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President's message

Ramon G. Opulencia

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS have highlighted the strong performance of the Philippines. Our 7.1% GDP growth, which exceeded everyone's expectations, make our country the best performer in South East Asia and the second best in all of Asia after China. This supports the pronouncement of recent Manila visitor, **International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde** who said that the *"Philippines is probably the only country for which the IMF is upgrading its growth forecast for 2012 as opposed to other places in the world where we actually decreased our forecast."*



The national euphoria and success is mirrored in our very own activities in **FINEX**. This year has been marked by a levelling up of all our events which have been characterized by world class speakers both internationally and domestically, professional handling of the events, and consistent record-breaking attendance from the members. Each month, we worked hard to bring our theme **"Moving the Philippines Towards Global Competitiveness"** alive in all our undertakings.



Before we write *finis* to our Institute's history as it auspiciously unfolded in 2012, let this be

a precious opportunity for me to personally thank all those who have contributed to what perhaps is one of the most unforgettable years for **FINEX**. To my fellow members of the Board, for all the support you gave, especially in providing collective wisdom when things do not go as envisaged. To all the Committee Heads, you are the true beacons and dynamos that continue to give life to all the plans of our **FINEX** committees. To all the members, for being the workhorses and our linkages to the rest of the financial community, as information channels and conveyors of all we have worked so hard for to bring to you. To the speakers and resource persons, receive our thanks for generously sharing your knowledge with our **FINEX** members and stakeholders. To the sponsors, for without you, we could not have even scratched the surface to winningly roll out all our grand plans for the year. To everyone, do receive a warm, personal handshake of thanks from me to you, for a truly successful year at **FINEX!**



As we approach Christmas, let us all reflect on the year that was, and give humble thanks for all the blessings we have received. At the same time, we recognize with deep gratitude that a great part of our achievements have been because of the **Graces** we reap. In the spirit of thanksgiving, let us happily celebrate among the company of friends and look forward to an even greater 2013 for all of us.



This last thought actually serves as a prelude to invite all of you who have been a part of this success to come and join our

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**FINANCIAL EXECUTIVES INSTITUTE
OF THE PHILIPPINES (FINEX)**

Enjoy a night of fine music and
good company as we
welcome the
spirit of Christmas

A Christmas GMM



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THE
COMPANY

December 4, 2012, Tuesday
6:00 P.M. - SHARP
Quezon Ballroom, Makati Shangri-la Hotel

The Membership Committee goes CHINESE...

THREE YEARS ago, the members of the Membership Acceptance Sub-Committee headed by **Domeng Go** discovered a common love for the finer things in life - good food, the arts and culture. Thus started the quarterly evening get togethers that typically start off with dinner and culminate in no-holds-barred discussions with experts who are invited as resource persons. "*Pork and brains*," if you will.

Last September, when the Philippines – China stand-off hogged the headlines, the group (which has since expanded to include the rest of the Membership Committee and other kindred spirits in **Finex**) decided to shift from culture to politics and invited **Mr. Mel Lalunio** of the Department of Foreign Affairs to talk about the conflict over Bajo de Masinloc, more popularly known as Scarborough Shoal. **Mel** highlighted what was at stake: sovereignty and national pride, oil and gas reserves, marine resources and control over navigational waters. One noteworthy fact: China is 530 miles away from Bajo de Masinloc. The Philippines is 124 miles near.

Their interest in China having been piqued, the group decided to have an incisive look at the inner workings of China's government and politics. Who better to invite than the person who had a first hand and close view of the country's leaders from **Chairman Mao to Jiang Xemin?** **Chito Sta. Romana** lived in China for about 4 decades,



having been "exiled" into the country in 1971 and capping his stay there as **ABC News Beijing Bureau Chief**. **Chito** gave us great insights into the dynamics of power in China. One interesting trivia: the wife of the newly installed president is a very popular folk music singer.

