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THE UPS AND DOWNS IN ENGAGEMENTS WITH ASEAN

This year 2013, our engagements with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) bore fruit with the adoption of the “Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women and Elimination of Violence against Children in ASEAN” by the 23rd ASEAN Summit in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei Darussalam, on October 9, 2014.

The Declaration expresses the commitment of all 10 ASEAN member states to further “prevent and protect [women and children] from and respond to all forms of violence, abuse and exploitation of women and children particularly for those who are in vulnerable situations”, without exceptions or discrimination.

However, the Declaration does not explicitly mention lesbian, bisexual, transgender and intersex women and children in the non-exhaustive list of those requiring particular protection from discrimination and violence that follows this general statement.

The Declaration details diverse ways that Member States should take, within “a holistic, multi-disciplinary approach”, towards the elimination of violence against women and children. These include changes in laws, policies and practices; training and education; investigation, prosecution, punishment and where appropriate rehabilitation of perpetrators; creating an enabling environment for the participation of women and children; and the development of strategies for the elimination of harmful practices.

Sad to note, the Declaration reaffirms the General Principles of the discredited ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD), some of which are wholly incompatible with international law and allow unacceptable restrictions on human rights. We maintain our call that the AHRD, particularly General Principles 6-8, must be amended to bring it into line with international human rights law and standards.

Aside from some content deficiencies, there are also weaknesses in the process of its adoption. Only four of the ASEAN members states – the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand and Vietnam - held consultations. Also, the approvals process was shrouded in secrecy, in violation of international guidelines on consultation with civil society.

Notwithstanding the substance and process deficiencies, Amnesty International calls for the implementation of the Declaration on Violence against Women and Children by ASEAN states, through the ASEAN Commission on Women and Children (ACWC) in a manner which complies with their international obligations.

Our first engagement with the ASEAN was in October 2011 when the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) organized a meeting in Manila to hold a Human Rights Conference on Promoting Maternal Health. The conference aimed to assist ASEAN states in reaching the UN Millennium Development Goal on Maternal Health (MDG5) by starting a process within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to develop best practices and regional approaches to improve maternal health in Southeast Asia.

After 2011, we have had several engagements with ASEAN states, particularly through the AICHR. We have partnered with several national and regional NGOs which are also engaging with ASEAN. Some opportunities for engagements with ASEAN in 2014 are the review of the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the AICHR, initiatives to look at the right to freedom from torture by AICHR officials, and also the plan to develop human rights conventions for ASEAN. We still have to push for the establishment of human rights mechanisms for accountability in the region that will be guided by international human rights principles and standards.

We need to strengthen our efforts and develop creative and effective ways to push for human rights centered governance in ASEAN states in the next years to come.


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TUNGKOL SA CAMPAIGN

Ang campaign ay ang opisyal na pahayagan ng Amnesty International Philippines (AIPh). Ipinamamahagi ito sa mga kasapi at tagasuporta ng AIPh tuwing ikatlong buwan sa pamamagitan ng membership mailing. Ang campaign ay naglalaman ng mga balita hinggil sa mahahalagang usaping lokal at pandaigdig tungkol sa karapatang pantao, kasama din dito ang mga ginagawang pagkilos at mga proyekto ng AIPh at ng mga grupong kasapi nito.

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DESISYON. Patakaran. Polisiya. Programa. Kautusan. Ito ang naging bunga at iniwan ng 96 na miyembro ng Amnesty International Philippines na bumuo sa Annual General Assembly noong ika-19 at 20 ng Oktubre 2013 sa Ciudad Christia, Rizal, NCR.

Batay sa resulta ng resolusyong ipinasa noong Abril 2012 sa Cagayan de Oro City na nag-amyenda sa By-Laws ng AI Philippines, tuwing Oktubre na ng taon gaganapin ang AGM at 100 ang mga miyembrong dadalo na kakatawan sa iba't ibang grupo, rehiyon, pormasyon at indibidwal. Ngunit iba sa mga nakaraang AGM, hindi pinag-usapan ang By-Laws, sa halip binigyang-pansin ang pag-unlad at higit pang pagpapaunlad ng organisasyon at plano sa taong 2014 - 2015.

Bago ganap na binuksan ang AGM noong ika-19 ng Oktubre, idinaos muna noong ika-18 ng mga nakababatang miyembro ng seksyon ang Youth Assembly (YA). Ang mga miyembro ng Youth Core Group (YCG) na pinili noong unang YA sa Cagayan de Oro noong 2012 ang namuno sa pagtitipon. Nagkumustahan sila sa kani-kanilang karanasan sa pagsulong ng karapatang pantao sa kani-kanilang lugar. Pinag-usapan din ang mga desisyong ginawa ng YA 2012 at nilinaw ang ilang katanungan ukol sa tungkulin ng YA at YCG. Nagkaroon din ng Finance Orientation para sa iba pang miyembrong naunang dumating.

