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CES Board Toasts Allones for winning 2009 TOYM

The Career Executive Service (CES) community, led by CESB Chair Bernardo P. Abesamis, lauded the selection of CESB Executive Director Ma. Anthonette Velasco-Allones as one of The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) for 2009, honoring her innovations in the field of human resources development.

“We are delighted that the TOYM has chosen to recognize a very deserving public servant and we are honored to have been part of her outstanding achievements,” Abesamis announced. “Tonette is one who truly embodies the CES creed – isang karangalan ang maglingkod sa bayan.”

Allones, who was recently promoted to a CESO I rank, received her medal and trophy from President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in a ceremony held at the Rizal Hall of the Malacañan on December 8. Aside from Allones, five other individuals deemed as outstanding in their respective fields, were also honored by the TOYM this year including: Vicky Morales for Broadcast Journalism, Jose Roberto Alampay for Democracy and Human Rights Advocacy, Mary Joy Abaquin for Education, Eliseo Priso III for Maritime Health and Rajo Laurel for Arts and Fashion Design.




Allones’s award in the field of human resources development – a first in the history of the TOYM – was in recognition of her groundbreaking efforts at the  4

CESO at top post of DSWD

Celia P. Capadocia-Yangco, CESO 1, recently assumed leadership of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

Yangco was designated as Acting Secretary, following the appointment of Secretary Esperanza Cabral to the Department of Health. Yangco was the Undersecretary for Operations and Capacity Building Group of DSWD prior to her present post.

Acting Secretary Yangco has been in government in the past 45 years. In 1983, when she was still a division chief of the Bureau of Child and Youth Welfare, she attended Career Executive Service Development (CESDP) Session XVIII, her passport to the Career Executive Service. She considers CESDP as one of her most coveted achievements in the public service.

She was promoted to CESO Rank I in 2005 in view of her appointment as Undersecretary in the same year. Yangco has been a CESO for more than 20 years. 

Congratulations!
on your Promotion

SOLEDAD EMILIA J. CRUZ, CESO III

Assistant Secretary
Department of Finance

MA. TERESA S. HABITAN, CESO III

Assistant Secretary
Department of Finance

MA. LOURDES B. RECENTE, CESO III

Assistant Secretary
Department of Finance

CESB hosts Thanksgiving Event



The CESB hosted a thanksgiving dinner to celebrate another productive year and to express gratitude to its valued partners who helped the Board reach new heights in 2009.

The party was held last 8 December 2009 at the Grand Terrace in Commonwealth Avenue.

The event started with Mass celebrated by Father Arlo Yap, a SVD priest. In his homily, Father Yap reminded the guests of the traits man should strive to possess especially during trying times. "Man came from soil (latin word humus). That is why he is called a human being. He should be humble in all his ways because he was created in the image and likeness of God", he said.

In his opening remarks, CESB Deputy Executive Director Arturo M. Lachica expressed appreciation to CESB's institutional partners for helping CESB realize its programs and projects for 2009. "We have all the reason to celebrate tonight because of our partnership with you. This partnership propelled us to achieve new heights and to pursue innovations for 2009."

The occasion also saw the oath-taking ceremony of close to one hundred new eligibles.

The NEA Choir kept the audience entertained throughout the night.

The highlight of the evening was the toast given to Executive Director Maria Anthonette Velasco-Allones for being awarded one of the Outstanding Young



Men (TOYM) for 2009, honoring her work in the field of human resource development and innovations pursued by CESB for 2009.

The night was capped by a message from CES Board Chair Bernardo P. Abesamis who thanked everyone for his contributions to CESB's 2009 accomplishments including the award received from the Commission on Audit as an outstanding accounting office, extolled Executive Director Allones for the TOYM award and welcomed the new CES eligibles into the fold.

"2009 was a difficult year for CESB. Yet, it was able to rise above the challenges and achieved these gains."

APPOINTED TO RANK

dated December 8, 2009

JEREMY ROBERT M. BARNES, CESO III

Director IV
Office of the President

MA. CATALINA E. CABRAL, CESO II

Assistant Secretary
Department of Public Works and Highways

LEONIDA S. CALAGUI, CESO III

Director IV
Commission on Higher Education

LETECIA N. DAMOLE, CESO IV

Director III
Department of Agrarian Reform

ISAGANI S. DELA CRUZ, CESO VI

Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Department of Education

EDGAR RYAN S. FAUSTINO, CESO IV

Director III
Office of the President

IMELDA C. LACERAS, CESO III

Director IV
Department of Budget and Management



NEW ELIGIBLES

Resolution No. 832
dated December 8, 2009

ROMULO M. ABANCIO, JR.

SC Chief Judicial Staff Officer
Philippine Judiciary Academy
Supreme Court

MA. VIRGINIA G. ALA

Medical Officer VII
Bureau of International Health Cooperation
Department of Health

DRUSILA ESTHER E. BAYATE

Regional Director
Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

JAIME D. CALUNGSUD, JR.

