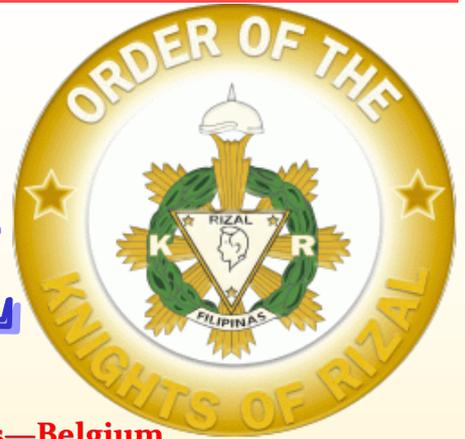


Newsletter Knights of RIZAL



Diamond Chapter Antwerp—Flanders—Belgium

Issue 21

Volume 3

June 2010

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- **Introduction - Message from the board**
- **Invitation Calamba Joe**
- **University of Santo Tomas Singers**
- **Renewal membership**
- **Philippine Embassy web address**
- **Phil. Independence Day celebrations**
- **Report KOR Dinner for a cause**
- **Friendship for the Philippines**
- **Results elections Supreme Council**
- **Invitation by Council of Filipino Associations**
- **Writings from José Rizal**
- **Calendar**
- **Next Newsletter**
- **Board coordinates**



Knights of Rizal – Diamond Chapter – Jan. 2010

Introduction

Dear Brother Knights of Rizal Diamond Chapter and affiliated chapters in Belgium, Europe and worldwide

Dear friends of our organisation

We are happy to send you this 21st issue of our KOR Diamond Newsletter. This is a special “Calamba Joe”-issue where we especially promote the performance of the musical-play “Calamba Joe” (life of Dr. Rizal performed by the Pasundayag Sugbo Theater Co of Cebu). The whole group was on Monday May 31 for interview and Visa application at the Royal Belgian Embassy where they also performed a few numbers from the play with great success. If everything goes well the group will arrive in Belgium June 16. It is also the very first time that the whole Belgian KOR Council work brotherly together to make this activity on Sat. June 19 a success. More info in this issue.

We look also back at our activity of April 24 at the Seamen’s Club in Antwerp were we enjoyed a Filipino Buffet (thanks kuya Bien De Leon!) and a Belgian-Filipino language quiz guided by Marisa Van Thillo.

We also invite you to one of the 5 concerts in Belgium by the UST Singers (from June 4 in Brussels till June 8 in Knokke-Heist).

(Continued on page 2)

(Continued from page 1)

Of course we want to invite all Knights and their partner on one (or both) celebrations of the 112th celebration of Philippine Independence: on Sat. June 12 in Brussels (Koekelberg) and on Sun. June 13 in Brugge (Beurshall, Beursplein 2). We invite the Knights to be in barong on one of both occasions. Around 11.30 there will be a parade. In this Newsletter also the flyer of both celebrations. We sincerely support these occasions of celebrations that also will be showered with the participation of the Philippine Ambassador His Excellency Enrique Manalo.

A special welcome to our new postulant Mr. Serge Vandenesse from Borgerhout who will – together with other candidates – will be dubbed to KR in January 2011. More candidates are for the moment screened and are invited by some proposers to the board. A warm welcome of course to our new members and Knights Sir Manuel Duchesne, Gino Moens, Guido Robyns, Joeri Vertongen and Marc Wouters.

KOR Diamond wants to take also this opportunity to congratulate Sir Geert Verhaegen, KR from our Chapter and also Sir François Ooms, KGOR and Chapter Commander of El Fili, for the success in organising the beautiful and unforgettable performance of the University of the Philippines Singing Ambassadors last April 16 in Geel. We were touched by this event.

In this issue you find also the results of the Supreme Council Election of May 30 at KOR Headquarters Manila. We congratulate Sir Choy Arnaldo, KGOR (Paris, Dimasalang Chapter) as the overseas representative for Europe.

More power to KOR and PLEASE WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON "CALAMBA JOE" with also the commemoration of the 149th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal!

