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## EDITORIAL

## Historic Trans-Philippines Medical Mission for PMAH

**T**his December, thousands of poor people from Davao, Mindanao and Payatas, Quezon City will receive an early Christmas present, thanks to the efforts of volunteer physicians and medical professionals from the Philippine Medical Association of Hawaii (PMAH) Ohana Medical Mission. They will be providing first-rate medical care for residents from these poverty-stricken areas.

Scheduled for December 12-15, the mission will be the first for Davao and Payatas, and also cross the entire country, culminating in a homecoming mission in Ilocos Sur. The small but dedicated group of PMAH volunteers with their big hearts never cease to amaze with their continuous missions of mercy to poor regions throughout the Philippines. The Mindanao Islands, in particular, are extremely poor with almost half the population being classified as being below the poverty line. Despite a posh tourist resort on the Island Garden City of Samal, Samal Island has no hospital to tend to the medical needs of its residents. No less fortunate is Payatas, where the main dumpsite for Quezon City's solid waste is collected.

We encourage Filipinos in Hawaii who are from the Davao/Mindanao region to step up to the plate and support this mission financially or by donating much needed medical supplies. Help is also needed to prepare and package the many boxes that will be taken on the mission. Now is the time for Davaoites to support this mission and see to it that the medical needs of kababayans from their hometowns are taken care of. A successful mission would indeed help set the stage for future missions to other poor areas in Mindanao and elsewhere in the Philippines.

## International Spotlight to Shine on Oahu For APEC

**F**or an entire week, the eyes of the world will be on Oahu for the 2011 APEC Summit. With upwards of 20,000 attendees—including heads of state from 21 Pacific Rim nations—the event is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Hawaii to promote itself as a leisure destination as well as an ideal place to conduct business and host meetings and conventions. There will also be opportunities for local entrepreneurs to pursue new business opportunities and to network with finance ministers, diplomats, policymakers and CEOs. State officials also want to showcase other industries besides hospitality that Hawaii has a comparative advantage in, namely sustainability and clean energy, life and health sciences, and earth, ocean and sky sciences.

No other event in recent memory has galvanized the community into action as much as APEC has. Save for a few disgruntled protestors from the University of Hawaii, the response in preparing for APEC has been overwhelmingly positive. The private sector has partnered with State and City governments on beautification projects along the Nimitz Highway corridor and throughout Waikiki, while businesses, community groups and churches have held several graffiti paint-outs and clean-up events. Scores of volunteers, greeters and escorts have been thoroughly briefed on their assignments, while HPD and emergency first responders are well-trained and good to go.

Unfortunately, there will be protests, demonstrations and picketers to contend with, along with traffic congestion as streets and sidewalks in and around Waikiki will be closed to allow delegates to move to and from various venues for meetings, receptions and other special events. But we can do our part by exercising patience and heeding official advisories. Let's all pitch in and help showcase to the world all the very best that Oahu and our state have to offer!

## FROM THE PUBLISHER



as it occurred to you how quickly this year has flown by? With Halloween and All Saints Day now in the rear view mirror, we can turn our attention to the remaining few weeks of 2011. Veteran's Day is quickly approaching and before you know it, Thanksgiving will be here, with Christmas right around the corner. Several members of the PMAH Ohana Medical Mission are preparing to spend Christmas in the Philippines on yet again another mission of mercy, this time to the poorest of the poor in Davao and Payatas near Quezon City. This mission, however, is a bit unique from earlier versions in that it will cross the Philippines from south to north. Some Davao volunteers have joined hands with other health volunteers of the biennial Ilocos Sur homecoming mission to 4 towns in Ilocos Sur. We commend the PMAH for their willingness to extend their reach particularly into the Southern Philippines, where some have complained that a medical mission has been long overdue. If you are from Davao and would like to assist in this mission, please read our cover story written by J.P. Oras beginning on page 4. Best wishes to these dedicated volunteers for a successful and safe mission!

Speaking of success...it's finally here! After weeks of intense preparation, Oahu is ready for APEC. Our leaders are confident that APEC's participants will enjoy the aloha spirit and doing business in Hawaii. They are bound to appreciate our unique aloha spirit, first-rate hotel lodging and meeting facilities, and a highly skilled and experienced tourism industry workforce that can accommodate the special requests and needs of groups from around the world. Mahalo to all the many volunteers who helped to get Oahu ship-shape and ready for the "big show."

To commemorate this once-in-a-lifetime event, we are preparing a special supplement for APEC which we have reserved for our next issue. Our editorial board and contributing writers have gone all out to prepare a slew of interesting and informative topics relating to APEC. For the time being, we are looking forward to the arrival of President Noyonoy Aquino and his entourage. Hawaii's Filipinos will get an up-close-and-personal chance to meet the president at a welcoming dinner in his honor at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Tapa Ballroom. We hope to see you there!

There are other columns and articles of interest in this jam-packed issue that I hope our readers will find informative and useful. Much, much thanks especially to our faithful sponsors for their advertisements and patronage! We deeply appreciate their generous support.

As always, we invite our readers to provide feedback, story ideas, tips or concerns regarding Hawaii's dynamic and vibrant Filipino community. Please drop us an email at: [filipinochronicle@gmail.com](mailto:filipinochronicle@gmail.com). We'd love to hear from you!

Until next time...*aloha and mabuhay!*

*Chona A. Montesines-Sonido*

## LETTERS

### CROWDED MAYOR RACE A REALITY

*In his local newspaper column, a political beat writer recently bemoaned the lack of viable mayoral candidates or excitement over the fast-approaching 2012 election. We would like to assure the local news media that the race for Honolulu Hale's top seat will be one to keep a close eye on.*

*Candidates from several ethnic groups, including Filipinos, could potentially run for mayor. Recent census data shows that Filipinos have become a tremendous population number to be bargained with and courted in the 2012 elections. This is evidenced by numerous elected officials who attempt to woo Filipinos at various events. Even the current mayor frequently shows up to Filipino functions sporting his "barong."*

*Consider the following Filipino candidates who might enter the race for mayor:*

- Former State Senate President Robert Bundo;
- Former Circuit Court Judge, Insurance Commissioner, State Representative and Senator Rey Grauly; and
- Although a long shot unless provoked, former Governor Benjamin Cayetano.

*These candidates have already proven that they have significant and organized support, not just from Filipinos, but from other ethnic groups as well.*

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## LEGISLATIVE CONNECTION



By Senator Will Espero

## Time To Holomua

could be a useful budget helper and landfill extender. Lower operating expenses, longer landfill life, and cleaner air makes using clean energy a win-win solution.

Creating jobs and boosting the economy are other reasons why we should pursue clean energy. Germany's solar industry employs more than 60,000 people and contributes 10 billion euro (nearly \$14 billion) per year. In the German city of Freiburg, almost 10,000 residents work for the 1,500 companies in the environmental and science sector, contributing close to \$700 million to the economy. Denmark is a leader in wind turbine production while Germany leads in solar-powered cooling systems. France, England, Germany, and other European countries are beginning to tap their geothermal resources. Geothermal power plants have high initial costs but are said to be cheap and cost-efficient in the long run.

Let's look at Freiburg to see what's possible. There, solar panels are on everything from homes to the soccer stadium.

Disch's home, the Heliotrope, is one of Germany's first zero-energy homes; it generates five times the energy it uses. It's not just the PV panels that soak up the sun. The exterior hand rails serve double duty as solar thermal tubes that heat the water and radiators in the house. Disch has designed many solar-powered projects, leading to the accomplishment that entire neighborhoods in Freiburg produce more electricity than they consume. His Schlierberg Sonnenschiff is a three-story townhouse and commercial complex that gen-

erates a collective 420,000 kWh each year. Each of its 59 homes produces more electricity than they use, creating a source of income for the settlement. The commercial portion contains a supermarket, pharmacy/convenience store, café, offices, studios, and clinical practices.