Sa pormal na pagbubukas ng AGM, sinimulan ito ng pag-awit ng Lupang Hinirang na pinamunuan ni Carl Cesar Rebuta, BoT Secretary, na sinundan ng panalanging Katoliko, Islam at Lumad. Ipinakilala naman ni Ritz Lee Santos III, BoT Chairperson, ang mga miyembro ng Board of Trustees, National Secretariat at mga delegado ng AGM.

Kasunod ang diskusyon ukol sa Philippine Human Rights Situation and Trends and Developments in the Philippines and the World na pinamunuan ni Sr. Crescencia Lucero, Executive Director ng Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP). Sumunod kay Sr. Cres ang apat na na parallel sessions ukol sa mga kampanya ng AI Philippines sa Maternal Health Sexual Reproductive Rights, Torture, Migrant Workers Rights at Philippine Human Rights Agenda.

Itutuloy sa susunod na pahina



Inspiring Change for Human Rights



Kinahapunan, idineklara ng BoT Secretary na si Cocoi Rebuta na mayroon nang quorum at inisa-isa na ang mga aytem sa agenda ng AGM. Kasunod nito ang pagkilala sa mga AGM Moderator at Alternate AGM Moderator na sina Atty. Romeo Cabarte ng Davao City at Bb. Cheryl Polutan ng Cagayan de Oro City.

Nauna sa agenda ang pagpapakilala sa mga kandido para sa iba't ibang pusisyon sa Board of Trustee at Finance Control Committee. Nirepaso at inaprubahan naman ang Minutes ng AGM 2012. Sumunod ang pag-uulat ng BoT Chairperson, BoT Treasurer, Section Director, Finance Control Committee at kinatawan ng YA 2013.

Muli namang pinag-usapan ang National Strategical Priorities at Global Campaigns. Pinag-usapan at inaprubahan ang Operational Plan 2014 at 2015 kaakibat ng budget para sa mga taong ito.

Natapos ang unang araw sa Solidarity Night – kantahan, swimming at samahan.

Sa ikalawang araw ng AGM, pinag-usapan ang iba't ibang resolusyon. Napagdesisyunan ang sumusunod para sa Organizational Development: (1) pag-aatas sa BoT na masigurong naipaaalam sa mga miyembro ang napapanahong impormasyon ukol sa seksyon at organisasyon sa kabuuan, (2) pagtatalaga ng BoT Chairperson ng mga lokal na tagapagsalita na sasanayin katuwang ng panuntunan, (3) ID – ipina-aaral sa BoT ang mga panuntunan ng paggamit ng ID; tutulong ang mga group coordinators sa pagpapaimprenta, (4) kautusang nakadirekta sa BoT para gumawa ng panuntunan upang ma-accredit ang AI sa mga paaralan at local government unit, (5) pagpaparebyu ng membership fee scheme sa BoT, (6) organigram, (7) pagrebyu sa patakaran sa conflict of interest, (8) pagkilala sa mga kontribusyon ng miyembro at pagsusuma ng best practices, (9) pagsasanib ng team building activities sa mga programa ng seksyon, (10) pagrepaso sa panuntunan ng Membership Cooperation Fund, (11) hakbang sa adopsyon ng child protection policy, at (12) pag-aaral para sa lokal na fundraising.

Ito naman ang mga resolusyong pinagdesisyunan ukol sa mga

27th Annual General Meeting



programa ng Human Rights: (1) isang resolusyong nagtatakda sa BoT na pasimunuan ang pagsasalokal ng mga kampanya ng AIPh para sa mga LGU, (2) pagbuo ng panuntunan ukol sa pagsasagawa ng lokal na kampanya maliban sa mga itinakdang kampanya ng seksyon, (3) muling paghiling sa International Secretariat ng pagsasagawa ng research mission sa Pilipinas ukol sa pagmimina kaugnay ng pag-abuso at paglabag sa karapatang pantao – isusulong din ang naturang isyu sa susunod na Integrated Strategic Plan, (4) pagbuo ng pangkat na mag-aanalisa sa Internally Displaced Peoples Bill, (5) pagpapahayag ng posisyon bilang suporta ng AIPh sa Anti-Discrimination Bill, (6) pagtatakda ng teatro bilang isa sa mga kasangkapang pang-HRE para sa mga lokal na pangkat, (7) ganap na pag-aaral ukol sa tungkulin ng mga miyembro ng AIPh sa pagdodokumento ng mga paglabag sa karapatang pantao sa ilalim ng programang HRE.

Patunay ang mga resolusyon at desisyong ito ang progresibong pakikisangkot ng mga miyembro sa taunang general assembly.

Ipinakilala rin ang mga nahalal na miyembro ng Board of Trus

tees para sa mga taong 2013-2015 na kinabibilangan nina Sr. Maria Vida Cordero, Ging Cristobal, Celeste Las Piñas-Mendoza, Derek Cabe, Luzviminda Cruz, Pastor Daniel Mariano at Youth Representative, JB Angeles.