May we kindly remind the members who did not renew their membership to do so surely this month. See details. Some perhaps still postponed it of have forgotten it. Thanks for your trust and devotion to our order.

Please also browse on our updated website www.knightsofrizal.be by our webmaster Sir Danny Bergmans, KR.

Yours very sincerely in Rizal

NOM

Board 2010-2012

Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KGOR, Chapter Commander Diamond – Antwerp – Deputy Area Commander Belgium

Sir Tony GUANSING, KGOR, Past Chapter Commander, Life Time Member, Regional Commander for Europe

Sir Peter VAN BOGAERT, KGOR, Special Adviser to the Supreme Commander Manila

Sir Kris VAN THILLO, KCR, Past Chapter Commander

Sir Roy DE MOL, KCR, Deputy Commander

Sir Rik VAN TIGGEL, KCR, Deputy Commander

Sir Paul VERLOO, KCR, Chancellor, Deputy Commander, Incoming Commander 2011

Sir Ronny FELIX, KOR, Archivist – Editor Newsletter

INVITATION

**THE ORDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF RIZAL – BELGIUM
DIAMOND CHAPTER ANTWERP – BRUSSELS CHAPTER
EL FILIBUSTERISMO – CHARLEROI – AALST
KABABAIHANG RIZALISTA BRUSSELS**

SATURDAY JUNE 19 – 7.30 P.M.

SCHARPOORD

MEERLAAN 32 – KNOKKE-HEIST

(NEAR ST.-MARGARETA CHURCH AND STATION)

in commemoration of the 149th birth anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal



THE PASUNDAYAG SUGBO THEATER CC. FROM CEBU, PHILIPPINES
in the Philippine Centennial Commission Prize winning Play

“CALAMBA JOE”
(THE MUSICAL)
-WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY CLAUDIO “AL” EVANGELIO-

The Loves,
Life & Times of
Dr. Jose Rizal set to
riveting dialogues &
haunting original music

KNOKKE HEIST

(Continued on page 4)

TICKETS PRESALE 10 EUR – 12 EUR DOORS

IN COOPERATION WITH:



Info: dominiek.segaert@skynet.be – www.knightsofrizal.be – 0479691865

Brussels: Sir Rojas 027705045

Aalst: Sir Villaroman 0475776927

Charleroi: Sir Cruz 0478394573

El Filibusterismo: Sir Spittaël 0499700183

Diamond Antwerp: Sir Segaert 0479691865, Sir Verloo 0486565806, Sir Van Thillo 0486791678

Regional Commander Europe: Sir Guansing 0475422861

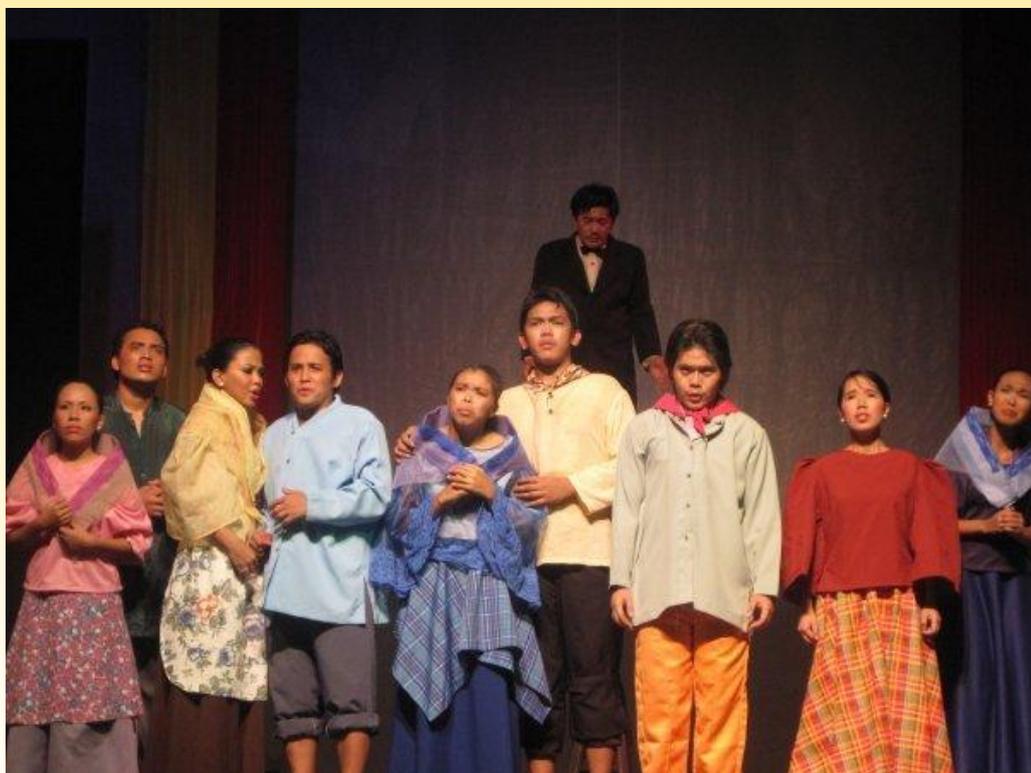
Area Commander Belgium: Sir Nollas 0475861568

