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## American Officers Depart

June, 2001 marked the transfer of two well-known Public Affairs Section officers, Information Officer Thomas Skipper and Cultural Affairs Officer Phillip Ives.

Skipper left Manila on June 1 after serving for three years as Embassy spokesman. During his tour, he was in constant demand by many local and foreign journalists, for whom a story was often incomplete without a comment from the U.S. Embassy. After a much-deserved rest in the United States, Mr. Skipper will travel on to Milan to take up duty as the Public Affairs Officer at the U.S. Consulate in the northern Italian city.

Ives departed on June 30 following a two-year tour in which he focused on such key projects as the improvement of American studies and educational advising for study in the U.S. and the formation of the International Visitors alumni association. Mr. Ives' next assignment will be in Washington, D.C., where he will attend the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

## Sen. Lugar Visits Manila



*A good friend of the Philippines - U.S. Senator Richard Lugar --- made a June 3-4 trip to Manila. The prominent, long-time Republican Senator is shown at a press conference in which he reported on his talks with President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and other senior Philippine government officials. The Senator is well-known in the Philippines for his role as an influential observer of the 1986 snap elections in the Philippines.*

## De La Salle and Miriam Students Go on Virginia Tech Study Tour



*Students from DLSU and Miriam, along with Virginia Tech professor and program coordinator Dr. John Ballweg, during their pre-departure orientation at the U.S. Embassy. Those who attended from DLSU were Ms. Kathryn Bedrijo, Ms. Giselle Karen Go, Ms. Kimberly Elena Guersey, Ms. Ginny Lopue, Mr. Benedict Maño, Mr. Julius Ongteco, Ms. Josephine Pozon, Ms. Kristel Rodriguez, Ms. Stephanie Seng, and Mr. Eldonn Uy. Miriam College's participants were Ms. Elizabeth Cayabyab, Ms. Kathrina Cruz, Ms. Sheryl Lagura, Ms. Ketherine Osia, and Ms. Sandee Recabar.*

In keeping with its objective to promote American studies, the Public Affairs Section recently helped prepare a group of 14 students from De La Salle University and Miriam College for a three-week stay at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Following a two-day orientation at the U.S. Embassy featuring speakers from the Embassy, the Philippine-American Educational Foundation, and De La Salle, and two professors from Virginia Tech, the students departed for the United States for an intensive look at U.S. society. Over a three week period from May 13 to June 2, the students attended classes at Virginia Tech and toured various sites near Blacksburg, Virginia, the home of Virginia Tech, including Washington, DC.

The successful program was the subject of a recent story in *The Roanoke*

*Times*, the lead newspaper in Roanoke, Virginia, a city located close to the Virginia Tech campus. In his article, author Kevin Miller had the following comment about the academic sojourn. "About a dozen college students are headed back to their homes in the Philippines this weekend with a better understanding of how Americans live, work and think, thanks to a new cooperative program between Virginia Tech and two overseas universities. For the past three weeks, 14 students from De La Salle University in Manila and Miriam College in the Philippines' capital, Quezon City, have experienced college life American-style, complete with dormitory living, dining hall food, early-morning classes after late-night video game matches and plenty of socializing. On the academic side, the students learned what it's like to attend a

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university with cutting-edge technology and vast library resources but less of the strict discipline demanded from their teachers in the Philippines.”

Each student who participated in the program received academic credit for their work at Virginia Tech from their local institutions.

## U.S. Attorney Address Cybercrime Issues

With increasing public access and the corresponding rise in incidence of intrusions as well as the onset of a new generation of technology, how secure is the Internet for electronic transactions?

This was the basic question addressed by Mr. Paul Luehr, Assistant U.S. Attorney District of Minnesota. The visiting “cybercop” was in the Philippines from April 21 to 25 to address the Philippine information technology (IT) community on a timely and relevant topic: cybercrime.



Paul Luehr stresses a point during one of his presentations.