The smile on the faces of the attendees in the attached pictures is proof that food and politics can mix well.



Christmas Message . . .

For some, Christmas is a busy business season for closing books, sending giveaways and parties. But let us not forget the Savior Jesus, the Celebrant Who is the Source of True Peace. Here is wishing all a peaceful Christmas and a meaningful celebration of Christ's birth.

May the spirit of Christmas be with all of us not only during the Holiday Season but throughout each day of the year!

A Blessed Merry Christmas and a Prosperous Happy New Year to everyone!



Wilma Miranda
Chairperson
Publications Committee



George Chua
Liaison Director
Publications Committee

COMMITTEE UPDATES & ACTIVITIES

Judicial Reform Integrity Summit

September 18, 2012 – Hotel Intercontinental

JRI was re-launched under the **Integrity Initiative** with a formal turnover of the Statement of Appeal for Judicial Reforms to **CJ Sereno**.

Presidents of **MBC, FINEX, MAP** and **ICD** presenting the Statement to **CJ Sereno**.



(Left Photo): **CJ Sereno** in her keynote speech acknowledged **JRI** and also talked about her plans for reforms in the judiciary.
 (Right Photo): **JRI Co-Chair Baby Nuesa** presented the Principles adopted within the Statement of Appeal for Judicial Reforms.



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Integrity Summit 2012 (Left Photo: L-R) active members of JRI: **Hanna Souza, Atty. Glo De Castro, Co-Chair Baby Nuesa, Co-Chair Terrie Magleo, Ruth Owen** and **Atty. Dada Ongkiko**.

2012 FINEX SEMINARS



February 24, 2012 – Ateneo Graduate School Economic Briefing



March 22, 2012 Ateneo Graduate School Critical Updates

April 20, 2012– InterContinental Manila, Developments in Enterprise Risk Management



April 26, 2012 – InterContinental Manila, Phil. Labor Forum



May 24, 2012 – Makati Shangri-La Manila Moving Towards a World Class Customs Administration



May 30, 2012 - InterContinental Manila CFO and Finance Leadership Event



August 24, 2012, Dusit Thani Manila Managing Distressed Accounts and Legal and Extra Legal Remedies of Distressed Debtors



October 4, 2012, Peninsula Manila Economic Prospect for 2013

Sports Committee



2012 FINEX Golf Tour Kick-Off Tournament, March 27, 2012, Ayala Greenfield Golf and Leisure Club.



BSP Gov. Amando M. Tetangco Jr. during the *FINEX 8th Parangal Golf Tournament*, June 30, 2012 at the Splendido Taal Golf and Country Club.

ICT Committee



Innovations in Business Intelligence Seminar, September 19, 2012, Pasay Room A, Makati Shangri-La Hotel, Makati City. (L-R): **Mr. Anton Mauricio**, **Ms. Lily Gilbero**, **Ms. Jocelyn Villame**, **Mr. Nikhil Kabra**, **Mr. Burton Crapps**, **Mr. Mark Camilleri**, **Mr. Brian Hachez**, and **Mr. Rey Lugtu**.

Mr. Burton Crapps, *Country Manager of FICO* during the *Innovation in Business Intelligence Seminar*, Sept. 19, 2012, Pasay Room A, Makati Shangri-la Hotel.



DELOITTE-PHILIPPINES-FINEX Outstanding Finance Educator Awards



**Welcome Dinner,
Romulo Café,
July 16, 2012**



**Final Interview and Judging
InterContinental Hotel Manila,
July 17, 2012**



**Awarding,
InterContinental Hotel Manila,
July 18, 2012**

Finex-CIBI Finance Educator's Training Program



**April 13–14, 2012
Southwestern
University,
Cebu City**

**April 20–21, 2012
University of
St. La Salle,
Bacolod City**



**April 27–28, 2012
University of
the Cordilleras,
Baguio City**



**May 4–5, 2012
Asian Institute of
Management,
Makati City**



ING FINEX CFO of the YEAR Award 2012



JEFFREY C. LIM
ING FINEX CFO of the Year 2012



(Top Photo): **Guest speaker Hon. Butch Abad** of Department of Budget & Management. *(Above Photo):* **Fred Pascual** guest speaker and chairman of the board of judges for the ING FINEX CFO of the Year Award 2012.



