

Pampanga-Bulacan conference on culture held

THE first national conference on Pampanga-Bulacan culture was held last Tuesday until Thursday at Holy Angel University.

The conference was all about the culture of Bulacan and Pampanga. According to Dr. Agnes Crisostomo of Arti Bulacan Foundation, they can see a lot of convergences as well as divergences that are suited to be brought up in the said event.

It dealt with the Augustinian influence in the adjoining provinces of Bulacan and Pampanga. It aims to explain why the adjoining provinces were chosen to be the first areas ideals as Spanish settlements and beneficiaries of its cultural influence.

Moreover, the conference tries to arrive at a conclusion that hinges on the fact that much of what we consider today,

as Bulakenyo or Kapampangan history, language and culture are significantly and indelibly influenced by centuries of Augustinian presence in these provinces.

Teachers, researchers, tourism officers and advocates were invited to attend the conference to gain more and deepen their knowledge and awareness on the history of Bulacan and Pampanga's culture. The organizers were glad that Gov. Eddie Panlilio was there on the first day and Bulacan Gov. Jonjon Mendoza sent representatives to the activity.

The youth today are not knowledgeable enough when it comes to issues about culture, because of the so called "computer age. According to Dr. Beatris Urbano, professor of Kapampangan subjects at Angeles University Foundation, there is a big difference between a person

who is aware on his culture and who is not.

Urbano stated that a person who knows the history of his culture makes him proud and dignified that's why she wanted to help the youth today be informed about it.

Robby Tantinco, President of Kapampangan Studies, said that on June 3 of this year, Pampanga-Bulacan Friendship Day will be celebrated. The advocates of culture were glad to invite Kapampangans to celebrate the beauty of their culture.

In his welcome address, Panlilio highlighted the participation of the two provinces in attaining harmony and progress. Furthermore, he expounded the example of a "Manny Pacquiao" attitude in revitalizing the provinces' values.

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Governor Eddie Panlilio poses with the convenors of the Unang Pambansang Kumperensya Ng Bulacan-Pampanga Para Sa Kasaysayan, Sining At Kalinangan held at the San Francisco Javier Building of the Holy Angel University. Also in photo are Robert Tantingco of the Center for Kapampangan Studies, Bulacan State University President Dr. Mariano de Jesus, Bulacan Administrator Perlita Mendoza, Arti Bulakenyo President Jose Clemente, and Center for Bulacan Studies Director Dr. Agnes DR Crisostomo.

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Also present in the conference were Bulacan Provincial Administrator Perlita Mendoza, Center for Kapampangan Studies Director Robert Tantingco, Bulacan Center of Studies Director Dr. Agnes DR Crisostomo, Bulacan State University President Dr. Mariano de Jesus, and Arte Bulakenyo President Jose G. Clemente. (Press release)