Mr. Luehr, who coordinates computer crime investigations and prosecutions across state and federal agencies in the U.S., met with policymakers at the Information Technology and E-Commerce Council (ITECC) and the Philippine Supreme Court E-Commerce Committee, private legal practitioners, and journalists. The Asian Institute of Management also organized two public lectures aimed at business people and students through its

## U.S. Public Diplomacy Expert Visits Manila



During a reception in his honor, State Department public diplomacy official Paul Blackburn (right) exchanged views with De La Salle University Professor Wilfrido Villacorta (left) and businessman Washington Sycip (center).

Mr. Paul Blackburn, Director of the State Department's Office of Public Diplomacy for East Asia and the Pacific in Washington, visited Manila April 15-17 to learn about the Embassy's press, culture and educational activities and to exchange views with Filipino scholars, journalists and government officials. An Asian specialist, Mr. Blackburn has held senior U.S. public affairs positions in China, Japan, Thailand and Malaysia.

Hosted by the Embassy's Public Affairs Section, Mr. Blackburn followed a crowded schedule, which included meetings in the Thomas Jefferson Information Center in the Embassy Annex, the new offices of the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) in the Ayala Life-FGU building, and the new American Studies Resource Center at De La Salle University.

W. Sycip Policy Center and MindShare Project. He also spoke before a group of some 50 senior law enforcement officials from 15 Asian nations who were in the Philippines to participate in the Pacific Training Initiative, organized by the U.S. Department of State.

Mr. Luehr's first-hand experience in handling cybercrime cases made him an outstanding source of information on the scope of problems threatening electronic transactions. Mr. Luehr offered a wide range of detailed information on the types and trends of cybercrime and formal and non-formal initiatives. Tailoring his presentation to the specific needs of each of his specialized audiences, Mr. Luehr provided a compendium of tools for policymakers, law

He also attended a luncheon hosted by *Philippine Daily Inquirer* President Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez and a reception hosted by U.S. Counselor for Public Affairs Michael H. Anderson; called on Press Secretary Noel Cabrera in Malacañang Palace; and met with Chargé d'Affaires Michael E. Malinowski and other U.S. Embassy officials.

During his visit, Mr. Blackburn discussed some of the new Bush administration's Asia-Pacific policies and initiatives. Also, he explained how the U.S. Information Agency (USIA) has been integrated into the State Department since October 1, 1999. He said that the work known as “public diplomacy” and formerly performed by USIS is now done by the U.S. Embassy's Public Affairs Section.

enforcement officials and business leaders in meeting the challenges posed by cybercriminals. He highlighted innovative and targeted education and stringent law enforcement measures as the two most important approaches to attaining transactional certainty.

Mr. Luehr's call for public awareness was well received not only due to the “love bug” virus, which originated in the Philippines, but also in light of new wireless technologies that are being introduced in the country. As 3G (third generation) wireless Internet technology enters the Philippines, he said greater challenges lie ahead in making the Internet a safe haven for commerce and communication.

## American Studies

### August 24-25 Conference to Mark Thomasites' Centennial

An international conference to assess the American influence on Philippine education will be held at the Ateneo de Manila University on August 24-25, 2001.

Entitled, "Back to the Future: The Thomasite Legacy and Its Influence on Philippine Education," the conference is timed to help mark the centennial of the arrival of the Thomasites, the early American educators who came to the Philippines in August of 1901.

Named after the U.S.S. Thomas, the ship that brought them from San Francisco to Manila, the teachers fanned out to the provinces and established a modern public school system that continues to have far-

reaching effects on the Filipino way of life.

The American Studies Association of the Philippines (ASAP), organizer of the conference, invites educators, scholars, and others from various disciplines to attend the conference and present papers or panels on issues in Philippine education.

Those interested in presenting papers should submit an abstract of 150-200 words and a curriculum vitae of about 50 words by e-mail to [cdv@netgazer.com.ph](mailto:cdv@netgazer.com.ph), or by mail to Dr. Corazon D. Villareal, the Department of English and Comparative Literature, Faculty Center, U.P. Diliman, Quezon City, 1101.

The conference is part of a year-long calendar of activities, including lectures, exhibits, and dramatic presentations, designed to mark the hundredth anniversary of the landmark event in Philippine and U.S. history.

