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*The Philippines is your country,
and the only country God has given you;
that you must keep it for yourselves, for
your children and for your children's
children until the world is no more. You
must live for it and die for it if necessary.*

— Quezon



**MALACAÑAN PALACE
MANILA**

M E S S A G E

Our country prides itself as a source of many of the industrialized nations' talented and skilled manpower. We can proudly claim that we have helped many great nations into pursuing their scientific, technical, and even manufacturing initiatives because our human resources have unselfishly stood by them in pursuit of their vision of growth and development. For this reason, our country should stand proud and mighty as we now lay claim to our own dreams of a prosperous, peaceful and productive nation, as envisioned in "**PHILIPPINES 2000!!!**".

As we celebrate the "Month of Overseas Filipinos" this December, let us all be reminded of our individual greatness which, if put together, can muster the collective strength needed to seek our destiny. Let us move onwards with the greatest confidence in our capabilities, united in vision and equipped with a firm determination to succeed in pursuing our dreams for the future generations of Filipinos.

Sa lahat ng ating mga kababayan sa ibayong dagat, isang malugod na pagbati.

MABUHAY!



**Department of Foreign Affairs
Manila**

M E S S A G E

The nation currently stands at the crossroads of destiny. We are faced with the challenge of putting our acts together as a nation of common dreams and aspirations, and more importantly, as a citizenry with a purpose in life.

In recent times, we have coined the phrase "economic diplomacy" to find essence in diplomacy as it relates to providing a better tomorrow for the future generations of Filipinos. This, however, will find no meaning in the absence of appreciation on the part of our countrymen overseas.

With this new thrust by our public servants in the field of foreign diplomacy, we have taken interest and faith in the ability of our "new heroes" to respond to the challenges that confront us as a nation. And with this faith comes the belief that "masters" and "servants" can become partners to build a better future for this nation and for the world.

To my countrymen abroad, you have done well in your professional pursuits. I am confident that you will do even better, united and determined, to serve as our partners in the quest for a better future for all Filipinos.

My warmest greetings to all Filipinos overseas on the occasion of the celebration of the "Month of Overseas Filipinos".

ROBERTO R. ROMULO
Secretary of Foreign Affairs
and
Chairman, Commission on Filipinos Overseas

COMMISSION ON FILIPINOS OVERSEAS: A PROFILE

The Commission on Filipinos Overseas (CFO) is an agency that is tasked to promote the welfare and interests of Filipinos overseas. It was created on 16 June 1980 by virtue of Batas Pambansa blg. 79. In line with its mandate, the CFO conducts the following activities:

Regular Programs

Pre-Departure Registration. Inherent to its mandate, the CFO is tasked to establish a data bank on Filipinos leaving the country as immigrants. Towards this end, the CFO conducts the registration of all pre-departing Filipino immigrants.

Orientation Seminar. Conducted for departing immigrants, the seminar focuses on living and social conditions of the host countries, immigration policies, social security and employment concerns, rights of immigrants and other matters of interest to them.

Guidance and Counseling. Designed to respond to the guidance and information needs of Filipinos migrating as fiancées or spouses of foreign nationals, the CFO conducts guidance and services which include information assistance, inventory and follow-up service. Ultimately, the guidance services are envisioned to provide the counselee with information relative to cultural differences, their rights as fiancées/spouses of foreigners, available support and welfare services in other countries and other information relevant to their needs.

Clientele Feedback System. The CFO has institutionalized a feedback system which involves the provision of forms to be accomplished by the immigrants and mailed back to CFO, two weeks to three months after arrival in the host country. Information retrieved through the system is analyzed to determine problem areas and to gather recommendations

on potential projects for implementation. Likewise, the system serves as a vital tool in assessing the impact of the Commission's services and programs.

Public Assistance and Information Program. The CFO has institutionalized a system of public assistance and information to afford a more personalized approach in the provision of services to the general public. The services are in the areas of Welfare Promotion, Referral/Inter-Agency Coordination, Public Information, Research Assistance, and General Assistance/Services.

To complement the services provided by the CFO, a package of information materials has been developed and is being distributed among the CFO's varied clientele.

The information package includes:

- * *Migrant Information Kit.* Contains a checklist of travel and settlement tips and addresses of Philippine Embassies and Consulates.
- * *Comics Magazine.* A publication distributed in the provinces which highlights migration issues.
- * *The "Filipino Immigrant".* A quarterly newsletter containing development news in the Philippines and feature articles that are of great interest to Filipinos overseas.
- * *Brochures on CFO's Special Programs.* Seasonal publications of the CFO which are used as promotional tools for its various projects.

In view of the need to enhance public awareness and understanding of the issues entrenched in international migration, the CFO also conducts information campaigns in various parts of the country, in joint coordination with government agencies and non-government organizations.

Computerized Data Banking Services. The CFO has initiated the establishment of a computerized data banking system on the following:

- * Profile of Filipinos overseas

- * Directory of Filipino associations abroad
- * Feedback results
- * Profile of Filipino fiancées and spouses of foreign nationals.

Research Projects. In aid of policy review and formulation, the CFO undertakes research studies on areas relevant to migration and on issues affecting Filipinos abroad. The regular studies basically revolve around the areas of migration policies, trends and patterns; inter-marriages; country profiles; available welfare services for migrants abroad; and travel and settlement tips.

Special Programs

Lakbay-Aral. This is a short-term summer course on Philippine Studies conducted by the CFO for children of Filipino immigrants, with the end-in-view of providing them with the opportunities to experience Philippine culture and discover their historical past. The program consists of an academic component and a non-academic component, highlighted by field trips



Pre-departure Registration of Emigrants



CFO Counselor conducting counseling for fiancées/spouses of foreign nationals

and observation tours to historical and scenic spots of the country.

Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino (LINKAPIL). The LINKAPIL is a program developed by the CFO with the aim of evolving a partnership between Filipinos overseas and in the homeland, in pursuit of development efforts for the country. The program seeks to provide a mechanism by which financial and/or technical contributions from Filipinos overseas can be channelled to their less-privileged compatriots in the homeland.

Projects identified for the LINKAPIL include:

- * Small-scale industries and agri-business projects
- * Infrastructure development projects (deep wells, rural health centers)
- * Educational-related activities (donation of learning aids, scholarships)
- * Health-related activities (donation of medicines or medical equipment, operation of the day care centers, and supplemental feeding)

Assistance-to-Nationals. The CFO has been recently tasked to help develop and implement policies to address the concerns, welfare needs and general interest of all overseas Filipinos.

**AWARDING CEREMONIES FOR
FILIPINOS & PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS
OVERSEAS**

HEROES HALL, MALACAÑANG
DECEMBER 17, 1993, 11:00 A.M.

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| I. | NATIONAL ANTHEM | |
| II. | INVOCATION | MSGR. ROBERTO ESPENILLA |
| III. | OPENING REMARKS | HON. FEDERICO M. MACARANAS
Undersecretary, DFA |
| IV. | PRESENTATION OF
"BLUEPRINT FOR
PARTNERSHIP"
(An Output of the
"Dialogues for Partnership"
Participants) | HON. ROBERTO R. ROMULO
Secretary, DFA |
| V. | PRESENTATION OF
PLAQUES TO AWARDEES | H.E. PRESIDENT FIDEL V. RAMOS
Assisted by Sec. Roberto Romulo |
| VI. | ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
AND RESPONSE FROM
AWARDEES | CARMENCITA HERNANDEZ
Awardee |
| VII. | MESSAGE | H. E. PRESIDENT FIDEL V. RAMOS |

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OIC, CFO

THE AWARDEES

LINKAPIL AWARD

Philippine Cultural Organization in Saarland, E.V.
World Bank/IFC-IMF Filipino Association

KAABAY NG BAYAN AWARD

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Pagkakaisa Samahang Pilipino/Confederation of Filipino
Overseas Organization

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LINKAPIL AWARD

The Lingkod sa Kapwa Pilipino (LINKAPIL) Award is conferred to Filipino associations or individuals for exceptional contributions in the form of financial/material assistance, personal service, or idea, which benefitted or assisted in the country's rehabilitation and development efforts....

Philippine Cultural Organization in Saarland, e.v.

SAARLAND, GERMANY

making a BIG difference....

Totally distinct from their professional pursuits as medical workers in the competitive world of German health system, six ladies boldly pursued the establishment of the Philippine Cultural Organization in Saarland in 1985.

As health workers, the founders of this organization only knew too well what loneliness and isolation can do to Filipinos separated from their loved ones and from their country. Thus, aside from assisting doctors in operating rooms, the organization's founders stretched their involvement to the promotion of the well-being of the Filipino community. Together with their German husbands, these six Filipinas constituted the beginnings of an association which made a distinct mark, not only in the Filipino-German community, but moreso, in the hearts of Filipinos they have touched with their dedication and commitment.

Beyond their rigorous work schedules, members of this association transformed themselves as ambassadors-of-goodwill and promoters of the Philippine heritage. Using their skills and talents, the members of this association shared with the German community, through songs and dances, a different picture of the Filipino people — as a source of rich and indigenous culture.

From the organization's cultural presentation were derived funding to sup-

port various projects in the Philippines. The Cultural Organization of Saarland has sent donations amounting to about P400,000.00 to the country benefitting cancer patients, school children, leper patients, calamity victims, and the community's underprivileged.

