

Holy Angel wins 5th National Book Award

HOLY Angel University (HAU) alumnus lawyer Cesar Villanueva, present Dean of the Ateneo de Manila Law School, won the National Book Award (Professions Category) for his book "The Law and Practice on Philippine Corporate Governance."



BOOK AWARD. Lawyer Cesar Villanueva receives his National Book Award trophy from Manila Critics Circle officer Juaniyo Arcellana and Ateneo Graduate School Dean Alberto Buenviaje. With him is wife Dr. Arlyn Villanueva, president of Holy Angel University, publisher of the award-winning book.

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Dean Villanueva received the award in ceremonies held at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila recently. He was accompanied by wife Dr. Arlyn Villanueva, President of Holy Angel University, which published and launched the book last year.

Noted critic-writer Juaniyo Arcellana, member of the Manila Critics Circle which hands out the annual awards, said the book showed business leaders "how to be socially responsible, how to ensure that their companies can make a lot of money without exploiting their employees or their customers."

Arcellana said the author "taught us how to read laws in their entirety within the context of corporate social responsibility, within theories that are not only legal but sociological, not only textual but also personal."

He added that the award was given to Dean Villanueva's book "because it made the law not only comprehensible and also more inspirational."

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In his acceptance speech, Dean Villanueva said it was the HAU President who convinced him to write the book.

"I did it out of a sense of mission to make the Philippines a better society, out of a sense of love for my Alma Mater, and out of duty and deep affection for my President and my wife," the author said, drawing laughter and applause from the audience.

Dean Villanueva obtained his Accounting degree from Holy Angel University (magna cum laude) in 1977, and his Bachelor of Laws degree from the Ateneo de Manila Law School (valedictorian, cum laude). He placed 2nd in the bar exams in 1981 and 6th in the CPA board exams the following year.

Dean Villanueva acquired his Master of Laws degree from Harvard Law School in 1989. In 2005, he was conferred a Diplomate in Juridical Science by the San Beda Graduate School of Law.

The book award is the fifth for Holy Angel University. In previous years, the HAU Center for Kapampangan Studies won the award for "A Cofradia of Two" (biography category), "Coronel's Arte y Reglas" (translation), "Gloria" (translation) and "Bergaño's Vocabulario" (special citation).

In addition, HAU publications have been finalists in various National Book Award categories, including "Kapampangan Pioneers in the Philippine Church" (history), "Ten and Other Stories" (fiction) and "Abe: A Frank Sketch of E. Aguilar Cruz" Nick Joaquin (biography). (Press Release)