Disch's Munzingen Solar Garden is a 43-townhome complex that earned the German Architecture Prize and 1994 European Solar Prize. The beautifully landscaped Burke-Bleiche Senior Center includes 59 apartments and a caretaker's home for old age living. Ovulation is a pre-fabricated, modular building design that won the 1997 European Solar Prize. Besides homes, he also designed solar cars to demonstrate its potential, which he introduced in 1986.

Many renewable energy efforts started from the OPEC oil crisis of the '70s. Disch explained that the rise in energy costs led people to search out other solutions. When Freiburg proposed a nuclear alternative, Disch and others protested vigorously against it.

The 1986 Chernobyl disaster led the municipal council to abandon its plans for using nuclear power. The city actively began integrating other forms of renewable energy. There are photovoltaic panels on City Hall, the Trade Center, schools, churches, private houses, facades, apartment buildings, commercial centers, and towers. Wind turbines in the nearby Black Forest harness the power of the wind. Badenova Stadium is the first stadium in the world to have its own solar plant.

Even the oil-rich Middle East is capitalizing on solar.

Several solar-gas turbine hybrid plants (ISCC – integrated solar combined cycle) are being built, using mature technologies with proven track records and more than 50% efficiency. Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, and Iran are sites of some of these ISCC facilities. Because the electricity is generated exactly like conventional fossil fuels, except that solar power is used to heat the boiler, the systems are said to be easily integrated into conventional fossil-fuel thermal plants at relatively low cost.

A few years ago I introduced a bill to have personal financial planning taught in schools so students would be able to create and live within a

budget to achieve their goals. That same planning is needed for other issues we face. Some experts predict that the global supply of petroleum will start declining in about five years. Prices have risen from 90 cents a gallon in 2001 to over \$4 a gallon now, just ten years later. We don't have to invent the wheel, and we don't need to guess whether our investment will be a good one. Other cities have already shown that switching to renewable saves money, saves landfill space, and saves our natural resources. We must continue moving in this direction if we are to have affordable, alternative energy in the future.

**C**lean energy gives more than just an environmental benefit. The police cars of Hoover, Alabama run on biodiesel made from wood waste that ordinarily would have gone into the city landfills, helping the city save on gas bills and landfill costs. Because the wood-based fuel burns cleaner, the cars run longer between oil changes, so the city next saves on car maintenance expenses. Hoover bought two pieces of cooking oil-to-biodiesel equipment to divert more waste away from the landfill and use a second life to used cooking oil. The city collects the oil from its 75,000 residents and processes the oil to become fuel for its heavy equipment and trucks. When all the savings in equipment, operating, and maintenance are accounted for, Hoover's cost for making the biodiesel is 91 cents a gallon. That's the price gas was a decade ago, and it's not subject to price hikes as petroleum supplies dwindle.

Hoover's kind of forward thinking policy is something we could use here in Hawaii. Our counties often must deal with landfill and budget issues. Diverting biowaste and food-waste away from our landfills would lengthen its lifespan. While the City and County of Honolulu mandates recycling of restaurant cooking oil, collecting it from residents as well to make fuel for city vehicles

Here's three projects built in Freiburg, designed by solar architect Rolf Disch.



(Image via Inhabitat – home of architect Rolf Disch) The Heliotrope near Freiburg, Germany, is a rotating solar tree-house that follows the movement of the sun.



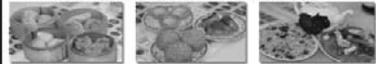
The Sonnenschiff (Solar Ship) community center is completely powered by renewable energy. Winfried Roethermel (AP)



The solar power plant on the roof of the Badenova Stadium. Winfried Roethermel (AP)

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# Medical Missions Slated for Davao, Quezon City and Ilocos in December

By JP Orías

**S**ome 30 strong volunteers from Honolulu will be flying to Davao City, 971 kilometers (605 miles) south of Manila, during the second week of December 2011 to conduct a medical mission to four major cities in Davao.

PMAH Ohana Medical Missions, Inc. conducted its maiden mission to Santiago, Isabela in September 2009, followed by an emergency mission to the same area to help the victims of Typhoon Juaning in 2010 and co-sponsored another mission to Bicol in January 2011.

Why Davao? OMM President Dr. Elemita Alvarez, who will be leading the Davao-bound group of medical missionaries, says that she felt a need to hold a medical mission in Davao based on the sincerity and hard work of physicians and colleagues from Davao who worked so hard in putting the package together.

"In Davao, the Ohana Medical Missions will be able to address the needs of thousands of people who really need and cannot afford even the cheapest medical aid," she says.

Joining Dr. Alvarez will be OMM directors, officers and fellow physicians Erlinda Cachola, Jose DeLeon, Amelia Jacang,

Charlie Y. Sonido, Russell Tacata and Arnold Villafuerte—the designated chair of the Davao Medical Mission who in his own words very much wants this project to succeed.

"First and foremost, it's my birthplace and so I wanted to give back to where I first saw the light," he says. "Secondly, having joined several medical missions to Ilocos in the past, it would just be fitting to go back to Davao and provide medical and other health related assistance to the indigent citizens as well as other minority groups who have limited access to health care and other services."

## Davao Mission Sites

This major medical mission is expected to serve at least 6,000 residents of Davao and Panabo City with medical mission centers in Toril, Calinan, Samal Island in Davao City and Panabo City. Venues and dates are as follows:

- Panabo Civic Center, 8:30 am to 3 pm, December 12
- Calinan Town Hall, 9 am to 3 pm, December 13
- Toril Gymnasium, 8:30 am to 3 pm, December 14
- Babak Proper, 9 am to 3 pm, December 15

Residents needing medical attention from Marilog, a forest town along the Davao-Bukidnon route considered the poorest of all Davao City towns, will be transported to Calinan, which is approximately 70 kilometers from Davao City. These cities were chosen by the Davao community of Hawaii.

Mission volunteer Cora Nelson, who hails from Panabo City, confirms that this mission will be the first ever for Panabo.

"My entire hometown will be waiting for us," she says.

Lilian Tacata and husband Dr. Russell Tacata own a resort in the Island Garden City of Samal. She says that Samal Island has no hospital to serve the needs of its residents.

## Hawaii Dabawenyos

Local Dabawenyos working closely with the OMM committee are DAH president Esther Domingcil, Ceres Yanong, Lil-



Club officers helping out in repackaging medications and supplies

ian Tacata (Samal Island) and Chuck and Cora Nelson (Panabo City). They are available for more details for specific medical mission activities in each town.

Serving as the medical mission's prime mover in Davao City are Department of Health officer Dr. Josephine J. Villafuerte, Galvani "Bobby" Yanong, Bernard Al-ag (Toril and Calinan), and Dr. Austerio ObENZA (Samal Island).

Dabawenyos of Hawaii president Esther Domingcil is concerned with a possible large influx of patients considering the population density of Davao City. She encourages her townmates to solicit more donations so enough medicines and vitamins can be distributed. Ceres Yanong has commissioned her brother Bobby to be the local conduit in Davao who will attend to all the errands that Hawaii needs done and implemented.

## Continuing Medical Education

There will be opportunities for Honolulu and Davao medical practitioners involved with the mission to exchange medical ideas and practices. A Continuing Medical Education has been planned for December 13 at 6 pm at a venue to be determined later.