Napag-usapin din ang ilang mga aytem na mula sa mga miyembro tulad ng membership fee, ID, iba pang resolusyong hindi nasama, at iba pa. Sa bahaging tanong-sagot, sinagot nina Ritz Lee at Doc Au ang mga tanong na nalikom mula sa mga regional assembly. Naging mahaba na naman ang usapin sa ID lalo na't iba-iba ang perspetibo ng mga miyembro tungkol dito ngunit nasara rin kahit papaano.

Pinili naman sina Rolando Borja at Alvin ??? bilang mga moderator para sa susunod na AGM.

Ginabi man sa pagsasara ang AGM, naghiwa-hiwalay naman ang lahat na dala ang prinsipyo at adbokasiya ng karapatang pantao.

Amnesty International Philippines commemorated the December 10 Human Rights Day Celebration with its partners from the human rights communities. Together with the Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates and its members, the Philippine Movement for Climate Justice (PM CJ), the Alyansa Tigil Mina and the community partners of Sarilaya, Sanlakas and Akbayan, the groups demanded, through its whole day series of activities dubbed 'Dapat Tao Muna', that the Philippine government put people and human rights in the center of all its programs and policies, most especially in its development platform.

**DAHIL SA KULANG-KULANG
NA PAMAMAHALA,
TAO ANG KAWAWA.**

DAPAT **Ta** #WeStandWithYou
Muna!





The day kicked off with a press conference with all organizations present reminding the Philippine Government of its obligation to ensure equitable assistance to all victims of natural and human made disasters and that politicking and corruption be done away so as not to hamper relief and rehabilitation efforts. Although the body recognized the government's efforts in dealing with the devastation brought about by Super Typhoon Yolanda and the earthquake that hit Bohol and Cebu, the whole system were still fraught with slowness, inefficiencies, ineffective servicing of those affected by the disasters.



The press conference was followed by a forum on human rights, women's rights, climate change, business, development as well as sharing of experiences from Yolanda survivors. The forum that was attended by more than 200 individuals from different communities in Metro Manila aimed to enable communities to recognize and understand the impact of climate change and aggressive development to the lives of ordinary individuals especially in the occurrence of natural disasters that tend to affect the most poorer sectors of the society.



With more than 200 people from the communities and more than a hundred more from different organizations and schools waiting in front of the PhilCOA gate of the Quezon City Memorial Circle, candles were lit in solidarity with the victims of Typhoon Yolanda and the Bohol quake. The groups again called on the Philippine Government to ensure that 'Dapat tao muna' – in governance and servicing, in disaster mitigation, in relief and rehabilitation, and in development and investments. The Comprehensive National Human Rights Action Plan was also demanded by the group to ensure policies and programs are based on the principle of human rights and that transparency, impunity and accountability be given utmost importance.





It should be running smoothly, or so we thought.

20 years after the first cycling caravan with 18 'runs' under our belt, one would expect that there is no way that we will be having glitches with the 19th Bike for Rights but we sure did and that is one for the books.

Regularly, we tell about how great things were, how we wowed the crowd once more, how energetic the cyclists were and on to the next great run next year with blah, blah, blah, blah, and blah...

Honestly, there is definitely nothing wrong with having a complete run down of the highlights of the 'Bike for Rights 2013: Sagot Mo ba Ako?'. It was definitely a 'rockin' medium for AIPh's Philippine Human Rights Legislative Agenda. It was, and will continue to be, a fitting climax to our human rights week 2013 celebration. Almost a thousand cyclists at its peak with somewhere around 200 finishing; more than a hundred individuals from AIPh's pool of volunteers and partners contributing to the highly anticipated and adrenalin pumping event; more than 78 kilometers in more than 4 hours travelled in Quezon City, Marikina, Pasig, Mandaluyong, Makati, Pasay, Manila and Caloocan; and, more cyclists signing up to become members and see what's in store for them after a taste of cycling activism.

So, what's up?

Actually, wala naman masyado... Nakakatuwa lang balikan ang mga pangyayaring kung hindi kakaiba ay masasabi nating exciting sa mga Bike for Rights na aming naabutan at pina-angunahan mula 2002 hanggang 2013 para maiba naman.

May isang B4R na walang sumipot na partners – walang MMDA, walang vehicular support, walang ambulansya. Isang van at isang jeep lang ang dala ng AIPh nun na nagdala ng lahat ng volunteers at mga pagkain at tubig ng mga siklista. Pero ika nga, the show must go on. At kung kalian naman walang ambulansya, dun pa nagkaruon ng siklistang inatake sa puso sa gitna ng patakbo (don't worry, she is alive and well as of this very moment). Nasubukan ang tatag ng mga volunteers to face the music despite the meager resources we had on that day. And for the first (and hopefully the last) time, we have to rent a taxi to serve as the command vehicle.