Aside from ASAP, other organizations and agencies cooperating in the Thomasite Centennial Project are the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy, the Philippine American Educational Foundation (PAEF) and the Philippine National Historical Society.

For further details, visit the Thomasite Centennial website at [www.thomasite100.org](http://www.thomasite100.org) or call Annie at 926-3496.

### Miriam College Hosts Summer Institute

Miriam College, in cooperation with De La Salle University and the Public Affairs Section, hosted the second American Studies Summer Institute in the Philippines April 23-May 19, 2001. Titled "U.S. Governance and Civil Society," the institute consisted of two, three-unit courses: "Exploring Select Topics on Race and  
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### Freeman Donates \$4.5 M for New EWC Student Program

The East-West Center (EWC) has been awarded a \$4.5 million grant over four years from the Freeman Foundation to establish an innovative program to meet new educational needs of the Asia Pacific region. The grant is the largest-ever single foundation grant to EWC.

The new program will bring up to 100 graduate students and mid-professionals for an intensive year-long program focusing on the Asia Pacific region and leadership development. This will dramatically increase the number of EWC students at EWC, which now number about 150.

"The Asia Pacific Leadership program is intended to create a network of leaders with solid grounding in a knowledge of regional trends, challenges and issues," said EWC President Charles E. Morrison. "With increased Asia Pacific interdependence, businesses, governments, non-governmental organizations and universities are increasingly looking for individuals who can operate effectively in the region as a whole."

EWC has been developing the new activity over the past year pursuant to its Action Plan to review and redesign its programs. As directed by its Board of Governors, the staff conducted an in-depth assessment of regional educational needs under the leadership of Education Director Elizabeth Buck and Dean of Student

Programs Geoff White. According to Dr. Buck, the assessment confirmed the continuing relevance of the Center's traditional program, which provides scholarships for degree studies at the University of Hawaii. "But a common theme emerging in the staff's discussions with Asian and American educators is that a new educational product is needed — short-term, flexible, multidisciplinary, and regionally oriented," she said.

In contrast to the Center's current scholarships, the one-year program is designed to be complementary to studies at home institutions but provide students with Asia Pacific colleagues and faculty typically unavailable at home. The program particularly seeks to involve Asian graduate students receiving their degrees from home institutions and otherwise not coming to the United States.



At the May 19th "2001 East-West Center Day" held in the new PAEF office in the Ayala Life-FGU Bldg. in Makati, DECS Secretary Roco spoke to members of the EWC Association-Philippines about his goals for Philippine education. Fellowship and a luncheon followed.

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Gender in the U.S." (April 22-May 5) taught by Dr. Pamela J. Smith, Fulbright professor of intellectual property and cyberspace law based at Renmin University of China Law School, and "Teaching U.S. History, Politics and Foreign Policy" (May 6-19) taught by Dr. Charles Hubbard, Fulbright professor of history based at De La Salle University.

Among the institute enrollees were American Studies faculty scholars from the University of the Philippines at Diliman, the University of the East, Miriam College, the Philippine Normal University, Saint Benedict College, the University of San Jose-Recoletos in Cebu City, the University of Saint La Salle in Bacolod City, Central Philippine University in Iloilo City, Holy Trinity College in Palawan, Ateneo de Davao University in Davao City, Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro, and Mindanao State University in Marawi City.

### DSLU Sponsors Am Studies Gathering

Hard on the heels of the Miriam Summer institute, De La Salle University sponsored an American studies conference on May 18-19, also focusing on "U.S. Governance and Civil Society." This was the second straight year that De La Salle has sponsored an American studies conference, prompting speculation that it has now become a tradition. This year's conference, which included a keynote address by Brother Andrew Gonzalez, offered presentations by a number of American studies scholars, including Dr. Charles Hubbard, a Fulbright scholar from Tennessee, and Dr. Steven Rood, Country



Photo shows, from left to right: Dr. Laurene Chua-Garcia, Director of Graduate Studies, College of Liberal Arts, De La Salle University; Professor Lourdes Veneracion Rallonza, Chairperson, International Studies Department, Miriam College; Brother Andrew Gonzalez, FSC, Vice-President for Academics, De La Salle University; Mr. Michael E. Malinowski, Chargé d' Affaires, U.S. Embassy; and Professor George M. Marasigan, Coordinator, American Studies Program, De La Salle University.

