mother Country and a strong U.S. influence that permeates much of everyday life.

There are opportunities to be had for local businesses looking to expand their presence to the Philippines, particularly in real estate investments, international banking and finance, business process outsourcing, agribusiness and forest-based products, the development of new markets especially in the areas of architecture, engineering and environmental counselling. In fact, many global investors and companies are finding the Philippines as a good place to do business, especially when considering the government's focus on building a stable economy and a hard-working, English speaking workforce. The country also offers high tech telecommunications facilities with sufficient and continuous power supply for the most part. There are ready-to-occupy offices, manufacturing and warehousing facilities, computer security and building monitoring systems, as well as complete office services in specialized IT zones.

Recent reforms have made the Philippines among the Top 10 most improved business environments in the world according to the *World Bank's Doing Business 2014: Understanding Regulations for Small and Medium-Size Enterprises* report. The report measures the ease with which a business undertakes in starting-up, securing construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, obtaining credit, protecting investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts and resolving insolvency.

The Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (FCCH) continually explores potential business and commercial ventures between Hawaii and the Philippines via its annual trade missions. Its trade missions also strengthen sister- and friendship- relationships between Honolulu and major cities in the Philippines such as Manila, Baguio and Cebu. The mission develops these relationships and fosters the positive exchange of ideas around these principles through the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii and its counterparts in Manila—the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industries and the Makati Business Club. Kudos to the FCCH for leading efforts to look for business opportunities abroad, which in the long term secures better lives for both residents of Hawaii and the Philippines by affording them opportunities for growth.

Dealing With the Ebola Scare

Earlier this week, a passenger flying from Liberia to Dallas, Texas was the first person in the U.S. to have been diagnosed with the deadly Ebola virus. There is no cure or vaccine for Ebola, one of the world's most deadly viruses, which has swept through West Africa and killed thousands.

The Ebola virus is described as a group of viruses that cause a deadly kind of hemorrhagic fever, meaning that it causes bleeding inside and outside the body. Symptoms include fever, muscle weakness, sore throat and headaches. Ebola is one of the most deadly viruses on earth with a fatality rate that can reach between approximately 50 to 90 percent. Fortunately, unlike other viruses, Ebola, spreads mainly via direct contact with bodily fluids instead of through the air, making it fairly easy to avoid.

FROM THE PUBLISHER

W

hen you hear the word "October," Halloween, candies and trick-or-treating will most likely come to mind. For the Filipino community, October is not just for trick-or-treating—it's also a time to celebrate Filipino-American History Month. Throughout this month, Filipino communities on Oahu, Maui and the Big Island will be observing Filipino-American History Month with various activities. On Oahu, the Filipino-American Historical Society of Hawaii (FAHSOH) has coordinated three exhibits commemorating Filipinos' impact on U.S. and Hawaii history. On the Big Island, the University of Hawaii-Hilo is also planning its own festivities, as is the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation which will hold the popular Maui Fil-Am Heritage Festival at the Maui Mall on October 18 from 10 am to 3 pm. So no matter where you are in Hawaii, you will be able to learn more about our rich Filipino-American heritage.

Speaking of rich, our cover story this month is about doing business in the Philippines. Our Philippine correspondent Gregory Bren Garcia explores the Philippines' robust economy which was ranked 108 out of 189 economies in the 2014 Ease of Doing Business Report published by the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation. On a recent trip to Europe, Philippine President Benigno Aquino III told audiences that "the Philippines is not only open for business, it's also more fun to do business there." For Hawaii businesses looking to expand their presence, the Filipino Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii (FCCH) organizes annual trade missions to the Philippines which is an excellent opportunity to market local goods and services abroad. Please turn to page 4 to read more about the trade mission, as well as doing business in the Philippines.

Lastly, with the November 4th General Election fast approaching, the State Office of Elections will hold drive-through voter registration drives at various locations statewide. On Oahu, the drive-through is scheduled for October 6th at the Hawaii State Capitol from 9 am to 4:30 pm. Individuals who wish to vote but have not yet registered can simply drive to the designated location and register on the spot. It's quick and easy. Just stay in your car and an election official will have you registered in minutes. For more information on drive-through voter registration, please call 453-VOTE (8683).

Have a Happy and Safe Filipino-American Heritage Month! Until next time...*aloha* and *mabuhay!*

Chona A. Montesines-Sonido

It's not airborne so it cannot be caught like the flu.

Is Hawaii at risk? Absolutely, especially since the Aloha State is a travel hub in the Pacific for international flights. At press time, there were reports of Hawaii's first Ebola case, involving a male who has been hospitalized at Queen's Medical Center. The news of Hawaii's potentially first Ebola virus case may be alarming to some but we can take comfort in knowing that it would be rather difficult for an epidemic to take place in Hawaii, much less this country. Our public health system is well-prepared for such threats, having drilled for medical disasters ever since the tragic events of 9-11. Medical and hospital workers are skilled at identifying and isolating victims, tracking those who may have been exposed and educating the public at large about practice ways to avoid contact and remain healthy. Drugs and vaccines are prepared and rushed to clinics.

In the meantime, there are common sense things we can do to reduce our risk for exposure. Protect yourself by following mom's advice—always wash your hands and avoid touching your face. In a pinch, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Above all, do not panic. Let's not forget that in 2009, there was the H1N1 flu and prior to that it was SARS—a viral respiratory disease. We overcame both and we will do the same with Ebola.



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CANDID PERSPECTIVES



By Emil Guillermo

“American Filipinos?” You Talking to Me? Yup.

Philippines. And that’s why for better or for worse, I am a Guillermo. They branded me. (Though, as most of you know, I do say my name “Guillermo,” the Filipino way).

It’s a vestige of colonialism I can do something about.

Fortunately, we live in a world where we can self-define. Just ask the U.S. Census Bureau. I used to say we were “As-panic,” for Asian Hispanic. But as you can see, there has been no mad rush for As-panic History Month.

I still think it’s an apt description of us Filipinos burdened by Catholicism and Spanish mantillas.

But really I think we are really ready for my other pet term. Hence, I’d like to renew my call for the naming convention that applies to most of us of Filipino descent who live in America.

We are “American Filipino.”

The formula is simple:

“(insert place) Filipino.” You can even drop the hyphen. No umbilical needed.

I don’t do this to be a troublemaker or to force you to buy new business cards, Mr. VP of external affairs of the Filipino American Accountants of Waipahu.

But Filipino American is so old school. We need a modern 21st-century name. A linguistic revolution of sorts.

If you’ve already bought into the global Filipino idea, then it’s time to be even bolder about how we see and think of ourselves.

We are Filipino who happened to end up somewhere outside of the Philippines.

Hence, inserting the locator first to modify the noun Filipino makes a lot of sense.

In America? You’re an American Filipino.

Notice I don’t get into your papers or your documents, if you’re an immigrant, émigré, born there, second, third or fourth generation.

What’s in your heart? Are

you Filipino? Or don’t you care?

But if you are Filipino, you know it. And that’s all I care about. Indeed, you don’t need citizenship to be called an American. That’s another matter. To be American, you have to be---in America.

Deep down, my construction really is a unity phrase, bringing all of us together right where we are. All we do is acknowledge our location, as in, “(location) Filipinos.”

People always find something to separate us. But the only word that binds us is that F word. Nothing else.

My construction also makes sense grammatically.

Filipino American seems to modify American, but that tends to separate all of us by some bureaucratic definition; the immigrants, the undocumented, the native born. And then someone asks you for your papers and you risk deportation.

But if we put the emphasis were the punchline belongs—at the end—then all that paper work doesn’t matter.

Maybe it will for those nativist yahoos who insist that we should be All-American and chastise me for tribalism. But in an odd way, “American Filipino” should appease.

I say, “Look, I put American first!”

That should shut them up.

I just want to put the emphasis where it belongs—the last word, Filipino.

