

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

US gives \$8.5-M...

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 trade opportunities in places like Davao.
Biofuels research, too
 Vilsack also told reporters on the sidelines of a trade and investment conference in Makati City that US businessmen were looking for partnerships in biofuel research to lessen dependence on petroleum products which are being blamed

for global warming and climate change.
 "We're looking at a relationship and partnership with the Philippines in terms of research on biofuels. We recognize and appreciate that you're faced with the same challenges we're faced with. You don't want to be reliant on one form of energy, energy that you do not necessarily control. I'm sure

that we'll continue to share information, knowledge and discoveries," Vilsack said.
 The secretary said the US Department of Agriculture was spearheading policies to maximize productivity in corn-based biofuels.
Feed stocks development
 "There are a number of researches and projects focused on developing second- and third-generation feed stocks for synthetic fuel. I'm convinced that in time we'll see a mix and balance but right now, our productivity is fairly significant and there are indications that we have not maxed out our productivity," Vilsack added.

He said US scientists were looking at grass, fast-growing trees, livestock manure, biomass and a variety of other options to use not just for feed but for producing ethanol and other more environment-friendly fuel.
 Vilsack, a former governor of Iowa, said the USDA was also helping American companies find investment opportunities in the Philippines in the trade of vegetables and fruits that are considered "cash crops." (With a report from Associated Press)

The Wedding of the Year...

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 Observers in all media described her as "mala-diyosa" (goddess-like), especially after the drape covering her was removed at the church door, and as she walked in the white roses, sampaguita, and jasmine-filled aisle. Her brothers Mike and Emmanuel Sanchez, took turns bringing her to the altar. The Manila Symphony Orchestra's rendition of Ray An Fuentes' *Umagang Kay Ganda* played in the background.

Sen. Roxas awaited her bride at the altar with his best man, 16-year old son Paolo Zaldariaga. When Sanchez made her final approach, the man who is currently running for vice president under the Liberal Party banner, made a salute. The wedding began.
 Roxas and Sanchez finally made their "magical moment" come alive, as 10,000 crowded Quezon Boulevard and waited outside the church to witness what many observers called "the wedding of the year." The main wedding homilist, the Jesuit Fr. Tito Caluag described it as "the most anticipated wedding."
 "In Omnibus Servire, In Omnibus Amore," told Fr. Caluag in his blessing for the couple. *Sa lahat ng bagay maglingkod, sa lahat ng bagay umibig*, he added. At least seven bishops, led by Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippine President and Iloilo Archbishop Angel Lagdameo, officiated the wedding vows. As the two exchange their personal vows, some spectators watching at four video walls mounted outside the church shed tears and were moved.

Touching vows
 A transcript of the couple's vows was posted in ABS-CBN News.com.
 "Today I take you to be my wife. I promise to be with you and be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love and honor you all the days of my life," Sen. Roxas said.
 Sanchez replied: "Mar, ang pangako ko sa iyo, saksi ang aking mga

11,000 Filipino veterans' claims...

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 "We ask claimants not to file duplicate applications if they have already received acknowledgement of receipt of their claim," the statement said.

New applications may be mailed to the US Department of Veterans Affairs Manila Regional Office located at the US embassy, 1131 Roxas Boulevard 0930, Manila, Philippines.
 "US citizens are asked to submit a copy of their US passport," it said.
 The US embassy said those seeking assistance completing their application can make an appointment with a USDVA representative by calling (632) 528-2500 or 1-800-1888-5252 outside of Metro Manila.

The USDVA will have representatives available to accept claims at the following locations from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the dates listed below:
 • PVAO USAFIPNL Camp Henry T. Allen, Baguio City, Benguet, November 5, 2009;
 • PVAO Cleofer's Building, General Hizon Extension, San Fernando City, Pampanga, November 19, 2009;
 • PVAO CENTCOM, Camp Lapu-Lapu Lahug, Cebu City, Cebu, January 14, 2010; and
 • PVAO Door 4, Gutierrez Compound, Abad Santos Ave., Davao City, Davao Del Sur, February 11, 2010.

All Filipino WWII veterans are requested to bring the following information and documentation (if applicable) when filing their claims:
 • Two forms of Identification (such as passport, driver's license, Senior Citizen ID, Bureau of Post ID, Voter ID, etc.)
 • VA Claim number
 • Service Number
 • Proof of military service (AGO Form 23)
 • US Passport (if a US Citizen)

The embassy said the USDVA pays about \$17 million per month to veterans residing in the Philippines; some \$8 million of this goes to Filipino WWII veterans or their survivors. (Inquirer.net)

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- ★ Anatomy & Physiology (Daly City Campus) - Nov. 5, 2009 (pm) & Nov. 3, 2009 (am)
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