



Annual Report 2008

Philippines Australia Studies Centre



**PHILIPPINES AUSTRALIA
STUDIES NETWORK**

ABOUT US

The *Philippines Australia Studies Centre* (PASC) at La Trobe was formally established at a meeting on 8 October, 2003. PASC is a joint venture between La Trobe University and Ateneo de Manila University (Ateneo) in the Philippines, and stems from the Memorandum of Understanding signed between the two universities in March 2000 and renewed for a further 5 years in June, 2005. We have had four bilateral meetings: three in Manila (January, 2000; February, 2005; June, 2007); and one in Melbourne (April, 2001) with meetings set for Perth and Melbourne in July, 2009.

OBJECTIVES

The Centre has 9 main aims, as set out in its Constitution:

1. To encourage the development and application of Filipino and Australian research through publishing and presenting material in printed and electronic form and through delivering educational workshops, forums and conferences;
2. To facilitate exchanges between Philippines and Australia of Filipino and Australian scholars;
3. To encourage Filipino students to enrol in Australian postgraduate programs and vice versa;
4. To promote studies of the Philippines and Australia in regional and global settings;
5. To co-operate and collaborate with the Philippines-Australia Studies Centre at Ateneo de Manila University;
6. To encourage student exchange programs between the two nations through the University and Ateneo de Manila University;
7. To significantly expand the opportunities for research in the region especially in facilitating the socio-economic goals of

development, justice, poverty eradication, health, trade, and good governance;

8. To promote the teaching and research activities of members of staff of Ateneo de Manila University and the University through the development of projects that require collaborative team research;
9. To improve and deepen relations, networks and mutual understanding between the Philippines and Australia through education, exchanges, research collaboration, and bilateral meetings.

MEMBERSHIP

Office bearers: Dr Trevor Hogan (director), Prof. Charles Mott (deputy director), and Ms Tomomi Kawate (project officer).

General Members: Anthony Rodriguez-Jiminez, Barry Carr, Beryl Langer, Cliff Picton, Dennis Altman, Edwin Wise, George Myconos, Harry Aveling, Joe Camilleri, Joel Kahn, Larry Marshall, Margarita Frederico, Maria Cameron, Michalis Michael, Neil Fetting, Peter Beilharz, Randy LaPolla, Simon Barraclough, Skilty Labastilla, Vince Alessi, Vivian Lin, Wendy Mee.

Associate Members: Maridel Anandar, Raul Hernandez, Giovan Kotsakis, Malou Logan, Lilac Limpangog, Revyi Marinas, Deirdre McKay, Al Noveloso, Peter Murphy, Robert Nery, Vienna Parreno, Max Richter.

Informal membership of PASC is open to all interested parties.

ADMINISTRATION

PASC La Trobe was established through a seeding grant from La Trobe International. The Centre relies on the goodwill and initiative of interested parties across the University.

Ms Tracy Lee was employed as the project officer by the School of Social Sciences to work one day a week on this project. Ms Lee retired as Project Officer at end of 2007. Ms Tomomi Kawate, has been an International Relations Student Intern in Semester Two, 2008.

Semester One, 2008 saw Charles Mott as Acting Director, PASC, while Trevor Hogan was on Long Service Leave.

The Philippines Australia Studies Network (PASN) office is established at Ateneo de Manila University with matching resources.

DID YOU KNOW?

I. AUSTRALIA-PHILIPPINES RELATIONS

As a country with a long exposure to Western culture and a comparatively well-educated English-speaking population, the Philippines has much in common with Australia. Australia and the Philippines are geographically proximate and share common perspectives on many regional, economic and security issues. As a result, Australia and the Philippines have a long history of bilateral cooperation. Diplomatic relations were established when Australia opened its first Consulate-General in Manila on 22 May 1946. An Australian Ambassador to the Philippines was appointed in 1957. The Philippines opened an Embassy in Canberra in 1962. The relationship consists of development assistance, defence and law enforcement cooperation, and we have increasing people to people links through trade, investment, cultural exchange, tourism and migration. Significant numbers of Filipinos immigrated to Australia between the 1960s and the 1990s

(see map). Filipinos remain one of the fastest growing immigrant communities in Australia. At the 2006 Census, members of the Filipino community in Australia numbered 120,500.