Various livelihood projects in the Northern Luzon area are also being supported by the organization in cooperation with the National Economic and Development Authority. These projects include driftnet fishing in Sta. Rita West (Aringay, La Union), community grocery store in Bgy. Raosis (Sto. Tomas, La Union), tinapa production in Bonuan (Binloc, Dagupan City), goat raising project in Nampoongan (Sto. Tomas, La Union), foot driven thresher in Ambalite (Pugo, La Union), goat dispersal in Libtong (Tagudin, Ilocos Sur), and small fishing project in Cabaruan (Sto. Tomas, La Union).

In showcasing the Filipino talent and its heritage, the Philippine Cultural Organization of Saarland has opened the floodgates of goodwill through music and dances. Much have returned to the country in terms of benefits for the less privileged.

For the members of this association, the show must go on for the sake of the motherland ... for the future of their countrymen.



WORLD BANK/IFC-IMF FILIPINO ASSOCIATION

WASHINGTON, D.C., USA

It began as an informal group of Filipino employees of the World Bank sharing ideas and feelings over "brown bag" lunches. Sanctioned as a staff organization in 1981, it soon attracted other Filipino employees from the IMF and the IFC to its roster of members. From such innocuous beginnings, the World Bank/IFC-IMF Filipino Association now stands united in the fulfillment of its vision.

Today, while serving its primary purpose as a channel of communication among Filipino staffmembers of the World Bank, the IFC, and the IMF on matters affecting the interests of Filipino nationals, this association is fast gaining recognition for its involvement in community projects, the end result of which are often translated into projects for fellow Filipinos in the home country.

Funding, raised from community projects, amounting to about US\$ 82,100, were channeled to aid the following activities in the homeland:

- Relief efforts for calamity victims (typhoons, Mayon and Pinatubo eruptions, earthquakes);
- Philippine charities (cultural minority TB patients in Bicol, Pediatric ward of Montelibano Hospital in Negros, Philippine General Hospital, Philippine Lung Center, J.P. Rizal National Medical

Center, Southeast Asian Institute for the Deaf, Philippine Lung Center, Philippine Medical Association mission to Sorsogon, DSWD for the victims of child prostitution, University of San Jose Recoletos, Santo Niño Church in Tacloban, Youth Rehabilitation and Training Center); and

- Educational programs (Don Bosco School Youth scholarship).

Long distance fellowship with Filipinos

Other activities of the organization are directed toward enhancing Philippine culture and heritage, as well as raising the consciousness of overseas Filipinos on Philippine issues and concerns. The World Bank/IFC-IMF has sponsored a number of cultural activities featuring Filipino artists in music, dance and theatre; and art exhibits featuring Philippine painters and pho-

tographers.

The Association could also be credited for initiating various fora and symposia, where Philippine Embassy and visiting government officials, business and civic leaders were invited to update the community on Philippine affairs. It also worked with the Philippine Embassy for the enhancement of procedures affecting expatriate Filipino nationals, such as those related to filing of income tax returns and exit visas.

Indeed, what originated from "brown bag" lunches seem to have become lasting relationships.

KAAKABAY NG BAYAN AWARD

Conferred to Filipino communities, federations or groups of Filipinos overseas that united its efforts toward a common ideal as a people, and exemplified this oneness in the provision of support to the needs of the country.

Pagkakaisa ng Samahang Pilipino/ CONFEDERATION OF FILIPINO OVERSEAS ORGANIZATION

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

A leadership training/organizational meeting in Madrid in 1984 served as a backdrop for the creation of the Confederation of Filipino Overseas Organization (COFOO).

Twenty delegates from various Filipino clubs and organizations across Europe have sought to unite their efforts to promote overseas Filipino interests. One of these groups, the London-based "Pagkakaisa ng Samahang Pilipino", took the cudgels of leadership for the umbrella organization.

Together, these Filipino groups in France, Belgium, Spain, West Germany, United Kingdom, Scandinavia, and Switzerland began their involvement to promote and protect the well-being of Filipinos, promote the Filipino culture, as well as inculcate love of and render assistance to the motherland.

The COFOO is the first group that actively campaigned to stop unjust deportation of thousands of Filipinos from the United Kingdom. By organizing mass demonstrations, meetings and press conferences, COFOO was able to drum up interests on varying issues affecting Filipinos both in the Philippines and overseas, such as:

- Discrimination against Filipino women;
- Unjust deportation and related immigration problems in the United Kingdom;
- Extension of National Health Service benefits such as pensions to Filipinos upon their return to the Philippines;

- Absentee-voting mechanism for Filipinos overseas; and
- Educational and cultural exchanges through local and homeland linkages.

On the international front, COFOO, through its member-organizations, was able to work for the granting of amnesty for some 200,000 illegal Filipino immigrants in France, Italy, and Spain. It campaigned to seek balanced coverage of the Philippines by British media, and organized the Anglo-Philippine Association for Real Togetherness (APART) to address the concerns of couples in intermarriages.

COFOO has also launched and organized the Philippine Disaster Fund, which includes an education fund for the orphans of the Doña Paz tragedy. Campaigns were also initiated to support calamity victims by contributing to the Philippine Earthquake Fund.

The willingness of various groups to be subsumed in an umbrella organization has given the COFOO a powerful voice... one that will hopefully be heard throughout the world, promoting the causes of overseas Filipinos.

*All for one..
.. one for all*

FOUNDATION FOR AID TO THE PHILIPPINES, INC.

MARYLAND, USA

Alliance in the face of challenges

The Foundation for Aid to the Philippines, Inc. (FAPI) believes that Filipinos can help themselves ... that Filipinos can be more productive if given the chance to prove themselves.

With a vision of self-help for Filipinos in the motherland, FAPI was organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. It also aims to inculcate awareness and appreciation among Filipinos of their strengths and capabilities so that these may be harnessed to develop resources.

A non-profit organization, FAPI has systematically involved Filipino Americans in the task of nation-building. In exemplifying partnership and cooperation, FAPI mobilized the "Ugnayan" to serve as its partner in the Philippines. This assured the beneficiaries of FAPI that sustainability of projects will be a goal while service for others, a mission. With volunteers, both in the US and in the Philippines sacrificing their time and effort, FAPI was able to accomplish the following activities in the Philippines:

- Mobilized the Filipino-American communities and various international funding sources to

harness resources for livelihood, relief, and development projects;

- Extended continued funding support to various agricultural, cooperative, health, and educational projects in various less-privileged communities;
- Provided alternative sources of income and livelihood to disaster victims;
- Mobilized volunteer health groups in the Philippines through financial assistance and donations of technical equipment for health care;
- Established a system for continued flow of educational resources and tools to service the human resource development needs of various communities in the country.

The assistance of FAPI undoubtedly helped to transform the lives of many less-privileged Filipinos — offering hope where there could almost be none; and opportunities, where people have been searching.

FAPI's role as a channel of altruistic assistance from Filipino expatriates exemplifies how unity can be transformed as a tool for development and people empowerment. It typifies the essential ingredient in all development undertakings — a purpose in life, and more importantly, unity to realize the dream of prosperity for all Filipinos.

KAANIB NG BAYAN AWARD

Conferred to foreign private organizations that embody the Filipino spirit of "bayanihan" through its financial or material support to the country's bid for reconstruction, growth and development

Books for the Barrios

CALIFORNIA, USA

Providing poor children in remote rural barrios of the Philippines with educational materials and tools remains a continuing mission for the Books for the Barrios, Inc. Since its initial projects in 1981, this U.S.-based organization has distributed more than 330,000 tons of educational materials to Filipino children.

Most books given to the Philippines are donations of school districts in the U.S., through linkages established by the organization with teachers, librarians, and government officials. It has also initiated tie ups with Filipino individuals, local government units, and civic organizations for the distribution of containers of books to the provinces of Masbate, Iloilo, Bohol, Tawi-tawi, Pampanga, Bulacan, Leyte, Samar, Sorsogon, Cagayan, Cebu, Eastern Samar, and Aklan.

Members of the Books for the Barrios work in a donated warehouse in California, stuffing books in banana and apple boxes for shipment to the Philippines. Some of the shipments made by the Books for the Barrios include the following:

- three 40-ft. containers of books and educational materials for the Children's Library and Activity Center Foundation, Inc. in Surigao, SAMASA Foundation,

and Acasia Foundation in Tarlac and Batanes;

- eight 40-ft. containers for 11 provinces in the Philippines coursed through the Educational Research for Development Assistance (ERDA) Foundation;
- 3,722 cases (194,800 pounds) of books to the provinces of Masbate, Surigao del Norte, Iloilo, Cagayan de Oro, Tawi-Tawi, Pampanga and Leyte;
- 59 pallets of books to public elementary schools in Matnog (Sorsogon), Batanes (thru the Acacia Foundation), Surigao (thru SCLA), Cagayan (thru ERDA), Cebu, Dolores (Eastern Samar), Kalibo (thru Kalibo Rotary Club); and
- Teaching aids and research materials for teachers.

Aside from distributing books, the Books for the Barrio has also shipped medical supplies and clothing to survivors of cyclones, earthquakes and eruptions that have plagued the country. It has also shipped US\$100,000 worth of medicines and medical equipment for calamity victims of the Ormoc tragedy.