District Director
Southern Police District
Philippine National Police

GERARDO B. CAMBA

Municipal Health Officer
Municipal Government of Taytay

MYLAH FAYE AURORA B. CARIÑO

Chief
Commission on Population

ALLEN RAE F. CO

Police Chief Inspector
Philippine National Police

JENNILYN ROSE B. CORPUZ

Secondary School Principal IV
Ismael Mathay Sr. High School

MARIO E. CORPUZ

Department Manager III
National Tobacco Administration

GINA A. CRUCIO

Division Manager C
Metropolitan Cebu Water District

SOCORRO V. DELA ROSA

OIC, Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
Department of Education

ELIZABETH T. DIZON

Bank Officer IV
Corporate Planning Office
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

ANGELITO D. DUMANGENG

Police Superintendent
Philippine National Police

RONNIE H. ENCARNACION

Project Development Officer
Land Bank of the Philippines

BENJAMIN A. GO

Regional Director
Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board

ELIZABETH F. JOSEPH

Project Manager
National Housing Authority

FRANCES NECITAS T. LIM

Assistant Manager
Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

EMMANUEL M. LOLOY

Senior Physician
Social Security System

RUSSEL L. MA-AO

Junior Attorney
Social Security System

MIRIAM M. MARCELO

Supervising Administrative Officer
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

FAYE F. MELEGRITO

Consultant
Home Development Mutual Fund

ANTONIETTO ERIC A. MENDOZA

Police Chief Inspector
Philippine National Police

MARILOU P. MENDOZA

Acting Commissioner
Tariff Commission

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CESB, including the introduction of innovative training and career development programs for CESOs. "These have inspired other career executives to step up to the challenges brought about by the changing times and complexities of governance with a high level of professionalism, dedication and integrity," the citation noted.

The prestigious TOYM Awards was established in 1959 to give national recognition to outstanding individuals whose selfless dedication to their profession or vocation has resulted in significant contributions to the welfare of their countrymen. In its roster of honorees are luminaries in almost every field, including artists, scientists, and leaders in both the public and private spheres, who have contributed to the advancement of their fields of endeavor.

A lawyer by profession, Allones has been in public service for the past 22 years, rising up the ranks and becoming the youngest ever Assistant Secretary of National Defense at the age of 30 in 2000. She subsequently served the Department of Labor and Employment as Assistant Secretary until 2006 when she was awarded with a graduate scholarship at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of the National University of Singapore. Allones was appointed as CESB Executive Director in 2007.



55 Examinees Hurdle December Written Exams

55 out of the 100 government executives who took the first of the four-stage examination process for CES eligibility successfully hurdled the CES Written Examinations held last December 2009.

Out of the 55 passers, thirteen were executives from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) who took the Department-Based exams held last December 11, 2009 at the SEC Building in Ortigas. SEC Chief Counsel Lindeza R. Rogero-Gavino, Acting Director of the SEC Extension Office in Cebu led all passers from her agency with a rating of 87.78.

The December 15 passers, on the other hand, are comprised of executives from different government line agencies, government owned and controlled corporations and the private sector. Editha L. Martin, Acting Deputy Director from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), topped the batch with a rating of 88.94. Martin is followed at second place by Ma. Theresa P. Ty, an Assistant Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), with a score of 88.91. Jessamyn O. Encarnacion of the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) round out the all-female list of topnotchers with a score of 87.60.

Top 10 CES WRITTEN EXAM PASSERS
December 11, 2009

1. **Martin, Editha L. (BSP) 88.94**
2. **Ty, Ma. Theresa P. (DTI) 88.91**
3. **Encarnacion, Jessamyn O. (NSCB) 87.6**
4. **Avila, Alex V. (DOLE) 87.22**
5. **Santos, Eduardo Alejandro O. (OSG) 86.51**
6. **Pascasio, Randolph A. (PMS) 85.02**
7. **Aposin, Miguel Mac D. (DepEd) 84.9**
8. **De Leon, Karen P. (PMS) 84.79**
9. **Ona, Victor Gabriel M. (Private) 84.62**
10. **Moreno, Jose Jesus P. (TransCo) 84.04**

Top 10 CES Written Exam Passers
December 15, 2009
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

1. **Rogero-Gavino, Lindeza R. 87.78**
2. **Cabasug, Maria Lourdes S. 87.51**
3. **Cape, Arvin M. 86.31**
4. **Alcoriza, Thelma V. 86.00**
5. **Jorge, Julieanne R. 85.83**
6. **Cruz, Joseph Francis M. 85.40**
7. **Ranada, Joanne L. 83.66**
8. **Ilas, Josephine L. 82.69**
9. **Callangan, Justina F. 82.02**
10. **Alfaro, Gene James C. 81.99**

2010 AC Schedule	
January 23	July 10 & 24
February 20	August 14 & 28
March 20	Sept. 11 & 25
April 17	October 9 & 23
May 22	Nov. 6 & 27
June 19	December 11

