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## 2<sup>nd</sup> FASAE SoCal Foundation Scholarship Award in the Philippines

By Ruel Ituralde, P.E.

Last year represents the second year of implementation of the Foundation's Scholarship Awards program in the Philippines. Separate Memorandum of Agreements with Technological Institute of the Philippines (TIP) and National University (NU) were consummated; the pre-selection processes were administered by each of these institutions. Finalists from each institution were pre-selected by each school and our Manila coordinator, Ruel Ituralde, electronically forwarded their names and application submittals to our Los Angeles area-based Foundation Scholarship Committee.

Each of the selected finalists was interviewed by the Committee members (Cezar Aguilar, Dan Manalansan and Willie Simbol) via teleconferencing on November 20, 2009. This year, the Foundation Scholarship Committee decided to award cash to all finalists. The Top student from each institution gets the \$500 award each and finalists get \$100 award each. Technological Institute of the Philippines had three (3) finalists namely: Henry De Vera was selected to get the \$500 Award while Marie Jo Aguilar and Arien Pampola are the \$100-Awardees. National University had four (4) finalists namely: Donn Fabian for the \$500 Award, while Leo Palatino, Michael Sevilla and Justin Ramos were selected as the \$100 Awardees.

At TIP, an award ceremony was held on January 6, 2010 at the school auditorium. Also on January 6, 2010 an award ceremony was held at the NU off ice of the University CEO. The Scholarship Awards were very much appreciated by the TIP and the NU officers, faculty and students.

The scholarship program is a joint program of the FASAE SoCal and the FASAE SoCal Scholarship Foundation. A Memorandum of Understanding was executed by the two organizations that tasks FASAE SoCal to be responsible in selecting the recipients and the Foundation is responsible for providing the monetary award. ■

### FASAE-SoCal Mission Statement

***To advocate and promote the advancement and professional growth of the Filipino American Architects and Engineers for the public good.***

## Business Opportunities for Small Business Enterprise

By Jun Quijano, P.E.

The most recent SBE/DVBE/DBE meeting held at Caltrans District 7 last month was attended by Raul Fernandez and Jun Quijano. During the meeting, we were given handouts which included the previous minutes of meetings of Regional Small Business Advisory Council (RSBAC), Caltrans District 12 Status report, Look Ahead Report, State of California Dept of Transportation Statement of Ongoing Contracts as of January 2010. If you want a copy of any of the above handouts provided by RSBAC, please send an email to [jfqassoc@yahoo.com](mailto:jfqassoc@yahoo.com).

There is no doubt that it is important for FASAE SoCal as an organization to continue, at the least, have representatives attending these meetings, and to renew its membership in the Business Advisory Council both with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (TBAC) and Caltrans (RSBAC). Our membership to these Councils is consistent with FASAE SoCal's Mission Statement, Goals and Objectives.

The purpose of the Caltrans Small Business Council is to encourage the participation of small businesses with Caltrans and to provide a forum for small business trade associations to comment and provide feedback on Caltrans policies and practices that affect or impact small business utilization and participation in Caltrans contracts and projects.

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## FASAE SoCal 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner and Dance Induction Ball

By Larry Tortuya, P.E.

Members of FASAE SoCal were treated to a spectacular Dinner and Dance Induction Ball at the Long Beach Airport Marriott. After mingling with friends and family, guests proceeded into the lavish ballroom to enjoy the music of the Midnight Motion Band before the start of the activities and dinner. The program began with the singing of the American and Philippine National Anthems followed by welcome remarks by outgoing President, Gil Dia, P.E.

Everyone then enjoyed the delicious three-course meal, which included a choice of two entrees. Dan Manalansan, Incoming President, introduced the evening's guest speaker, Mr. Benjamin P. Saldua, P.E., NASA Structural Engineer, who gave an outstanding, inspirational message.

The officers and directors induction ceremony, led by Mr. Saldua as the Inducting Officer, followed. Nine new officers and directors took their oaths of office for their respective elected position. Dan Manalansan then gave his President's Acceptance Speech. After more dancing and great music by the band, Cezar Aguilar, P.E. presented the U.S. scholarship awards to two very deserving and dedicated students – Ryan Ramirez, an Architecture student from USC, and Norman Tondares, a Civil Engineering major from Cal State Long Beach.