Shaping young minds... Spreading goodwill...

PAG-ASA GROUP

TOKYO, JAPAN

"The most important function of education at any level is to develop the personality of the individual and the significance of his life to himself and to others. This is the basic architect of life; the rest is ornamentation and decoration of the structure."

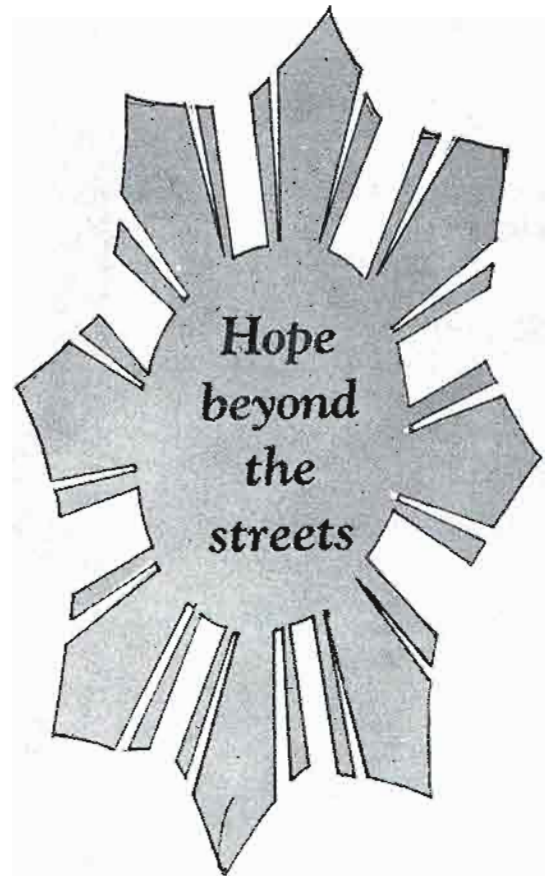
This quotation from Grayson Kirk has basically been the foundation for many of the undertakings of "Pag-asa", a Japanese organization whose main objective is to support and educate the street children of Manila.

Organized in October 1989, it boasts of 1,983 members, mostly Japanese housewives who were former Manila residents. The group's current president is Mrs. Masako Sumiya, the wife of the former Japanese Ambassador to the Philippines.

From 1982 to the present school year, Pag-asa has provided varying forms of support to 15,307 street children and underprivileged students, as well as three (3) vocational and technical centers for education.

Believing in equalizing the opportunities for education, Pag-asa has consistently channelled financial and technical assistance to elementary, vocational and training centers. Its major partner in the Philippines includes the Education Research and Assistance (ERDA) Foundation.

As a manifestation of its sincere desire to continuously help the street children of the Philippines, it has even established a chapter in



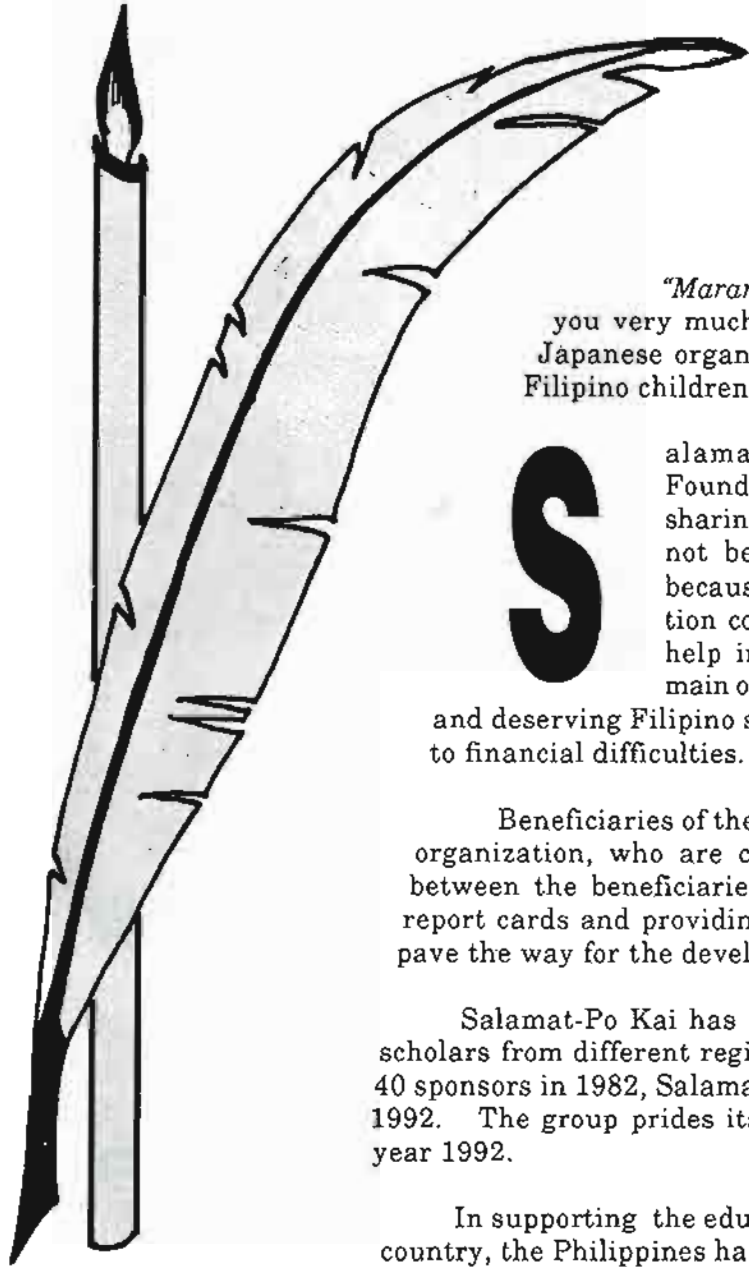
Manila, which is headed by a regent of the University of the Philippines.

With the help that Pag-asa offers, thousands of beneficiaries have their hopes raised — giving them confidence in their individual quest for growth and advancement in the society. By living up to its name, Pag-asa not only realizes its purpose, but its significance to society.

Through its concern and activities, Pag-asa alters young Filipino lives and provides optimism for a brighter future... for beyond the darkened streets where they aimlessly rove is a brightly lit tomorrow.

SALAMAT - PO KAI

TOKYO, JAPAN



"Maraming salamat po", the Tagalog words for thank you very much, is a familiar phrase to members of this Japanese organization who contribute to the education of Filipino children.

Salamat-Po Kai (Philippine-Japan Scholarship Foundation) was established with the intention of sharing its resources to Filipino children who should not be deprived of their right to an education because of financial limitations. It is an association composed of Japanese sponsors who wish to help in the education of Filipino children. Its main objective is to support the schooling of qualified and deserving Filipino students who are unable to go to school due to financial difficulties.

Beneficiaries of the Salamat-Po Kai have their sponsors in the organization, who are called foster parents. The relationship between the beneficiaries and foster parents goes beyond sending report cards and providing finances. Letters to each other usually pave the way for the development of friendship and affection.

Salamat-Po Kai has been in existence for 10 years, supporting scholars from different regions in the Philippines. Starting with only 40 sponsors in 1982, Salamat-Po Kai has grown up to 1,227 sponsors in 1992. The group prides itself in having 1,106 scholars for academic year 1992.

In supporting the education of poor but deserving students of the country, the Philippines has found a partner in the Salamat-Po Kai in the development of its manpower resources.

*Education is a
priceless gift*

On behalf of the Filipino children,
maraming maraming salamat po.

BANAAG AWARD

Conferred to Filipino associations individuals of foreign organizations/individuals for contributing ideas, personal services, or financial/material resources that resulted into direct benefits for a particular sector/region of the country. This award shall also be given to organizations and individuals that have consistently provided exemplary service and other acts of assistance to further the cause of Filipino migrants in their areas of settlement

Grace Fe N. Covarrubias

(POSTHUMOUS)

JABRIYA, KUWAIT

A modern day Florence Nightingale

At the Philippine Embassy in Kuwait, Grace Fe N. Covarrubias, a Filipino nurse, was preoccupied with attending to the needs of stranded Filipino workers. It was a time of war.

Amidst the turmoil, she was a comforting presence. Ms. Covarrubias relentlessly interceded with different hospitals to admit those needing immediate attention. Unable to transport those who required medical care, she brought medical and paramedical volunteer groups to the first aid centers to bring assistance closer to those affected by the ravages of war.

Her deep sense of commitment in helping her fellow Filipinos was not limited to war times. On ordinary days in Kuwait, she would be seen visiting Filipinos in jails and police stations to give counseling and guidance services, or coordinating with the Office of the Labor Attache and Welfare Office of the Philippine Embassy in Kuwait on matters pertaining to the plight of Filipino workers.

In her capacity as president of the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait Executive Board (FLASSIK), she established a Hospital Coordinating Committee with representatives from various health care centers in Kuwait to ensure proper utilization of health services; and a Welfare Referral Committee which conducted regular visits to jailed

Filipinos to provide them with clothes and other basic necessities. Through her efforts, the organization has raised funds to provide support to Filipino workers who became physically or mentally disabled and to the deceased workers' bereaved families or relatives. She has also spearheaded various social activities highlighting Filipino talents and ingenuity.