Former Regional Commander Europe, Special Adviser: Sir Paras 0472425103

Kababaihang Rizalista Lady Fernandez 0474361764

Philippine Honorary Consulate Sir Van Bogaert 033257116

ABOUT “CALAMBA JOE”



THE PLANS OF KNIGHTS OF RIZAL BELGIUM IN 2009

On Nov. 27, 2009 the Knights of Rizal Diamond Chapter (10 years on Sat. Jan. 23, 2010) hosted after a board meeting at the Honorary Consulate General in Antwerp Sir Evangelio, KGOR and Sir Vomberg, KCR from Cebu about the plan to bring in cooperation and organisation with all Knights of Rizal Chapters Belgium and Kababaihang Rizalista Belgium the stage play and musical “Calamba Joe” to Belgium and Europe in general.

(Continued on page 5)

(Continued from page 4)

Sir Evangelio is a multi awarded playwright, stage and film director who has been engaged in the arts and entertainment field for more than forty years in key cities in the Philippines, Asia, America, Canada and in Mainz, West Germany. He is Cebu City's Outstanding Individual Centennial Awardee in Arts and Culture.

His 1998 Philippine Centennial Commission prizewinning play, "CALAMBA JOE", which is the only musical dramatization on Dr. Jose Rizal's life from age 3 to 36 has been staged, after its World Premiere at the International Convention Center of the Waterfront Hotel, Cebu, in June 19, 1998; for 36 times all over the Philippines.

In the summer of 2001, it became the first full-length English musical play from the Philippines to ever tour America (Anaheim, Los Angeles, Connecticut and New York) to overwhelming response from both Filipino and American audiences.

To commemorate 149th birth anniversary of the National Hero KOR Belgium brings the musical-play Calamba Joe on Saturday June 19, 2010 at 7.30 p.m. at the Cultural Centre Scharpoord, Meerlaan 32, Knokke-Heist (Belgium) in cooperation with the City Council, the NGO Friendship for the Philippines/Vriendschap voor de Filippijnen and the Cultural Centre Scharpoord.

Tickets: Sir Dominiek Segaert, 0032 479691865 or dominiek.segaert@skynet.be and all cooperating chapters (see also ADVERT / FLYER ABOVE)



(Continued on page 6)

(Continued from page 5)

FINALISING MEETING WITH KOR BELGIUM

The KOR Belgium decided in a finalising meeting last May 8, 2010 at the Philippine Chaplaincy in Brussels, between Aalst Chapter, Brussels Chapter, Charleroi Chapter, El Filibusterismo Chapter and Diamond Antwerp Chapter, Sir Rudy Nollas, KGOR, Area Commander Belgium and Sir Dominiek Segaert, Deputy Area Commander Belgium together with the other Chapters in Belgium to bring the show on Sat. June 19, 2010 at 8 p.m. at the Cultural Centre Scharpoord in Knokke. More news will follow about this remarkable project that will highlight and glance the Philippine National Hero.



