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# Treading The Ateneo Way

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to the establishment of the Ateneo de Municipal, the precursor of the present-day Ateneo, the narrative has sustained the telling of the highlights of the history of the university.

Accompanying the text are rare photographs from the Jesuit Archives, culled and enhanced by the production team of this commemorative coffee table book. What actually brings the story and images together is the magnificent design concept that was well thought-out and wonderfully executed. The book not only contains astounding keepsakes from the old days but also captured moments from the recent success of the Blue Eagles at the University Athletics Association of the Philippines (UAAP).

"The remarkable collection of black-and-white and sepia images alone serves as a scintillating reminder of how a distinctive timeline is etched in our memory, from the very beginning, when 10 Jesuit missionaries—six priests and four coadjutor brothers—arrived in Manila aboard the frigate Luisita on June 13, 1859, after close to a century of the religious order's expulsion from the Philippines in 1768," writes Philippine Star columnist and Palanca Hall of Fame honoree Alfred Yuson.

*Balikbayan Magazine* reviewers agree. "The book is beautifully designed, making photographs

speak for themselves, in an image-as-history narrative. The well thought-out structure of the images and the history according to Fr. Arcilla gives the coffee table book a classic feel, a worthy remembrance of the long academic tradition of the Ateneo way of life and style," they wrote in its newly released July issue.

*The Ateneo Way* is also set to reach American shores with the partnership of Muse Books, the publisher of the coffee table book and the Asian Journal Publications. Weeks after the release of the book to kick off the university's sesquicentennial, *Asian Journal* publisher and CEO Roger Oriol paid a courtesy call with Fr. Arcilla at the Jesuit Residence inside the Ateneo de Manila University Campus in Loyola Heights, Quezon City. Joining him was Muse Books publisher Ramonico Ocampo Cruz.

"We are happy to bring this book to the Ateneans in the United States," says Oriol, after receiving a copy of the book from Cruz and Fr. Arcilla.

The book will soon be launched in major cities in the US through Asian Journal Publications. For information, call at (213) 250-9797 or Media Wise Communications, Inc. at (632) 922-7583 / (632) 435-5725 or The Ateneo Sesquicentennial Secretariat at (632) 426-6001 loc. 4083. ■

# Akaka reintroduces Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act

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akaka said.

"It does not require any appropriation and will serve to reunite these veterans with their children and honor their too-long-forgotten world war ii service to this nation."

The Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act would benefit 7,000 US based Filipino WWII veterans. The Filipino veterans arrived to the US through the Immigration Act of 1990, which included a provision that offered the opportunity to obtain

us citizenship. The veterans filed visa petitions for their children but many remain in the Philippines.

Now in their 80s and 90s, these men continue to wait for their children, who languish on the visa waiting lists, to join them, officials in the senator's office said.

The legislation exempts the veterans' children, about 20,000 individual in all, from the numerical limitation on immigrant visas.

Edward M. Kennedy (d-ma), and Maria Cantwell (d-wa) are among the cosponsors of the bill.

Last year, Filipino WWII veterans received much-awaited benefits when the American recovery and reinvestment act (arra) of 2009 included a provision that authorized the payment of benefits to the 30,000 surviving Filipino veterans in the amount of \$15,000 for those who are citizens and \$9,000 for those who are non-citizens. ■

# Pres. Arroyo lauds overseas Pinoys for RP's resilience

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Arroyo, some members of Congress, Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo, Senator Miriam Defensor-Santiago, and Internal Affairs adviser and FIL-USA founder Edgardo Pamintuan.

Ambassador Willy Gaa and Consul General Mary Jo Bernardo Aragon, and Philippine Tourism Director Annie Cuevas, and Deputy Director Manny Ilagan were also in attendance at the reception.

Arroyo said that the Philippines, like China and Vietnam had done well, despite the recession because it had taken steps to safeguard its long-term priorities. "We took the necessary steps in the past," Arroyo said. "We are also working toward a balanced budget, and we believe that our government should live within its means." Arroyo said that her government could have balanced the budget last year, "but the recession in America—where you live—the biggest market in the world, had impacted our budget," she said.

"The government must live within its means, as the normal Filipino does," Arroyo stressed. "Now more than ever, you and the overseas Filipino workers are keeping our country resilient. Through your unwavering dedication and your care, you are our far-flung heroes and the greatest contributors towards our nation's resiliency."

"From Asia to North America to Europe, you are great patriots and great family men and women, and we envy all of you," Arroyo added.

The President said that everyone has a part to play to see the country through these difficult economic times. "It is important that the next generation will have all the opportunities. "Let us all remain hopeful and optimistic that the global economy will recover."

She said that her government would remain vigilant in keeping recession away from its shores. "What I would like to ask FIL-USA and the all the Filipinos here is to continue to be pa-

triotis so that we—I and the members of Congress who are here today—can keep working to keep the economy steady." Arroyo said.

She said that this optimism about the future is indicated in surveys after surveys. "So I will ask FIL-USA to empower the Filipinos here to keep the fire of optimism of our people. The Philippines has the biggest numbers of overseas workers in the world. Let us not forget that there are 8 million Filipinos living abroad, but you send two-thirds of our revenues, and that 5 million of you are in the United States. Tuloy pa rin ang tulong ninyo sa Pilipinas (You continue to help the Philippines). So with Filipinos in the United States, especially here in the Los Angeles; with your continuing support us, we can say that our country is in good hands."

FIL-USA was organized in about a month, according to Secretary Edgardo Pamintuan. It has chapters in San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, Houston, Chicago, New York, and Washington DC "We established this organization to show to the Filipino people—that aside from the negative views that we are getting—we made our own presentations of the infrastructure projects and the social services that the President's administration provided for the first time in 30 years," Secretary Pamintuan told *Asian Journal*.

"The World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and other financial institutions attested that the Philippines generated a positive GDP during the last 30 years for the first time," Pamintuan said. "We had economic growth. It is not negative, unlike other countries. All the (other Asian countries) had negative growth, except China and Vietnam (and the Philippines)."

Pamintuan is in charge of the office of the adviser on internal affairs. He championed the Luzon urban beltway, and maintains all infrastructure projects that link major roads from the Calabarzon region to Metro Manila. ■

# Fil-Am Robbery Case Underway

by JOSEPH PIMENTEL  
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his attorney.

Rolando Luda Ramos, 27, is accused of masterminding a million dollar heist at the Soboba Casino in the Inland Empire two years ago.

This week Ramos and getaway

driver Eric Alan Magdale Aguilera criminal trial got underway in the Inland Empire.

Ramos and Aguilera are charged with more than 10 felonies, including kidnapping, robbery, burglary, and false imprisonment.

According to the Riverside Press Enterprise, Ramos attorney Richard Briones-Colman described the Fil-Am "a nerdy guy who makes dumb jokes" and had watched *Ocean's 11* about 50 times before the heist.

Ramos had joked with Aguilera about hatching such a robbery while working as a security guard and surveillance technician, processing millions of dollars daily, Briones-Colman said.

Sheriff officials arrested Ramos at a hotel near LAX a few days after the heist.

Officials allege that during the robbery, Ramos ordered ten employees inside the vault.

He hog-tied and gagged several of the employees, and pepper sprayed at least one person before running off with an estimated \$1.5 million of cash inside a black duffel bag. ■

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