Representative for the Asia Foundation. Dr. Hubbard spoke on the roots of civil society growing out of the U.S. Civil War. Dr. Rood focused on good governance. Other speakers included Professor Andrew Yang of National Sun Yat Sen University in Taiwan, who spoke on "U.S. Governance and Civil Society: the View from Taiwan," Dr. Oscar Campomanes, chair of the Department of Literature at De La Salle, spoke on the "Contribution of Literature to the Development of Civil Society." Professor Aurora de Dios, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, addressed "U.S. Foreign

Policy and Civil Society." In all, more than 100 participants attended the two-day event. (Note: Readers who wish to receive an invitation for future American studies events should contact Mr. Tony Perez via e-mail at [tsptjcc@pd.state.gov](mailto:tsptjcc@pd.state.gov).)

### ASRC Representatives Meet to Strengthen American Studies Network

Representatives from all ten American Studies Resource Centers (ASRC) around the country met in Manila just prior to the American studies conference at De La Salle University. Each ASRC partner was invited by the Public Affairs Section to send two representatives to Manila — one representing the American studies library function and one the institution's ASRC program support committee.

Members of the group spent a full day together on Thursday, May 17. During the morning, after reviewing the highlights of each ASRC, the group heard from representatives of several institutions in Manila that have made progress implementing American studies programs. Dean Carmencita Flores spoke about the progress that the University of the East has made in offering courses on the United States. Her institution now offers four courses about American society and hopes to add more in the future. Professor Nanette



Representatives of the different ASRCs meet at De La Salle's Angelo King Conference Center to listen to a presentation on American Studies.

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Dungo of UP's College of Social Sciences and Philosophy described the formation of the new Center for International Studies, which will include an emphasis on American Studies. Dr. Paul Dumol, UAP's Vice President for Academic Affairs discussed his school's broad overview course on American studies that introduces American society to UAP undergraduates. Professor George Marasigan, coordinator of the American studies program at De La Salle, reviewed progress at his institution, noting the summer study exchange at Virginia Tech and gains in enrollment.

In the afternoon, the group split up — the librarians heading to De La Salle to visit the University's new, and very modern ASRC. Jocelyn Ladlad, the DLSU librarian who oversees the ASRC, teamed up with Eva Brillo, Director of the Thomas Jefferson Information Center, to lead a discussion on issues such as ASRC marketing and outreach. Ms. Ladlad later provided an overview of DLSU's ASRC for the entire group.

While the librarians were at De La Salle, the ASRC program support representatives were listening to an exciting presentation by Veneracion Rallonza, Chair of the International Studies Department at Miriam College. As noted elsewhere in this issue, Professor Rallonza directed this year's summer institute in American studies. The institute, comprised of two intensive, two-week courses, took place from April 23 to May 18. This was the second year for the institute, and Professor Rallonza hopes to build on the success of the first two years by offering a Master of Arts in the Teaching of American Studies to those who attend the summer institute for five years and write a thesis.

The last program of the day took place at De La Salle, and was led by Hinie Gonzalez, the ASRC director at the University of Saint La Salle in Bacolod, and Professor Gloria Fuentes, who serves as head of USLS' ASRC program support committee. They described how St. La Salle organizes and markets its ASRC and how the program support committee oversees American studies programming.

### ASA Chapters Elect New Officers

The new officers of the ASA Baguio-Cordillera are: Professor Evangeline M. Quinto, President; Dr. Morr Pungayan, Vice-

President; Mrs. Ursula Daoey, Treasurer; Mrs. Agnes B. Mariano, Secretary; and Dr. Zosima Aguilar, Auditor. The new committee chairpersons are: Professor Prosperidad Mabalot and Professor Isabelita Ronquillo, Program Committee; Dr. Francisca Erece, Publications Committee; Dr. Florence Cawaon, Membership Committee; Dr. Fe Atanacio, Research Committee; and Dr. Ruperta Vergara, Ways and Means Committee. The board members and officers were inducted at the Mount Crest Hotel, Baguio City, on May 26, 2001 by Dr. Charles Hubbard, Fulbright lecturer in History based at the De La Salle University. Professor Hubbard was also the guest speaker for the event. He spoke on "U.S. Governance and Civil Society."