In the working committee are further:
Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR, Regional

Commander Europe, Sir Felino Paras, KGOR, Past Regional Commander Europe, Sir Paul Verloo, KCR, Sir Ronny Felix, KOR, Sir Lucien Spittaël, KGOR, Sir Willy Cruz, KCR, Sir Edmund Rojas, KCR, Sir Jose Perez, KOR, Sir Albert Arevalo, KCR, Sir Mario Fajardo, KOR, Sir Roelito O. Quiambao, KOR, Sir Cris Pinkihan, KOR, Lady Nina Fernandez, Sir Kris Van Thillo, KCR, Sir Maximo Villaroman J., KCR and Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR, Honorary Consul General.

BACK GROUND

It won in the Open Asian Literary Competition in the Musical play category sponsored by the Philippine Centennial Commission in 1998.

All performers and crew are all Cebuanos coming from Cebu, Philippines

It had more than thirty performances over the years in Cebu, provinces, Ormoc, Anaheim, Los Angeles, Connecticut and New York.

The play, edited for utmost attention (for audience consideration), only runs for, at most, one hour and forty minutes (1 hr 7 40 mins.)

Brief summary: It starts with the "Death March" in Bagumbayan. The volley of shots that threw the martyr on the throes of death trigger a recall that is reenacted: Mother as first teacher, first love in Segunda Katigbak, secret departure to Spain as aided by brother Paciano, discovery of the parents, involvement in the propaganda movement, romantic liaisons, coming home after five years, 2nd trip abroad, printing of his 2nd novel, successful eye operation of his mother in Hongkong, his plans for the landless Filipinos for tenancy of 100,000 hectares for 999 years in Borneo, coming home the 2nd time, banishment to Dapitan, romance with Josephine Bracken, departure back to Spain where he was imprisoned in the infamous fortress of Monjuich, boarded back to the Phil. where he is tried in a military court and eventual execution in Bagumbayan -- A FULL CIRCLE OF REENACTMENT, SPLICED BY BEAUTIFUL HEART-RENDING ORIGINAL MUSIC/SONGS.



ACTORS

Male:

1. Claudio Evangelio – playwriter/director
- 2. Emmanuele Jones Mante – 3. Johar Lapasaran – 4. Melchor Castellano – 5. Jenkin Cabanit – 6. Krissan Dominic Sudiagal – 7. Lorenz Angelo Evangelio – 8. Serapio Serenio Jr.

Female:

1. Khristine Gentica – 2. Malaya Macareg – 3. Marnie Victorillo – 4. Jugie Gonzales Ponce – 5. Vanessa Latonio – Elsie Mi Legaspi – 7. Ronelia P. Gegawin



Picture - At the Honorary Consulate General last Nov. 27 2009 we spot from left to right: Sir Antonio Guansing, KGOR, our Regional Commander Europe – Sir Roy De Mol, KCR, Deputy Commander – Sir Dominiek Segært, KGOR, Chapter Commander Diamond and Deputy Area Commander Belgium – Sir Peter Van Bogaert, KGOR, Special Adviser to the Supremo – Sir Paul Verloo, KCR, Chancellor – Sir Günther Vomberg, KCR – Sir Claudio Al Evangelio, KGOR, both with a Resolution of Brotherhood between KOR Diamond and them – excused for the board meeting were Sir Kris Van Thillo, KCR and former Chapter Commander and also Sir Rik Van Tiggel, KCR, Deputy Commander. On Jan. 23, 2010 also Sir Ronny Felix, KOR, joined the board.

UNIVERSITY OF SANTO TOMAS SINGERS – MANILA – IN CONCERT LIVE!



Please join and enjoy one or more concerts in Belgium. Feel free to contact for more information and tickets:

Friday June 4, 2010 – 8 p.m.

Church College St. Michel

Bd. Saint Michel 24 – BRUSSELS

Saturday June 5, 2010 – 8 p.m.