II. EDUCATION, POVERTY AND MALARIA SUPPORT FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Foreign Minister Stephen Smith reaffirmed Australia's support for the Philippines when he and Trade Minister Simon Crean attended the Philippines-Australia Ministerial Meeting in Manila from October 8-9 2008. During the Ministerial meeting, Mr Smith and Mr Crean, along with their Philippine counterparts, reaffirmed a shared commitment to their bilateral relationship. They also agreed that efforts to address poverty and promote greater economic and social development in the Philippines were essential. Australia is particularly committed to improving education in the Philippines. During the Ministerial meeting Australia also committed to improving economic opportunities for the poor and access to basic health services in the Philippines. Australia's support includes \$100 million contribution over five years to improve roads in Mindanao and the Visayas, \$5 million to combat malaria and \$1.8 million to reduce maternal and child mortality. Australia is the second largest development assistance donor to the Philippines, providing nearly \$110 million in 2008-09. Australian support is focussed on providing basic education, inclusive economic growth and human security. The 3rd Philippines-Australia Ministerial meeting will be held in Australia in 2010.

Key Resource: Australian Agency for International Development (AUSAID website)

EVENTS

5 FEBRUARY

Honorary visiting Post-Doctoral Research visiting fellowship – Dr Rommel Curaming

26 MAY

Seminar by Rommel A. Curaming, PhD, 'Transnationalism, Diaspora and Long-Distance Nationalism: The Analytics/Politics of Conceptualising Migrancy'.

19 SEPTEMBER

Media visitors from Philippines – Mr. Ricky Carandang and Ms Margie Quimpo-Espino

Mr Ricky Carandang, News Anchor/Presenter; field reporter, ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corporation television. He is one of the most respected broadcast journalists in the Philippines. He hosts *Morning at ANC*, *Dateline Philippines* and national affairs talk show *The Big Picture* on ABS-CBN New Channel (ANC) the country's only cable news channel. Mr Carandang also reports for Filipino-language news programs and presents an award-winning current affairs program.

Ms Margie Quimpo-Espino, Business features editor, *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, the

country's highest circulating daily. She edits the paper's three Business Features Sections – *Business Monday*, *Business Friday* and *SundayBiz*.

VISITS

VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWS 2007 – 2008

Dr Kathleen Weekley (previously Research Fellow, Centre for Asia-Pacific Transformation Studies (CAPTRANS), University of Wollongong), Honorary Research Fellow for two years.

Weekley wrote an article entitled "Marxism, Nationalism, Globalization and the Left" to be published in the University of the Philippines' Third World Studies Center's *Revisiting Marxism in the Philippines*. This is the second in a series that revives the highly successful series *Marxism in the Philippines* published in the 1980s, before the fall of Marcos. She also met with colleagues in Japan, to discuss current research projects, catch up on the latest news from the Philippines and exchange publications.

Dr Rommel Curaming, a Postdoctoral Fellow under Endeavour Programme, was affiliated with the Philippines Australia Studies



From left: Charles Mott (PASC Deputy Director), Ricky Carandang (Filipino journalist), Margie Quimpo-Espino (Filipino journalist) and Edwin Wise (PhD student)

Centre (PASC) from January to July 2008. He undertook research on “long distance nationalism” and transnational identity formation among first and second-generation Filipino-Australians and Indonesian-Australians in Melbourne. While with the Centre, he delivered a seminar entitled “Transnationalism: The Analytics and Politics of Conceptualising Migrant Experience.” A paper of the same title will be published in a refereed journal. In addition to his research on transnationalism, he also wrote an article entitled “The Rhetorical is Political? The Ramon Magsaysay Award and the Making of Cold War Culture”. This article will be published as a chapter in a book on Cold War in Asia that is being worked out by the Asian Research Institute (ARI). Finally, he revised a chapter in his PhD thesis for publication.



Trevor Hogan with Dr Rommel Curaming and Mr Carlos O'Campo.

PROJECTS

ARTS LINKAGE PROJECT

The La Trobe University Art Museum and the Ateneo Art Gallery continued to build on the past work undertaken under the umbrella of the *Arts Linkage Project*.

In 2008 the La Trobe University Art Museum continued to be a partner in the Ateneo Art Awards (this award is recognised as the most important contemporary art award in the Philippines for artists under the age of 35). As a partner, La Trobe University provides a residency for one of the winning artists. In 2008 this was Marina Cruz-Garcia. Marina visited Melbourne, Bendigo and Mildura throughout her residency.

