



Board Chairman Benedicto is 14th RP envoy to India

AMBASSADOR Francisco L. Benedicto presented his Letter of Credence last Nov. 10 to President Pratibha Devisingh Patil as the 14th Philippine envoy to India since the two countries established diplomatic ties in 1949.

Benedicto was accompanied by his wife Leontina, Deputy Chief of Mission Maria Aileen H. Bugarin, Second Secretary Iric C. Arribas, Third Secretary Catherine Rose G. Torres, Defense and Armed Forces Attache Col. Alex C. Capiña and Administrative Officer Angel D. Espiritu.

India is Ambassador Benedicto's fifth ambassadorial assignment, after Singapore, South Korea, Brazil and Canada.

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BC DEBUTS IN SINULOG 2009

For the first time since the start of its operations in 2000, Benedicto College (BC) participated in the annual Sinulog celebration organized by the Cebu City Government. BC competed in the Higante (giant) category, based on the winning design entry submitted by Janice Uted, BSA-I. Sporting the official school colors of orange and blue, BC's higante also wore a headband bearing the word Benedicto.

Uted's design was among the thirty-one submitted entries, dominantly coming from the English and Filipino classes of Mrs. Anecita de los Reyes.

Executive Assistant Anatrell Pacres headed the delegation accompanying the higante. Helping her distribute the marketing fliers along the 5.1 kilometer carousel route of the parade ending at the Abellana Sports Complex were students John Rey Tepacia, Joren Rey Racines,



Thi Winning Design Entry
By Janice Uted BSA-I

Jhamaica Fae Gemino, Ronah Jane Perez, Brenda Damaolao, Madel Horteza, and Michelle Curog, and higante bearers Naper Malazarte, Kim Pepito, Romil Carcedo, and Robert Saramosing.

The participation in this year's Sinulog was meant to create visibility for Benedicto College and its academic offerings from Nursery to College, as well as its forthcoming High School and Tech - Voc departments.



Ronah Perez, BSA-I, distribute marketing fliers along the Sinulog route.

CHED, DepEd Approve New Offerings for SY 2009-2010

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the Department of Education (DepEd) have approved the offering of new courses for school year 2009-2010.

The new tertiary courses are Bachelor of Arts major in Graphic Media and Bachelor of Arts major in Fashion Design.

DepEd, on the other hand, approved Years I and II for high school level.

Meantime, the Basic Education School is busy preparing for a permit to offer Grades V and VI to complete the existing Grades I to IV.

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEB. 4-6 - Midterm Exams

FEB. 12 - Founder's Day

FEB. 28 - Last Day of RLE Duty

- Final Evaluation and Submission of PRC Forms

MAR. 5-6 - FINAL EXAMS

(Graduating Students)

MAR. 17 - Academic Council

MAR. 16-18- FINAL EXAMS

- Non-Graduating

MAR.25 - Pinning

MAR. 31 - Graduation

OLD and NEW MEET

by Honeylyn Magno, BSBA-I

Benedicto College celebrated its much-awaited acquaintance party last August 8 at the Kinetics Centrum.

Philippine Ambassador to India, Hon. Francisco L. Benedicto, and school president, Engr. Samuel L. Chioson were present at the event.

School director Dr. Lelani P. Echaves led the opening ceremony after which followed the induction of the Student Body Organization officers.

The different departments of the College presented different numbers during the party. The

College of Nursing, Level IV won the grand prize for their dance, while Level II won second prize. Third prize went to the College of Business and Management.

Veronica Dulay, a BSMC 1 student, hosted the program. Fun and excitement continued after the dinner and dancing at the Kinetics Centrum.

INTRAMS 2008

by John Rey Tepacia, BSIT-I

With 336 students, Benedicto College successfully launched the 2008 Intramurals on September 17-19.

The opening program started with a parade.

The intramurals' theme, "Honing Leadership, Talents, and Skills through Sports", related to the message of the guest speaker, Mr. Nimrod Quinones, sports columnist of *The Freeman*.

An exhibition basketball game between the school administration and USJR OAR priests was held on the first day. The Level III nursing students ruled the rhythmic dance competition.

Martha Vanessa Bianca Usi (BSN II) was chosen Ms. Intramurals. Ivy Grace Dumalagan (BSA I) was the runner up and Marija Rose Cuadrasal (BSIT I) won Best Sports Attire.

Juniors dominated the volleyball game, men's division, while the seniors ruled the women's division. For soccer kickball, the juniors came out on top, as well as in basketball and in table tennis, women's division.

For table tennis, the seniors won in the men's division.

NEW BUILDING WELCOMES ALL



The BENEDICTO IT-CENTER has a Starbucks outlet for customers.

"Your new building awaits you," was the clarion call of Benedicto College for school year 2008-2009.

And so the new building put out a grand welcome, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for its students ranging from the nursery, kindergarten, and elementary pupils to students in its four-year courses, and soon enough, the high school department and the technical-vocational programs.

The Artists' Hall, for audio-visual presentations, is located on the fourth floor. On the same floor is the Kinetics Centrum for physical education classes. For spiritual needs, a chapel is strategically located adjacent to the Artists' Hall.

The library is on the third floor and has OPAC services. The computer laboratory, data

center and speech laboratory are on the same floor as the library.

The Nursing Skills Laboratory is on the fourth floor where the mini-hotel for the Hospitality Management (formerly Hotel and Restaurant Management) students is also located. There, too, are the Amphitheater with a seating capacity of 50, student lockers, the Student and Community Affair Office, and the Clinic.

Mass communication and development communication courses will soon see its own facilities, including a radio station, photo and video editing facilities, desktop publishing and radio broadcasting equipment.

The second floor houses the Executive Offices, Registrar's Office, Accounting Office, Deans' Room, faculty room and classrooms.

On the ground floor, the canteen Bene Café serves meals and snacks the whole day.

A Summit for Youth

by Steven Mina, BSA-I

Students of Benedicto College joined the Youth Summit at the University of San Carlos on September 13, 2008.

It was the second Summit for Youth, and all colleges and universities here in Cebu were invited.

It was a big achievement for us to join and cooperate in the event which aims to educate or inform students on the status of our country.

The meeting reviewed what the past and present Philippine presidents had done and the changes that they had made.

The summit also dealt with peace. After attending the summit, I remembered a story in high school from which I learned that peace is very important and that we can start it within in ourselves.



Teams and beauties on parade



More winning smiles at the Kinetics Centrum.