Its main topic will be "Update on Outpatient (Primary Care) Medicine" with Dr. Charlie Sonido serving as moderator. Lecturers and their respective topics include:

- Dr. Elenita Alvarez: "Common Errors in Obstetrics Gynecology"
- Dr. Amelia Jacang: "Pediatric Immunization"
- Dr. Jose De Leon: "Diabetes Update"
- Dr. Erlinda Cachola: "Hypertension Update"

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serve 2,000 residents from each city, medicines and vitamins acquired through donations from the people of Hawaii are being readied for the mission. The amount includes at least 240,000 multivitamin tablets, 100,000 Ibuprofen tablets, antibiotics, antihistamines, analgesics and antipyretics, medicines for scabies, lice, parasites, eardrops, and decongestants, among others. Blood sugar (diabetic) testing will also be done.

Dr. Jose Del Leon, pharmacy coordinator for the mission, appreciates all the help and advice that veteran medical mission volunteers have given him.

"I didn't realize that this aspect of the mission was so overwhelming," he says. "I appreciate the help that I get from Dr. Sonido."

### Minor Surgeries

In coordination with group of volunteer military physicians headed by Gen. Arthur Tabaquero, M.D., the group will also render minor surgical procedures like circumcision, cyst and small tumor excision.

Financial contributors include many physicians, friends and relatives of Dabawenyos, and the community-at-large.

Those who want to donate medicines and other supplies for the Davao Medical Mission may call Dr. Alvarez at 347-6710 or Dr. Villafuerte at 220-2988.

Additionally, the medical mission committee is also preparing gifts bags of goodies and personal hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpastes, and soaps for the poor and needy.

### Payatas—the Dumpsite of Quezon City

As mission volunteers return to Honolulu, some will spend a day of medical mission at the Payatas Dumpsite in Quezon City on their way to the Ilocos Sur Medical Mission. Payatas is the main terminal for the solid waste collected in the city. It is considered the poorest barangay in the entire Philippines.

This is where one Korean family started their mission in the Philippines some 20 years ago and is still serving the city of scavengers. This family will serve as host for the medical mission which will be held



at 002 San Isidro Labrador St., Payatas A Quezon City from 8 am to 12 noon on December 17. This stopover medical mission is sponsored by Titans USA Foundation, the Bayanihan Clinic Without Walls and Ilocos Surian Association of Hawaii. Leading the group is Dr. Charlie Sonido with volunteers from the School of Medicine of the University of Santo Tomas, some of whom, like Dr. Bora Nam, had served as preceptees in the Hawaii Preceptorship Program for International Medical Graduates (IMGs).

### ILOCOS SUR

Now in its fourth season, this biennial Homecoming Medical Mission in selected towns of Ilocos Sur started in 2005. It fea-

tures educational, cultural, sports and entertainment activities in addition to medical missions and gift giving.

This year, the ISAH Homecoming Medical Mission will be in Santiago (December 19), Sinait (December 20), Cabugao (December 21) and Santa (December 22). As in the past, the medical mission venue will be at the Santiago Clinic Complex, Sinait District Hospital, Cabugao Municipal Hall and Santa Health Clinic.

For the first time ever, the Ilocos Sur Idol finals will be held at the Bonifacio Park of Cabugao, Ilocos Sur. ISAH president Danny Villaruz says that organizing this year's medical mission has not been easy. "There have been conflicts

in scheduling for some people who wanted to join the medical homecoming mission," he says. "Money is scarce this year and commitment from some unit organizations has somewhat waned, but we will certainly try our best."

Rose and Al Sabangan, first-time volunteers and co-sponsors, together with Dr. & Mrs. Charlie Sonido and Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Sonido of the Cabugao Mission, believe that rendering free medical services and giving gifts to indigents during this time of the year is very appropriate and timely. They feel blessed to be part of this great humanitarian effort.

Maria Etrata, a perennial volunteer, believes that it is a calling to help out in the medical mission for the good of humanity. Dr. Erlinda Cachola, who is joined by Councilman Romy Cachola, agrees that "the greatest expression of gratitude for all the blessings we receive in life is to give back to needy people who cannot pay you back."

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## HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

# UH Lecture to Focus on APEC, Politics in Asia-Pacific Region

Philippine congressman Walden Bello, founder of the international NGO Focus on the Global South and one of the most respected international civil society leaders, will lecture on "Geopolitics in APEC: The Philippines, China and the U.S. Pacific Command" at the University of Hawaii-Manoa's architecture auditorium on November 10, 2011, from 5 pm to 6:30 pm.

Bello will discuss the implications of China's assertiveness on the complex geo-political relationship in-



Cong. Walden Bello

volving this rising power, the Philippines, a weakened U.S. and the rest of Asia.

Bello will also discuss the increasing assertiveness of China and the crisis of U.S. power which have inaugurated

a period of flux in geopolitical relations in the Asia Pacific region, where the Philippines increasingly finds itself in the center of developments. His lecture will provide answers to questions as:

- What are the implications of recent developments, especially in the South China Sea for Philippine and Asia-Pacific national security?
- How is the Philippine Gov-

ernment dealing with these events?

- How should other Asia and Pacific nations understand these developments?

Bello represents the political party Akbayan (Citizens' Action Party) in the Philippines' House of Representatives of the Philippines. He initiated efforts to rename the South China Sea to the West Philippine Sea and

led an unofficial Philippine congressional delegation to the Spratlys in the teeth of threats from Beijing. He will also discuss the larger implications of these geo-strategic maneuverings on the future of APEC and its goal of fostering country and regional development in the Asia-Pacific region.

A reception will follow the lecture, which is free and open to the public.

## Traffic, Pedestrian Restrictions Around State Convention Center for APEC

The U.S. Department of State has announced transportation restrictions in the vicinity of the Hawaii Convention Center to ensure the safety and security of APEC delegates.

Road closures, parking restrictions and changes to public transportation routes and public works services will be necessary during APEC meetings. Additional restrictions will be implemented for the Leaders Meetings from November 11-13. Information on those changes will be forthcoming from the appropriate agencies.

Road closures will begin daily at approximately 6 am - 7 pm on November 8 through November 11. Fencing and other physical barriers, as well as uniformed law enforcement officers, will be in place to assist the public with traffic flow and identifying the closed roads. "No Parking" signs will be also posted.

Vehicle traffic will be limited to vehicles with a law

enforcement purpose on the following roadways:

- Kapiolani Boulevard, all lanes, from Kalakaua Avenue to Atkinson Drive.
- Atkinson Drive, all lanes, from Kona Street to Kapiolani Boulevard.

Kalakaua Avenue, from Kapiolani Boulevard to the Ala Wai Canal will be open, but with reduced lanes. There will be intermittent closures of other intersections in the vicinity of the Hawaii Convention Center that may temporarily affect vehicular and pedestrian movement.

### Convention Center Area Parking Restrictions

No parking will be allowed at any time from November 7-13 in affected areas. Vehicular parking restrictions will be coordinated and enforced by the Honolulu Department of Transportation Services and the Honolulu Police Department. Appropriate signs will be posted and enforced on the following roadways:

- Kahakai Drive, both sides,

throughout the entire length of the street.

- Kapiolani Boulevard, both sides, from Kaheka Street to Kalakaua Avenue.
- Kalauokalani Way, both sides, from Makaloo Street to Kapiolani Boulevard.

The following parking prohibition will be enforced 24 hours-per-day from November 8-13:

- Atkinson Drive, Kokohead (South) side only, from Ala Moana Boulevard to Kapiolani Boulevard.
- Hobron Lane, ewa (North) side, from Kaio Drive to Ala Moana Boulevard.
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- Koa Avenue, makai side, 100 feet ewa (West) of Ulukou Avenue.
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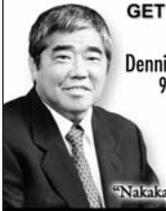
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## IMMIGRATION GUIDE



By Atty. Emmanuel  
Samonte Tipon

## Filing Adjustment of Status Could Lead to Deportation

ing removal proceedings.