That’s where the last blood drop falls.

Of course, I’m in the minority. And because of that, I still must occasionally use the FA construction vs. my modern AF form.

But that’s OK, we can talk about it. We’ve got the whole month. It’s about Filipinos in America. All of October, right up to Halloween.

If you’re in San Francisco, I’ll be talking about San Francisco’s Filipino community at the SF Main Library on October 4th and October 9th. And there will be a big celebration at the end of the month featuring San Francisco inspired jazz, when Filipinos and the African American community were often conjoined. If you’re in the Bay Area, come on by. I’ll be talking about my dad who came from Ilocos Norte in the 1920s and settled in the city. And making the case for the American Filipinos.

EMIL GUILLERMO served on the editorial board of the Honolulu Advertiser. An award winning journalist, he was the first Filipino to host a national news program when he hosted NPR’s “All Things Considered.” He lives in Northern California.

HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

Homeless Veterans to Benefit from \$3 Million in VA Grants

U.S. Senators Mazie Hirono and Brian Schatz have announced \$3 million in grants from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to help address the problem of veteran homelessness in Hawaii.

The grants will provide the U.S. Veterans Initiative in Honolulu and Catholic Charities Hawaii with \$1.5 million each as a part of the VA’s Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. The SSVF program administers funding to programs across the U.S. that provide low-income veterans and their families with assistance in obtaining benefits, counseling and temporary financial assistance.

“Finding and keeping a job, supporting a family and living a secure life without a place to call home is a major



challenge for too many of our Hawaii veterans,” says U.S. Sen. Hirono, a member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. “We must do better for our veterans in need. The grants will support ongoing efforts to provide much-needed services to at-risk veterans and their families.”

According to U.S. Sen. Schatz, veterans who have fallen on hard times will have access to job training and temporary financial assistance for rent and utility expenses to help them get back on their feet.

“No veteran should ever go without care or without a place to sleep at night,” he says. “Our veterans and their families have made great sacrifices for our nation, and we must continue to make sure every veteran has a safe place to call home.”

More information about VA’s homeless programs is available at: www.va.gov/homeless.

Details about the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program are online at: www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf.asp.



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DOING BUSINESS IN THE PHILIPPINES

By Gregory Bren Garcia

President Benigno S.C. Aquino III has returned to the Philippines, bringing an end to a 12-day trip across Europe and the United States that yielded some \$2.35 billion in investments.

In a speech he delivered shortly after he arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport from San Francisco, California, Aquino stressed that his successful meetings with business leaders in Spain, Belgium, France, Germany and the United States is an indication that the reforms he has spearheaded in recent years are now bearing fruit.

“The investments we reaped amounted to \$2.35 billion, which we estimate will create 33,850 additional jobs for Filipinos,” he said.

The president noted that American multinational beverage company Coca-Cola has already brought in the additional \$1 billion in investments it promised four years ago to deliver before 2015. Additionally, he said that the government has discussed with German automobile manufacturer Volkswagen about building the company’s global

manufacturing hub in the Philippines.

“All these companies trust that our economy is indeed getting better. They know that the reforms we have instigated have come to fruition, and they are banking on our country’s continuing growth,” he said.

It’s Fun Doing Business in the Philippines

Leveraging on the country’s highly successful tourism slogan “It’s More Fun in the Philippines,” Aquino told his audiences in Europe that “the Philippines is not only open for business, it’s also more fun to do business there.”

In persuading potential investors in Spain, the president highlighted the country’s recent accomplishments, including its strong economic growth, its improved credit ratings, its anti-corruption efforts, and its drive to invest

more in infrastructure, manufacturing, and various social services. He said that the Philippines is now ready to be an investment haven in Asia.

“We are determined to prove to the world an important truth about our country: In the Philippines you will find a place where the government is focused on investing on its greatest resource — its people. It is a nation where entrepreneurs are viewed as partners and where everyone works to prove that, for tourists and businesses alike, *Es más divertido en las Filipinas*,” he said.

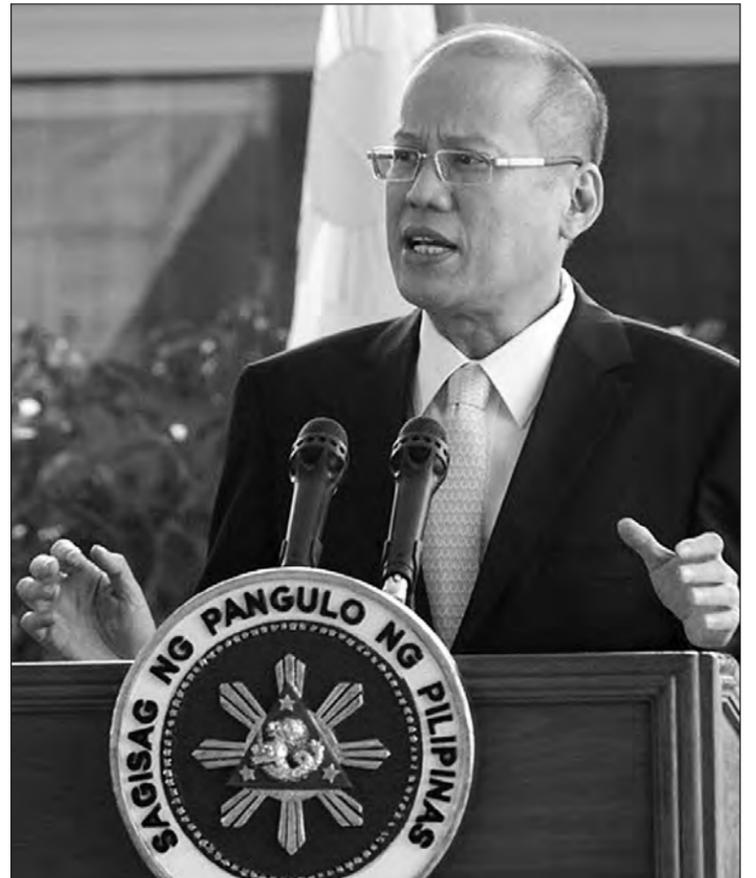
The Philippines by the Numbers

In October 2013, the World Bank and the International Finance Corporation released its 2014 Ease of Doing Business Report, which ranked the Philippines at 108 out of 189 economies. It was thirty notches higher than the 2013 ranking, in which the Philippines was ranked 138.

The leap was the biggest improvement for the Philippines in the survey’s 12-year history, and it also made the Philippines one of “the 10 economies that improved the most in making regulation easier for businesses over the past year.”

The Philippines, however, remains in the bottom half of the global rankings, but the Aquino administration wants the country to become included in the top 60 before the president’s term ends in 2016.

One of the regulatory reforms that influenced the Philippines’ improved ranking in the global survey that measures how much red tape enter-



President Benigno S. C. Aquino III

prises encounter when dealing with the government was the implementation of an online tax payment system, which made it easier for private businesses to comply.

In this metric, the Philippines climbed 13 notches from 144 in 2013 to 131 in 2014. However, it should be noted that while the government aimed to reduce the number of steps in the payment of taxes to just 14 from the previous 47, the survey shows that it still takes businesses a total of 36 steps to pay their taxes.

Another area in which the Philippines had success was in giving businesses better access to credit information. The country improved by 40 notches, from rank 126 in 2013 to 86 in 2014. The government noted that this was due in part to the enactment of the Data Privacy Act of 2012, which mandates the right of borrowers to access their data.

The Philippines also leapfrogged in terms of resolving insolvency or the inability to pay off debts. The country climbed 64 places from 164 in 2013 to 100 in 2014.

Trade Missions

For the past 24 years, the Filipino Chamber of Com-

merce of Hawaii (FCCH) has led trade missions to the Philippines. Several dozen business executives representing a diverse range of interest typically join the Hawaii’s delegation trade mission each year.