Ms. Covarrubias, a registered nurse in the Philippines and a native of Zamboanga City, left for Kuwait in 1979 to work as a staff nurse with the Psychological Medicine Hospital under the Ministry of Public Health. Her services at the Ministry was interrupted when she was appointed by the Office of the Prime Minister as a special nurse to a senior member of Kuwait's Royal Family, then based in West Germany and London. Upon completion of her "tour of duty", she was given the position of Clinical Instructor, a position seldom awarded to foreigners because the job demands the ability to speak the Arabic language. Ms. Covarrubias was one of the very few foreigners in Kuwait to have passed the Clinical Teaching Course of the Ministry of Public Health.

Ms. Covarrubias recently passed away. The Philippines has lost a "Nightingale". But she will always be remembered by the many overseas Filipinos whose lives she has touched ... and wounds she has healed.

JOSE L. EVANGELISTA

MICHIGAN, U.S.A.

It has been said that "to whom much is given, much is expected"

Jose L. Evangelista, the indefatigable physician and civic leader, manifested signs of what he was to become during his early years in life. He was an accomplished student, with a long list of academic laurels and leadership experiences.

A summa cum laude graduate, he earned his bachelor's degree in zoology in 1962 at the University of Sto. Tomas. In 1968, he acquired his degree in medicine.

Specializing in cardiovascular medicine, Dr. Evangelista has mastered cures not only for biological illnesses but also effective interventions to address socio-economic maladies that affect the lives of the underprivileged.

Realizing that he has a duty and commitment to his fellow Filipinos, Dr. Evangelista nurtures and implements a continuing civic program to help less developed communities in the Philippines.

Highlights of his contributions include:

- Donated the first ambulance of Candaba, Pampanga;
- Donated financial resources for the renovation of various churches in Candaba and Cuayan Bugtung, Pampanga, and Guruyan, Sorsogon;

- Spearheaded the fund-raising activities of the Circulo Pampangueño of Michigan which resulted into the shipment of \$45,000 worth of donations to various hospitals in Pampanga;
- Provided resources for the upgrading of the nutrition center in San Fernando, Pampanga;
- Donated \$20,000 to the UST Foundation and professorial chairs;
- Spearheaded efforts that raised \$60,000 for various disaster relief funds in the Philippines; and
- Donates \$500 - \$1,000 every year to the governor's scholarship program in Pampanga.

For his benevolent undertakings, Dr. Evangelista was given the Archbishop Medallion Award and the Outstanding Pampangueño award for his philanthropic and humanitarian services.

The success of this doctor does not only embrace the field of medicine. He has also made significant strides as a businessman in the United States. Dr. Evangelista's dedication to his profession and his continued desire to help his fellow Filipino makes him a truly special "doctor of the heart".



A doctor of the heart

FILIPINO LADIES ASSOCIATION OF GUAM

AGANA, GUAM

An all women's group started in 1962 a crusade to foster unity and closer relations among the Filipino community, preserve its traditions and culture, and conserve the bonds of friendship with the people of Guam.

It has also established partnerships with other groups that share a mutual commitment to preserve and promote Filipino culture among the community in Guam.

To date, the Filipino Ladies Association of Guam or FLAG is the only Filipino women's organization in Guam. It has actively participated in socio-civic activities in the

Women
power

To expand its clout and network as a social institution, it has aligned itself with two (2) international women's organizations based in mainland U.S.A. These partnerships have transformed FLAG into a potent force advocating cooperation and unity to achieve development.



community, which included beautification and infrastructure projects. It has contributed in the improvement of the lives of many community members, particularly the sick and the needy. Yearly donations are channelled to the American Red Cross, American Cancer Societies, Kundirana Guam Charity Association, and numerous charities in the Philippines (Sto. Niño in Leyte, San Jose Seminary of Palawan, Archdiocese of Tuguegarao). Medical equipment are also given to hospitals in Guam and the Philippines.

The FLAG has a continuous scholarship assistance program at the University of Guam which has produced some of the island's prominent leaders.

Going beyond assisting the impoverished, FLAG has also actively pursued cultural programs which highlighted the Filipino heritage.

Some of its contributions include the following:

- \$18,000 in donation to various disaster relief funds in the Philippines;
- Donated \$56,050-worth of medical equipment to the Guam Memorial Hospital, thereby providing health and medical services for the Filipino community; and
- Donated funds for the construction of recreational centers in Guam.

Living up to the inherent message of the Philippine flag, this organization has given people a chance to find peace, harmony, and purity in their aspirations.

Aurea G. Helbig

BAVARIA, GERMANY

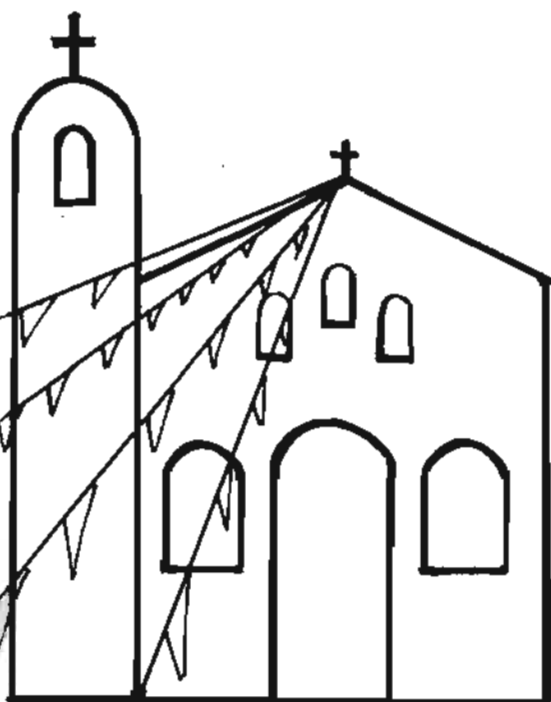
"Big things come in small packages." This statement best describes this petite and courageous woman who finds fulfillment in taking pride in her heritage and happiness in helping others.

Aurea Galarpe Helbig traces her roots in Cagayan de Oro and proudly attributes her unparalleled "addiction" to Filipino culture to her upbringing and desire to share the best of the Philippines and its people with the rest of the world. Despite her long years of settlement in Germany, Mrs. Helbig has never given up on her love affair with her culture and her heritage.

In an attempt to bring the Filipino community together, Ging organized the celebration of the first Filipino mass in Munich in November 1983. She believed that people united in faith and bonded by a common heritage have greater chances to survive in a country where one's color could stand in the way of success. Mrs. Helbig has never stopped expending her time and resources to assure the Filipino community and the Philippines the limelight in the midst of European sophistication.

In 1985, Mrs. Helbig was a major contributor to the successful conduct of the German-Philippine Summer, dubbed as the biggest presentation of Philippine culture abroad. Notwithstanding the cost of showcasing the Filipino culture abroad, Mrs. Helbig took pains in bringing the Philippines' "jeepneys", "karetelas", "araro", "kulintang", and other indigenous Filipino tools and instruments abroad. Through this exhibit, the Filipino community of Bavaria has made it known to the Europeans that Filipino culture has preceded many of the sophisticated cultures of today.

These major accomplishments have given impetus for a deeper and more sustained desire



Unending affair with the Philippines

on the part of Mrs. Helbig to help, not only her community, but her home country as well. In partnership with her husband, Dr. Alfred Helbig, she sought funding for many development, cultural, and livelihood projects in the Philippines. More prominent among the projects she supported are the Cebu Upland Project and the construction of the Museo de Oro.

Mrs. Helbig has been a major force behind many of the "firsts" in the Filipino community in Germany. Secure in her Filipino heritage, she readily faces indomitable odds to uphold the interests of her country and her countrymen.

Carmencita R. Hernandez

ONTARIO, CANADA

Carmencita R. Hernandez is an accountant and an advocate.

She was raised in a middle class family and in an environment that insulated her from experiencing poverty and human rights violations. This background, however, was not a deterrent to her realization and appreciation of these issues. Today, she is at the forefront in the struggle against racism and sexism in the work place in Canada.

Her tireless efforts to address issues concerning women, and her selfless dedication to improve the quality of life of many Filipinos in Canada paved the way for Philippine-trained workers and professionals to gain accreditation and, consequently, access to the highly competitive Canadian labor market.

Her involvement with the ad hoc Committee for Landed Status for Foreign Domestic Worker exposed her to activities of other women's groups. This involvement gave impetus to the formation of the Coalition of Immigrant and Visible Minority Women in Toronto, which, in three years, became a national organization. Through her recommendation, a number of Filipino women, mostly domestic workers, have received scholarships from the Coalition to pursue higher education that qualified them for entry into the Canadian job market.

Among the other accomplishments of Ms. Hernandez include the following:

- Established supportive networks for Filipino-Canadian women, and developed public education workshops on the concerns and needs of battered women, domestic workers, and professionals;
- Spearheaded the conduct of fora and consultations aimed at identifying and breaking down the barriers that inhibit Filipino immigrants from practicing their trades and professions;
- Published various employment-related articles for the "Coalition of Minority Women", a rich source of information on education and training; and

Empowering women

- Responsible for facilitating cash donation amounting to \$75,000.00 from Toronto to support the Philippine Emergency Relief Fund.