ASA Cebu also inducted its new officers recently. The new team includes: Dr. Angel Pesirla (Cebu Normal University), President; Professor Catalino Abos (Southwestern University), Vice-President for Internal Affairs; Dr. Corazon A. Tan (University of San Jose-Recoletos), Vice-President for External Affairs; Dr. Caridad Llana (Velez College), Secretary; Dr. Montana Sanie (University of San Carlos), Treasurer; Dr. Leticia Sagun (Cebu Doctor's College), Auditor; and Dr. Amor Hernando (St. Theresa's College), Public Relations Officer.

ASA Cebu's Board of Directors is composed of Father Raul Buhay (University

of San Jose-Recoletos), Dr. Edgar Alosbaños (University of San Jose-Recoletos), Dr. Erlinda Pepito (University of the Visayas), Dr. Jesus Juario (University of the Philippines-Cebu), Sister Merced Sanchez, ICM (St. Theresa's College), Dr. Ariel Jumalon (Cebu Institute of Technology), Dr. Fe Necesario (University of Cebu), and Professor Belinda Rodriguez (St. Theresa's College).

The Council of Advisers of ASA Cebu, composed of previous presidents of the association, is made up of an executive committee composed of Dr. Angel Pesirla (President), Professor Catalino Abos (Vice-President for Internal Affairs), Dr. Corazon A. Tan (Vice-President for External Affairs), Dr. Caridad Llana (Secretary), Dr. Montana Sanie (Treasurer), and Dr. Milagros C. Espina (Adviser). Other members of the council are Dr. Anita Rosal and Dr. Lucila Bonilla.

### Six Filipinos Participate in American Studies Summer Institutes

Six young Filipino faculty members were selected by the Department of State to participate in the 2001 American Studies Summer Institute Program. The successful scholars include: Professor Florin Hilbay, Assistant Professor, College of Law, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City. He will study "Reform in American History and Law" to be held at

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PAEF Executive Director Dr. Alexander Calata administers the oath of office to the newly elected officers of the American Studies Association (ASA) in Iloilo. Shown left to right are: Dr. Calata; Dr. Nathaniel M. Fabula, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, CPU (President); Dr. Yolanda Janay, Dean, College of Mass Communications, WVSU (Vice-President); Ms. Josephine T. Fernandez, CPU ASRC Area Director (Secretary); and Dr. Marjorie A. Caipang, Dean, Student Personnel Services Division, WVCST (Secretary); and outgoing President Dr. Rene Alba, President, WVCST.

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Boston College, Massachusetts, June 22-August 4; Professor Ernesto Saquibal, Jr., Department of Social Sciences, Central Philippine University, Iloilo City, who will participate in the program on "The U.S. Political System" to be held at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, June 22-August 4; Professor Neil Santillan, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City. Professor Santillan will travel to New York University, New York City, June 23-August 5 to study "The Civilization of the United States: An Introduction"; Professor Noeme Benetua, Chairperson, English Department, Secondary Level, University of Saint La Salle, Bacolod City, will attend the "American Studies Summer Institute for Secondary School Educators" to be held at the Institute for Training and Development in Amherst, Massachusetts; Professor Marcial Pimentel, Jr., Associate Professor, International Studies Department, Miriam College, will focus on "The U.S. Constitution: Origins, Evolution and Contemporary Issues" at Lafayette College in Easton, Pennsylvania from June 30-August 11; and Professor Pascual Pascual, Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, University of San Carlos, will spend six weeks looking at American geography and history in the program, "Rolling on the River: Waterways to Diversity in America," to be held at the Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 30 – August 12.