Section 245 provides: "(a) The status of an alien who was inspected and admitted or paroled into the United States or the status of any other alien having an approved petition for classification under subparagraph (A)(iii), (A)(iv), (B)(ii), or (B)(iii) of section 204(a)(1) may be adjusted by the Attorney General, in his discretion and under such regulations as he may prescribe, to that of an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence if (1) the alien makes an application for such adjustment, (2) the alien is eligible to receive an immigrant visa and is admissible to the United States for permanent residence, and (3) an immigrant visa is immediately available to him at the time his application is filed.

The law is not as simple as it seems. An alien should read other relevant provisions of the immigration law and cases interpreting the law to understand ad-

justment of status.

For instance, what constitutes inspection and admission? Does it include an alien who presents a fake passport or visa and is allowed into the U.S.? How about an alien who falsely tells the immigration officer at the border that he is a U.S. citizen and is admitted? How about an alien who is a passenger in a car coming through the border and the immigration officer takes one look at the occupants and waves them on?

Who is eligible to receive an immigrant visa and is admissible to the U.S.? Is an alien crewman or an alien in transit without a visa eligible? How about an alien who continues in or accepts unauthorized employment before filing an application for adjustment of status? How about an alien who is deportable or excludable? How about an alien who does not pass the medical examination or security clearances?

Is a fiancée visa holder who

does not marry the petitioner within the 90-day period after admission or marries another eligible for AOS? A Filipina was admitted to the U.S. on a fiancée visa but upon arrival found that her petitioner had been killed before she arrived. She then married another and filed an adjustment of status application. The application was denied and she was deported.

Is an alien with a nonimmigrant visa who is out of status and is not an immediate relative of a USC eligible to adjust status? In the lamentable V visa cases, the V visa holders were given a 2-year period of authorized stay in their Form I-94. V visa holders were the spouses and minor children of lawful permanent residents who had waited long for their visa and were temporarily admitted to the U.S. in order to await the availability of their immigrant visas here. Quite a number stayed beyond the 2-year period. When their visas became available, they filed adjustment of status. USCIS denied their application

and placed them in deportation on the ground that they had overstayed their 2-year period of admission and were out of status. We represented several V visa holders in immigration court. We contended that the 2-year period of stay given them by the immigration officer at the airport was wrong. It should have been "Duration of status" like that given students or journalists. Thus, they were still in status and eligible to adjust. To play it safe, we rushed their husbands' naturalization as citizens, hence they became "immediate relatives" eligible for adjustment of status.

An attractive nurse who was a V visa holder filed her application for adjustment of status after her 2-year period of authorized stay had expired. She panicked when she heard so many V visa holders who remained beyond the 2 year period were being deported. She retained us. We told USCIS that the 2-year period given her should have been "Duration of Status" and therefore she was

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**A**djustment of status (AOS) is a procedure to convert a non-immigrant visa of an alien in the U.S. into an immigrant visa without having to return to one's native land, thus saving money and possible exclusion if the alien goes home and then seeks re-admission to the U.S. The procedure is governed by Section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. §1255).

Many people think that filing an adjustment of status is a slam dunk. They try to do it themselves or hire immigration herbalioris who apparently have not even read the law. A significant number of such filers have landed in immigration court fac-

## HAWAII-FILIPINO NEWS

(from page 6, TRAFFIC...)

No parking will be permitted Tuesday, November 8 through Friday, November 11 between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the following roadways:

- Kaheka Street, Koko Head (South) side from Kapiolani Boulevard to S. King Street.
- Makaloa Street, both sides from Kalakaua Avenue to Sheridan Street.
- McCully Street, both sides, from South King Street to Kalakaua Avenue.

Parking will be prohibited and enforced on November 11 on Beretania Street, makai (South) side only, from Punahou Street to Kalakaua Avenue.

### Convention Center Area Pedestrian Restrictions

The following sidewalks and walkways will be continuously closed from November 7-13:

- Atkinson Drive, Kokohead (South) side only, from Kahakai Drive to Kapiolani Boulevard.
- Kapiolani Boulevard, Kokohead (South) side only, from Atkinson Drive to Kalakaua Avenue.
- Kalakaua Avenue, makai (West) side only, from Kapiolani Boulevard to Ala Wai Boulevard.
- The Promenade walkway from

Kalakaua Avenue to the security barricade makai (South) of Kahakai Drive.

The following crosswalks will be closed 24 hours-per-day from November 7-13:

- Atkinson Drive/Kapiolani Boulevard, makai (South) side crosswalk.
- Kapiolani Boulevard/Kalakaua Avenue, Ewa (West) side crosswalk.
- Kalakaua Avenue/Pau Street.

### Public Transportation

Routes 3, 9, and City Express A will be detoured in the Convention Center area from November 8-11 from 6 am to 7 pm. Specific detour information will be disseminated by the Department of Transportation Services and Oahu Transit Service, Inc.

The public is urged to reduce non-essential travel into and out of the Waikiki-Ala Moana area as traffic is expected to be congested, thereby negatively affecting the schedule of the buses.

### City Trash Collection

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▲ L-R: Joel Navasca, Joel Pagulayan, Ian Navasca, Dave and Jonathan Pagulayan during a recent party in Pearl City



▲ Vangie Endrina during the USTA AH fundraising event



▲ 38th Wedding Anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. German Cabasug (sitting), with son Joey, daughter Geenalyn and her husband Jon Ishikawa and baby Cody



▲ Drs. Fritz Zobian, Josephine Waite, Carolina Davide and Zumba instructor Noella Querubin at the USTA AH fundraiser



▲ USTA AH members at the registration station. (L to R) Host Dr. Cielo Guillermo, Dr. Tess Bernales, Vicky Bunye and Rose Ines



▲ Sarah Robert and Tina Salvail at the Bingo game

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## FOOD &amp; LEISURE

# Sauces, Spices and Culinary Inventions

**EAT'S EASY** By Ernest Reynoso Gala

**C**hefs today have the license to experiment with new flavors, to imagine new forms of cooking inspired by diverse cultures to create tastes and textures that appeal to the public. Nifty creations that are practical and easy to do is the trend, but not a simple task, as formulating these types of recipes takes experience, a global perspective, knowing the various methods of cooking and ingredients to finally produce a gourmet extravaganza. Fragrance, color and taste provide the framework when conceptualizing a recipe, while passion and style form signature dishes.

I am fond of Cantonese cooking because of its diversity, versatility and various ways of cooking, so much so that I attended two culinary schools in Hong Kong: Town Gas Center and Chopstick Culinary School. In the recent Cooking with the Masters by Lee Kum Kee at Serendra's Market! Market! Mall, Taguig City, I proudly shared my latest culinary inventions and gave a glimpse of this rich cuisine to a large audience who were given a plate each of what we cooked. With its unique concept of two participants simultaneously cooking the same dish alongside the chef, this was one crowd-pleasing event I truly enjoyed.

In Cantonese cooking the preparation of ingredients is more critical rather than the actual cooking. Whether meat or vegetable or fish, precise, uniform cuts are required for even cooking and must be bite-size because it is eaten with chopsticks. Bones are meticulously removed and used for stocks and soups for added flavor and so the person will not choke while chewing on the food. Large servings are the norm because meals are often shared with family and friends. The major methods of cooking are deep-frying and stir-frying, commonly known as quick cooking. In deep-frying the amount of oil needed must cover the food to be cooked, with the oil heated at a high temperature to ensure a crispy exterior and tender interior. A second frying or double frying is done for a crispier texture. Woks are used to ensure the heat of the oil remains at the center and placing a wooden chopstick in the center until bubbles emerge help ensure the proper heat level. In stir-frying, intense fire is used on a thinner layered wok because it conducts heat faster. Smaller cuts are used for a speedy cooking process, while sauces and spices are mixed first separately before combining them with other ingredients to keep the flavor consistent and intact. Nuts and mushrooms are added



Sizzling Chinese beefsteaks with Lee Kum Kee Char Siu sauce

to give contrasting texture to smooth sauces. Vegetables must remain vibrant and crisp after cooking, while ginger and spring onions remove any unwanted flavor. Peanut oil or corn oil is often used, though cooking with pork or chicken fat for sautéing is commonly practiced. Steaming is often used for various dim sum and pao.