The overall purpose of the trade missions is to increase business activity by promoting Hawaii and the Philippines as investment and tourism destinations, encouraging trade and economic activities across the Pacific region, and developing renewable and green technology.

Sectors in the Philippines that have been explored by Hawaii businesses include real estate investments, international banking and finance, Philippine outsourcing opportunities, and the development of new markets especially in the areas of architecture, engineering, environmental consulting, and other products or services that can be exported to Hawaii.

Prior to the trading missions, PCCH typically holds several business development workshops aimed at helping local entrepreneurs to develop investment ideas and learn about business opportunities

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in the Philippines.

Leading the 2014 FCCH mission were Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell and former Philippine Consul General Julius. Former mayors like Peter Carlisle and Mufi Hannemann, and former Gov. Linda Lingle have also led previous missions. The Hawaii delegation normally pays courtesy visits to elected Philippine officials, including the president, vice president and other elected officials. They also tour Malacanang Palace and other historic sites.

The theme of the 2014 mission was “Reflect-Build-Empower: Nurturing with Nourishment is Growth” in recognition of the need to renew sister- and friendship-relationships between Honolulu and major cities in the Philippines such as Manila, Baguio and Ilocos.

WELCOME HPBEC

In 2009, FCCH officials established the Hawaii Philippines Business & Economic



Council (HPBEC), a non-profit organization to foster economic development, increase trade and facilitate the exchange ideas and information on doing business in Hawaii and the Philippines.

One of HPBEC’s goals, which complements the FCCH’s, is to increase or accelerate the volume of trade via the import-export mechanism of products and services to and from Hawaii and the Philippines.

HPBEC provides brokering and business counseling services for Hawaii individuals and entities who want to invest and conduct business in the Philippines and vice versa. The organization is patterned after its Philippine

counterpart in the U.S.—the Philippine-USA Business and Economic Council, a comprehensive organization established by the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI) to foster and facilitate Philippine business with the U.S. and participating states.

Yonie B. Malig-on, who works as a payroll coordinator for Nordic PCL Construction Inc., has never participated in an FCCH-led trade mission due to conflicts in her schedule, but she did attend business-related meetings in Manila and Bohol in 2010. Malig-on entertained ideas of doing business in the Philippines.

“I was exploring the pos-

sibilities,” she says. “The Philippines, as I understood, was trying to be a retirement haven in Asia and so I was curious if I could do business there.”

Malig-on says doing business in the Philippines is a “win-win situation” for both businesses in Hawaii and the Philippines.

“We are helping the country’s economy and creating jobs for the people. On the flip side, companies setting up business in the Philippines will benefit from the low cost of labor and other incentives—if you know how to navigate all challenges that come with establishing business in a foreign country such as the Philippines.”

Malig-on says it is possible to have fun and at the same time run a profitable business in the Philippines.

“The Philippines has yet to catch up on technology that the West enjoys, such as waste management, energy, communication technology, among others,” she says. “The fun part is that just like

in Hawaii, the Philippines boasts of talented workforce, many beautiful places to visit, modern shopping centers and spas, if one enjoys these things. And the best part is that the cost of living there is relatively inexpensive.”

Another business person who participated in FCCH’s annual trade missions is Letty Saban, owner of Diplomat Tours & Travel. In fact, she coordinated the tours during several missions during the 1980s and 1990s.

“Through the trade missions, I was able to establish my contacts in my travel business,” Saban says. “I was able to choose the right tour operator, a representative for me to do U.S. Immigration cases and other contacts. I also met and established business with good *couturiers* (designers) for our Filipiniana attires.

“The Philippines is a good place for Hawaii companies to do business. I highly recommend Hawaii business owners to join the trade mission. They will always gain something.”

HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

FAHSOH Plans Events for Fil-Am History Month

by HFC Staff

The Filipino-American Historical Society of Hawaii (FAHSOH) has planned several events marking Fil-Am History Month in October.

The events begin with a month-long Filipino Artists’ Exhibit at the Lane Gallery at Honolulu Hale. The opening reception is scheduled for October 16 at 5 pm.

Other events include the following:

- October 11-30: “Forgotten Filipino Heroes” exhibit at the Liliha Public Library. The exhibit tells the story of six Filipinos who were honored for their distinguished service in the U.S. military. The exhibit also informs the public of a recent national campaign to award the Congressional Medal of Honor to World War II Filipino-American veterans.
- October 15: “Philippines-U.S. Relations: Reflections and Perspectives on an Enduring Alliance” at UH-Manoa, Moore Hall 319 from 3:30 pm to 6 pm. Featured speaker is Consul General Gina Jamoralin. Sponsored by the Center for Philippine Studies and the Philippine Consulate General.

- October 18: Showing of film “Delano Manongs: Forgotten Heroes of the United Farm Workers,” at Liliha Library from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. The film will be shown again on October 29 at the UH-Manoa Korean Studies Auditorium from 1 pm to 3 pm. The film is a documentary of labor organizer Larry Itliong and the Filipino farm workers who instigated the 1965 Delano Grape Strike, which ultimately lead to the creation of the United Farm Workers Union (UFW).
- October 30: “A Presentation of the History of Filipino Music and Dance in Hawaii,” featuring the Pamana Rondalya and the Tekniqlingz Dancers, at the Hawaii State Library from 6 pm to 7 pm.

FAHSOH thanks the major sponsors for their support, which includes the University of Hawaii-Manoa Office of Multicultural Student Services, the Hawaii Center for Food Safety, and the Hawaii Main and Liliha Public Libraries.

FAHSOH is a private non-profit organization which preserves, enhances and promotes an appreciation of the Filipino heritage and the experiences of Filipino-Americans in Hawaii.

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Knights of Rizal to Hold 4th Dr. Jose Rizal Award Gala

by Serafin Colmenares Jr.

The Knights of Rizal-Hawaii Chapter will be holding the 4th Dr. Jose P. Rizal Award for Peace and Social Justice Gala on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at the Pacific Club.

The Order of the Knights of Rizal is an international fraternal organization established in 1922 in Manila and subsequently chartered by law under Republic Act 646. Its purpose is to spread the ideals and teachings of Dr. Rizal, national hero of the Philippines, especially among the youth who Rizal considers as the “fair hope of the Fatherland.”

Buoyed by its lofty universal principles, the Order has spread throughout the Philippines and other countries. At present, there are chapters in the U.S., Canada, Australia, the Middle East, Britain, Spain, Germany, Belgium, Czech Republic and parts of Asia, with a membership of more than 14,000. Members include government officials, businessmen, academics, doctors, literary men, engineers, students, artists, etc.

The Hawaii Chapter was established in 1971. Among its past commanders and members are distinguished members of the community—Filipinos and

non-Filipinos. Its projects include: the erection of the Rizal Statue at the Filipino Community Center, passage of a City Council resolution naming part of College Walk as Dr. Jose P. Rizal Square, the roving Rizal exhibit, the Alay kay Rizal Dramafest at the University of Hawaii, the annual Rizal Youth Leadership Institute, the Annual Dr. Jose P. Rizal Award for Peace and Social Justice, and the annual Rizal birth and death anniversary celebrations. The Chapter also hosted the 4th USA Regional Assembly and Conference in September 2012. Its current commander is Sir Arnold Villafuerte, KCR.

DR. JOSE P. RIZAL AWARD

The Dr. Jose P. Rizal Award for Peace and Social Justice is given annually by the Knights of Rizal-Hawaii Chapter to honor Dr. Rizal. It is bestowed to individuals who exemplify the life and teachings of the Philippines foremost national hero. Dr. Rizal was a polymath and excelled in many fields. He is known for his literary works, keen scientific mind, devotion to an educated citizenry, vision of an ideal community, but most of all, his dedication to and struggle for freedom



Dr. Ramon Sy

and equality. For his love of country, he paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Rizal Award is open to all nationalities residing in Hawaii, male and female. Candidates must be nominated by at least three reputable civic, professional or community organizations. Nomination forms must detail nominees' accomplishments, the impact of said achievements on the community, and how such achievements promote Rizal's ideals and teachings. Nominees must show exceptional leadership, achievement, service and advocacy in the promotion of change through peaceful means, intercultural understanding, social justice and democratic principles.