In addition, the La Trobe University Visual Centre, Bendigo, presented an exhibition of Marina's work, *Embroidered Landscapes*, from 16 October – 9 November. This exhibition presented works which explored the imagery and realms of memory, history and family through paintings and installations. During her visit, Marina worked on a series of images of dresses and other clothes that were embroidered with patterns and images that related to the life of the owner of said garments. These works were shown throughout the exhibition, creating an evolving and dynamic space. The exhibition was opened by Richie Lerma, Director,



Paul Northam (Curator, View St Gallery) with Richie Lerma (Director, Ateneo Fine Arts Museum) and Marina Cruz (visiting artist).

Ateneo Art Gallery and was followed by an artist's floor talk.

In September Vincent Alessi (Artistic Director, La Trobe University Art Museum) and Richie Lerma (Director, Ateneo Art Gallery) met to discuss and begin planning for the 2009 visiting exhibition from Ateneo. In principal agreement was reached to present Social Realist works from the Ateneo Art Collection at La Trobe University in July 2009. This will be part of a wider academic program as presented in Manila in 2007.



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CENTRE FOR DIALOGUE

CONFLICT, RELIGION AND CULTURE:
DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL
IMPLICATIONS FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA AND
AUSTRALIA

The project has two main components:

1. It examines how ethnically and religiously diverse countries in Southeast Asia and Australia have handled the tensions associated with the events of September 11 and their aftermath. At issue is the relationship between Islam and the West. Particular attention focuses on how key sectors – namely government, civil society and the media – in Indonesia, the Philippines,

Malaysia, and Australia have responded to tensions that have emerged in recent years. The study then assesses the nature and adequacy of these responses.

2. Drawing on insights drawn from the dialogical approach – including the expertise of civil society organisations as well as international relations research and intercultural education studies – the project will design dialogue-based programmes, initiatives and projects tailored to the circumstances of each of the four countries and regionally.

This ambitious project – extending over 2-3 years - has the potential to lay the foundations of a network of scholars, community and religious leaders and policy-makers committed to developing stronger a dialogical approach to the handling of intercultural and geopolitical tensions. Collaborating institutions: Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Australia, State Islamic University, Jakarta, Indonesia, Ateneo de Manila University, Manila, the Philippines, International Movement for a Just World (JUST), Selangor, Malaysia.

Workshops: Ateneo de Manila University, Manila, the Philippines, 25 August-2 September 2007, Jakarta, 20 – 22 October 2008. International Workshop and Visit to Manila (25 August-1 September 2007).

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Centre For Dialogue Symposium at Ateneo

PhD RESEARCH

Sociology and Anthropology Program:

Supervision by Trevor Hogan, Peter Beilharz, and Barry Carr:

Ricardo Manapat: 'The Ideology of Spanish Colonization of the Philippines' (July, 2006)

Ric is in Manila for 12 months archival research.

Recent research has concentrated on two interrelated foci. The first focuses on the idea of *empire* and the different justifications for its existence. The Roman concept of empire, its justification, and the reasons for territorial expansion are studied, tracing its roots in the Greek *polis* and its ideological transformation throughout the history of Christendom, showing how the ancient notion was appropriated and transformed by Christianity into the idea of the evangelization of the world. These ideas are then related to how not only Spain, but also other colonizing powers such as England and France, have tried to justify classical colonialism. The second main area of research centers on historical and archival research into the specifics of how Spanish thinkers, starting with the religious chronicles of the friars in the 16th and 17th centuries through the political pamphlets of colonial administrators until the late 19th century, have applied these ideas of colonialism and its justification to colonial Philippine society.

Supervision by Trevor Hogan and Peter Beilharz:

Edwin Wise: 'A Study of Manila' (February, 2007) Ed is updating field work in Manila from January, 2008 for 18 months under the external supervision of Professor Zialcita (Sociology, Ateneo).

In collaboration with the Philippine Australia Studies Centre and the Institute of Philippine Culture based at the Ateneo de Manila University, Edwin is currently undertaking the fieldwork component of his dissertation in Manila, the Philippines. The working title

of his thesis is 'Manila: Place, Space and People'. Edwin's research looks into the processes and politics of place making and urban experience in Metropolitan Manila. This has involved undertaking qualitative research in an urban poor neighbourhood, researching the development of 'private cities' and tracing the transformation of the city as a whole into its current state.