Sauces and spices are used to flavor dishes and often added in the last part of cooking. Marinating meats and vegetables for long periods of time isn't done because the cuts are smaller and flavors are absorbed while cooking. Soy sauce or sauce made from fermented soybeans is used to

## SIZZLING CHINESE BEEFSTEAKS WITH LEE KUM KEE CHAR SIU (BBQ SAUCE)

### INGREDIENTS:

- 250 grams beef tenderloin or sirloin. Slice while frozen into ¼ inch-thick steaks. Pound with a cleaver to spread. Slice into 2-inch x2-inch-wide pieces.
- Marinate beef in: 1 tbsp. each of Lee Kum Kee Premium soy sauce and sugar, 1/4 tsp. pepper, 1 tsp. sesame oil.
- Dredge each piece well in 1/4 cup AA cassava (tapioca starch).
- Pan-fry beef few seconds in 1 1/2 cups cooking oil. Remove beef while still pinkish.

### FOR THE SAUCE:

- Pan-fry beef few seconds in 1 1/2 cups cooking oil. Remove beef while still pinkish.

thinly sliced diagonally, leeks or spring onions, ½ cup pineapple juice mixed with 2 tbsp. Lee Kum Kee Char Siu sauce, 1 1/2 tsps. Each of Lee Kum Kee premium soy sauce, sugar, AA cassava starch.

### Prepare:

1 sizzling plate. Put on top of stove until very hot; 4 pineapple rings.

### PROCEDURE:

Heat oil in saucepan. Add leeks and stir a few seconds. Add remaining ingredients. Stir until boiling.

### TO SERVE:

Arrange pineapple rings on one side of hot plate. Put beef. Pour sauce. Serves 4.

give a rich, salty flavor and may vary in color (light to dark). It can be added to the food or served as a condiment. Hoisin sauce, also known as Peking sauce, is a thick, sweet and spicy sauce made from garlic, chilies, soybeans and various spices and can be found in stores as the 10-flavored sauce. Oyster sauce is a combination of oysters, brine and soy sauce with a very thick texture and strong taste. Sesame oil is extracted from

sesame seeds with the roasted version being strong in scent. It is the "perfume" in Cantonese cooking and only small amounts are used to accent the fragrance and taste. Five-spice powder, called Ngo Yong, is combination of cinnamon, fennel, cloves, anise seeds and Szechuan pepper. As my teacher, chef Yvonne mentioned in her class, the spices are not intended to mask but rather enhance the natural flavor.

(www.philstar.com)

## CHINESE FRIED RICE WITH LEE KUM KEE HOISIN SAUCE

### INGREDIENTS:

- 500 grams pork tenderloin, cut into 1-inch cubes. Marinate in a medium bowl at least 30 minutes (preferably 1 hour up to 8 hours in the refrigerator) in 1/4 cup Lee Kum Kee hoisin sauce, 1 tbsp. Lee Kum Kee sesame oil.
- Prepare 6 cups cooked rice, 1/3 cup cooking oil, 1 package or 2 cups cooked peas, carrots, corn, 1 tbsp. crushed garlic, 1/4 cup chopped violet onions, 1/2 cup coarsely chopped fresh shrimps, 2 tsps. Lee Kum Kee premium soy sauce, 1/2 tsp. pepper.

### FOR GARNISH:

Two eggs beaten with a fork and cooked

over low heat as for omelet. Cool. Cut into thin strips.

### PROCEDURE:

Heat oil in a big wok. When hot, turn off fire and put in the corn, carrots, peas, and stir 1 minute. Set aside vegetables on a plate. (We do this to prevent easy spoilage of rice.) To the same oil, add garlic and turn on fire. When brown, add onions and cook until soft. Add pre-marinated pork and stir with 2 wooden spoons until meat changes color. Add shrimps, soy sauce, and pepper. When shrimps turn pink, turn off fire. Add rice and mash well. Add vegetables. Turn on fire and toss to heat. Put on a deep plate. Top with eggs. Serves 10.

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RISE Program**

**T**he U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Hawaii Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) recently announced seven new interns for the "Rewarding Internships in Sustainable Employment" (RISE) program.

The interns will be working to expand the Hawaii Green Business Program, a partnership between DBEDT, Department of Health (DOH), the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the City's Recycling Office and Honolulu Board of Water Supply. The program recognizes hotels/resorts, office/retail, restaurant/food service, and government organizations that are committed to going beyond compliance and reducing their impact on the environment. To date, 52 businesses and organizations in Hawaii have been recognized by this initiative.

"Building a clean energy economy is a State priority and we must have a work force that is trained and ready for green business jobs," says Mark Glick, administrator of DBEDT's State Energy Office. "We selected these highly-qualified students from a number of applicants and will be working with them to expand their qual-

ifications and expertise to contribute to the State's goal of 70 percent clean energy within one generation."

RISE is committed to building the capacity of Hawaii's workforce and moving towards a more sustainable future. It is a collaborative effort by DBEDT, the State Department of Education, DOH, University of Hawaii, Kupu, Honolulu Clean Cities and the EPA. RISE also provides job training opportunities, as well as an engaging Sustainability Seminar Series that provide sustainability training, project specific trainings and workshops, a speaker series, volunteer opportunities, community outreach events and field trips in order to engage the interns in different sustainability projects in Hawaii.

"The experiences gained by the interns will provide the cornerstone for a sustainable green workforce in Hawaii," says Asia Ayea, EPA's project coordinator. "They will be pioneers leading the way for the many exciting and challenging green industries and jobs, leading to a more sustainable environment and a cleaner environment."

For additional information on RISE, please contact Marguerite Harden at [marguerite.harden@kupuhawaii.org](mailto:marguerite.harden@kupuhawaii.org)

**PHILIPPINE NEWS****Flashfloods, Landslides  
Threaten Visayas and  
Mindanao**from [www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com)

Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011

**M**ANILA, Philippines - The government's weather bureau today warned residents of Eastern Visayas and northeastern Mindanao against possible landslides and flashfloods due to a prevailing shallow low pressure area (SLPA) near Palawan province.

The Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Ad-

ministration (PAGASA) reported that the SLPA's location was estimated at 240 kilometers east southeast of Puerto Princesa, Palawan.

PAGASA said that the SLPA is embedded along the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ), which brings rains over southern Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao.

It said that rains brought on by the SLPA and the ITCZ will become "widespread over the extreme Eastern Visayas and northeastern Mindanao, which may trigger flashfloods and landslides."

**IMMIGRATION GUIDE** (from page 7, *FLING*...)

still in status. We informed USCIS that we would file an action for mandamus and prohibition if they did not approve her application immediately. Mandamus was to compel them to act and prohibition was to prohibit them from deporting her. To show that we were not bluffing, we gave the Director a copy of the complaint, naming him and the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Attorney General, and USCIS Director, as respondents. The adjustment was approved. USCIS did not say whether they treated her as still "in status" or granted her an extension of stay nunc pro tunc (retroactively).

The Attorney General or USCIS has discretion to grant or deny adjustment. There are several factors used by USCIS in evaluating the application. If it denies adjustment, it will refer the case to immigration court.