Ms. Hernandez continues to be a voice for the disadvantaged Filipinos overseas, resonant in its quest for justice and equality.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPCION

TOKYO, JAPAN

“Follow
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fishers
of
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MK 1:17



Pope Pius in 1904 named them the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Concepcion — a group of hardy sisters with a mission to propagate the faith among pagan nations. In spreading the faith in Japan, they have somehow touched the lives of many Filipinos.

This religious group is involved in providing assistance and services to many Filipinos who encounter immigration problems in Japan. At the same time, it remains active in raising funds for scholarship grants for Filipino indigent students.

Its work with Filipinos in Japan include the conduct of personal and telephone counseling for those encountering problems ranging from marital and family conflicts, to medical and work-related concerns. The sisters also raise funds which are used for the repatriation of indigent Filipinos who have violated Japanese immigration laws, and for the payment of medical expenses of those who become ill or incapacitated. Free food and shelter are also readily available to Filipinos in distress and those who need such assistance in Japan.

In the Akabene District of Tokyo, an active and lively community of Filipinos exist. It is a community formed by the sisters, in cooperation with other members of the church, through initial gatherings of illegally-staying Filipinos in Japan.

While the Mission is conducting its main activity in Japan, the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Concepcion is also involved in activities for Filipinos in the homeland. They have, among others, raised funds amounting to 1.2 million yen to finance a scholarship program for 43 indigent Filipino students; and donated 400 thousand yen to help alleviate the plight of the children of Negros.

The Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Concepcion works with a true and simple faith--spreading the words of God by their deeds for men. Pope Pius has truly named them well.

Ramon A. P. Paterno

VIRGINIA, U.S.A.

Ramon A. P. Paterno, the "Most Outstanding Student of the Philippines" in 1966, is now the Senior Counsel in the Legal Department of the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

While he may have travelled far to pursue a career in international and corporate development finance, the country he left behind (hopefully temporarily) seems to be nestled in a special place in his heart. As impressive as his accomplishments in his profession, are his contributions, either as a leader or participant, in various activities affecting Filipinos in his community in Metro Washington D.C. and in the Philippines.

As co-founder and first over-all coordinator of the Filipiniana Fair, he directed the collection of funds for livelihood programs, medical missions, disaster victims and other charities in the Philippines. The fair is now an institutionalized major activity of the Philippine Festival Charity which is conducted every year.


He lobbied and campaigned for the passage of an overseas voting rights legislation, and raised the level of awareness and consciousness of the Filipino community on this vital issue. Upon invitation of the Philippine House of Representative Committee Chair on Suffrage and Electoral Reforms, he testified and provided significant comments on legislative proposals on absentee voting.

As Executive Director of the Philippine-American Support Committee for the Jaime V. Ongpin Institute of Business and Government (PASCO-JVOIBG-WDC Chapter), he played a key role in raising funds from US donor banks for development projects in the Philippines. A total of US\$44,000 has been channeled as seed money

for the Center for Media Freedom and Responsibility in the Philippines. He is in the process of finalizing a scheme for a "Brain Gain"-Adopt a Primary Rural School in the Philippines. This project aims to finance pilot educational programs in three (3) primary rural schools to uplift students' proficiency in math, sciences and languages.

Mr. Paterno also initiated and organized the UP Alumni Association Scholarship and Educational Trust (MWDC Chapter) by personally soliciting 85% of the funds from alumni/ae. The Trust has a "permanent revolving" fund of US\$12,000. Six (6) scholars from UP Diliman have already benefitted from the remittances of its interest income.

He initiated a children's Cultural Camp



*The Philippines
is in the heart*

that teaches Filipino culture, values and games. He also initiated and organized a community-wide Rizal Day and Youth Awards Day where the achievements of Filipino-American school-children are recognized.

These activities reflect the special niche Mr. Paterno has carved for the Philippines in his heart — so special, indeed, that it somehow can bridge the distance.

Reuben S. Seguritan

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

"Political empowerment is the answer to achieve anything we want for ourselves in America ... to attain this, we have to learn to stop fighting with each other and end our mindless socializing. We have to work together and get involved in the important issues of the day...."

These words define the vision of Reuben S. Seguritan for the Filipino community in its quest for recognition and strength as a people.

For individuals locked in cultural and physical isolation, justice can be a distant dream. Mr. Seguritan's legal battles in protecting Filipino immigrant rights have made the search for justice no longer a dream but a reality.

A consistent valedictorian from elementary, Mr. Seguritan completed his Bachelor's degree in Political Science and Bachelor of Laws at the University of the Philippines. Upon finishing his studies he taught law and international politics in a Manila university, and at the same time, helped organize a legal defense group called "Lumaban".

As a lawyer, Mr. Seguritan is no stranger to the promotion of minority and civil rights,

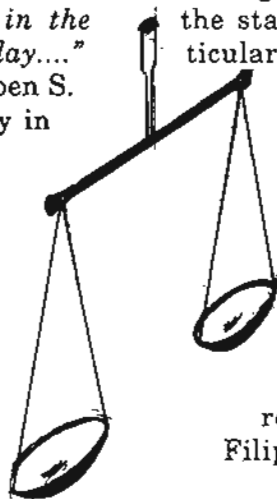
political empowerment, and employment rights. He has consistently taken the cudgels against discrimination and unfair legislations for Filipino-Americans, earning for himself an "activist" status. In a country where such abound, Mr. Seguritan is one of the few who have taken the stand in defense of ethnic minority, particularly the Filipinos. He is among the more

visible members of the Filipino-American community in New York. He has made the protection of Filipino-American rights his mission and ultimate challenge in his professional career.

Significant among Mr. Seguritan's accomplishments in his civic pursuits include the representations he made on behalf of Filipino professionals in the United States who were being subjected to unfair legislations. His voice in defense of his fellow Filipinos echoed through the halls of the White House where many discussions were

made to provide justice to thousands of hardworking Filipino professionals in the United States.

Many partnerships were borne out of this lawyer's crusade in the name of the Filipino community... a crusade which bore results in the name of justice and for the sake of equal rights among men of differing cultures.



Crusading lawyer

TAHANAN

DIOCESAN CENTER FOR FILIPINO MIGRANTS

MADRID, SPAIN

Leaving one's home to work in a foreign country gives one a sad-scary feeling. Knowing that there is a "home" for Filipinos amidst the strangeness, can somehow ease the feeling of loneliness and uncertainty.

Tahanan came about ten years ago upon the initiative of several private resident Filipinos, both lay and religious in Madrid, to provide legal, social, and community building assistance to Filipino immigrants and workers in Madrid. It was later placed under the auspices of the Diocesan Delegation for Migrant Workers in Madrid.

Tahanan has actively collaborated with the Diocesan Delegation for Migrant Workers and many other NGOs, in the campaign to fight for the rights of immigrant workers in Spain. This joint effort resulted to the 1990 "regularization process" approved by the Spanish government.

Legal assistance is also provided by Tahanan to Filipinos. This service includes legal advice in individual cases, either directly or by referral to the

Diocesan Delegation's
legal counsel or to
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Embassy. It has, for example, intervened for the immediate release of Filipinos detained by police in Madrid, Alicante, and Malaga for



lack of documentation. The organization also offers counseling and financial support to needy members of the Filipino community.

More than providing a venue for meetings, gatherings, and other functions, Tahanan seeks to enhance cooperative and brotherly spirit among the Filipino workers in Madrid and make them excellent examples of community living. This objective has apparently worked as records of the Spanish authorities show that Filipinos enjoy the prestige of being the most law-abiding among the different local alien groups in the said country.

Tahanan has endeavored to remain linked to the Philippines, especially in moments of need, by initiating fund-raising campaigns. It donated foodstuff, clothing, and other items for the calamity victims of Mt. Pinatubo, the Ormoc disaster, and the 1990 earthquake.

Tahanan continues to pave the way for networking and linkages among Filipinos in other parts of Spain. Perhaps, someday, other Filipinos across the world may finally find unity in a home they can truly call their own.

PAMANA NG PILIPINO AWARD

Conferred to Filipinos overseas, who, in exemplifying the talent and industry of the Filipino race, have brought the country honor and recognition thru excellence in his profession or line of work.

Diosdado P. Banatao

CALIFORNIA, U.S.A.

Good management in a high-technology environment. A potent combination that propelled Diosdado P. Banatao to success. As co-founder and presently the chairman of the board of SSI, Inc., a company involved in the design and marketing of VLSI silicon subsystem used in high performance personal computers and personal workstations, Mr. Banatao has no doubt engraved his name in the competitive computer industry.