Previous awardees were Dr. Belinda Aquino, the late Dr. Jorge Camara and Dr. Amefil Agbayani.

This year's awardee is Dr. Ramon Sy, a respected otolaryngologist, medical professor and organizer of medical missions, who has been widely recognized for his humanitarian service, community work and public service. A member of several professional societies, he was voted Outstanding Physician of the



Dr. Diane Desierto

Year by the American Council of Otolaryngology and was elected President of Medical Staff of Kaiser Medical Center (the first and only Filipino to be elected in that position), President of the Philippine Medical Association of Hawaii, and President of Hawaii Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Society.

Dr. Sy is a clinical professor at the UH John A. Burns School of Medicine and has also taught at the University of Chicago School of Medicine and at the University of Santo Tomas College of Medicine. He co-founded the Bayanihan Health Services, a free clinic for newly arrived immigrant and uninsured patients, and also co-founded the Aloha Medical Mission, a non-profit organization that has conducted over 146 medical missions in 16 different countries. He served as President of the Aloha Medical Mission from 1983 to 2003.

Due to his community and humanitarian work, Dr. Sy received a Presidential Citation from Philippine President Corazon Aquino in 1990, the Presidential Citation for Filipino Individuals and Organizations Overseas (Kaakbay ng Bayan Award) from President

Fidel Ramos in 1996, and the Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Service from the U.S. Government in 2007, among others. He is the recipient of the Most Outstanding Alumnus for Community Service Award, the Most Outstanding Humanitarian Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the University of Santo Tomas Medical Alumni Association in America. Dr. Sy has conducted annual medical missions every year since 1983 and his latest mission was in April 2014 to Tacloban, Leyte to assist victims of Typhoon Haiyan. Dr. Sy obtained his medical degree from the University of Santo Tomas and did his post graduate training at the University of Chicago.

The Award Gala will also feature Dr. Diane Desierto, a distinguished professor of law at the UH William S. Richardson School of Law, who will deliver an inspirational message. Distinguished Service Awards from the Supreme Council of the Order of the Knights of Rizal will also be conferred on selected members of the Knights of Rizal-Hawaii Chapter by Sir Serafin “Jun” Colmenares, KGOR, Deputy Regional Commander for the U.S.

The gala starts at 5:30 pm. Attire is formal or Filipiniana. For reservations and information, contact Sir Arnold Villafuerte at (808) 220-2988 or email at docvillafuerte@yahoo.com, or Sir Jun Colmenares at (808) 838-9775 or email at juncolme@yahoo.com.



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Philippine Consulate to Take Outreach Program to Hilo

The Philippine Consulate General of Honolulu will be in Hilo from October 18-19, 2014 for its Mobile Consular Outreach Program.

Consulate officials will be at the County of Hawaii's Hamakua Conference Room on the first floor from 8:30 am to 5 pm on October 18, and



from 8:30 am to 12 noon on October 19.

The Consulate will provide passport renewal, registration

for Overseas Absentee Voting for the 2016 Philippine elections, administer the oath of allegiance for dual citizenship, and accept applications for notarial services, authentication of documents, reports of birth and marriages and dual citizenship.

Please call (808) 961-8220 for appointments and inquiries.

LEGAL GUIDE



By Atty. Emmanuel Samonte Tipon

Spare the Rod, Spoil the Child, and Avoid Child Abuse Charge

I heard the story of a consular officer's child who was about to be belted by his father. The child exclaimed "If you hit me, I will call the police and report you for child abuse." "Go ahead," retorted the father, "I am not afraid. I have diplomatic immunity. You need to be disciplined." Recently, a football player was indicted for alleged child abuse by beating his 4-year old child with a tree branch resulting in cuts and bruises throughout his body.

Most, if not all, states allow a parent or other person responsible for the general care and supervision of a child to use force against the minor to discipline the minor. In Hawaii, for example, HRS § 703-309 provides that the use of force upon or toward the person of another is justifiable when the actor is the parent, guardian, or other person similarly responsible for the general care and supervision of a minor, or a person acting at the request of the parent, guardian, or other responsible person.

The law provides for stan-

dards in the use of force. The force must be employed with due regard for the age and size of the minor and is reasonably related to the purpose of safeguarding or promoting the welfare of the minor, including the prevention or punishment of the minor's misconduct; provided that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that the following types of force are not justifiable for purposes of this [paragraph]: throwing, kicking, burning, biting, cutting, striking with a closed fist, shaking a minor under three years of age, interfering with breathing, or threatening with a deadly weapon. Furthermore, the force used must not intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or negligently create a risk of causing substantial bodily injury, disfigurement, extreme pain or mental distress, or neurological damage.

HRS § 350-1 provides that "Child abuse or neglect" means the acts or omissions of any person causing a child under 18 to be harmed, or to be subject to any reasonably foreseeable, substantial risk of

being harmed.

Do you expect a parent to read the law before disciplining his child? Even if the parent read it, will he understand such words as "not intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or negligently create a risk of causing substantial bodily injury" or "reasonably foreseeable, substantial risk of being harmed"?

It has been held that a parent who hit his child with a belt did not violate the statute because he did not inflict serious pain. However, a parent who spanked his child causing the child to be unable to sit while in school violated the statute because the force used was not reasonably related to protecting the child's welfare. A parent who "slapped across the face" a child was held to have violated the statute because the parent's conduct was not "reasonably proportional" to the child's conduct in refusing to come to the parent when repeatedly directed to do so.

Line between parental discipline and child abuse

So where is the line drawn between parental discipline and child abuse?

There is an old romantic ballad which goes "There's a line between love and fascina-

tion that's hard to see on an evening such as this." Similarly, the line between parental discipline and child abuse is hard to see whether it is in the evening or morning. Why? Because God and the legislators did not clearly specify the difference. Like beauty being in the eye of the beholder, child abuse is in the eye of the beholder.

So what should parents do? The timid will spare the rod, spoil the child, and avoid a child abuse charge. The not so timid (who loves his child) will chastise him and damn the penal consequences.

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

State to Hold Hearings on Rule Changes For Cesspools

The State Department of Health (DOH) is accepting written comments and will hold public hearings on proposed changes to Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), Chapter 11-62, Wastewater Systems.

The public comment period has been extended to October 17, 2014. Comments can be sent to the Wastewater Branch, Environmental Management Division, Hawaii Department of Health, 919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 309, Honolulu, HI 96814-4920.

DOH will also hold public informational meetings on the neighbor islands to discuss the proposed administrative rule changes. Written comments

will be accepted at the following meetings:

- Kauai: Oct. 6, at 5 pm at the Kauai District Health Office conference room, 3040 Umi Street in Lihue
- Kona: Oct. 9, at 5 pm at the West Hawaii Civic Center, 74-5044 Ane Keohokalole Highway in Kailua-Kona
- Molokai: Oct. 10, at 5 pm at the Kaunakakai Gymnasium at 180 Ala Malama Street in Kaunakakai
- Maui: Oct. 15, at 6 p.m. at the Council Chambers, 8th Floor of Kalana O Maui Building, 200 S. High Street in Wailuku
- Hilo: Oct. 16, at 5 pm, Aupuni Center, 101 Pauahi Street in Hilo

For more information on the community meetings schedule, contact the Wastewater Branch at (808) 586-4294.

There are approximately 87,000 cesspools in Hawaii that pose a potential risk to water resources. Cesspools discharge untreated waste into the ground, causing risks to human health through drinking water sources, streams and near-shore waters. These risks will increase with the State's growing population. The Department of Health seeks to protect public health and preserve our natural resources by proposing rules that no new cesspools be permitted and existing cesspools be upgraded to sewers or septic systems upon the sale of a property.