May isang B4R na walang truck na dumating. Hindi pinayagan ng sponsoring office on the last day ang dump truck na bumiyaha dahil may kailangang hakutin for an emergency. Dito namin nalaman na puwede palang magsiksikan ang bike at mga tao sa isang jeep. Dito rin kami natutong magdasal ng taimtim na sana, lahat ng siklista ay biyayaan ng stamina, energy at strength na tapusin ang 78 kilometers without any support from the organizers.

May isang B4R na binagyo. Lo and behold! Dumating lahat ng siklista na nangakong darating! Halos nag-isang libo pa rin ang dami ng sumali. Astig! At lintek din ang dami ng naak-sidente dahil sa dulas ng mga kalsada. The busiest and most stressed committee was the first aid committee at that time. Hindi kinaya ng ambulatory personnel and dami ng nag-S.O.S.

May isang B4R na sa di ma-i-explain na pangyayari, naubos ang tubig at nag-disappearing act ang mga pagkain pagdat-ing sa PICC. Kasagsagan ng pagpadyak ay may mga nabuong treasure hunters sa mga volunteers na sinuyod ang ruta para sa mga water refilling stations.



May isang B4R na na-expose kalahati ng mga film (yes, naabutan pa namin na hindi digital camera ang pangunahing documentary tool) ng mga camera na ginamit. Inshort, kalahati lang din ng event ang nakuhanan.

At itong taon na 'to, nagkahati-hati ang grupo matapos ang smooth as silk na biyahe mula Quezon City hanggang paglabas ng Binondo. Sa isang banda, ang mga siklista. At sa isang banda, halos lahat ng mga organizers (except the CYCAD, Riders and the MMDA). Ang rason, nag-away-away kaming lahat... Joke, hehehe...

MA-TRAFFIC. Nuknukan ng traffic pagdating sa Binondo. Halos hindi gumagalaw ang mga sasakyan. At dahil hindi naman kami pwedeng hintayin ng mga siklista, kailangan naming mag-let go. With full confidence sa mga cycling and motorcycle marshalls at sa mga volunteers na naka-angkas sa kanila, pinauna na namin sila with the the hope that we will see each other again... And for a good thirty minutes, we have to scour the area of Binondo and Tayuman for 'traffic-free' areas for us to catch up with the cyclists. At matapos ang mahigit treinta minutong stress dahil sa paghahabol, pagkakaligaw-ligaw, at pagkakahiwalay-hiwalay ay nagkita rin kaming lahat sa Araneta Avenue papuntang Quezon Avenue. **IT WAS SUCH A SWEET REUNION LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.** Natapos naming matiwasay at sabay sabay ang Bike for Rights 2014.

Maraming kwento ang B4R. Maraming ups and downs, parang istorya din ng Amnesty International Philippines. Minsan may kulang, minsan nakakagulat, minsan nakakabaliw, minsan nakakainis, minsan nakakapagod. Pero palaging gagawan ng paraan. Palaging natatapos. Palaging nabubuo. Palaging may bago. Palaging may aabangan. Palaging may pupuntahan.

There are no perfect rides. But we always finish whatever it is that we started. At bilang parte ng isang movement na mahigit limampung taon nang nangangampanya at ipinaglalaman ang human rights, we always see to it that we continue to help bring into fruition every human right that we have fought for.

ON TO THE 20TH RIDE MY FRIENDS!



Ang “Limang Tanong, Limang Sagot” ay isang bagong bahagi ng campAlign NewsMag kung saan kada tatlong buwan ay gugulantangin tayo ng limang kagitla-gitlang katanungan ng mga bruskong bumububo sa Human Rights Team ng Amnesty International Philippines na sina Romel Cardenas de Vera - Human Rights Officer, Wilnor Papa - Campaigner at Bingboy Paragat - Human Rights Education Coordinator. At sana ay makapagbigay sila ng matitinong kasagutan tungkol sa mga kahindik-hindik at kagila-gilalas na mga gawain at kaganapan ng ating pikamamahal na Amnesty International.

Sa ikatlong edisyon ng 5 Tanong, 5 Sagot para sa campAlign newsletter ay aalamin natin kung ano nga ba ang ASEAN.

Ano ba ang ASEAN?

Nakakain ba ito? Ilang flavors meron ito?

“Nakatatlong tanong ka na. Limang tanong lang dapat, di ba?”

O sige, ire-rephrase ko na lang po. PARA SA UNANG TANONG: nakakain ba ang ASEAN?

“Maganda ang tanong mo. Hindi nakakain ang ASEAN bagama’t napakasarp ng mga pagkain na makikita sa mga bansang parte ng ASEAN. Nandiyan ang pad thai, pho, adobo, sate ayam/kambing, fish head curry, moo girab, nasi goreng, crispy pata, papaya salad...”

“Ay teka,” (nguya nguya nguya) “nadistract na ako.”