Supervision by Sandy Gifford, Peter Beilharz and Trevor Hogan:

Anthony Rodriguez-Jiminez: 'Violence and the Social Order in Manila' (July, 2007)

Supervision by Helen Lee and Trevor Hogan:

Skilty Labastilla:

"Becoming a Man in the Settlements: Male Youth Transitions in Davao City, Philippines" (Commenced February 2008)

The working title of the research is "Becoming a Man in the Settlements: Male Youth

Transitions in Davao City, Philippines". He is interested in how young men (aged 15-30) in low-income communities experience the transition to adulthood. What are their lives like now, how do they envision their future, and what are the steps they take in attaining their dreams? Aside from looking at their experiences, he will also examine the social, economic, and political contexts that shape these experiences. The research takes off from discourses on Men in Development, as well as from studies on Youth, Masculinity, and Urban Poverty. Ethnographic fieldwork will be undertaken in a low-income community in Davao City, Philippines in 2009. He will conduct participant observation and in-depth interviews with young men in the community,



as well as their families and community leaders. In 2010, he will come back to La Trobe University to write up his research.

PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM:

Supervision by Vivian Lin
Susan Chong Chong: "Challenges of monitoring and evaluation (M&E) programming to HIV&AIDS civil society organisations (CSOs) in Southeast Asia: Meeting the requirements of donors versus developing localised frameworks". Two case studies: Malaysia and Philippines. Susan traveled to Manila in February, 2008 to commence her field work

EDUCATION

Iris E Dumenden: For her PhD, she investigates the plight of refugee youth who have minimal or severely-interrupted schooling before coming to Australia and are now struggling in mainstream high schools. (July, 2007).

ECONOMICS

Supervisors: Sisira Jayasuriya and Gary Magee

Rosemarie G Edilon:

Towards an Understanding of Social Capital
Social capital consists of an individual's interaction with other individuals from which he can derive utility at some time in the future. This simple definition belies the controversy, even debates, that have transpired concerning social capital. It is a concept long discussed in the field of Sociology although it is said to have an economic function. This thesis seeks to develop a construct of social capital, beginning with a definition and measure that lends itself to economic analysis. Empirical relevance will be demonstrated using data on KALAH-CIDSS (Kapit-Bisig laban sa Kahirapan) which is the flagship anti-poverty project of the Arroyo administration with support from the World Bank.

NETWORKS

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH AMBASSADOR FOR DEVELOPMENT ATENEO CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Since March 2008, Maria Cameron has been working at the Ateneo Center for Educational Development (ACED) under AusAID's Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development program with the joint support of the Philippine Australia Studies Centre. Based at Ateneo de Manila University, ACED is a non-profit organisation geared to supporting the public education system in the Philippines. ACED provides public schools with assistance ranging from strategic planning, instructional materials development and research to teacher and principal training and empowerment. Before providing schools with assistance, however, ACED conducts 'school profiling' to assess each school's unique needs. For each school, this involves gathering both quantitative and qualitative baseline data on the school's situation, taking into account the perspectives of all members of the school community. Findings are synthesised into a report per school with analysis and recommendations regarding areas for improvement and possible targeted interventions.

In her role as coordinator for a project for the development of all public schools in Quezon City, Maria has led a team of profilers in the initial rounds of school profiling of Quezon City schools. In the process, she has reviewed, expanded upon and streamlined ACED's existing school profiling instruments and systems for collecting, analysing and presenting data. Before her assignment concludes in February 2009, Maria hopes to also design and implement a research project to explore the factors contributing to the dramatic improvement in student performance in three of the schools ACED has been working closely with for over a decade.

STUDENT EXCHANGES

PASC supported the negotiation of a student exchange agreement between La Trobe and Ateneo de Manila universities, which provides for two semesters of fee-waiver exchange both ways each year. This year two Filipino students Vic Inting and Nikko Antonio are studying Business and Computer Sciences for a semester. Unlike 2007, when two La Trobe students did Arts subjects (Timothy Andrews and Rory Shepherd), no La Trobe students have taken the exchange places for 2008. PASC continues to urge La Trobe students to take advantage of this facility to study at this prestigious Filipino university, and will be happy to provide advice on request. Financial support is available for students going on exchange.