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UH-Hilo Celebrates Fil-Am Heritage Month

by Grace Larson

The University of Hawaii-Hilo is celebrating Filipino-American Heritage month with a slew of events throughout the month of October.

Participating departments and programs include the UH-Hilo Diversity Committee, Bayanihan Club, College of Agriculture, Filipino Studies, History Department, Minority Access & Achievement Program, Women's Studies, Women's Center, BIFCC and Mo'okini Library.

The festivities kicked off on October 2nd with a barrio fi-



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esta at the UH-Hilo Campus Center Plaza. Attendees enjoyed a parade, program and invitation-only reception. Joining the celebration were U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz and guests from the Filipino community in Kona.

Organizers have planned several more events for Octo-

ber, including the following:

- October 15: Academic Forum with Dr. Patricia Brown, at the University Classroom Building (UCB) 100 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. The theme for the forum is "Filipinas! Voices from Daughters and Descendants of Hawaii's

Plantation Era."

- October 16: Academic Forum with Dr. Patricia Brown, at the New Student Services Center Room W201 from 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm. The forum's theme is "Discovering the Hidden Stories of the Plantation Era."
- October 23: Viewing of film "Undocumented" by Jose Antonio Vargas at UCB 100 at 5 pm.
- October 26: Hilo Filipino Fiesta at the Mo'oeau Bandstand and Grounds in Downtown Hilo, from 10 am to 3 pm. The fiesta is sponsored by the County

of Hawaii, Downtown Hilo Improvement Association, Connections Charter School and the Big Island Filipino Community Council.

- October 29: The Drizzle—a showcase of traditional Philippine dances by UH-Hilo and Hawaii Community College students with a modern twist, at the Kehau Turn Around beginning at 5 pm.

FilCom to Host Candidate Forum on Oct. 8

The Congress of Visayan Organizations (COVO) and the United Filipinos Council of Hawaii (UFCH) are co-sponsoring a non-partisan forum for candidates of several major races for Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at the Filipino Community Center (FilCom) from 6 pm to 8:15 pm.

All gubernatorial as well as 1st Congressional District candidates have been invited to the participate in the forum, which will be moderated by UFCH President Maria Etrata, COVO President May Mizuno and FilCom Executive Director Donnie Juan. The gubernatorial forum begins at 6 pm and will be followed by 1st Congressional District candidates at 7:30 pm.

Organizers say the purpose of the forum is to educate Filipinos voters on candidates' platforms as well as their respective stances on issues which impact the Filipino community and Hawaii as a whole.

"Our goal is to educate ourselves with their plans when elected for the positions that they are vying for," says Mizuno. "This will be a great opportunity for us to listen to each candidate's vision for a better Hawaii."

For further details or suggestions, please contact Mizuno at 741-4503 or Etrata at 392-2962.

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HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

**Maui to Celebrate Filipino-
 American History Month**

by HFC Staff



Mayor Alan Arakawa with the participants of the Little Filipino Fashionista®.

They say *Maui No Ka Oi*—Maui is the best. When it comes to celebrating Filipino-American History Month in October, the Valley Isle is a leader.

On October 6, Maui officials will raise the Philippine flag at the County building in Wailuku. The ceremonies will include a proclamation by Mayor Alan Arakawa, entertainment by the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church Filipino Folk Dance Troupe and free food tasting by eight restaurants participating in the Maui Fil-Am Heritage Festival. Maui is the only county that will hold a flag raising ceremony and raise the Philippine flag for the entire month of October.

For the fourth straight year, the Maui Filipino Chamber of Commerce Foundation will present the Maui Fil-Am Heritage Festival at the Maui Mall. This year's festival will be held on October 18 from 10 am to 3 pm.

Old and New

As with all events, it's important to keep things fresh—and this year is no different.

"This year's Festival will have a few more contests and games and of course, a few new interesting twists," says Melen Agcolicol, president of the Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation. "This year we will again have travel giveaways."

One of the fan favorites is the Master P-Noy Chef Cook Off which features three executive chefs of Filipino ancestry in a friendly competition.

"The Master P-Noy Chef Cook Off highlights Maui chefs of Filipino ancestry who are known for their culinary skills,"

says Jake Belmonte, instructor at the Maui Culinary Academy who is co-chairing the event with State Rep. Gilbert Keith-Agaran. "The event is a source of pride for the Filipino community and encourages Maui's youth to consider the culinary arts as a vocation."

This year's ingredient is marunggay and the chefs will utilize their culinary skills in what is being billed as 'Battle Marunggay.'

Executive Chef Joey Macadangdang of Roy's Kaanapali will return to defend his title and hopes to make it a three-peat. Maui boy Isaac Bancaco, who is the award-winning chef de cuisine from Ka'ana Kitchen at the newly reopened Andaz Maui at the Wailea Resort, will also get a shot at capturing the title of Master P-Noy Chef. Also in the mix is newcomer Riko Bartolome, executive chef at Cane & Canoe, the signature restaurant at the Montage Kapalua Bay.

Executive Chef Sheldon Simeon of 2013 Top Chef fame and the inaugural Master P-Noy Chef will return to guest host the Master P-Noy Chef Cook Off.

Filipino Vegetables

Artists of all ages and ethnicities are encouraged to enter the Pinoy Artist Contest sponsored by Ben Franklin Crafts. The contest will be coordinated by award-winning artist Philip Sabado and his wife Christine.

A special award will be presented to the artist whose piece best fits this year's theme of "Filipino Vegetables" Submissions do not need to be consistent with the theme. Prizes will be awarded to 1st,

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FAMILY & ESTATE PLANNING

Making It Easier on Your Family When You Pass Away

by Sheryll Bonilla

Bearing the grief of losing you is difficult enough without all the tasks involved in closing your financial affairs. You can simplify the effort for your family by compiling a list of information and relevant documents needed for your probate case.

Preparing a folder with the list and a document for each item places all the needed information together so that family members can take it to the accountant and lawyer who will assist them in the legal and tax matters that follow. Tell a trusted family member where the folder is so it can be located upon your passing. Include on the list other names you may have used, such as a prior married name or name before a legal change.

The following are suggestions for what to include to make it easier on your surviving family members in handling your estate.

Funeral plans. Burial costs can be astronomical. If you purchased a funeral plan, list the company and agent so your family knows whom to contact to use the arrangement.

Life insurance. Alternatively, life insurance can help pay for those burial expenses. It can also pay off the mortgage, loans that still being repaid and other debts you have. Leave a copy of the life insurance policy or at least the billing statement, showing your agent's name, phone number, address and policy amount, so your family knows with whom to file a claim to collect on the policy.

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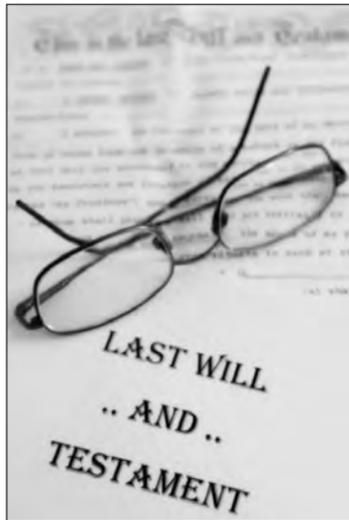
Office to help them begin a claim for benefits.

Attorney and estate plan. A will or trust sets out your instructions for who gets what. Include the originals of your will and codicils, as the attorney must file these to open a probate case. Keep a copy for your family. On the list, write your lawyer's name, firm, phone number and address. Your estate plan is valid even if the lawyer who wrote your documents died before you do.