Dorothy Mora, State Department program officer for educational advising support (fourth from left), shown with PAEF Executive Director Alexander Calata (far right) and other PAEF staff members. Ms. Mora traveled to Manila to see PAEF's new educational advising operation following the regional educational advising conference in Kuala Lumpur.

## PAEF News

### New Members Join PAEF Board

At its May 8 meeting, the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) Board named three new members. Ambassador Minerva Jean A. Falcon, Assistant Secretary, Office of American Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs, replaced Ambassador Rey Carandang. Charles Alexander, U.S. Embassy Counselor for Agricultural Affairs, will replace Robert Bannerman, U.S. Embassy Commercial Officer; and Heide Bronke, U.S. Embassy Assistant Cultural Affairs Officer, will replace Phillip Ives, U.S. Embassy Cultural Affairs Officer.

### U.S. Fulbrighters Perform at Paco Park

Three American Fulbright students showed their talents extend beyond scholarship when they performed at Paco Park Presents in Manila on May 4. Danella Hafeman, a Brown University graduate, played the flute; Alvin Cabrera, a Harvard graduate, the piano; and Carmen Flores, a Dartmouth graduate, the violin.

Each has been in the Philippines doing their own research projects. For example, Ms. Hafeman, who will enter Columbia Medical School this fall, studied the interaction of private doctors, public health centers and self-medication in the treatment of tuberculosis. On May 8, she presented her findings in a PAEF-sponsored

presentation at the Makati Medical Center.

### New Fulbright Scholars and Student Grantees for 2001-2001

The Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) recently announced the names, institutional affiliations and areas of specializations of the incoming group of American scholars and students for the year 2001-2002.

This year's incoming faculty scholars include: Professor Deborah J. Tippins of the Science Education Department, University of Georgia, who has been assigned as a lecturer in West Visayas State University, Iloilo City, from July 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002; Professor Terrence G. Bense of the Department of Environmental Science, Allegheny College, who will work at the University of San Carlos, Cebu City from November 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002 as a lecturer-researcher; Professor L. Allan James of the Geography Department, University of South Carolina 2002), who will teach and undertake research at the University of the Philippines in Diliman from November 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002; and Professor Robert L. Zimdahl of the Weed Research Laboratory, Colorado State University, who will be stationed as lecturer-researcher at the University of the Philippines in Los Baños from June 23, 2001 to December 22, 2001.

The Fulbright students who will travel to the Philippines to undertake academic research include: Suzanne M. Amodio of the University of California at San Diego, who will be in the Philippines from July 1, 2001 to June 30, 2002 to conduct research on "Mater, Martyr, or Migrant: Filipino Models of Motherhood"; Dalisay K. Estrada of the University of California at Los Angeles, who will focus on "AIDS Education and Prevention among Youth in the Philippines" from November 1, 2001 to October 31, 2002 at the University of the Philippines in Diliman; from June 1, 2001 to February 28, 2002, Michelle Favis of the University of California at Berkeley will undertake research on "The Status of People with Disabilities in the Philippines" at the University of the Philippines in Diliman; Anna Romina P. Guevara of the University of California at San Francisco will explore "Manufacturing Bodies for Sale: The Biopolitics of Labor Export in the Philippines" from September 1, 2001-June 30, 2002 at De La Salle University; Robert P. Ingenito of Skidmore College will study "Anthropology of Resettlement: Identity,

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Migration and Disasters in the Philippines" from June 1, 2001-May 31, 2002 at the University of the Philippines in Diliman; Jane E. Pater of the University of Notre Dame will focus on "The Pursuit of Environmentally Sound Development in the Philippines" from October 1, 2001 to April 30, 2002 at the Asian Institute of Management and at the University of the Philippines in Diliman; from September 1, 2001 to August 31, 2002, Rona-Kathleen C. Reodica of the University of Notre Dame will conduct research on "Housing and Community Development for the Urban Poor in Manila, Philippines" at the University of the Philippines in Diliman; and Anna B. Senner of the University of San Diego will study "The Golden Rice Project" from September 1, 2001 to June 31, 2002 at the International Rice Research Institute.

A large group of Filipino students and scholars will soon be departing for the United States to take up their studies and/or research projects. The next issue of *TJIC Dialogue* will provide further details on that important group.