The ball was so enjoyable for all, and we look forward to participating in the various FASAE events planned for 2010! ■

## President's Message

**Dan Manalansan**  
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As we are faced with what the media calls global recession, we continue to strive to reach for our goals in life. We work twice as hard to meet our duties and obligations to our family, neighbor, country and god. This is not an easy task to accomplish and I encourage everyone to hang in there as there is always light at the end of a dark tunnel.



No matter what the situation maybe, our organization is committed to promote the professional excellence and advance the business, social, cultural and personal development of its members. The Officers, Board of Directors, as well as the Board of Advisers, are leading our organization in making sure that these goals can be reached through the help of the various committees.

Our membership continuously grows steadily. I encourage everyone to participate in our activities, through the General Membership Meetings (GMM's), annual summer picnic and Christmas celebration, fund-raising projects to benefit our scholars, or by simply trying to connect with us.

Our monthly Board of Directors meetings are not limited to the officers and board members. They are scheduled to be conducted every first Thursday of each month. Members are welcome to attend, to bring up any issues or suggestions, or simply establish networking with colleagues. We suggest that any member planning to attend a Board meeting should contact any one of the officers, directors or advisers, to express your plan to attend any of the meetings.

Our website ([www.fasaesocal.org](http://www.fasaesocal.org)) has been up and running and maintained for all the members. This provides the members updated information regarding our organization.

On behalf of FASAE SoCal, I encourage your participation in our organization. ■

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## Meet & Greet with Philippine Scholars

By Dan Manalansan

I had the opportunity to have a face-to-face meeting with the new FASAE SoCal scholars during my recent visit to the Philippines.

The "Meet & Greet" with the successful candidates from National University (N.U.) and Technical Institute of the Philippines (T.I.P.) were arranged by Ruel Ituralde, Scholarship Committee liaison officer. The meeting was held on January 26, 2010, at the Tri-8 Builders office located at Unit E-1806A, Philippines Stock Exchange Centre, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

Four FASAE SoCal scholarship award recipients from N.U. and three from T.I.P. shared their individual experiences with everyone in the room on how the FASAE SoCal monetary award affected their lives. It was very interesting to listen to their candid commentaries on how the money that the individually received was spent.

Similarly, I also met our two (2) scholar recipients from Mapua Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) in a separate meeting.

I explained to them that it's not the amount of money that's important, but more on the prestige of having been selected as awardees from a pool of applicants. It was also pointed out that their personal development is not just about their academic achievements in school, but should be a continuous effort even after they graduate.

All the candidates were appreciative of the award that was granted to them by FASAE SoCal. They also appreciate the fact that Filipinos abroad are sympathetic about the situation of the students in the Philippines and reaching out to them through Filipino organizations such as ours has made a big impact on their livelihood and their individual pursuit to become future professionals. ■



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TIP Awards Ceremony from left to right: **Ms. Melfi Caranto** - SPS, Director/Head, OSA; **Engr. Elizabeth Pader** - Dean, College of Engineering and Architecture; **Ruel Ituralde** – FASAE Philippine Coordinator; **Marie Joe Aguilar**, Finalist; **Henry De Vera**, Winner; **Arien Pampola**, Finalist; **Dr. Cynthia Llanes** - Vice President for Academic Affairs; **Engr. Severino Pader** - Vice President for Administration, Student Services and Linkages; **Ms. Jacky Lou C. Blanco** - Scholarship Coordinator



NU Awards Ceremony, from left to right Standing: **Mr. RJ Ermita** – COO; **Ruel Ituralde** – FASAE Philippine Coordinator; **Mr. Teodoro Ocampo** – CEO; **Dr. Estrelita Gruenberg** – VP Academic Affairs; **Ms. Carla Falconit** – VP External Affairs; **Dr. Dolores Cleofas** – Dean, Engineering; **Engr. Jose Nino Tabi** – Department Head, Engineering; Left to Right Seated: **Donn Fabian**, Winner; **Leo Palatino**, **Michael Sevilla**, **Justin Ramos**, all finalist.



Ali Alimento, FASAE SoCal Education Foundation President addressing the members during the Christmas party.