Advance Directive ("Living Will" and "Healthcare Power of Attorney"). Give a copy of your advance directive to your doctor so that he or she knows what your wishes are for end-of-life decisions. It's also a good idea to discuss it with your family so they know what you want and can tell this to the hospital when the time comes. Google Play offers a free app "My Health Care Wishes" that allows you to store a PDF version of your advance directive so that it can be viewed anywhere anytime and also offers a \$3.99 version that stores more information along those lines.

Real estate. Handling property can get complicated, with financing, refinancing, HELOCs, putting others on title and so forth. Keep those documents in one place so that your family can bring these to the probate attorney. On the list, record the addresses of properties you own, who else owns it with you, how you all hold title and current addresses of all other owners. Alongside each, list the values of any debts on those properties and the name and address of the creditors.

Property held in trust. If you have a trust, identify all the property that you placed into the trust and all that you didn't. If you are a trust beneficiary (such as your parents' trust), list the trustee(s) and what benefits you receive. For example, if you are the beneficiary of your parents' trusts, on your death, your interest



could either pass to your children or to your siblings.

Retirement accounts. These include your pension, annuities, 401(k), 403(b), ESOPs and similar accounts. List the company name and address, type of account, approximate value, date of that valuation and whether you've borrowed against them and in what amount.

Stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Write the name of the brokerage firm, stockbroker or investment adviser, his/her office phone number and location, along with the type of accounts, approximate values and dates of the valuations.

Business interests. If you invested in a business, list the specific name and address of the business along with a full description to avoid any confusion with businesses that have similar names but are completely unrelated. Include names and addresses of other principal owners and your type and share of the interest. Let your family know where you keep stock certificates. If you have letters of credit, list

those as well, with the amount you contributed toward those and the accounts the money came from for tracing purposes.

Bank accounts. List checking, savings, credit union and similar accounts, with the name and address of the branch or financial institution where you hold it, and whether you have a beneficiary designation on the account. Some financial institutions allow you to name a beneficiary who they will pay your funds to upon proof of your death. This is called a "pay on death" or "transfer on death" beneficiary designation, which is easier on your family because it operates without a will. The bank will usually ask for a death certificate and "affidavit of collection" or similar document, then will close the account and transfer the funds to the named beneficiary.

Vehicles. Identify the vehicles you own, who else owns the vehicle with you and where the title is registered. List payments still to be made and give the name and address of the financing institution and amount owed.

Debts. In probate cases, debts have to be paid before property is distributed to your heirs. Your executor will have to give the court a list of all your creditors, then notify the creditors by actual letter and/or publication in a newspaper. The law then gives a timeframe for them to present claims for payment. Identify all your creditors, giving names and addresses, account

numbers, and amount owed. These could include revolving, car, student, and other personal loans, whether from a bank or individual; mortgages and home equity lines of credit; loans against retirement accounts or life insurance policies; and credit and charge accounts; and any other type you may have.

Credit accounts to be closed. Closing all open credit accounts is important. List all the stores and other financial institutions which issued credit to you such as revolving loans, charge or credit accounts, or Paypal, Amazon and at least the last four digits of the account numbers.

Automatic deductions. If you set up automatic donations, deductions or bill pay, such as monthly stock purchases, utility payments, or donations to charitable organizations, these may need to be discontinued. Identify what account the auto-pays are on, who the recipients are, how much is given each month, when the money is deducted and the purpose of the money.

Personal items. An estate plan drafted by an attorney will typically include a list of tangible items with sentimental value that you want certain persons to have. Make sure you have an alternate gift recipient in case your first recipient predeceases you. Be as specific as possible or better yet, include a photo of the items so there is no confusion about what you meant. This list can be kept separate from the foregoing list but kept in the same folder.

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Cebu City Road Sharing Gains International Support

The prestigious International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Commission on Environmental Law has expressed its full support for the Road Sharing Movement which was recently launched in Cebu City, the second largest city in the Philippines. Known as the “Queen City of the South,” Cebu City is undergoing serious traffic congestion problems, much like other major cities in the world.

On September 28, Cebu City residents—supported by a multi-sectoral group of businessmen, civil society, health advocates, cyclists, runners, academia, jeepney drivers, working closely with the City Government—began testing the revolutionary idea of road sharing. Half of Cebu City’s four major roads will be used for motor vehicles only and the other half for pedestrians, bicyclists and other forms of non-motorized transportation.

Unprecedented around the world, the Road Sharing Movement is seen as an antidote to many of the social, environmental and financial ills

that are being faced by urban centers such as traffic congestion, high cost of transportation, social alienation, air pollution, flooding and even climate change. The emissions of heat-trapping gases resulting from the motor vehicle in its entire life-cycle—from the mining and refinery of oil, steel, rubber plantations for tires, mining of aggregates and making of cement for concrete roads, super heat-trapping gases uses for mobile air-conditioning units—is believed to be responsible for more than 50 percent of the gases causing the climate crisis.

A joint statement by IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law Chair Professor Antonio Benjamin of Brazil and Deputy Chair Emeritus Professor Ben Boer of Australia praised Filipinos and Cebuanos for their groundbreaking initiative. Both professors are also well-known international environmental lawyers.

“The IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law applauds the activities of the Philippines Road Sharing



Movement and stands behind the bold citizens of the Philippines in the wonderful road-sharing initiative that will be tested in the City of Cebu,” says Boer. “The Road Sharing Movement is as important as the ‘Clean up the World Movement,’ which also began as a small but vital initiative in 1989 called ‘Clean Up Sydney Harbour.’ The Road Sharing Movement should be replicated around the world, backed up by appropriate legal frameworks for all of the world’s clogged-up cities. The IUCN World Commission on Environmental Law stands ready to assist.”

Two pro-environmental organizations based in Washington, DC likewise expressed their support.

“The Road Sharing Move-

ment is truly visionary,” says Carroll Muffet, President of the Center for International Environmental Law. “It exemplifies the types of solutions that are needed to make the global transition to a fossil-free future that supports sustainable and healthy communities. The Center for International Environmental Law stands in solidarity with the people of the Philippines as they show tremendous leadership on climate change.”

Durwood Zaelke, one of the great visionaries of international environmental law and president of the Institute of Governance and Sustainable Development, echoed his colleague’s statement, calling Cebu City’s Road Sharing movement a “brilliant example

of how a simple but profound idea can catalyze a movement that is now sweeping the country and soon the world.”

“While the world struggles to conclude a global climate treaty in 2015 to go into effect by 2020, there are those who know that fast action is needed now to slow climate change and protect our planet. One fast-action and bottoms-up approach is the Road Sharing Movement.

“The idea is that the roads should be shared by the vast majority of Filipinos who walk, or ride a bicycle, or take public transport, and not be monopolized by the polluting cars and trucks that now clog the streets of our cities. Share the roads. A simple idea. Share the roads fairly. A profound idea.

“The Road Sharing movement is setting the pace for a global movement that will make a significant contribution to climate protection, while also saving lives today of those who otherwise will be killed by black carbon soot from vehicles. On behalf of the planet, thank you Filipinos and Cebuanos.”

PAL to Resume Flights to New York in March

by Lawrence Agcaoili
Wednesday, October 1, 2014

MANILA, Philippines – National flag carrier Philip-

pine Airlines (PAL) announced yesterday it is set to resume flights to New York on March 15 next year.

The move comes just weeks after Lucio C. Tan bought back the shares of diversified conglomerate San Miguel Corp. (SMC) in the airline for \$1.3 billion.

Tan, PAL chief executive, said the airline would fly to New York City as part of its network expansion to the US east coast, after the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) upgraded the country’s aviation safety rating back to Category 1 last April.

“This auspicious start of regular flights to New York will coincide with PAL’s 74th founding anniversary,” Tan said.

The four-times-a-week service – Manila-Vancouver-New York – would operate out of New York’s JFK International Airport, and have full traffic rights between Vancouver and New York.

This would bring total US destinations offered by the air-

line up to five, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Honolulu and Guam.