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## PHILIPPINE NEWS

# Palace: Erap Government Struck Deal with ABB

by Delon Porcalla  
Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011

**M**ANILA, Philippines - The Aquino administration is pursuing an agreement the government forged with the communist breakaway group Alex Boncayao Brigade (ABB) during the term of former President Joseph Estrada in December 2000, a Malacañang official said yesterday.

This was Malacañang's explanation for the grant of P31 million for livelihood and other aid to communities where former insurgents and their families live.

Deputy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte said the government is "committed to the five negotiating tables that are pursuing a just and lasting peace," which include the Revolutionary Proletarian Army-ABB, a breakaway group of the communist insurgents.

"The RPMP (Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Mangagawa ng Pilipinas)-RPA-ABB signed an agreement with the government last Dec. 6, 2000 under the Estrada administration," Valte said in defending the "reintegration and development fund" for the RPA-ABB.

Valte said this binds the government - now under the Aquino administration - to "commit fund releases for reintegration and development to establish, operate, and support livelihood projects, housing assistance."

This also includes "education and training, primary health care, agriculture and irrigation facilities, farm-to-market roads, microfinance, among others," Valte said.

"The funds will be released to the local government units (LGUs) in areas that will be identified for community development and livelihood assistance," she said.

Estrada, however, denied having signed such an agreement with the ABB during his term. He challenged Malacañang to present proof that the P31-million fund that the Aquino administration gave to the RPMP-RPA-ABB was his idea.

"No. We have no agreement. There is no such thing as that. It is not our brainchild. I challenge them to present proof if they have any," Estrada said.

Valte said the Armed Forces

of the Philippines (AFP) is supporting the peace initiatives with the ABB.

"The AFP, through Maj. Gen. Emmanuel Bautista, commander of the AFP's 3rd Infantry Division, has expressed its support for the peace process with the RPMP-RPA-ABB, as it impacts on security concerns on the ground," she said.

The Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Process (OPAPP) led by Secretary Teresita Deles, however, denied insinuations that the P31 million was payoff to the ABB, or that

OPAPP gave the ABB such amount.

"There is no truth to that report. OPAPP never gave P31 million to the ABB," Undersecretary Luisito Montalbo said.

Montalbo pointed out that it was a fund from Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA), a government program and framework for peace and development in conflict-affected areas.

"The use of ABB alone to refer to the group that signed the peace agreement with the government in 2000, as reported by

a media network yesterday afternoon, is likewise misleading. We are dealing with the RPMP-RPA-ABB, the three groups who banded together to break away from the NPA (New People's Army), and chose to return to the fold of the law and join mainstream society," Montalbo explained.

Montalbo said the information on the P31-million fund quoted in news reports is from the PAMANA website.

"OPAPP is very transparent in its disbursement of funds," Montalbo stressed.

"The PAMANA website clearly states that the P31 million is for community development and livelihood projects for three peace and development community sites in Negros Island where there are members of the RPMP-RPA-ABB," he said.

Montalbo said the government has been conducting socio-economic profiling of members of the RPMP-RPA-ABB to determine appropriate livelihood and other development interventions for their communities ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com)).

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## PHILIPPINE NEWS

# Buyers from Singapore, Malaysia Coming for NorthPhil Expo 2011

from [www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com)  
Sunday, Oct. 23, 2011

**M**ANILA, Philippines - Singaporean and Malaysian wholesale buyers of travel packages and tourism products are coming over to join the North Philippines (NorthPhil) Tourism and Travel Expo 2011, which will be held at the SM City Clark on Nov. 11-14.

"These foreign travel agents will figure out prominently in NorthPhil Expo's Buyers Meet Sellers program that will be held for the entire duration of the event," said Ronnie Tiotuico, Central Luzon director of the Department of Tourism (DOT).

"The program will enable local sellers to transact business with the foreign buyers, who will actually become our marketing agents in their respective countries and promote North Philippines to their captive clientele," Tiotuico said.

"This annual expo, therefore, is steadily evolving into a global marketing event highlighting the North Philippines as an international and domestic tourism hub and contributing to the DOT's product, brand and market development efforts," Tiotuico added.

Both the Malaysian and Singaporean buyers will be flown by *Philippine Airlines* (CEB) as the expo's official carrier.

Among the country's airlines, CEB has the most number

of domestic and ASEAN destinations from the Philippines. It was also the first domestic airline to base its operations in Clark. Thus, expo participants can book the lowest possible fares on inter-island flights from Clark, Manila, Cebu and Davao.

From Clark, the guests can also book flights to Cebu, Macau, Hong Kong, Singapore and Bangkok, and from Manila to Cebu and Tuguegarao.

The lowest possible fares for one-way flights from Clark to international destinations start at P999, to Cebu or from Manila to Cebu at P1,099, and from Manila to Tuguegarao at P699.

"We continue to encourage travel from CEB's Clark hub to further boost North Luzon," said CEB vice president for marketing and distribution Candice Iyog.

CEB is among several international airlines contributing significantly to the inflow of tourists to North Philippines through the Diosdado Macapagal International Airport (DMIA) in Clark.

International passenger traffic at the DMIA reportedly reached 607,704 in 2011 and is still growing strong.

DMIA is strategically connected by the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway to the Subic Freeport Zone, another international gateway, making North Philippines a natural hub for both foreign and domestic tourists.

Constituting North Philippines are the Cordillera Admin-

istrative Region (CAR), Ilocos and Pangasinan (Region 1), Cagayan Valley (Region 2), and Central Luzon (Region 3).

Tourism establishments and travel firms from these regions comprise the bulk of the exhibitors at the NorthPhil Expo 2011, which involves exhibits, special events, and social and business functions.

The tourism exhibits will feature the pavilions of the provinces of Aurora, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga and Tarlac, the freeport zones of the Clark Development Corp. and

the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority, the DOT regional offices in the Cordilleras, Ilocos and Pangasinan, Cagayan Valley and Central Luzon, and the corporate booths of various tourism-related businesses. This year's expo will also be participated in by DOT regional offices from the Visayas and Mindanao.

To be showcased in the exhibit booths and pavilions are popular, new and emerging tourism destinations, attractions, and products and services that are unique to each region.

The special events include

theatrical and cultural presentations, corporate game shows, product presentations, raffle draws, and crafts and culinary demonstrations.

Dinner and cocktails for business networking are also being arranged for the participants in the Buyers Meet Sellers program.

Supporting the expo are the Central Luzon Tourism Council, the provinces and DOT offices in North Philippines, and the Philippine Exhibits and The-meparks Corp. (PETCO) as event manager.

## A Sweet Treat for OFWs

from [www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com)  
Sunday, Oct. 30, 2011

**M**ANILA, Philippines - Widely unknown and unnamed, they have traveled to foreign lands and made sacrifices, earning money to sustain their family and loved ones in the country. And, without them being aware of it, they have helped in the nation's growth and development immensely.

Such is the story of Nonoy Paterno, a native from Negros Oriental who from being sewing machine mechanic in Taytay, Rizal persevered and became an award-winning maintenance manager in Europe. His achievements became an inspiration to many hardworking Filipinos who strive to give their families a better life.

We call them the contemporary heroes of today. Even without them hearing our words of appreciation, they have relentlessly worked hard to complete their tasks and bring back honor to the Philippines. But how do we show them how much we ap-

preciate their resilience and hard work? How do we say "thank you" for giving us the opportunity to study in a good school? Or "thank you" for helping us build a business to sustain our family?

Toblerone with the Commission of Filipinos Overseas, Duty Free Philippines, Good News Pilipinas, and Kraft Asia's Toblerone; OFWs (Overseas Filipino Workers) coming home to the country are given a token of appreciation through the Thank You Global Pinoy campaign. As part of this initiative, the Swiss chocolate brand is making the Special Rewards Passport available to all OFWs who purchase the Toblerone Passport bundle. Each Special Rewards Passport will allow the bearer to redeem over P10,000 worth of gifts and special discounts from 24 partner establishments including recreation centers and leisure zones.