Backed with a BSEE degree from Mapua Institute of Technology (Philis.) and an MSEE in Computer Science from Stanford University, Mr. Banatao's past experiences in the areas of hardware and software design include co-founding Mastron, Inc. and holding engineering management positions at Interbit, Syntek and SEEQ Technology. He also worked at Commodore Business Machines where he designed the single chip microprocessors using CMOS microprocessors and conceived the "PET" Computer, one of the first personal computers introduced in the US. His stint at the Chips and Technologies, Inc., as co-founder and Engineering Vice President, revolutionized the personal computer industry through the consolidation of standard setting platforms into smaller, highly integrated and less expensive solutions, creating an entirely new marketplace for IBM PC compatible systems. His direct involvement in the design of enhanced graphics adapter (EGA) and its pc-compatible chip sets

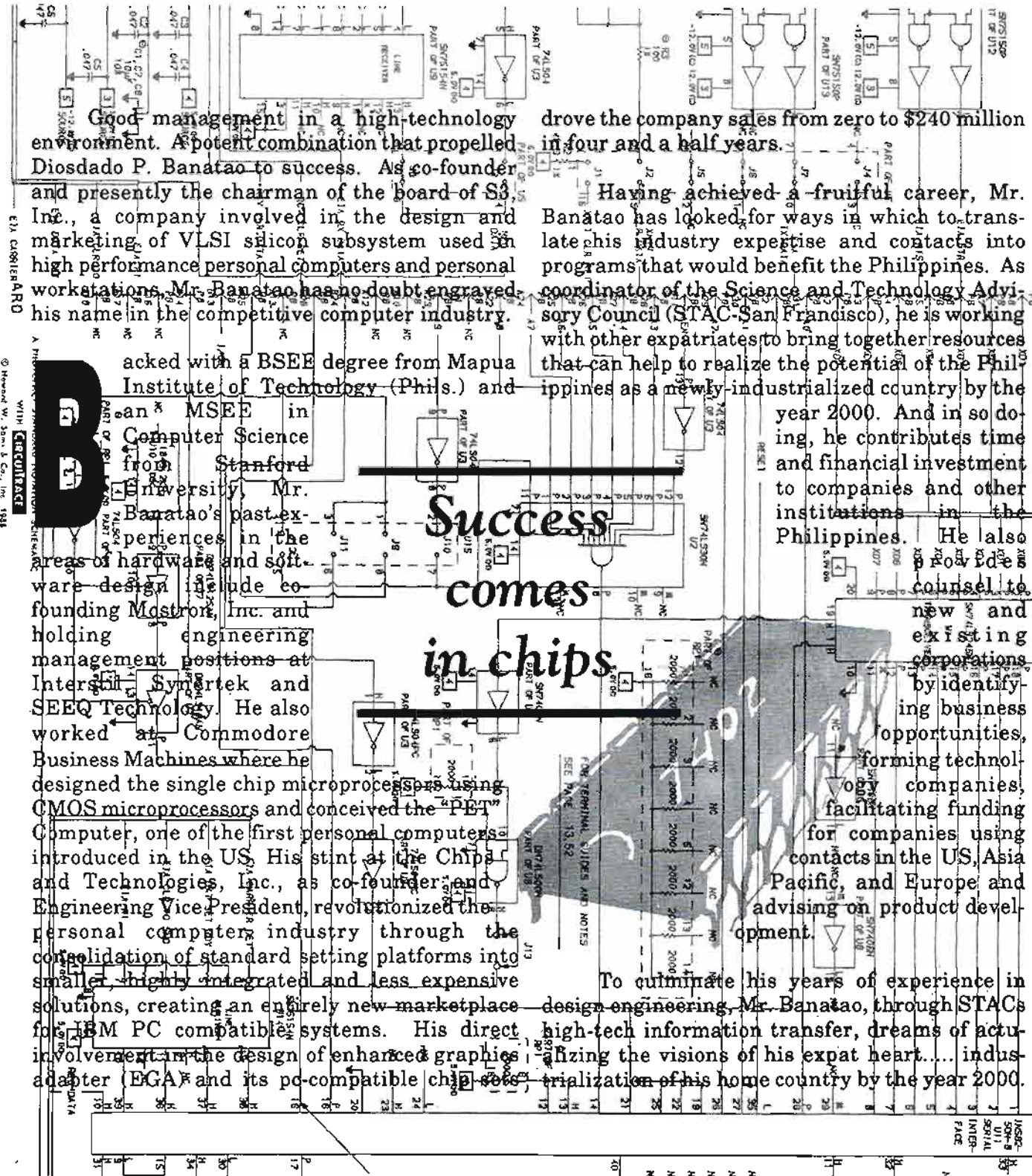
drove the company sales from zero to \$240 million in four and a half years.

Having achieved a fruitful career, Mr. Banatao has looked for ways in which to translate his industry expertise and contacts into programs that would benefit the Philippines. As coordinator of the Science and Technology Advisory Council (STAC-San Francisco), he is working with other expatriates to bring together resources that can help to realize the potential of the Philippines as a newly-industrialized country by the year 2000. And in so doing, he contributes time and financial investment to companies and other institutions in the Philippines. He also provides counsel to

Success
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in chips

new and existing corporations by identifying business opportunities, forming technology companies, facilitating funding for companies using contacts in the US, Asia Pacific, and Europe and advising on product development.

To culminate his years of experience in design engineering, Mr. Banatao, through STAC's high-tech information transfer, dreams of actualizing the visions of his expat heart.... industrialization of his home country by the year 2000.



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Lupo T. Carlota

TENNESSEE, U.S.A.

Acupuncture, a sure cure!

Acupuncture, the ancient oriental act of healing, has become recognized and accepted as a modality of medical practice in the United States through the trailblazing efforts of a Filipino — Lupo T. Carlota.

This graduate of medicine from the University of Santo Tomas in Manila has been an exponent of modern scientific acupuncture research development education in the United States over the past 20 years. He has unselfishly shared his knowledge and skills in modern scientific acupuncture, conducting seminars and workshops for doctors in various countries.

Dr. Carlota is also the inventor of the MRA Ultramatic, an advance precision, micro-sensitive instrument used by doctors in various countries for diagnosis and treatment of pains and other diseases. The Meridian Regulatory Acupuncture (MRA) System of therapy, utilizing advance medical technology, was developed based on a revolutionary postulate called the "bioplastic concept of healing", which Dr. Carlota authored. For this work, he was invited (the first western-trained physician) as resource person to Beijing, Nanjing, and Shanghai to lecture on the scientific theory and practical application of the MRA in medicine. He also authored the

"Quantum Theory of Acupuncture", a hypothesis that explains the scientific basis for acupuncture. This book was presented at the International Acupuncture Society Annual Convention in Taipei, Taiwan, and Republic of China.

In the the Philippines, Dr. Carlota headed various medical missions to aid victims of calamity-related incidents. These missions showed his active involvement in delivering free medical services, providing medicines, and distributing food and relief goods to indigent patients in the affected rural areas. During his term as Association of Philippine Physicians in America (APPA) President, he supervised and directed donations of hospital supplies and medical equipments to the different hospitals in the Philippines. He was also instrumental in the awarding of fellowships and scholarships to deserving physicians from the Philippines wishing to undertake post graduate studies in the U.S.

More and more people today in many countries are enjoying the therapeutic benefits of modern acupuncture which Dr. Carlota helped develop. The world class contribution of Mr. Carlota in the field of scientific acupuncture brings respectability and honor to the Philippines as his native land, and to the Filipino doctors all over the world.

Angelita A. Castro-Kelly

MARYLAND, U.S.A.

*Across the seas...
... beyond the skies*

Breaking the walls of a male-dominated field of engineering, Angelita A. Castro-Kelly believes that the role of women continues to assume greater significance in the sphere of policy making, particularly in the exploration of space, conduct of aeronautical research, and the development of space plans for successful program implementation.

A summa cum laude graduate of the University of Sto. Tomas, Mrs. Castro-Kelly extended her frontiers by pursuing graduate studies in the field of Physics at the University of Maryland. She is currently the Mission Operation Manager (MOM) of the Earth Observing System (EOS), the centerpiece of NASA's "Mission to Planet Earth" program.

As MOM, she assumes leadership and responsibility over the establishment of parameters and definitions covering the requirements for the command and control of space crafts. In recognition of her work on manned flight missions, the astronauts of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) awarded her the "Snoopy" award in 1991.

A woman with strong passion for excellence, her expertise is applied to the early planning,

design and development of spacecraft, onboard scientific instruments, and the very complex ground processing system that includes the Earth Science Data and Information System. Her innovative ideas led to the development of state-of-the-art enhancements on hardware and software systems that process large volume of data from shuttle/spacelabs which are being used by the worldwide scientific community.

Mrs. Castro-Kelly's other accomplishments include the following:

- Provided significant inputs as member of the team that designed and implemented the \$25 million Spacelab Data Processing Facility at NASA — a project which supported shuttle missions carrying spacelab and attached payload experiments;
- Worked out interface agreements with other NASA Centers, the European Space Agency, the German Space Agency, and the National Space Development Agency of Japan; and
- Presented various technical papers which included an award-winning paper on the use of knowledge-based expert systems.

Mrs. Castro-Kelly's various accomplishments have spoken well of the Philippines' potentials for global excellence.

By her achievements, we can stand proud as Filipinos, knowing only too well, that we have made a significant contribution to science and to mankind.