“Ang ASEAN o ang Association of Southeast Asian Nations ay ay isang political at economic na organisasyon na ang pinakalayo ay pabilisin ang economic growth, social progress at cultural development sa mga bansang kaanib nito. Kasama rin sa mga priorities nito ang proteksyon ng peace at stability sa rehiyon at ang peaceful resolution sa mga di pagkakaintindihan. Ang Pilipinas, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Brunei, Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam at Cambodia ang mga miyembro ng ASEAN. Kasalukuyang nasa observer status ang Timor Leste (dating parte ng Indonesia) at Papua New Guinea sa ASEAN.”

“At dahil tayo ay parte nito at marami tayong mga agreements patungkol sa politika, at ekonomiya lalo na sa trade at investments sa mga kapitbahay natin sa ASEAN, nakaka-apekto at impluwensya ang lahat ng mga ito sa takbo ng stability ng rehiyon na nakaka-apekto rin sa presyo ng maraming bagay katulad ng, tantararaan.... pagkain at iba pang pangunahing bilihin.”

Kabahagi pala ng ASEAN ang Pilipinas. Mukha rin bang Pilipino ang mga taga-Southeast Asia?

“Minsan kamukha natin sila pagdating sa kulay ng balat, sa

ngiti, sa pangangatawan, sa sense of humor, sa pagtingin sa buhay, sa dreams and aspirations at sa pag-ibig. Pero maraming pagkakai-ba sa batas politikal and economic structure, rehiyon at kultura”

“Sa isang banda naman, ninananais ng mga miyembro ng ASEAN na bumuo ng isang komunidad na base sa 3 pillars ng cooperation – security, socio-cultural integration at economic integration. Sa madaling salita, ang tatlong pillars na ito, kasama na ang mga nau-nang layon ng ASEAN ang mga key ingredients para gawing regional powerhouse pagdating sa trade, investment and development ang ASEAN sa loob at labas ng rehiyon.”

Napapansin ko na puro ekonomiya, trade at security and mga naunang nabanggit. Saan ba pumapasok ang usaping karapatang pantao sa ASEAN?

“Aba, may comment pa.”

“Pumapasok ang usaping karapatang pantao sa panaginip, este, uhmm, nasamid ata ako...” (ubo ubo ubo)

“Ang ibig kong sabihin, ayon sa mga napagkasunduan ng mga bansa sa ASEAN, importanteng ingredient din ang pag-protekta at pagpapahalaga sa karapatang pantao sa rehiyon upang makamit nito ang maayos at ideal na ‘socio-cultural’ integration. Sa katunayan, nagkaruon ng ASEAN Inter-Governmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) upang magsilbing consultative at recommendatory body sa organisasyon patungkol sa ‘promotion and protection of human rights and regional cooperation on human rights’. Kasama rin sa mga mandato nito ang capacity building at technical assistance sa mga ASEAN member states patungkol sa karapatang pantao, information gathering at pakikipagtulungan sa mga iba pang regional at international agencies at bodies.”

“Isa sa mga naging mandato at produkto ng AICHR ay ang ASEAN Human Rights Declaration (AHRD) na naglalayong patibayin ang commitment ng mga bansa sa ASEAN sa karapatang pantao.

5 Tanong 5 Sagot

Napapaloob sa deklarasyon ang affirmation ng ASEAN sa mga karapatang nakapaloob sa Universal Declaration of Human Rights at pagpapalawig sa karapatan sa malinis na tubig, sanitation, sustainable na kapaligiran, development, non-discrimination sa mga may sakit ng tulad sa HIV/AIDS at sa peace at security.”

O, ayos na pala eh!

Ano pa ang problema sa ASEAN at kailangang sumawsaw ng Amnesty International Philippines dito?

“Actually, wala naman masyado. Di mo ba napansin? Wala nang human rights violation sa Pilipinas at mga kapitbahay nito? Di mo ba napansin na wala nang gulo sa loob at labas ng Pilipinas? Di mo ba napansin na mayabong ang lahat ng mga ekonomiya sa lahat ng mga bansa sa ASEAN? Ay, teka, nananaginip na naman ata ako ng gising...”

“Maraming concerns ang Amnesty International sa ASEAN, sa AICHR at sa AHRD. Kung pag-uusapan natin lahat, next week pa tayo matatapos kaya yung mga key concerns na lang muna ang talakayin natin.”

“Ang isa sa mga pinakamalaking concern ng marami sa ASEAN ay ang prinsipyo nito ng non-interference na kung saan hindi maaaring maki-alam ang mga kapwa miyembrong bansa sa anumang internal na pangyayari sa loob ng isang ASEAN na bansa lalo na kung mag-resulta ito sa conflict o di-pagkakaintindihan. Dahil dito, may mga issue na matagal na maresolba at walang mekanismo ng accountability sa mga pang-aabuso sa karapatang pantao sa loob ng ASEAN. Tali ang kamay ng mga miyembro sa anumang negatibong pag-aksyon at paghandle ng isang ASEAN nation sa internal armed conflict, pagtrato sa mga aktibista, pagsasa-walang bahala sa karapatang sibil at pulitikal at marami pang iba.”