The New York flight, covering a distance of 14,501 kilometers over more than 16 flying hours, would be PAL’s longest route.

The New York service would also boost PAL’s Canadian operations to 11 flights a week, up from seven.

PAL used to fly to New York but was forced to suspend operations in 1997 as a financial crisis battered Asia.

About half a million Filipinos live on the east coast, accounting for around 15 percent of the 3.4-million Filipinos in the US.

Last Sept. 15, the Tan group took back full control of PAL after paying around \$1.3 billion to SMC.

The deal brought to a close several months of negotiations between the two major shareholders of Asia’s oldest

airline.

With the completion of the buyback, the Tan Group can also take back management control of PAL. SMC president Ramon S. Ang is expected to remain PAL president and chief operating officer.

Former PAL president Jaime Bautista, who served as chief negotiator for the Tan Group during the talks, has been appointed general manager of the airline.

In April 2012, SMC’s subsidiary San Miguel Equity Investments Inc. (SMEII) acquired a 49 percent equity interest in Trustmark Holdings Corp. for \$500 million. Trustmark owns 97.71 percent of PAL Holdings, which in turn owns 84.67 percent of PAL through PR Holdings Inc.

With SMC on board, PAL embarked on a massive fleet renewal program involving the acquisition of 100 brand new aircraft. (www.philstar.com)

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LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

USCIS Issues New Guidance on H-1B for RNs

On response to the changes in the nursing industry, the USCIS has recently released a new policy memorandum providing guidance in the adjudication of H-1B petitions for registered nurses.

The new memorandum does not contain significant changes to the present criteria for H-1B classification of nursing positions. It maintains that most Registered Nurse positions are not specialty occupations. However, the memo points to some situations where the petitioner may be able to show that a nursing position qualifies as a specialty occupation.

Generally, for a position to be eligible for H-1B, the prospective employer must prove at least one of the following: (a) a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent is normally the minimum requirement for entry into the particular position; (b) the degree requirement is common to the industry in parallel positions among similar organizations; (c) the employer normally requires a degree or its equivalent for the position; or (d) the nature of the duties are so specialized and complex that the knowledge required to perform the duties is usually associated with the attainment of a baccalaureate or higher degree.

H-1B petitions for registered nurses are mostly denied because nursing positions, according to the Department of Labor Occupational Outlook

Handbook, generally do not require a four-year bachelor's degree. However, there are exceptions to this general rule.

The memo made special mention of hospitals with magnet status and how achieving such status "indicates that the nursing workforce within an institution has attained a number of high standards relating to quality and standards of nursing practice."

Magnet status is conferred to health care organizations that advance nursing excellence and leadership and recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet Recognition Program.

Although the memo did not state in particular that a nurse manager position at a Magnet hospital qualifies for H-1B classification, the memo mentioned that "as of January 1, 2013, 100% of nurse managers of individual units/wards/clinics must have at least a baccalaure-

ate degree in nursing upon submission of the Magnet application." This may be indication that the USCIS recognizes such nursing position as a specialty occupation.

Interestingly, the memo also listed a number of nursing positions and the duties associated with the positions. The list includes addiction nurses, cardiovascular nurses, critical care nurses, emergency room nurses, genetic nurses, neonatology nurses, nephrology nurses, oncology nurses, pediatric nurses, peri-operative nurses (operating room) nurses, rehabilitation nurses, and other nurses. Although it did not make specific mention as to which nursing positions would qualify as specialty occupations, the memo indicated that "depending on the facts of the case, some of these RN positions may qualify as specialty occupations."

Also noted in the memo is

a situation where an RN position can be considered a specialty occupation in a state which requires at least a bachelor's degree to obtain a nursing license. However, as of today, no state is currently requiring a bachelor's degree for licensure.

Advance Practice Registered Nurses (APRN), on the other hand, generally qualify for H-1B classification because of the advanced level of education and training required for certification. The memo listed the following as APRN occupations that may satisfy the requirements for specialty occupation: Certified Nurse-Midwife, Certified Clinical Nurse Specialist, Certified Nurse Practitioner, and Certified Nurse Anesthetist.

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2nd and 3rd place winners.

Accepted mediums are pencil, colored pencil, watercolor, acrylic, crayon and charcoal. Youth entries must include a name, grade, school and teacher. Adult entries must have a name, title and medium. All artwork must be submitted by October 16 to the Sabado Art Studio at 1980 Main Street, Suite 1, Wailuku. (Tel. 249-0980 or 205-2809).

Contests and Games Galore

Continuing with the Festival committee's intent of creating more activities for the youth, this year's Festival will include two new contests/games, a demonstration and several fan favorites. The Festival will truly be a family event.

The Speedy Balut Eating Contest sponsored by Maui Beach Hotel

The Speedy Balut Eating Contest is an event in which the fastest one to eat a balut wins.

The Polvoron Challenge: Eat & Tweet® sponsored by Friends of Ka'ala Buencon-

sejo

Polvoron originated from Spain and is similar to a crumbly shortbread made of powdered milk, toasted flour and butter. The winner will be the first to eat the polvoron and then tweet—not electronically, of course—but whistle.

Pabitin at the Fest! sponsored by Copy Services

Another new game at the Festival will be the Pabitin, which originated from Spain. A lattice of bamboo sticks, called a balag, is suspended and lowered and raised quickly. The balag contains bags filled with toys, snacks, coins and other items. Some folks claim it's the Filipino version of the Mexican piñata!

Festival Hoops sponsored by the Law Offices of Alfredo Evangelista

The contest will be held from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm near the IHOP entrance. Prizes will be awarded to the top three hoopsters in three age brackets. The contestant who makes the most hoops in the designated time (45 to 60 sec-

onds) will be the winner.

The Oh Wow! Parol Making Contest sponsored by Kit Zulueta Productions

The first 50 youth participants will receive a free parol making kit, along with basic materials of glue, crepe paper and cellophane. The first place prize is valued at \$100; second place at \$50 and third place at \$25. Consolation prizes will also be awarded.

Super Sipa Demonstration

Sipa, which means "to kick," is a native Philippine sport that predates Spanish rule. During the Festival, stu-

dents will demonstrate the game. In Sipa, the ball should only be touched by one's legs and should not hit the ground.

The Filipino Fashionista sponsored by Renato and Maria A.F. Etrata Foundation and The Little Filipino Fashionista sponsored by the Friends of Alan Arakawa

The Fashionista will be for adults and youth (ages 12 and below). Adults will vie for a \$500 travel certificate, while youth winners will receive gift certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The first 20 youth will receive gift certificates for participating.

Fabulous Filipino Food

The Festival will be your one-stop shop many Filipino dishes, provided by no less than eight Filipino restaurants.

"The Foundation believes it's important to feature the dishes of Maui's Filipino restaurants," says Teresita Noble, chairperson of the Vendors Committee. "Our Filipino restaurants need continued exposure and the Festival will help to expand their markets."

Participating restaurants include Randy's Catering & Fast Foods; CAA Market Place; Badua's Catering; TJ's Food Mart, Fast Food Restau-

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DAYASADAS
By Pacita Saludes

Agsasaruno Dagiti Grupo Dagiti Filipino A Mangpaspasantak Kadagiti Itukitda A Bukel A Tumubo, Agbunga A Tandodo Ni Filipino

Kapilipinoan, ditay koma liwayan a tapayaen dagiti napipintas a rusat ken sagana dagiti Filipino ditoy Hawaii. Agsasaruno dagiti grupo Filipino a mangidasar kadagiti naisangrat nga aramidenda a mangpasayaat ti komonidad nga ayanda.