TIMOTHY ANDREWS

"I had little knowledge of the Philippines upon my arrival to Manila last year. A few months after commencing my final semester of my undergraduate at Ateneo de Manila University I realized that although my knowledge of the Philippines had grown, the prospects of having an understanding of the country were rapidly being lost in the complexity of this knowledge. Eight months in Manila offered broad ranging experiences, from researching remote autonomous villages in Kalinga to discussing the politics of land reform with farmers protesting in Manila. At times, living in Manila presented me with some challenges: navigating through the rumble of nonexistent

footpaths in a cityscapes resembling scenes from the darkest cyberpunk novels (Aurora Ave.) or rushing home to scrape off the black layer of filth the jeepneys had cast over my skin during the course of the day. However, I had the opportunity to meet so many fascinating people dedicated to addressing an array of issues both in the Philippines and internationally of whom there is no shortage of at Ateneo, UP or among the many NGOs present in Manila. This, combined with the insights I gained from the many artists and musicians left me, although maybe not an understanding, with a sense of what the Philippines is."



RORY SHEPHERD

"Living and studying in Manila was one of the best decisions I've made. There were of course moments that seemed difficult and challenging however things always seemed to right themselves without a great deal of stress. Not only did I view things differently, I ended up thinking about things differently. My study at Ateneo De Manila was wonderful; my subjects included Philippine Culture and Our Senses; Sex and Society; Social Inequality; and Filipino Migrants. Before my travel to Manila my enthusiasm for study had always remained low, I found it hard to motivate and therefore harder to learn. My relationships at Ateneo with some of my lecturers was at a level I have never experienced thus far at university, I was able to establish personal relationships with teachers and

other classmates, this is seldom for me here in Australia. My studies at Ateneo helped me both socially and academically. I did occasionally feel guilty about the fortunate surroundings I was placed in Ateneo in contrast to the poverty of the lives of many Filipinos. I was also able to live in an area that made me feel completely comfortable, but also learn about the Philippines as a whole. This was both in a cozy (occasionally cramped) bedspacer, and a house with fellow Australian student Tim Andrews. I was able to learn about the Philippines not only through study at Ateneo and living in Manila but also in travel both throughout the Philippines and internationally to destinations close by such as Taiwan, and Hong Kong, and managed to gain a lot of knowledge and have a great time. Destinations in the Philippines I visited included Bohol, Vigan, Tagaytay, Batangas, Borocay, Palawan, and many others. Although I seem to prefer the experience of big cities, I learned a great deal in these places.

It seemed as though something was always happening and it was hard not to be involved, something new would either shock or amaze you every day. The word enriching is often overused to describe travel, however, it goes some way to describe my experience. I would highly recommend it to La Trobe students."

Philippines Australia Studies Network (PASN)
www.ateneo.edu/offices/pasn/index.html

PASN is chaired by Professor Antonette Palma-Angeles (Vice-President of Academic and International Programs). The project officer is Fe Dayap. The director is Dr Filomeno V. Aguilar.

Australia Philippines Business Council (APBC)
www.apbc.org.au/

PASC became a formal member of APBC in September 2004.

Barangay Australia
www.latrobe.edu.au/pasc/barangay.html

Barangay Australia is a network of Filipino (Pinoy) students as well as alumni and friends

across the State of Victoria. It animates the community spirit of *bayanihan* (heroic duties) and *pakikipagkapwa* (fellowship) commonly found in the *barangay* (village) combined with learning and fun. While "Barangay Australia" was only coined in 2005 in conjunction with its first general assembly, it traces its beginnings with scholars from the Philippines who would exchange tips about life in Australia and offer their support.

Today, Barangay Australia aspires be a cultural bridge between local Filipino students and their international counterparts and a unifying force across the state of Victoria. It operates through volunteer members acting as university-based coordinators and project coordinators at the network level.

Community and Family Services International (CFSI)
www.cfsi.ph/profile.htm

The School of Social Work and Social Policy at La Trobe and Community and Family Services International continue to have a mutually productive working relationship. Now in its 12th year the Memorandum of Agreement has the University sending social work students to Manila for their 14 week professional placement. This year two La Trobe students and two from Monash University will be on placement. All students will enjoy the chance to work face to face with local people on social development type projects.

