



# DepEd Employees Are Among Top Government Workers For 2004

Three employees of the Department of Education (DepEd) were chosen by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) to receive awards in this year's Search for Outstanding Public Officials and Employees.

Ma. Merlina Joseu, principal of Turod Integrated School in Isabela province and a Pag-Asa Award winner, encouraged her high school students to finish secondary schooling by giving free school supplies.

Celia Pelotin, a teacher, conducted literacy and nonformal education classes in the rebel-infested town of Luna in Aayao. She received the Lingkod ng Bayan Award.

Ricardo Tero, a utility worker at the Subabasbas Elementary School in Lapulapu City, received the Dangal ng Bayan award for his dedication and commitment to the school. He has served as the school's electrician, carpenter, messenger, mason, security guard, cook and gardener.

The awardees received cash prizes, plaques or trophies, scholarship grants, and an automatic promotion to the next higher position or a salary increase.

## EXCERPTS FROM PRESIDENT GMA'S SPEECH AT THE CONFERRMENT OF THE LINGKOD BAYAN AND DANGAL NG BAYAN AWARDS:

..I am happy we have so many teachers who have received their awards

today and to have learned about the innovations that they brought to the classroom. Our civil servants are found not only in the metropolis but also in the rural communities, where they render care to children in the countryside....Our honorees have done their job with verve, with vigor,

unmindful of obstacles, focused on serving the people rather than what is their perk, what is their salary grade. This is how things should be in the entire public service.

...Our honorees this afternoon are testimonies to the nobility of the calling of public servants. We are proud

## Successful Run of 2004 Special Education Classes

Recognizing the need to upgrade teaching competencies of teachers handling special children, LINK Center for the Deaf, in cooperation with the Department of Education-National Capital Region (DepEd-NCR), organized a series of workshops on Special Education (SPED) from July to November 2004. Over 350 participants from all over the Philippines attended the workshops.

The first, entitled "Early Intervention for the Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, Mentally Retarded and Autistic," was held at the Occupational Safety and Health Center in July. It focused on the significant role of teachers in providing a nurturing environment for the at-risk child during the crucial years of development and the importance of early intervention.

A follow up on the first workshop, "Curriculum Organization and Management of Early Intervention Programs," was held at the same venue in September.

Topics included program planning components, different curricular models, and other important considerations leading to the successful implementation of the early intervention programs. Output was required from the participants, which they presented at a plenary towards the end of the workshops.

Dr. Robert T. Mobley, professor from Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., conducted the third workshop on the "Integrative Approach to Teaching" at the Philippine Social Science Center in October. Dr. Mobley gave a comprehensive lecture on how teachers can "work smart, not harder," through smart lesson planning, team-teaching and collaborative learning.

The LINK Center for the Deaf aims to conduct another series of workshops for 2005 and looks forward to seeing more educators become more involved in providing a nurturing environment for the Filipino special child. You may contact LINK Center at (02) 426-0382 or e-mail [linkdeaf@mmla.nslclub.net](mailto:linkdeaf@mmla.nslclub.net).

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## FILIPINO PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHER WINS IN A SINGAPORE TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Public high school teacher Sherlita Daguiosonan of Iligan City joined the ranks of Asia's most innovative teachers at the Microsoft's first Asian Regional Innovative Teachers' Conference held recently in Singapore.

Daguiosonan, a mathematics and science teacher, was commended for having successfully fused information and communications technologies (ICT) with teaching methods. She will attend the Innovative Teachers Global Summit in Seattle, Washington, USA.

"Ms. Daguiosonan's triumph shows us that our teachers are definitely world class. We definitely have the dedication and creativity to help our children realize their potential as future leaders in the digital economy," said Sam Jacoba, Microsoft Philippines Academic Affairs Director.

Microsoft's first Asian Regional Innovative Teachers' Conference gathered top Asian education leaders, policy makers and more than 120 teachers from 16 Asia-Pacific



From left: Conference awardee Sherlita Daguiosonan; other Philippine delegates and Innovative Teachers Leadership awardees Eden Samadan, Elumir Macas, Manny Caberte, and Cromwell Valeriano.

countries. Organized under Microsoft's Partners in Learning (PiL) program, and supported by Singapore's National Institute of Education and UNESCO, the conference provided a region-wide forum to identify and share best practices in the use of technology for instruction, and to empower teachers with IT skills.

Among the Philippine delegation to the conference were the four other winners of the first Philippine Innovative Teachers Leadership Awards: Cromwell Valeriano of Cavite, Manuel Caberte of Agusan del Sur, Elumir Macas of Misamis Oriental, and Eden Samadan of Makati City.

These teachers are part of the local Innovative Teachers Community, which provides secondary public school teachers an online venue to discuss and share experiences in teaching technology and teaching with technology. More information is available at [www.pil.ph](http://www.pil.ph).

The Innovative Teachers Community is part of the Partners In Learning (PiL) initiative of Microsoft Philippines and DepED. Through PiL, Microsoft Philippines has aligned with DepED, government and academic leaders, and local industry partners to empower Filipino educators and their students with ICT-based learning solutions.

of your achievements. You set the example for us, even for me, to follow. You chart the course for us to take so that our voices too may ring with pride when we say that we work in government. *Ugaliin nating ang paghingi ng gabay at pasasalamat sa Dakilang Lumikha. Siya ang nagbibigay sa inyo, sa akin, ng grasya para sa ganon ay manatili tayo sa mabuting trabaho...*

*...Ang kailangan natin ngayon ay sabayang pakilos, sabayang pagtugon, tulong-tulong na pag-aksyon sa isang direksyon at isang layunin—ang pagbibigay tulong at serbisyo na makapag-angat sa pamumubay ang ating mga kababayan. Sa ganitong paraan lamang natin mabibigyan ng tunay na kabulugan ang mga salitang "lingkod bayan"...* ★



## The Children's Library launches career options program for kids

The Children's Library recently launched a new series called "Paglaki Ko, Gusto Ko Maging..." The program provides children with the opportunity to meet and interact with professionals

from various fields, to expose them to more career options and to inspire them to pursue higher learning. In 2004, speakers included:

- Captain Brooke Castillo of Cebu Pacific (in the photo), the first female jet captain for a commercial airline in the Philippines
- Dr. Garret Robles, a pediatric dentist who ranked first in the 2001 Philippine Dental Board Exams
- Dr. Epifania Simbol, a pediatrician and Chief of Medical Professional Services at the Children's Hospital

The Children's Library centers are located in Imus, Novaliches, San Juan, and Pasig. For information about the programs of the Children's Library and how you can participate, call (02) 935-3011, (02) 6337631 local 166, (046) 875-4410 or email [childrenslib@digitelone.com](mailto:childrenslib@digitelone.com)