Kapel OC Clara Fey

Bethaniëlei 5 – 2960 BRECHT (SINT-JOB-IN-’T-GOOR)

Sunday June 6, 2010 – 2.30 p.m.

St. Franciscus Church

Bredabaan 547 – MERKSEM

Sunday June 6, 2010 – 8 p.m.

St. Paulus Church

St. Paulusstraat 2 – MALLE

Tuesday June 8, 2010 – 8 p.m.

Sint-Margaretakerk

M. Lippensplein (front station) – KNOKKE-HEIST

Info and tickets:

Sir Tony GUANSING, 03 2191491 (BRUSSELS / MERKSEM))

Myng MALONG, 03 3099224 (BRUSSELS / MERKSEM)

Geert DEBEEST, 0494 560460 (SINT-JOB)

Magda HOOFMANS, 03 2170317 (OC CLARA FEY)

Ilse VERRIJKEN, 03 3835910 (MALLE – ZOERSEL)

Sir Dominiek & Lady Leah SEGAERT-GALLEGO, 0479 691865 (KNOKKE-HEIST)

REMINDER RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP

Dear brother Knights

On February 19 we invited you to renew your membership.

Last January 23, 2010 we could celebrate with you the 10th anniversary since the chartering of the Diamond Chapter of the Knights of Rizal. We look back at a successful activity with 85 participants where brotherhood and remembering our Philippine national hero Dr. José Rizal formed the spirit of this celebration. Also we could dub 5 new Knights of Rizal. I am very pleased and happy that the Diamond Chapter is until now successful. I am honoured to thank the complete board of our chapter and everybody for the loyalty to our chapter. A report with a lot of pictures will be published very soon in an upcoming Newsletter and also in our website www.knightsofrizal.be

As yearly we would like to invite you in the beginning of the month of March to renew your membership for 2009. We would be grateful to pay the amount of 40 EUR before June 8 on our account 979 6095137 50 of DIAMOND CHAPTER RIZAL – 2100 DEURNE. In the name of the whole board I want to thank you for renewing your membership and to the new Knights I sincerely hope you will engage yourself for a very long time in our chapter.

This is a final reminder. May we urge please to renew your membership so we keep you updated about our activities. Thanks for your continuous trust and support.

Website address of the Philippine Embassy

For all our readers we publish here the website address of the Philippine Embassy in Belgium:

www.philembassy.be

112TH INDEPENDENCE DAY PHILIPPINES

INVITATION

SATURDAY JUNE 12 – BRUSSELS

SUNDAY JUNE 13 – BRUGGE



Let us celebrate

Independence Day on June 12, 2010

at Basilique "Sacré-Cœur" de Koekelberg BRUSSELS-BELGIUM

from 8:00am. - 6:00pm.

the true spirit of oneness, love of people and love of country.

Piknikang Bayan.....Baon Ko.....Baon Mo..... Salu-Salo Tayo.

**Magdiwang ng Masaya, Maayos at Mapayapa
Sama Samang ipagdiwang ang ating Kalayaan**

Placement of tents and advertising materials are free of charge.

TOMBOLA PRIZES:

1st Prize: Two Round Trip Tickets to the Philippines

Round Trip Ticket to the Philippines: Compliment of Aseana Antipodes Travel

Round Trip Ticket to the Philippines: Compliment of Eurasia Holiday Travel & Tours

2nd Prize: €300,00 CASH PRIZE

Many more surprise prizes

Raffle ticket: 1.00€

Organized by:

Filipino Drivers Association - Koalisyon Para Sa Kalayaan

**with the participation of the Philippine Embassy in Brussels
and the Filipino Community**

Attention!.....Barbecue in Charcoal is forbidden

For more information please contact any of the following:

Chairman: Mario Fajardo – Filipino Driver's Association- GSM: 0488.310.083

Co-Chair: Jojo Cabonce - Philippine GUARDIANS Brotherhood INC- GSM: 0473.943.487

PIC Secretariat 2010 ad interim: E-mail: okrecbrussels@yahoo.com - Tel.02/726.90.71 or

