

Filipina gets Pearl S. Buck award

MANILA – A visually impaired Filipina, Rosalinda Wee, became the third Filipina to receive the Pearl S. Buck International Woman of the Year award.

Former President Corazon Aquino was the first Filipina to be recognized as PSBI Woman of the Year in 1995.

Amelia Gordon, former mayor and assemblywoman of Olongapo City, was given the award in 2002 for her lifelong dedication to children and adoption. Mrs. Gordon adopted more than 50 children and changed the lives of thousands more as the founder of the Boys Town and Girls Home, which provide shelter and opportunity for orphaned Filipino children of American descent in Olongapo City.

Senator Richard Gordon filed Senate Resolution 1274 to commend Wee, who will be honored the 2009 PSBI award for her humanitarian pursuits in favor of women and children.

"Rosalind Wee pursues her altruistic endeavors in favor of women and children with the Pearl S. Buck Foundation-Philippines with utmost commitment to health and education, and despite her visual impairment, she trudged Ormoc, Angeles City, Madapdap, Cebu and Olongapo to visit Amerasian and displaced kids," Gordon said.

Aside from being president of the Pearl S. Buck Foundation-Philippines Inc., Wee is also the president of the Philippine Federation of Local Councils of Women Inc., and the treasurer and director of the Philippine National Red Cross-Quezon City Chapter.

Gordon said that apart from her humanitarian activities, Wee is an entrepreneur who is a living example of her advocacy of advancing the economic stability and independence of women through entrepreneurship.

The PSBI honors women who have broken barriers with professional achievements and a strong history of humanitarian pursuits, particularly related to women and children. (Inquirer.net)

Mancao skips trial due to amoebiasis

MANILA – The pre-trial hearing of the Dacer-Corbito double murder case was postponed after star witness former police Superintendent Cesar Mancao failed to appear Thursday afternoon.

The Manila City Regional Trial Branch 18 rescheduled the pre-trial and Mancao's testimony on August 26.

Mancao was stricken with amoebiasis, according to his counsel Ferdinand Topacio, who presented a medical certificate before the court.

Topacio assured Mancao will continue to testify as planned.

Mancao was supposed to continue his testimony Thursday on the motion filed by the Department of Justice (DOJ) to discharge him as accused.

Last July 22, Mancao testified that as head of Task Force Luzon of the defunct Presidential Anti-Crime Task Force (PAOCTF), he gets direct orders from former President Joseph Estrada but his testimony was cut short. (Tina Santos/Inquirer.net)

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