“Isa rin sa mga tinitingnan ng Amnesty International ay ang independensya at ang pagkakaruan ng ngipin ng AICHR. Sa kasalukuyan, answerable ang mga representante ng AICHR sa mga gobyerno ng bansang kinapapabilangan nila at hindi maaring magdesisyon o mag-komento ng taliwas sa statement ng kanilang mga lider. Hindi rin tumatanggap ng complaints ang AICHR at kung tumanggap man ito ay wala itong mandato para maaksyunan ang mga ito ng tama.”

“Bagama’t magandang umpisa ang AHRD, marami din itong problema. Bukod sa kakulangan sa recognition sa karapatan ng mga katutubo at mga LGBTIs, hindi rin na-recognize ang freedom of association at kalayaan mula sa enforced disappearances. May mga probisyon din itong sinasabi na ang realization sa karapatang pantao ay depende sa kultura ng rehiyon o ng bansa, na maaring malimitahan ang karapatang pantao kung ang kapalit naman ay ‘seguridad’ ng bansa at ma-preserba ang moralidad ng publiko.”

“Ilan pa lang ang mga ito sa concerns hindi lang ng Amnesty International kundi ng marami pang mga organisasyon na kumikilos para sa ika-uunlad ng ASEAN.”

Kung ganyan karami ang problema sa ASEAN, bakit hindi pa kayo lumilipat sa Europe o kaya sa US of A?

“Hindi kaya ng balat ko dun, malamig at nagyeyelo dun. Isa pa, matabang pagkain nila dun, walang Silber Suwan Soy Sos at Pinakurat na talaga namang nagpapasarap sa mga putahe natin dito.”

“Pero may pag-asa. Kaya nga involved at patuloy na kumikilos ang Amnesty International at mga kaibigan nitong organisasyon at indibiduwal para mapabuti ang direksyon at mga polisiya ng ASEAN at ng mga bansang nakapaluob dito. Mula sa mga research at recommendations, may diretsa din itong pakikipag-usap sa mga gubyerno ng ASEAN at sa mga bansa at rehiyong may relasyong pulitikal at economic sa ASEAN. Andyan din ang mga public awareness activities at pag-aksyon ng mga miyembro at mga supporters nito para mag-paalala at humingi ng accountability sa ASEAN.”

Marami palang...

“O siya, makaka-anim na tanong ka pa. Linom pa kami ni Romel at Bingboy..”

Meron ka rin bang nais itanong sa Human Rights Team? Ipadala ang anumang katanungan sa larangan ng karapatang pantao, pag-ibig, negosyo at kapalaran at sisikapin nilang sagutin ang mga ito. Sumulat lang sa publications@amnesty.org.ph

It was October 20, 2013 when we took our oath to be part of the governance team of Amnesty International Philippines. Admittedly we are all new in the field but most of us had been decision makers of different organizations for longer period of time. The work is tough! We really have to update ourselves on different areas and concerns, to familiarize on our task as well as to work on oversight functions. Meetings consistently keep our first quarter too busy, with flooded emails leading to small group discussions.

We are fortunate that the former board helped us through their induction and governance training. It really make us pickup pieces and move steadily. We would like to share with you some decisions made by the board and the initial results on the discussion of all 2013 AGM resolutions.

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

1. Fundraising Coordinator will be hired .
2. Assign BOT officers to do oversight functions
3. Financial assistance on AI members/staff affected by Typhoon Yolanda
4. Budget for 2014 was approved

ON AGM RESOLUTIONS

A Resolution requesting the Board of Trustees to adopt policies and guidelines on how to lobby local government that includes sample ordinances or resolutions that promote AIPh policy advocacy and campaigns

- Create a working group headed by Rev. Daniel Mariano and Wilnor Papa to draft guidelines and policies on lobbying.

A Resolution Urging the BOT to Develop Guidelines In Initiating and Conducting Local Campaigns Outside the National Campaign Priorities

- Training will be conducted which integrates media strategy or guidelines on creating official statements/ positions of local groups/ members

A Resolution Urging the Board of Trustees and the National Secretariat for a Research Mission from the London Office on the Issue of Mining and Human Rights

- Carry on with the planned scanning of areas as per AGM 2011 decision and to integrate corporate accountability in line with EEJ project
- Literature review of mining and human rights by Sr. Vida Cordero – which is to be reviewed on the 1st quarter 2014
- NS will identify staff in charge of identifying members in mining areas, members working in the mining industry, members involved in mining and human rights related advocacy; send AI policies on IPs, extractive industries, mining to determine its impact on areas of concern

A Resolution Requesting the BOT to Release an Official Position Supporting the Anti-Discrimination Bill in Congress.