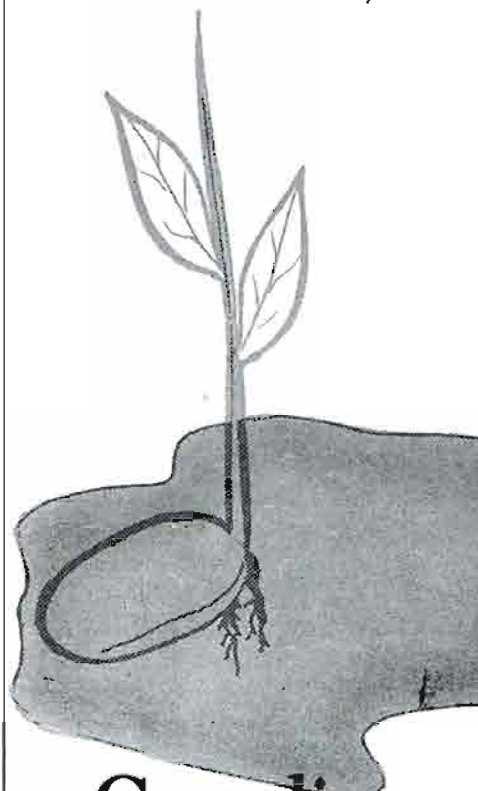
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Ernani G. Menez

WASHINGTON, D.C., U.S.A.

For Ernani G. Menez, the world under the seas is a kingdom of abundance and a fountain of life.

This gentleman's knowledge and expertise in seaweed culture has opened the doors for various scientific discoveries and advancements in the field of phycology. His monographs and articles on seaweeds and seagrasses provided invaluable references to Filipino colleagues conducting researches and studies, which are now widely used by many colleges and universities world-wide.



**Guarding
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Plantae**

Conceptualizing and formulating the strategies to implement the first USA - Philippine Phycology Workshop in 1984, he has brought into awareness the vast potentials of the Philippines as a major source of eucheimia, a kind of seaweed that can be processed into a highly refined carrageenan which is used in food, cosmetics, textile and pharmaceutical manufacturing.

Sharing his technical know-how with fellow scientists was a major objective of Dr. Menez, but reaching out to ordinary fisherfolks to expand opportunities for their socio-economic upliftment, was an even more important goal. He knew that in order to succeed in his advocacy, he will have to coordinate closely with local government units in the Philippines. Activities of Dr. Menez include coordinative work with local executives to ensure that the detrimental fishing practices would find no place in our sensitive environment.

The advocate for the protection and conservation of the sea world has not confined himself within the boundaries of the waters. Aside from being a curator of the Department of Botany of Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institute, Dr. Menez is also a senior adviser to the Philippine Science and Technology Council (STAC), providing relevant advice to the Philippine government on matters relating to science and technology. More than that, he has involved himself in socio-civic activities such as fund sourcing in aid of Filipino students and junior scientists. Dr. Menez was responsible for actualizing the participation of Filipino marine botanists and other scientists in various research undertakings in the United States.

This chief botanist, who advocates the importance of plants in the existence of human race, is also very much a Filipino at heart — full of concern in the sustenance and welfare of his home country.

Rodolfo de Guzman

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

From Manila to Geneva, Dr. Rodolfo de Guzman shows that indeed, the Filipino can!

Dr. de Guzman is the Director for the Technical Cooperation at the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and Special Assistant to the Secretary General. This appointment, achieved after 10 years of service with the WMO, puts him in the enviable position as the highest-ranking Filipino in an international organization and specialized agency of the United Nations in Geneva.

A consistent honor student, De Guzman graduated in Physics and Meteorology from the University of the Philippines, and completed his Masters and Doctorate degrees in Meteorology from the University of Reading in London. His activities in London were not limited to scholastic pursuits, as he also involved himself in projects of the Filipino community, and served as president of the Filipino Association in the United Kingdom.

The knowledge and exposure he acquired in London served him well in his work with the Philippine Government — at the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAG-ASA), and then later on as Associate Professor and Department Chairman of Meteorology and Oceanography at the University of the Philippines.

In his current position as Director for Technical Cooperation, he provides overall support to the Secretary-General over a broad range of activities. He initiates and undertakes planning, organization, direction and control of relevant activities. He has also been closely involved with providing national meteorological and hydrological support

services for the protection of lives and property, maintenance of environmental quality and contribution to socio-economic

Follow that shooting star

development.

By his distinguished career, he has contributed in establishing a noteworthy reputation for the Filipino scientist. This has provided benefits to the Philippines, as well. He has consistently supported the granting of official assistance to the Philippines from the WMO and other international and bilateral sources, including the training of Filipino meteorologists. Dr. de Guzman also finds time to share his expertise and experiences through the conduct of training courses for meteorological professionals in the Philippines.

As Dr. de Guzman's star continues to rise in the international arena, the country finds hope in its quest for a rightful place in the community of nations.



Rosendo K. Palis

YANGON, MYANMAR

In the verdant fields of Los Baños in the Philippines, Rosendo K. Palis charted his career as an internationally recognized agronomist.

Upon completing his degree in plant breeding at the University of the Philippines, and his doctorate degree in Agronomy from Kansas State University, he worked with the University of the Philippines at Los Baños (UPLB) Agricultural Research Station. There, he initiated cooperation between the UPLB and the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), particularly on collaborative researches. He also conducted researches on modern crop physiology and genetic engineering, interlaced with short courses in research training station management and rice farming systems methodology.

Dr. Palis was affiliated with institutions in several Asian countries, identifying various farming techniques such as indigenous land use patterns, cropping systems, soil observation technologies, irrigation techniques, post-harvest technologies, and direct-seeding method of rice crop establishment.

His researches on actual farming systems covered rice cropping systems with component on varietal improvement; rice farming systems; small-scale farm mechanization; and agronomic data on water availability, water requirement, soil fertility and production technologies.

As IRRI representative in Myanmar, Mr. Palis organized rice-based cropping systems research network with 11 test sites in 4 agro-

climate zones, introduced the use of IRRI-designed machines for small-scale farming, and managed the Myanmar's Agricultural University farm in Yezin. He was instrumental in convincing Myanmar authorities on the use of green manure as effective substitute for urea commercial fertilizer in rice production, and popularized direct seeding method of rice crop establishment and the use of single work animals.

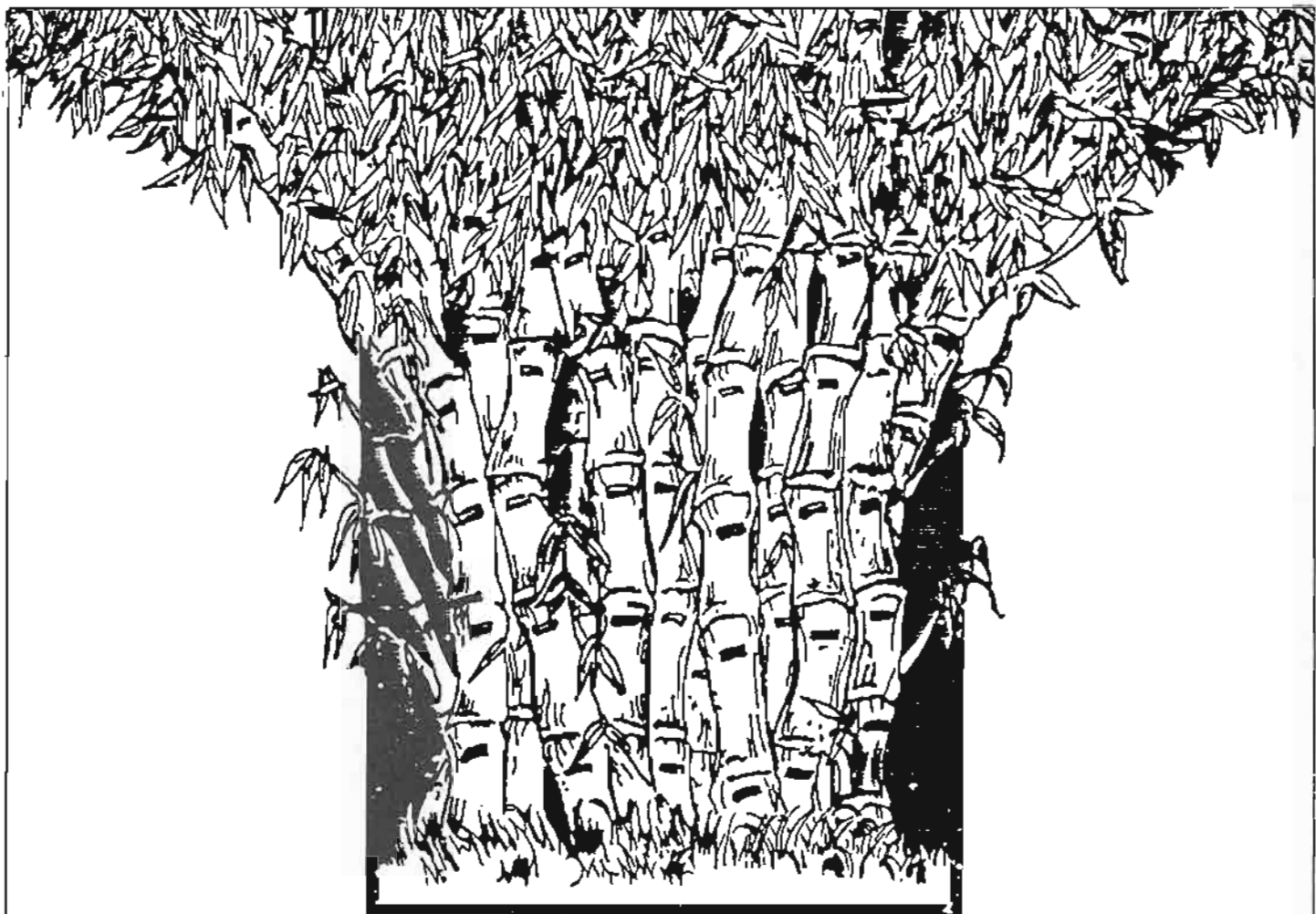
His researches have undoubtedly given birth to new ideas in agronomy and agriculture. The accomplishments of Dr. Palis have made this nation proud for affording many countries useful and relevant ideas in the field of agronomy.