Below are the establishments and destinations listed with the Special Rewards Passport:

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2. Manila Ocean Park — See the treasures of the deep. Take a tour around the country's first Oceanarium and discover the creatures living in the Philippine oceans.
3. Splash Island — Slide and splash. Take your family to a poolside adventure in the country's biggest waterpark.
4. Zoobic Safari — Enjoy a ride in the 37-acre safari and come face to face with captivating creatures such as crocodiles, tigers and other exotic animals.
5. Animal Wonderland at Star City — Take care of animals, while learning how to take care of the environment at Animal Wonderland, a mini-petting zoo for live farm animals.
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## LEGAL NOTES



By Reuben S. Seguritan

## What to Do When a Family Petition is Denied

cases, the reasons for denial are impossible to overcome. But many times the denial is just a hurdle that only tests one's determination. When faced with a denial there are several options to choose from as circumstances may allow.

The denial may be appealed to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA). The petitioner files the appeal on Form EOIR-29 with the USCIS service center or district office that denied the petition. The petitioner must file it within 30 days of the date of the decision and pay the filing fee of \$110. On the other hand, the petitioner may also opt to simply re-file the petition.

The reasons given by the USCIS for denial is probably the first thing to consider when deciding whether to appeal. For instance, the I-130 must have been

approvable when filed in order to make appealing the denial worthwhile. For example, the spouses in a marriage-based petition must be legally married at the time of filing. If the husband's divorce was not yet final at the time he remarried, the petition could not be approved.

On the other hand, if the reason for denial was a finding of fraud in a marriage-based petition, the petitioner should definitely consider contesting the denial because a fraud finding bars the approval of any other immigrant petition for the beneficiary.

Also, if the I-130 was denied due to failure to submit required documentation, presenting the documentation before the BIA will not necessarily result in a reversal. For example, a beneficiary child's birth certificate will most likely not be considered "new evidence" by the BIA because it was already

available or it "could have been discovered or presented" when the petition was filed. In this scenario, the petitioner may be better off re-filing the petition.

The petitioner may actually choose to do both – simultaneously appealing the denial and re-filing the petition – but several other factors may influence the petitioner to choose one option over the other.

For instance, unless one has an immediate relative petition, he/she would most likely be concerned about priority date preservation, especially when the I-130 took years before it was adjudicated. Re-filing an I-130 means that the priority date in the first petition would be lost.

Another factor is processing time. Appeals with the BIA can take more than one year while I-130 adjudication may take a shorter time. One more thing to consider is the cost: the I-130 fil-

ing fee of \$420 must be paid again when re-filing, which is a lot more money compared to the \$110 appeal fee.

If an appeal to the BIA is unsuccessful, the petitioner may seek review of the I-130 denial in federal court.

The petitioner's other options include the filing of a motion to reopen/reconsider. A motion to reopen must include new facts supported by affidavits or other documentary evidence. In a motion to reconsider, the petitioner must show that the decision was incorrect based on the evidence of record at the time of the decision. There is a \$630 filing fee and a 30-day period to file the motion.

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## PHILIPPINE NEWS

## Survey Shows Hunger on Rise Again in Philippines

from [www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com)  
Saturday, Oct. 29, 2011

**M**ANILA, Philippines (Xinhua) - Notwithstanding the P21-billion (\$492.9 million) cash dole out program of the government of Philippine President Benigno Aquino III for poverty alleviation, the number of Filipino households that have experienced hunger during the last three months has increased.

A survey conducted exclusively by the Social Weather Stations for the BusinessWorld, a leading business daily here, showed that there was a sharp increase in the number of families without food in the main island of Luzon but has declined in the rest of the country.

The poll conducted from Sept. 4-7 showed that one in five households - 21.5 percent or an estimated 4.3 million families

nationwide - experienced having nothing to eat in the last three months.

This was up from the four-year low of 15.1 percent recorded in June and a point worse than the 20.5 percent recorded in March.

The latest hunger figure - 7.5 points above the 13-year average of 14 percent - is the worst so far for the Aquino government but is still below the record 24 percent hit in December 2009 during the administration of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo.

Some analysts said that the result of the survey only showed that the conditional cash transfer (CCT) program of the administration has not been effective in the eradication of hunger, particularly among schoolchildren, which is its main objective.

But Secretary Corazon Soli-

man of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) blamed recent typhoons and higher oil prices for the respondents' hunger claims, and said the government was working to address the issue especially since more typhoons hit Luzon just after the survey period.

The moderate and severe hunger components of the overall score worsened, with the former up nearly five points to 18 percent or 3.6 million families and the latter gaining 1.5 points to 3.5 percent of 713,000 families. Both were also above the 13-year averages.

"Moderate" refers to experiencing having nothing to eat "only once" or "a few times" in the last three months, while "severe" involves going hungry "often" or "always."

Overall hunger climbed sharply in Luzon, hitting a

record 28.3 percent or 2.5 million families from the previous 9.7 percent. The previous peak of 25 percent was hit in March this year.

Overall hunger was also 10 points up in Metro Manila to 23 percent or 647,000 families.

The increase in Luzon and Metro Manila was offset by 8.7-point decline in Mindanao to 13 percent or 620,000 families and

a slightly smaller 5.7-point improvement in the Visayas to 15.3 percent or 587,000 families.

The survey showed that severe hunger was highest in Metro Manila, rising by 4.6 points to 6.3 percent, the highest since the 7.3 percent recorded in December 2009 and 2.8 points above the 13-year average of 3.5 percent.

(from page 12, ASWHEEL...)

getic kids and kids at heart. Run along the Garden Maze, or enter the Barn to see real baby farm animals. There is also an aviary, and a gravity car ride called Zooc with a thrilling 400-meter track.

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## PHILIPPINE LANGUAGE



**DAYASADAS**  
By Pacita Saludes

# Kada Maikupin Nga Aldaw, Marsing Ti Naikudil Nga Ipususay

agkarkaradap kasta met latta nga ikarigatan ti rumkusa. Agkarakarag ken agsalukag tapno rumangrangay ti panagbiag, ngem mammano ti makaalubog a ti panagbiag adda atidog adda ababa. Asino ti makaipadto ti kabayagna iti daytoy a lubong? Adu dagiti agbibigay a kasla di matay. Nagasat dagiti mangsegega ti ipapanawna ditoy a biag ta kasla padpadaanma ti ipapanawna iti agdama. Adda dagiti oras nga ammona ti mangtalay ti nalikudanna. Nagasat ta adda pay panawen a panangliput ti nagkurangan.

Bigat manen ket ania ti naaramidak idi kalman ken idi naminan nga aldaw. Agtanggapangad, agpanunot. Awan! Ta limbabas laeng di kalman nga awan arimekme.

Ammotay kadi a kada aldaw a maikupin Marsing iti DAGUP TI ALDAW TI PANAGBIAG? Am-amangaw ngem dayta ti pudno.

Iti kasta rebhengna a panunotan a no adda pannakabalinna a kada aldaw punuen ti rumbeng a nakallalagip wenna makaited ti napateg a banag a pakairanudan wenna nasyaat a pakalaglagipan.

Idi kalman kinapungpungto ti kaarruba wenna ti kabbalay. Aniat naitedna? Agsakit ti barukong, sibabantot ti rikna agingga ita. Apay a di aramaten daytoy nga aldaw a naragagsak ket awan ti maibata a lagip a mangdangensen ti biag. Agbabawi ti tao a nataenganen nga awan met ti naibatina a lagip manipud kaddana iti daytoy a disso.