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NOEL E. MENDOZA

Information Technology Officer I
National Computer Center

MYRA B. MORAL

Municipal Local Government Operations Officer

DANIEL M. NICER

Attorney V
Department of Environment and Natural Resources

NICOLAS D. OMBAO

Project Management Officer A
Light Rail Transit Authority

ZOSIMA A. PAÑARES

Director
Cebu Normal University

LEALYN A. RAMOS

Regional Executive Director
Department of Agriculture

MIMOSA B. REGIS

Chief TIDS
Department of Trade and Industry

ELVIRA A. SABADO

Division Manager A
National Housing Authority

REZA C. SINSUAT

Corporate Board Secretary
Southern Philippines Development Authority

ADONIS P. SULIT

State Counsel IV
Department of Justice

MARY ANTONIETTE S. TAMPO

Chief
Sugar Regulatory Administration

OPHELIA DP. TONGCO

Fellow II
Development Academy of the Philippines

NEW ELIGIBLES

Resolution No. 839
dated January 12, 2010

JOSE ABELARDO F. AGREGADO

Vice President
Land Bank of the Philippines

ELPIDIO F. BOBER

Prosecutor I
Office of the Provincial Prosecutor of Albay
Department of Justice

CORA LEA A. DELA CRUZ

State Auditor V
Commission on Audit

GREGORIO CYRUS R. ELEJORDE

Secondary School Principal III
Department of Education

JASPER E. ESPINO

Information Technology Officer II
Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office

ARNOLD D. GUNNACAO

Police Senior Superintendent
Philippine National Police

JOSE N. MAZO, JR.

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Home Development Mutual Fund

EDITHA F. PASCUA

Department Manager III
Home Development Mutual Fund

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ANNABELLE M. ATILLO, CESO IV

Director III
Department of Budget and Management

GLORIA J. BALBOA, CESO III

Director IV
Department of Health

“Fundamentals of Open Sourcing” wraps up 2009 CES CIRCLE Forum Series


A select group of 49 government executives, mostly in the field of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), were part of the CIRCLE Forum's *huling hirit* (last hurrah) in 2009.

The forum aptly titled “Huling HirIT: Fundamentals of Open Sourcing for Government Leaders”, introduced to the participants the concept of open sourcing, the attendant advantages and potential pitfalls in public administration.

The forum was keynoted by Cynthia Mamon, President and Managing Director of SUN Microsystems Philippines Incorporated. She discussed the definition of Open Source, the licensing processes and its benefits and issues to users. “Open source is a computer software distributed under a licensing agreement for free, which allows the computer code to be shared, viewed and modified by its users. In a developing country like the Philippines and with limited budget in government, open source is the best way to go as we are able to promote computer literacy, build a community of IT developers and users, be cost effective and improve efficiency in operations and increase office productivity.”

Fiel Lomuntad, head of the Information Technology Management Group of the Social Security System (SSS), on the other hand, shared the SSS' experiences, innovations, lessons and insights in adopting Open Source. “SSS already knew what technology it needed and we were convinced that open source adequately met our needs. SSS adopted the system without incurring much cost at the same time, hastened work performance.”

DAP's Center for Governance Director Ophelia Tongco served as the forum chair. In her synthesis, Director Tongco shared that: “Our ideals of efficiency, predictability and transparency in governance can be promoted using information technology. Our speakers have proven that the open source system is as capable and have similar technology features comparable to its costly and branded counterparts. Likewise, key players in the organization should manage change and its people in the technology alley so that the concept of adopting the open source may be effectively realized in government.”

The Forum was conducted last December 14, 2009 by the Career Executive Service Board in partnership with the Development Academy of the Philippines. 

THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME: AN OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE

“It was the best thing that the CESO has done for me.”

“It” to BIR Regional Director Marcelinda O. Yap was the barrio immersion that government executives must undergo when they attend the CESB's Salamin sa Paglilingkod training.

Director Yap recently wrote to the CESB that the barrio immersion she underwent six years ago in a depressed barangay in Butuan City gave her “a chance of a lifetime to change someone's life”.

The son, Ryan, of her host family is a high school graduate who sorely wanted to go to college but his family did not have the means to send him.

Yap recalled that during her stay with them, as she tried to catch sleep on the hard floor of her host family's modest dwelling, overheard Ryan voicing his aspiration “Where do I go next? I want to go to college but we can't afford it.”

After the Salamin program, Yap helped Ryan achieve his dream by making him her personal scholar. She sent Ryan to a two-year course, Food and Beverage Services at the Philippine Electronics and Communication Institute of Technology in Butuan City. Last March, Ryan graduated and is now working in Butuan City and is able to help his parents and sister.

Yap was a participant of Batch 62 of the former Salamin training pro-

gram which was conducted for two weeks. A component of the program is the Dialogue with Life module where participants are required to undergo barangay immersion for several days in an impoverished barangay. For four days and three nights, Batch 62 immersed in the lives of their host families amidst the grueling heat in a depressed and former logging community.

The barangay immersion module seeks to provide an opportunity for participants to learn and reflect on the dreams and aspirations of less-privileged barangay folks to imbue in CES executives a deeper commitment to public service and to enable them to develop more relevant and responsive policies and programs in their respective agencies. 