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An Exposé on PAGCOR

How It Was Then.

How It Is Now.

Monthly Income

Before the February revolution, the average monthly income was ₱29 million. The highest monthly income declared was ₱55 million.

Under the new PAGCOR, the average monthly income went up to ₱169 million in 1987, ₱212.5 million in 1988, ₱290 million in 1989, ₱341 million in 1990, ₱428 million in 1991, ₱501 million in 1992 and ₱564 million in the first three quarters of 1993.

Remittance to Government

In ten years, from 1976 to June 1986, the total remittance of the old PAGCOR to the government was ₱2.1 billion.

In more than seven years of operation, from July 1986 to September 30, 1993, the new PAGCOR has already remitted a total of ₱21.20 billion to the government.

Tax Privileges

PAGCOR, then, was exempted from all kinds of taxes, except the 5% franchise tax.

Since March 1987, all the tax exemption privileges have been withdrawn. Now, PAGCOR is paying the 5% franchise tax, corporate income tax, customs duties for imported equipment and employees' withholding taxes.

Audit Procedure

PAGCOR, then, was exempted from audit.

Today, all PAGCOR transactions are dutifully recorded, accounted for and audited by the Commission on Audit.

Secrecy vs. Transparency

PAGCOR operations then were veiled in secrecy.

Today, PAGCOR operations are carried out on an open-book policy in keeping with the President's directive of transparency in the government. Pursuant to this, PAGCOR publishes its financial statement quarterly, perhaps the only casino operator in the world who does so.

The difference in the way the casinos are run today has led to a sizeable increase in PAGCOR's income, out of which approximately 75% goes to the government through remittances to the Bureau of Internal Revenue, the National Treasury, the National Power Corporation, the Social Fund of the President, cities hosting the casinos, the Philippine Sports Commission, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts and the Board of Claims. Nothing is left with PAGCOR except what it needs for operations. With the substantial amount it remits to the government, PAGCOR has become the third biggest revenue-generating arm of the government. PAGCOR today is considerably different from what it was in the past.



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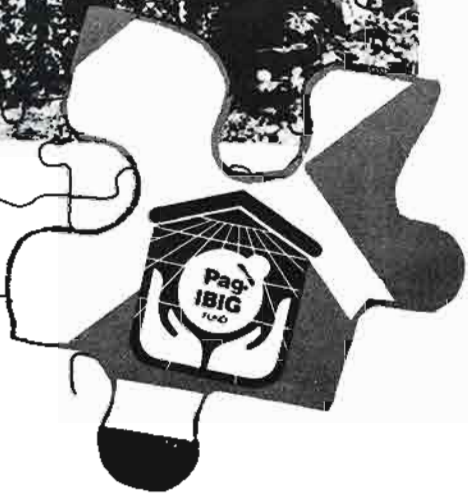
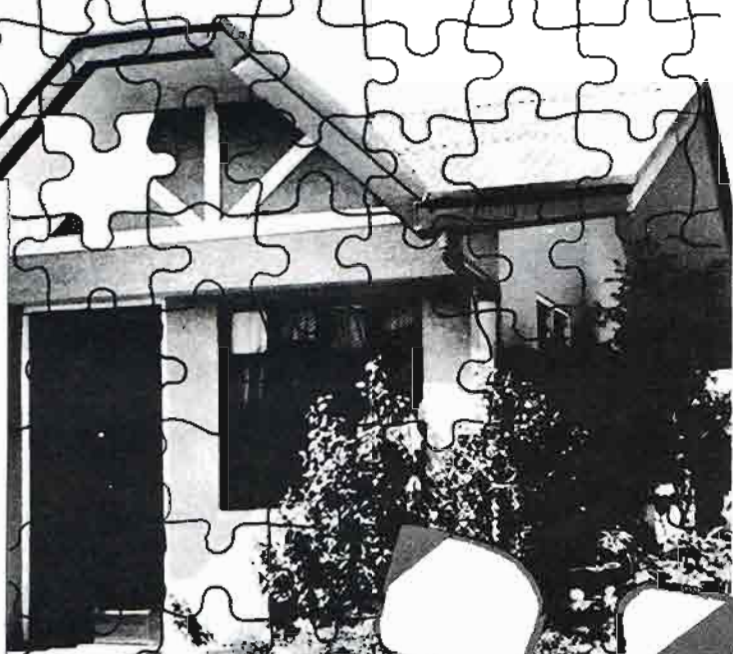
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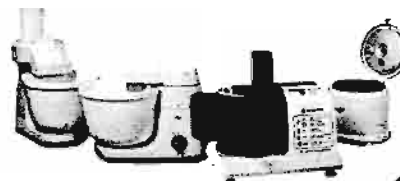
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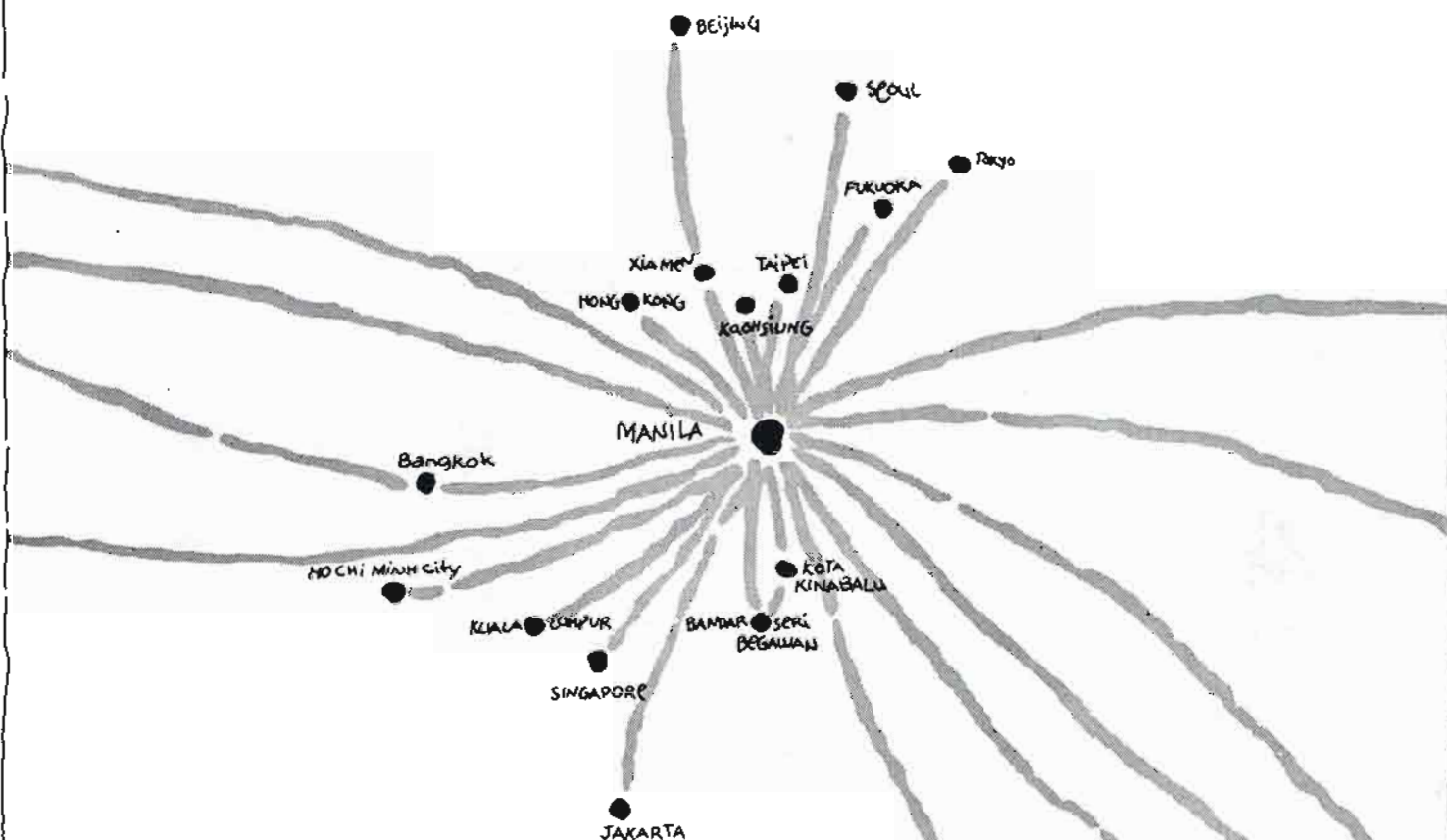


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