Kailala dagiti aldaw. Idi kaub-ubinganna kuna ti maysa a lakay "no naigaedko met ti nagtrabaho idi, kaslaak koma met ken ni Ankuwan. Aglanglangoyen ti kinabakngan, addaan ti nabisked a pamilya ken itan pakairanudan, pakaidayawan. Naisem a Pimmanaw.

Kailala dagidi aldaw ngem saanen a maisubli. Asidegen ti panagan! Bigat, kasangaldaw segegegaan ti di mapakpakaadan a panagpatingga ti ALDAW a naibilang para iti maysa a tao a naikkan ti biag. Awan met laeng ti nasaksaktan? Agpadispensar itan.

Naitungpal met laeng ti obisagyon? Naitungpal met laeng dagiti AR-ARARAW? No kasta naragsakka a PUMANAW iti naikeddeng nga aldaw. DIOS TI KUMUYOG!

## NATAGIBI A PANAWEN

Tawen sangapulo ket sian ubing pay a makatanda Kadagiti bierras ti panawen a maikupin Ni payo nayintek timbang a pangrayagan A mangtanda kadagiti maikupin a kalman Kasano a malipatan pagbilangan dagiti tumangay Dagiti rinusing a bin-I a pangnamamaan

Naubon dagiti tawen a napot adu a kapapananotan

Kada bininggas dagiti oras a pakalaglagipan Rinemmet a kalkalikagipan mangipararangang Ta mapay narabas dagiti aldaw a marsing Maninud aldaw naikeddeng nga ipapanaw Maikkan kumat lagip ken napateg a kaipapanan

Listaan ti Nangato a Langit adda pakokitaan Siam a pinon nalangta ken narangapayaban Ramay ti panawen di mapaditan ken paginasasaan Naramok, narangapaya dagiti sanga a salinongan Duapulo a sulbod nalanglangto, narangrangapayaban Ken nabibisked Pito a sagbibs ken ad-abu pay

Ti di maadmaula a pannakaikupin dagiti aldaw Alisto di mapapanotan narawoon oras nga umaylaw Marsingda maninud naikeddeng a panawen ALDAW A KAADDA DITUY LUBONG A PAGLULUAAN

**N**aisem ti kada bigat nga ilelegak ti init a danggayan met ti isemtay a tumapog iti sabali manen nga aldaw a mangituyo kadagiti naisangrat nga aramid ti inalud. Pagyamanan no nasaranta ti bagi ta maanduran ti adu a tawen a panangtun-oy kadagiti ar-araap a dumakkel ken nagin-awa.

Kabayatan ti panagallin dagiti aldaw ken tawen a manggunod ti kalkalikagipan iti daytoy a biag, mangun-od dagiti arapaap ken ballaigi a saan a pannakapaay. No adda man dagiti sanaang ken kinadaksangasat, anusan ket itulutoy latta ti umadang kabayatan ti panagbiag. Atay-atayen dagiti naikudi a sanguen ken akem iti daytoy a lubong. Nagimnas ti biag no nagbalinka a matangatangad ken nagun-odmo dagiti amin a kalkalikagipan iti daytoy a biag.

No naikaritay nga

## MAINLAND NEWS

### Filipino Priests to Hold First National Assembly in LA

The first ever National Assembly of Filipino Priests, U.S.A. will be held November 8-11, 2011 at the Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel in Los Angeles, California. The assembly aims to promote unity, support, and growth among Filipino priests ministering with their cultural gifts, and to serve as a forum for collaboration and effective pastoral leadership development.

To date, there are approximately 900 Filipino Catholic priests serving in different capacities in the Roman Catholic Church in the U.S. They serve in parishes, schools, seminaries, chaplaincies, chancery offices and national institutions in all 50 states and some U.S. territories.

The national assembly will hold dialogue sessions and workshops for continuing education, spiritual growth and pastoral enrichment. Topics include Intercultural Competencies for Mission; The Spirituality of the Filipino Priest; The Priest's Role

in The Public Arena; Mens Sana in Corpore Sano; Priest and Wellness; Lay Ministry: Joys and Challenges; and Priestly Fraternity and Ministry.

The workshops will be facilitated by renowned speakers and presenters in various fields in the Church's ministry, as well as respected church leaders like His Eminence, Roger Cardinal Mahony, D.D., Archbishop Emeritus of Los Angeles; Most Rev. Randolph Calvo, D.D., Bishop of Reno and Chair of USCCB Subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Island Affairs; Most Rev. Gerald Kicanas, D.D., Bishop of Tucson; Most Rev. Luis Antonio Tagle, D.D., Bishop of Imus, Cavite, Philippines; Most Rev. Robert McElroy, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco; and Most Rev. Oscar A. Solis, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles and Episcopal Liaison to the Filipino Priests in the U.S.

For more information about the First National Assembly of Filipino Priests, please go online to: [www.filipinopriestsusa.org](http://www.filipinopriestsusa.org) or call (985) 876-6904.

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## MAINLAND NEWS

# U.S. Dept. of State Intern Program Extends Deadline Application

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The majority of all internships are unpaid. However, pending the availability of funding, a limited number of paid internships are available to students who can demonstrate financial need.

The application for the Summer 2012 Department of State Internship Program has been extended to November 7, 2011. Interested qualified students are encouraged to submit their application. Those who have already submitted an application will be able to update, edit and resubmit their application until the new closing date.

For more details on the internship application process, please download the Student Internship Information Brochure at:

<http://careers.state.gov/resources/downloads/downloads/student-internship-brochure>.

## GLOBAL NEWS

# Clarification on OFW Gap in Saudi Sought

by Dennis Carcamo  
 Monday, Oct. 31, 2011

**M**ANILA, Philippines -- A migrant workers' rights group urged the Philippine government to seek a clarification regarding the recent announcement of the Saudi Arabia labor ministry on the issue of remittances cap.

Migrante-Middle east coordinator John Monterosa said the Saudi labor ministry last week announced its plan to implement a 'salary protection' program that expatriate workers could only send back to their countries of origin a prescribed

amount of their salaries. "About nine to 10 workers in the country are foreigners. This has led to millions of riyals being transferred back to their home countries, harming the local economy," Monterosa quoted a Saudi official as saying in a local news report.

Based on Saudi data, there are around eight million migrant workers in Saudi Arabia, six million of whom are employed in the private sector.

Expatriate workers are transferring in a form of remittances roughly 100 billion Saudi rials to their respective countries.

"The 'salary protection' program

which the host govt. announced to implement is a mechanism of control in the outflow of remittance which may violate expatriate workers right on how to manage the fruits of their labor," Monterosa said.

He, however, noted that the Saudi labor ministry did not mention how much is allowed to be sent home to the workers' families once the program is implemented.

Monterosa said that based Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) figures, around 1.2 million Filipino workers in Saudi Arabia sent US\$1.5 billion remittances in 2010. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

# Undocumented OFWs to Rise Despite Saudization

by Dennis Carcamo  
 Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2011

**M**ANILA, Philippines -- The number of undocumented overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) will rise as much as 25 percent next year despite the Saudization labor policy, according to a migrant workers' rights group.

Migrante-Middle east coordinator

John Monterosa said these OFWs have managed to secure part time jobs though their working permits were already cancelled.

"They were given 'final exit' clearance but managed not to go through on their flight back home and instead tried to seek a part time job even though their work permits were already cancelled," he said.

To date, there are about 1.2 mil-

lion OFWs in Saudi Arabia, Monterosa said.

Since September, the Saudi labor ministry has implemented Nitaqat or the localization of labor, giving priority hiring its own jobless nationals over expatriate workers.

It also recently announced that it will be putting 20 percent ceiling on the country's expatriate workers.

"This would mean around three million expatriate workers will be sent back to their respective countries in the coming years amid the implementation of Saudi's Nitaqat," Monterosa noted. ([www.philstar.com](http://www.philstar.com))

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