- Board headed by Ging Cristobal will draft official position and will be subject for review by the International Secretariat of Amnesty International

A Resolution Requesting the National Secretariat to Organize a Theatre Workshop as a Campaign Tool for Local Groups

- Explore possibilities of partnership with theater groups ; practicum after workshop will be recorded, edited and distributed to local groups as a campaign tool; community-based theater is more participatory; this will integrate other current trainings like leadership training, HRE training

A Resolution urging the BoT and NS to study the role of AIPh members on documentation of human rights violation and formulate guidelines

- Creating a working group on guidelines headed by Sr. Vida Cordero with Romel De Vera

A Resolution mandating the BOT and NS to study the appropriate mechanism to ensure that AIPh members have regular access and provision of information on International Movement Matters

- There are existing mechanisms and we will remind members where they can access the updates from the international level e.g. website, newsletter

A Resolution for the Chairperson designating local AIPh Spokesperson for each region and mandating the BOT to develop guidelines and training for spokespersonship.

- Spokepersonship training will be conducted, drafting of guidelines will follow after the training.

A Resolution requesting the National Secretariat to Localize the printing of Identification Membership Card

- Policy and operationalization were created

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Growth in People Growth in Activism

Amnesty International Philippines
Membership in 2013: 3,274



NCR LUZON VISAYAS MINDANAO others

Membership Count

803

new members since January
2013

1034

renewed members for the 2013

We are present in 52 groups nationwide



Human Rights Week Recruitment Drive 2013



In cooperation with the Quezon City Pride Council and Sinehan Digitales, Amnesty International joined the "First InQCity LGBT Film Festival" at the Trinoma Mall last 3-10 December 2013, Human Rights week. It was an avenue for Amnesty International Philippines to recruit new members and take action by asking governments to protect the sexual and reproductive health and rights of young people worldwide as agreed in the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). Members and volunteers from NCR managed the booth for one week, 30 new individuals joined as members and 150 signatures were gathered during the activity.





Board Corner, *cont'd from previous page 12*

- Issuance of ID cards, will be managed by local groups or the NS where the member filed the application.

A Resolution Mandating the Board of Trustees to Develop a Guidelines on AIPh Accreditation in Schools and LGUs, respectively.

- Board headed by Ging will create draft on partnership guidelines to be reviewed at the end of the 1st quarter

A Resolution to Adopt the AIPh Organigram

- Approved organigram is based on the AIPh By-Laws

A Resolution No. 2013 – 013– OD

Resolution mandating the BOT to review the AIPh existing conflict of interest policy to ensure that the concern of Multiple Conflicting Roles is addressed.

- Creating a committee who will review on AIPh conflict of interest policy to be headed by Derek

A Resolution to Recognize the Efforts of AIPh Members and/or Local Groups through a Ceremony during AGM

- Guidelines are to be created by the Membership Committee for review
- Resolution To strategically integrate team building in existing AIPh programs

- Organizational team building to be included in regional assembly program; activities may include but not limited to group dynamics, deepening of core values, team work

A Resolution Mandating the BOT and NS to review the existing policy on Membership Cooperation Fund Guidelines

- This will look into disbursement of funds by AIPh members and impact of non-observance of policy on status of membership, in light of the recommendations that were put forward by the Organizational Development Working Party (i.e. disbursement by local staff or requiring bonds for groups)
- Creating Working Committee to review the policy on Membership Cooperation Fund headed by Lou

A Resolution for AIPh to Adopt a Child Protection Policy based on international and national standards.

- Creating Working committee who will work on policy on Child protection headed by Derek

Our challenge right now is that we need to grow-- in numbers and in activism. We will be with you on regional assemblies and will look forward to forge human rights experiences into relevant organizational campaigns.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

ANG SIMULA

Inilunsad ang Amnesty International noong 1961 sa isang lathalian ni Peter Benenson sa pahayagang The Observer. Si Benenson ay isang abogadong Briton na nanawagan upang simulan ang mapayapa at walang kinikilingang pagkakilos para sa kalayaan ng libu-libong tao sa buong daigdig na nakakulong dahil lamang sa kanilang pulitikal na paniniwala o pananampalataya. Kumikilos ng mabilis ang AI bilang pinakamalaking boluntaryong organisasyon para sa karapatang pantao.

- I would like to join Amnesty International Philippines
 I would like to renew/reactivate my membership with Amnesty International Philippines

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL PHILIPPINES

Nagsimulang magkaroon ng mga kasapi ang AI sa Pilipinas noong dekada '80. Pormal na kinilala ang Amnesty International Philippines (AIPh) bilang isang seksyon noong 1987. Matagumpay itong nangampanya, kumilos at pamahalaan, non-government organizations at mga koalisyon.