## IRC News

### American Historical Collection Librarian Visits Archival Collections in Washington

Ms. Waldette Cueto, librarian of the American Historical Collection (AHC), recently visited the Library of Congress (LOC), the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARTA) archives facility in Maryland to observe policies and procedures in managing and preserving archival materials. The three-day observation tour, arranged by the U.S. Embassy's Public Affairs Section, gave Ms. Cueto the opportunity to learn how these institutions handle and preserve original documents and make them accessible to scholars. It also allowed her to identify materials in their collections related to the AHC's area of specialization — historical information about the American period in the Philippines, 1899-1946.

The three-day observation tour was a learning experience not only for Ms. Cueto, but also for the staff of the three institutions she visited. The trip gave her the opportunity to introduce them to the American Historical Collection, its contents and the Internet home page dedicated to the Collection.

## Embassy Hosts Human Rights Reception



*The U.S. Embassy recently hosted a reception for the Philippine human rights community. Photo (left to right) shows Human Rights Commissioner Nasser Marohomsalic; U.S. Embassy Political Counselor Judith Cefkin; Counselor for Public Affairs Michael H. Anderson; Human Rights Commission Chair Judge Aurora Navarrete-Reciña; U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Michael E. Malinowski; Human Rights Commissioner Mercedes Contreras; U.S. Embassy Human Rights Officer Richard W. Nelson; and Human Rights Commissioner Vicente Sibulo. Judge Reciña presented Mr. Malinowski with a handcrafted model ship in appreciation for the Embassy's cooperation on human rights issues and concerns.*

The American Historical Collection is located in the Rizal Library of the Ateneo de Manila University, Loyola Heights, Quezon City. Its holdings include original papers, reports, manuscripts, documents, diaries and memoirs, photographs, paintings and drawings, microfilms and microfiches, and audiovisual materials on Philippine-American history. It is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekdays and 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturdays. For more information about the AHC, visit the Rizal Library's AHC home page at: <http://rizal.lib.admu.edu.ph/ahc/> or contact AHC directly at Tel/Fax: (632) 426-5961.

### Korea Hosts Asian IRC Directors

Thomas Jefferson Information Center Director Eva B. Brillo attended the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual East Asia Pacific Information Resource Center (IRC) Directors' Conference held April 9-13, 2001, in Seoul, Korea. The annual conference provides a venue for IRC directors to share information on how best to promote, advance and focus IRC programs, resources and services in today's constantly evolving technological environment. The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy in Seoul hosted this year's conference.

Twenty-three participants from around the East-Asia Pacific region were joined by Information Resource Officers (IRO) based in Bangkok, Beijing, Japan and Washington who served as instructors.

Aside from administrative concerns, conference attendees discussed such issues as copyright, marketing strategies, personnel management, automated document delivery, and webpage construction.

The conference concluded with a visit to the de-militarized zone between North and South Korea.

### ASRC Network Expands On-Line

The Thomas Jefferson Information Center maintains a ListServe that links the network of American Studies Resource Centers (ASRCs) in various parts of the country. Through this ListServe, the TJIC informs the ASRCs of new information sources and receives and responds to their reference queries. It is also the medium for exchanging news about ASRC activities and programs. The latest addition to the ListServe is the Cebu American Resource Center Foundation, Inc. (CARF) in Cebu City.

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### Websites Worth Visiting

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## FBI Salutes Three PAS Staffers



*Three members of the Public Affairs Section of the Embassy were recently awarded certificates of commendation signed by Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Louis Freeh for their contribution to the investigation of the Abu Sayyaf Group's kidnapping of American citizen Jeffrey Schilling. They are, from left to right. Agnes Caballa, Flor Laygo, and Ditas Santos. Throughout Mr. Schilling's nearly eight-month captivity, they helped provide transcripts and translations of media reaction. At a ceremony to thank the three PAS staffers, Embassy Legal Attaché James Nixon commended their outstanding cooperation and their valuable contribution to the FBI's efforts to help secure Mr. Schilling's safe release.*



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