## Membership Corner

Let us give our newest members our warmest welcome!

Compiled by Shirley Hernandez, P.E.

**Mbr.#230 – Mario Antonio Laparan - Associate Member**  
Referred by Gil Dia

**Mbr.#231 – Joselito Garsin - Associate Member**  
Employed at Universal Construction  
Referred by Pert Arca

**Mbr.#232 – Jose Azcarraga Jr., L.S. - Associate Member**  
Employed at GAD Engineering  
Referred by Gil Dia

**Mbr.#233 – Ariel Magat - Associate Member**  
Employed at Sargent & Lundy  
Referred by Art Barreno

**Mbr.#234 – Rommuel Obida - Associate Member**  
Employed at Power Engineers  
Referred by Art Barreno

**Mbr.#235 – Romy Gonzales - Associate Member**  
Referred by Jun Quijano

**Mbr.#236 – Felix Lim - Associate Member**  
Employed at Felix Lim Architectural  
Referred by Gil Dia

**Mbr.#237 – Omar Ombra - Associate Member**  
Employed at Omar Ombra A & E  
Referred by Jun Quijano

**Mbr.#238 – Romeo Firme - Associate Member**  
Employed at RBF Consulting  
Referred by Larry Tortuya

**Mbr.#239 – Gerald Dia - Student Member**  
Employed at GAD Engineering  
Referred by Gil Dia

**Mbr.#240 – RBF Consulting - Associate Member**  
Based in Irvine, CA  
Referred by Larry Tortuya

**Mbr.#241 – Wilson Mendoza, PMP - Associate Member**  
Uniplan Engineering Inc  
Referred by Rudy Niere

**Mbr.#243 – Cesar Bregaudit, L.S. - Associate Member**  
Referred by Jun Quijano

**Mbr.#244 – Norman Tondares – Student Member**  
Referred by Dan Manalansan

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## Business Opportunities . . . . .

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It is Caltrans' intention to promote Small Business Enterprise (SBE), Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE), and Underutilized Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (U/DBE) participation in its procurement and contracting process by meeting or exceeding its small business goals. The following are the definitions for SBE, DVBE, and U/DBE

**Small Business Enterprise (SBE)** - an independently owned and operated business that is not dominant in its field of operation and conforms to standards set by the federal Small Business Administration or by State law regarding number of employees and yearly income.

**Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE)** - an independently owned and operated business by person(s) who have experience in a military force that is not dominant in its field of operation and conforms to standards set by the federal Small Business Administration or by State law regarding number of employees and yearly income.

**Underutilized Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (U/DBE)** - four identified minority groups: African American, Asian-Pacific American, Native American, and Women-owned firms to be utilized as a race-conscious means to promote and encourage small business participation on federally assisted Department of Transportation contracts.

Many members of FASAE SoCal who are business owners could be eligible to qualify for either one or all of the above categories or status. Please note that other government agencies, in state and county departments and cities, are also requiring contracts being awarded with SBE, DBE, UDBE, and DVBE participations. These are opportunities that should not be missed. ■

## Membership Corner

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Mbr.#245 – **Maricel Calma, P.E. - Associate Member**  
Employed at Southern California Edison  
Referred by Shirley Hernandez

Mbr.#246 – **Elmer Angadol, P.E. - Associate Member**  
Referred by Shirley Hernandez

Mbr.#247 – **Michael Alejandrino - Associate Member**  
Employed at Fluor Daniel  
Referred by Shirley Hernandez

Mbr.#248 – **Pilar Bayani - Associate Member**  
Referred by Shirley Hernandez

Mbr.#249 – **Rey Sangueza, P.E.- Associate Member**  
Employed at Tmad Tailor & Gaines  
Referred by Shirley Hernandez

Mbr.#250 – **Janet Valencia - Associate Member**  
Employed at Thibiant Int'l Inc  
Referred by Shirley Hernandez

Mbr.#251 – **Ferdinand Calara - Associate Member**  
Employed at AHMC Anaheim Regional M.C.  
Referred by Dan Manalansan

Mbr.#252 – **Norell Lopez – Student Member**  
Employed at 49er Shops Inc  
Referred by Dan Manalansan

Mbr.#253 – **Rolando Cruz - Associate Member**  
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