GSM no: 0472.42.51.03

Koalisyon Para Sa Kalayaan

Registered number 0882.790.862

C/o Rue de de l'Ourthe 28, B-1080 Brussels (Molenbeek Saint-Jean)

BRUGGE

Philippine Independence Day Celebration 2010



13 June 2010, Sunday
9.30 – 18.00
Beurshalle,
Beursplein 2, 8000 Brugge

Organizer: Council of Filipino Associations in Flanders
With the participation of the Philippine Embassy & its Consulates
and Philippine Community in Belgium and Luxembourg

The Council of Filipino Associations in Flanders takes the honor of inviting you in the celebration of the 112th proclamation of Philippine Independence.

Lubos Puso po namin kayong inaanyayahan na magsama-sama at ipagdiwang ang ating ika-112 taon na kalayaan.

We zijn vereerd u uit te nodigen op de viering van de 112de verjaardag van de Filipijnse onafhankelijkheid

Nous avons l'honneur de vous inviter cordialement à la 112ème fête annuelle d'Indépendance de Philppine.

PROGRAMME

09.30	Gate opens
10.30	Ecumenical Rites
11.30	Parade of Filipino organizations
12.00	Philippine National Anthem Messages
12.30	Piknikang-Bayan (Lunch)
14.00	Variety show Tombola – Parlor games

For the benefit of Projects:

1. Institution Building for the children and youth in the municipality of Ambaguio, Nueva Vizcaya (with the support of the Province of West-Flanders)
2. Sanitary installations in La Carlota City High School, La Carlota, Negros Occidental
3. Chairs and tables for Talubang Elementary School, Kabangkalan, Negros Occidental
4. Classroom Galing sa Mamamayang Pilipino Abroad

NO entrance fee - toegang GRATIS - entrée LIBRE
WALANG bayad ang pagpasok

A whole-day of festivities surrounded by booths displaying Philippine products/services and culinary delights.

An afternoon full of entertainment featuring talented members of the Filipino community in Belgium and Luxembourg with the special performances of Filipino artists:

Semiramis

Ms. Ruth Galura



Exciting Tombola/Raffle draws with fantastic prizes
Grand prize – Round trip ticket to the Philippines
courtesy of 
2nd prize - €500
3rd prize - €250
Fabulous consolation prizes

Filipino Parlor Games for the 'chiquitings'

End the day with a stroll in the medieval city of Brugge
The Venice of the North



GENERAL INFORMATION

Reservation of commercial (30 slots) and organization booths is on a first come-first serve basis. A fee of €40.00 will be required for a commercial booth. However, both organization and commercial booths will have to deposit a guarantee money in the amount of €30 which will be returned at the end of the event if the occupied area is clean. Booths (3x3m white tents) can be installed from 7:00-9:30 in the morning.

10% of tombola sales will be awarded to organizations and private individuals selling at least 20 tombola tickets.

Subsidized buses for those coming outside Brugge.

Parking: Free parking slots in the Beursplein parking area will be reserved for vehicles from the Philippine Embassy and Consulate; first 30 commercial booths; and COFAF management.

Arriving by car, the nearest underground parking is in 't Zand. For a cheaper parking rate, we suggest the parking at the train station (€2.50 whole day) with a free bus (De Lijn-Centrum) to 't Zand. A bus ticket(s) will be issued upon presentation of your parking ticket at the bus info counter.

Autocars can drop passengers in Beurshalle and can proceed to free parking lots alongside the ring road canal.

Arriving by train, present your train ticket at the bus info counter for a free bus ticket to 't Zand.

Participation of organizations and private individuals in the variety show will be highly appreciated.