Cliff Picton the University Ombudsman continues in his role as a Trustee of CFSI and attends Board meetings on a regular basis in Manila.

Philippine Studies Association of Australasia Inc
www.pilipinas.com.au/

The Philippine Studies Association of Australasia Inc (PSAA) continues to work in maintaining links with individuals and organizations world wide, facilitating information-sharing and collegial discussion

among Filipinists. PSAA is over 30 years old and in conjunction with its joint USA publication, *Pilipinas*, connects and informs scholars. The Journal, *Pilipinas*, always welcomes paper submissions. Its 50th Issue in 2008 was on Filipino Sexuality. The Journal has a website (www.pilipinas.com.au), and is currently archiving back Issues to 1980. Membership of PSAA automatically links to *Pilipinas* subscription.

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LINGUISTICS RESEARCH AND NEW MOU WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, DILIMAN

In the last few years Professor Randy LaPolla, Chair of Linguistics and member of PASC, has been making visits to the Philippines and giving talks at Ateneo de Manila, the Presidential Commission for the Philippine Languages, and the University of the Philippines (UP). He was invited to be a keynote speaker for the Philippine Linguistics Society Congress in December 2008, and at that time Prof. LaPolla and responsible members of the UP administration talked about establishing links between UP and La Trobe. Dr Trevor Hogan followed this up on a recent trip the Philippines and the two universities are now finalising an Agreement of Cooperation. Initially the contact will be in Linguistics, but it is hoped other areas can be developed as well.

RAFIL

RAFIL stands for “The Reading Asia, Forging Identities in Literature Conference Consortium”. The RAFIL Conference Consortium is the product of collaboration among a number of universities in the Asia-Pacific region with programs and projects in the field of Asian literatures.

The Consortium brings together literature

researchers, educators, policy makers, practitioners, and professionals, with a strong commitment to the teaching and research of Asian literatures in the broadest possible perspective. This commitment is particularly manifested in the holding of an biennial international Conference, usually during the month of February. The Conference is sponsored by one of the member institutions.

The Consortium was established at the First RAFIL Conference in 2007 by members of various universities in the Asia-Pacific region – Ateneo de Manila University (Philippines), Universitas Sanata Dharma (Indonesia), The National University of Singapore, and Sophia University (Japan). La Trobe University became a member later that same year. Membership is open to other interested institutions, with the possibility that an expression of interest will shortly be received from Dr Nguyen Thi Kieu Thu, Head of the Dept of English Linguistics and Literature, University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

RAFIL 2 was held at Universitas Sanata Dharma in Yogyakarta, in February 2008.

The theme of RAFIL 2 was “East-West Encounters”. The Conference explored the reception and interpretation of Western and Asian literary works written or translated into English and the new possibilities for significantly different interpretations arising from these changing cultural contexts. The Conference aimed to promote a better understanding of these legitimate but sometimes conflicting rich literary communications.

RAFIL 3 will be held in February, 2011 and hosted by the Department of Malay Studies, National University of Singapore, under the leadership of its Head, Associate Professor Syed Farid Alatas.

Ateneo’s representative to the governing committee is Dr Isabel Pefianco Martin, who was also the Director of the first RAFIL

Conference. La Trobe's representative is Professor Harry Aveling, Asian Studies Program. Harry Aveling and Dr Ma. Luisa Torres (Chair of the English Dept., ADMU) were among the four Keynote Speakers for RAFIL 2.

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STOP PRESS

It is with great sadness that we report that Jose Ricardo Manapat (24 May, 1953) died suddenly and unexpectedly on Christmas Eve, 2008 at his home in Antipolo, Manila, Philippines.

Ric was fluent in over 11 languages, a renowned concert pianist, a mathematician, philosopher and historian, and a political activist of great courage. He was also the National Archives Director, on leave to do his doctorate at La Trobe University. During his time as Director he had modernized the colonial manuscripts collection storage techniques, and was overseeing the restoration of the Spanish customs house in Intramuros (1803) for use as the archives headquarters. At La Trobe he was a DM Myers Medal winner. He was well on the way to completing his PhD and was due back at Bundoora in March, 2009.

We shall provide a full obituary and eulogy in the next annual report but record here our condolences to family and friends from all at La Trobe University, the wider circle of Philippines-Australia networks and in particular from Ric's colleagues in the graduate and staff of the School of Social Sciences. He is greatly missed.

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