(Left Photo): **Jeffrey C. Lim** of SM Prime Holdings, Inc. *(at the center)* awarded as **ING FINEX CFO of the Year 2012**. Awarding the glass sculptured trophy were *(L-R)* **Mon Opulencia, Zondy Garcia, Fred Pascual, Hon. Butch Abad** and **Vic dela Dingco**. *(Right Photo):* **ING FINEX CFO of the Year Awardees** *(L-R)* **Jimmy Ysmael, Ysmael Baysa, Jeffrey Lim, Baby Nuesa** and **Jose Sio**.



Jeffrey Lim (at the center)
with the **Sy family**.



CFO of the Year 2012, Jeffrey Lim (at the center)
with the overall
CFO committee (L-R): **Roy Sobrecarey, Paul San Pedro, Boy Rubio, Vic dela Dingco, Baby Nuesa, Zondy Garcia, Blanca Mercado and Ochie Quito**.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE . . . *from page 1*

Christmas GMM on Dec. 4 at the Makati Shangri-la Hotel beginning at 6:00 pm sharp. We will be treated to a night of great music and excellent entertainment by our special guests **Karylle** and **The Company**. As a side note, it is because of the benevolence of our sponsor friends that we will be able to celebrate our Christmas GMM with such world class professional entertainers.

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Lastly, let me congratulate **Ms. Judith Lopez**, our incoming **FINEX President** for 2013. Let us all join together and support **Judith** as she leads the Institute in 2013!

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A blessed, merry Christmas and an auspicious, prosperous New Year to everyone!

SIC 2012ACTIVITIES

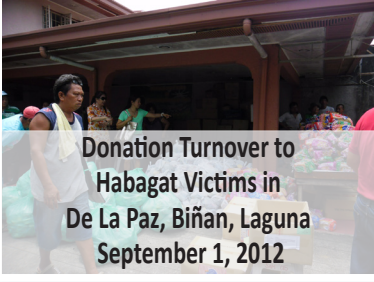
**Donation Turnover
to Brgy. Sampaguita Fire Victims
June 2, 2012**



**DMI Education
Support Program
June 8, 2012**



**Visit to Laura Vicuña Center
Cubao
June 23, 2012**



**Donation Turnover to
Habagat Victims in
De La Paz, Biñan, Laguna
September 1, 2012**



**Mercy Saturday Feeding Program – Every Third Saturday of the
Month at the Epiphany of the Lord Parish, Camarin, Caloocan City**

**Grants & Fellowship and
Research Committees
MOU Signing with SEC
June 5, 2012**



Annual Membership Meeting *November 14, 2012 – Manila Polo Club*



(L-R): Abeth Delgado, Greg Navarro, Atty. Ebot Tan, Wilma Miranda, Judith Lopez, Baby Nuesa and Terrie Magleo.



JOIN THE SIC ACTIVITIES THIS HOLIDAY SEASON...

1. Mercy Saturday Feeding Program

Join in the feeding of 250 children and 50 elders from different Pamayanans in Camarin.

24 November 2012, 11:30 a.m. (sponsors: Bobby Rejano, Alex Yague & PBOAP)

15 December 2012, 11:30 a.m. (sponsors: Anton Mauricio & Pyth Brion)

The Epiphany of the Lord Parish, Camarin, Caloocan City



2. Gift Giving for the Habagat Flood Victims in Biñan, Laguna

Donate any amount and/or join in the distribution of goods.