Personal Information

First Name: Middle Initial:

Surname: Nickname:

Home Address: No. Street

Dist/Subd./Bgy.:

City/Town: ZIP code:

Province:

Birthdate: Age: Gender:

Phone Number: - Mobile Number: -

E-mail:

Signature: _____

School/Work Information

School/Workplace:

Address: No. Street

Dist/Subd./Bgy.:

City/Town: ZIP code:

Province:

Phone Number: -

- I would like to receive a hard copy of the campAIgn NewsMag sent to:
 Home School/Work Address Others, please indicate _____
- I would like to receive an electronic copy of the campAIgn NewsMag

Annual Membership Fees:

Php 50.00 : Students and minimum wage earners
 Php 100.00 : Monthly income is above minimum wage but below Php 18,000
 Php 300.00 : Monthly income is above Php 18,000.00 but below Php 36,000
 Php 500.00 : Monthly income is Php 36,000 and above

- I would like to receive a membership ID for an additional payment of Php50.00

Membership fees can be settled and donations are accepted in:

- Cash thru AIPh BPI Savings Account: 3323-2667-77 / BDO Savings Account: 364-012-6941 (Fax your deposit slips at Telefax no. 02-4338100)
- Cheque payable to Amnesty International Philippines

Official receipts will be issued and mailed upon payment of fees or submission of deposit slips. You may visit or call the AIPh office for more inquiries or send an e-mail to section@amnesty.org.ph

Ang **AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (AI)** ay isang pandaigdigang organisasyon ng mga aktibistang kumikilos para sa karapatan pantao. Ito ay grupo ng mga boluntaryong aktibista na nagbibigay ng kanilang panahon at lakas para sa mga biktima ng paglabag sa karapatang pantao. Pinagtutuunan ng AI ang makipagtulungan at magtaguyod ng proteksyon sa karapatang pantao para sa lahat.

Ang AI ay isang organisasyong nangangampanya para sa karapatang pantao. Ito ay nagsasaliksik, nagdudokumento at nag-uulat ng mga pang-aabuso. Nagiging daan din ito para sa karaniwang tao na makapagsalita at magprotesta para sa mga biktima ng paglabag sa karapatang pantao.

Demokratiko at may sariling pamamahala ang AI. Ito ay may mahigit 3 milyong kasapi at tagapagtaguyod sa mahigit 150 bansa sa buong mundo. Ang kalakhang pondo ng AI ay mula sa mga kontribusyon ng mga kasapi at donasyon ng publiko.

VISION AND MISSION

Mithiin ng AI ang isang mundo kung saan tinatamasa ng bawat tao ang lahat ng karapatang pantao na nakatakda sa Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) at sa iba pang internasyunal na pamantayan. Tungo sa katuparan ng mithiing ito, misyon ng AI na magsagawa ng mga pagsasaliksik at pagkilos upang maiwasan at tuluyang mawakasan ang mga pangaabuso sa karapatang pantao.

MGA PAGPAPAHALAGA (CORE VALUES)

Internasyunal na Pagkakaisa, Epektibong Pagkilos para sa Indibidwal na Biktima, Pandaigdigang Saklaw, Ang Karapatang Pantao ay Pandaigdigang at Di-nahahati, Walang Kinikilingan at May Kasarinlan, Demokrasya at Respeto sa Isa't-isa.

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HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS?

Support Amnesty International Philippines. There are more ways than one.

If you live in the Philippines, you can invest in the progress of human rights on an international scale by sharing your time, skills, commitment and money to Amnesty International.

BECOME A MEMBER

Be an individual member

Everyone's help is needed for the movement to secure and safeguard human rights. Individual members receive regular membership mailing containing AI newsletters, appeal cases and campaigning materials.

Join or form a group

If you want to take a more active part in AI's work, then join one of the Philippine section's groups or you can form a group in your school, community or locality. The local groups are focal points of our membership activity, particularly for awareness raising, letter writing, campaigning and local fundraising.

Be a volunteer

Your spare time can be spent on helping AI campaign for human rights and its other operational work. To name a few, volunteers can help out in conducting workshops, organizing projects and events or monitoring news releases about human rights.

WRITE A LETTER

Take part in AI's Letter Writing Campaign

Each edition of AI newsletters carries details of victims of human rights violations in need of help. Send letters or cards on behalf of these people to government authorities as proof of the mounting weight of public opinion.

Join the Urgent Action Network

Some prisoners need immediate aid perhaps because they might be tortured, executed or in need of medical attention. You can help them by sending letters or appeals via e-mail, fax or telegram.

TAKE A DIRECT ACTION

Take part in AI Philippines' thematic campaigns such as Counter Terror with Justice or global campaigns such as Stop Violence Against Women and many more.

SEND A DONATION

Researching into identities and conditions of individual prisoners, sending observers to trials, preparing and publishing reports are all essential to AI's work but expensive. For AI to survive and expand its work, your financial help is needed.

IN SHORT, MAKE A STAND AND TAKE ACTION *See Membership Application Form on reverse side