Ti United FILIPINO COUNCIL (UFCH) ti grupo a kadakkelan a mangbukel kadagiti amin nga organisasion iti Hawaii ti mangidasar ti PROGRESS AWARD 2014 ken mangpasingked ti panagsaad dagiti kappili nga opisyales nga idaulo ni Mrs. Maria Etrata. Maisagana iti Sabado, October 4, 2014 iti Ala Moana Hotel, Hibiscus Ballroom, manipud alas sais iti malem agingga iti rabii. "TO PLANT THE SEED AND START ANEW - LET IT GROW! Masapul nga ipakita ti

UFCH ti makita nga addangan ti grupo kas ikeddengna iti daytoy nga aldaw. Kayatna nga ipalnaad, a no nalab-ay man ti gunay iti napalabas, ipakitana a nasarsaranta maipud iti daytoy nga aldaw ket lumasmabang ti takderna ket ad-adu ti maibungana a lak-amen ken pagsayaatan ti komonidad. HURRAY UFCH!

October 5, 2014 iti Ala Moana Hotel met laeng ti aldaw ti LA UNION CIRCLE and ASSOCIATION ti Coronation and Ball para iti Mrs. Region I. Masigurado a naragsak met daytoy a panagtitipton dagiti taga La Union nga idauluan ni Conrad Valdriz a natenneben a mangidadaulo kadagiti grupo kadagiti napalabas nga al-aldaw.

October 12, 2014 met ti Oahu Filipino Council (OFCC) night. Mapatalgedan met itoy nga rabii ti maidasar a panagserbi dagiti kappili nga

opisyales ti OFCC nga idauluan ni Reberendo ALEX VERGARA kadagiti adu a pagsayaatan ti komunidad ti isla ti Oahu. Manamnama a sanguen dagiti dandani sanga-gasut nga organisasion ti nasid-sidat a panagrang-ay dagiti mairusat nga aramiden ti ti kada grupo iti sakup ti Oahu. Maaramid met daytoy iti Ala Moana Hotel Hibiscus Ballroom. Adda balikas ti unknown author para iti OFCC, nga kunnanna nga the PAST are your lesson, the PRESENT is your gift, the FUTURE is your motivation. Tallo a balikas a dadakkel ti kaipapananna nga utuben ddagiti kameng ti OFCC.

Parambak ken rusat dagiti FILIPINOS saan a mamingga tapno maipakitana ti tibker ken saririt dagiti Filipinos a nailaok ditoy America. Managarapaap ngamin ni Filipino - isu dayta ti mangipakita a daytoy a puli saan a masaaw nga dimteng ditoy ganggannaet a daga

kadakuada isu a madlaw ken marikna ti alisto nga idudur-as ti biag ken kasasaadda.

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English Translation

YOU CONTINUE TO BE WORTHY TO ME

I cannot forget you
Because I cannot forget myself
I have been through many tests
I love because I was loved by you

I am molded by yesterday and today
The path I travelled was kindled
By your gracious nurturing
With your light I face a bright future.

I am still the one
Who dreams of your embrace
I may be far away from your side
And living contrary to what you are able to provide
Still, I insist you are different
And because of you I thrive in the present.

When I feel the wind blow over me at Pearl Harbor
I dream of your warm embrace
I look at all these strangers around me
And my longing intensifies

Even as I may tend to forget you
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FILIPINO AMERICAN LEAGUE OF ENGINEERS AND ARCHITECTS (FAEA) 21ST ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET & INDUCTION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS • SATURDAY • October 11, 2014 | Pacific Beach Hotel | 6:00 PM | Contact Frank Cruzata @ 228-2394.

21ST ANNUAL CORONATION BALL, CRUSADER'S OF THE DIVINE CHURCH OF CHRIST PHILIPPINES INC. • SATURDAY • October 11, 2014 | Hokulei Ballroom @ Dole Cannery-Iwilei | 6:00 PM | Contact: Fely Ishii @ 342-6259.

OAHU FILIPINO COMMUNITY COUNCIL'S ANNUAL INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND UNIT MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS PRESIDENT • SUNDAY • October 12, 2014 | Ala Moana Hotel, Hibiscus Ballroom | 6:00 PM | For details, contact Loida Yamamoto @ 679-9540.

CONSUL GENERAL GINA JAMORALIN TO SPEAK @ THE U.H. CENTER FOR PHILIPPINE STUDIES ON PHL-U.S. RELATIONS: REFLECTIONS & PERSPECTIVES ON AN ENDURING ALLIANCE • WEDNESDAY • October 15, 2014 | Tokioka Rm. (Moore Hall 319) | 3:30-6:00 PM | For reservations, please call Clem Montero, 956-6086.

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FILIPINO COMMUNITY CENTER'S 12TH ANNUAL BAYANIHAN GALA DINNER • SUNDAY • October 25, 2014 | Sheraton Waikiki Hotel | 6:00 PM | For details, call FilCom Center at 808-680-0451.

PASUQUINIO ASSOCIATION OF HAWAII'S INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS & DIRECTORS • SUNDAY • November 1, 2014 | Pomaikai Ballroom, Dole Cannery | 5:30-10:30 PM | Contact Froebel Garcia at 386-6559 or Dory Villafuerte @ 397-9718 for details.

MISS PHILIPPINES HAWAII USA PRESENTATION • SATURDAY • November 22, 2014 | Kalayaan Philippines International, Pacific Beach Hotel | 6:00 PM | For more info, contact Ben Pulido @ 421-9747.

PASKUHAN SA CONSULADO, A COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION • TUESDAY • December 16, 2014 | Philippine Consulate Grounds | 5:30-10:30 PM | For more info, call Jeff de Mesa @ 595-6316 to 19 ext. 105.

FILIPINO ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (FAUW), PASKO! • SUNDAY • December 21, 2014 | Honolulu Museum of Arts | 11:00 AM-3:00 PM | FREE Admission courtesy of Bank of Hawaii's monthly family Sunday | For more information, please contact Pepi Nieva at pepinieva@hotmail.com.

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Back-to-Back Cultural Entertainment

The Festival's entertainment will be strictly Filipino cultural entertainment. After all, it is Filipino-American History month.

"Entertainment will showcase Maui's Filipino talents that will include songs and dances of the Philippines," says Madelyne Pascua, chairperson of the Program Committee. "So come early and find a seat under the large tent."

Entertainers will include Sharon Zalsos (Maui's Miss Saigon), Virgie Cantorna (who appeared in Miss

Saigon and Les Miserables), Elleck, La Galeria: Compania Baile Filipino, and the Students of Aggie Cabebe (Aikahi Seniors and the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church Filipino Folk Dance Troupe). Hosting this year's Festival will be Ryan Piro of Mix 105.5 FM.

We Got History Exhibit sponsored by Monsanto Hawaii

As in prior years, the Festival will include a historical exhibit. This year, the exhibit will concentrate on early Filipino businesses such as A.B. Sevilla Store, Bersamin Fish Market, Dolores Cabebe, Crispulo Evangelista, George Guerrero, PC Trading Store and a number of barber shops and pool halls. Gathering the information has been difficult due to the passing of time but organizers believe the end result will be educational and inspiring.

Please Take my Picture Anak ko Booth sponsored by Litratto

In years past, the photo booth has been tucked away in a room and away from the beaten path. This year's photo booth (free but donations are graciously accepted) will be in the main corridor—just off the stage. You can dress up in your own

attire or select one of the props provided by Litratto.

Fly Me to the Philippines and Back!

Don't forget to register for a chance to win one of four \$500 travel certificates. The grand prize will be airfare, round trip, economy class to Manila courtesy of Philippine Airlines. Certain restrictions apply, including but not limited to: one entry per person, must be at least 18 years of age and must be present, with proper identification, to win.

Corporate Support

The Maui Fil-Am Heritage Festival is supported by a number of companies who believe in its importance and significance.

"Corporate support is so vital to the Festival's success," says Alfredo Evangelista, Event Chairperson. "Without our sponsors, the Maui Filipino Chamber Foundation would not be able to share our culture, heritage, history and growing number of Filipino businesses on Maui, so we are extremely grateful for their support."

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