30 November 2012, Friday, 2:00 p.m.

Sta. Catalina College, Biñan, Laguna



3. Marillac Hills Foundation for Different Training Skills

Join the committee members together with Rotary Club of Parañaque-South and Singa Shipping in witnessing the graduation of the students of different livelihood trainings that FINEX and other organizations are supporting.

8 December 2012, Saturday, 1:00 p.m.

Marillac Hills, Northgate Ave., Alabang



4. Bahay Mapagmahal Christmas Party

Mingle and party with our beneficiaries from Bahay Mapagmahal, a home for wheelchair-bound children.

8 December 2012, Saturday, 3:00 p.m.

Seriña Residence, #5 Zuzuregui St.,

Don Antonio Heights (South), Diliman, Quezon City



5. Christmas with Angels

Be an angel to the 250 less fortunate children of Parañaque.

A joint project with Pag-asa ng Kabataan Foundation.

10 December 2012, Monday, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Science Discovery Center, SM Mall of Asia, Pasay City



6. Jollibee Maaga ang Pasko

Donate your old toys and books

Drop your donations at FINEX Office from

November 19 – December 4, 2012



You may contact the FINEX Secretariat at 811-4184/811-4052 for more details.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>
Cloma, Leo Vicente	1-Dec	Garcia, Ramon	15-Dec
Naranjilla, Sergio	1-Dec	Genio, Gil	15-Dec
Hernandez, Gaudencio Jr.	2-Dec	Tingson, Ma. Cristina	15-Dec
Ong, Ricardo	2-Dec	Uy, Ernesto	15-Dec
Concepcion, Hilaria	3-Dec	Dizon, Teresita	16-Dec
Fernandez, Eliseo	4-Dec	Estrellas, Agripino	17-Dec
Ramos, Benjamin	4-Dec	Fernandez, Edwin	17-Dec
Tuason, Clemente	4-Dec	Rodil, Romualdo	17-Dec
Gelano, Angelo	5-Dec	Aguirre, Rene	18-Dec
Tanlu, Leonardo	5-Dec	Diaz, Renato	18-Dec
Trinidad, Fernando	5-Dec	Jazmines, Rene	18-Dec
Cuacho, Ma. Concepcion	6-Dec	Lapuz, Constante	18-Dec
Viola, Yolanda	6-Dec	Angangco, Gina Marie	19-Dec
Vistro, Arsenio	6-Dec	Valdez, Benjamin	19-Dec
Camus, Jose	7-Dec	Lapez, Genaro	20-Dec
Tiongson, Victor Emnmanuel	7-Dec	Cuaresma, Leonardo Jr	21-Dec
Yap, Samuel	7-Dec	Endriga, Baltazar	21-Dec
Cheng, Gema	8-Dec	San Diego, Manuel	21-Dec
Cruz, Omar	8-Dec	Ylagan, Amelia	21-Dec
Navarro, Reynaldo	8-Dec	Lee, Alan	23-Dec
Garcia, Carmencita	10-Dec	Manahan, Angelo	23-Dec
Puno, Carmelita	10-Dec	Rapadas, Emmanuel	23-Dec
Zapata, Maria Victoria	10-Dec	Enalpe, Emmanuel	24-Dec
Atendido, Roberto	11-Dec	Jaucian, Adele	24-Dec
Luna, Francisco Jr.	11-Dec	Tipgos, Irminia	24-Dec
Santos, Cynthia	11-Dec	Leyco, Emmanuel	24-Dec
Sugapong, Ma. Victoria	11-Dec	Castillo, Jose Maria III	27-Dec
Hilado, Jose Emmanuel	12-Dec	Wong, Santiago	27-Dec
Conel, Angelina	14-Dec	Sison, Erdulfo	29-Dec
Yusi, Ruby Rose	14-Dec	Tigulo, Remy	29-Dec
De Vera, Angelito	14-Dec	Balayan, Judd	31-Dec

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