For more detailed info: please don't hesitate to contact

Ms. Minabelle Vanantwerpen-Siason
Blauwvoetstraat 12, 8700 Tielt, Belgium
+32(0)476-371677 +32(0)51-405319 +32(0)50-676165
cofaf1@gmail.com



Bruges Beurshalle (Beursplein 2), (look at the map, the yellow road) : Coming from E40 (Brussel – Gent – Antwerpen or Oostende)

1) take exit 8, direction Brugge (Or exit 7 from Oostende); 2) Follow E403 / N31 4,5 km then take right N397 (St. Michiels – Kinépolis); 3) Roundabout with yellow figure, right on;

4) Roundabout right on; 5) Follow Torhout – Gistel; 6) Under the railroad bridge(Centrum) 7)) Follow 't Zand – "Andere richtingen"; 8) Roundabout with flags, second exit;

9) Keep right, don't take the tunnel; 10) Drive next The Concertgebouw of Brugge; 11) On the 't Zand square turn right with the square; 12) Take left and don't take 'Centrum';

13) Take the direction Torhout – Gistel (you are now at Smedestraat); 14) After 300m on your left the Kegelschoolstraat; 15) On the end you'll drive at the Beurshalle

Proceeds will go to the following projects:

A) LUZON:

Institution Building Project for the Children and Youth in the Municipality of Ambaguio, Nueva Vizcaya.

(With the support of the Province of West-Flanders – Provincial North-South Center in Roeselare)

The target groups are the children and youth of Ambaguio, 400 of which shall be taken in as beneficiaries yearly for 3 years.

To provide Services such as:

1. Community Organizing and Re-organizing Sessions. This service includes the recruitment, orientation, and admission into membership of In-

School children and youth as core group members of barangay level children and youth organizations in Ambaguio. General membership to the

children and youth organizations shall be open to all interested children and youth in the coverage area.

2. Leadership Training Sessions. This service includes the provision of seminars, workshops, and for core group members for the purpose of enhancing

their knowledge and skills in organizational leadership.

3. Team Building Sessions. This service includes the conduct of activities like games and sports, contests, group dynamics, and retreats that shall

hone the children and youth's knowledge and skills for the importance of group work and team effort.

4. Youth Leadership and Cultural Festival. An avenue to showcase talents and skills through games, contests and cultural presentations.

B) VISAYAS:

a) Sanitary installations in La Carlota City High School, La Carlota – Negros Occidental

b) Chairs and tables for Talubangi Elementary School, Kabankalan -Negros Occidental

C) MINDANAO:

CGMA (Classroom Galing sa Mamamayang Pilipino sa Abroad). There are still many remote areas in Mindanao where classes are being held in

makeshift classrooms and even under the trees, under scorching

heat or sudden rain.

You and COFAF can help! Together, we can pool resources and invest on the education of the Filipino youth.

REPORT

DINNER FOR A CAUSE & HAPPY LANGUAGE QUIZ

APRIL 24, 2010 – SEA MEN'S CLUB – ANTWERP

With 50 happy and active participants KOR Diamond organised last April 24 a dinner for a cause in the Sea Men's Club at Italiëlei. In a very warm atmosphere we also enjoyed a Dutch and Filipino language instruction given by Marisa Van Thillo, wife of our former Chapter Commander Sir Kris Van Thillo.

Sir Dominiek welcomed the nice group. Attending were the whole board of our chapter and thanks to caterer Bien De Leon we enjoyed a sumptuous Filipino dinner in buffet style. After the blessing of the food by our member Fr. Bago, we 'attacked' but were in the first place thankful for the opportunities we have and therefore this dinner for a cause will again support this year a community based project in the Philippines, totally following the ideals of Dr. Rizal who, during his life, shared tools for making stronger community ties. The netto profit was 354,40 EUR taken also the hire for the venue and kitchen.



A view of the participants



Quizmaster Marisa, the wife of Sir Kris, and Sir Dominiek

Winners in the language quiz were Mercy Waterloos and Sir Paul Verloo. Sir Tony gave an appreciated closing remark. During the dessert we congratulated the son of our board member Sir Rik and Rhea with his birthday. All smiling (and sweet) faces! Of course we also took the opportunity of making publicity for the Calamba Joe performance coming June 19 in Knokke-Heist.



Sir Bien De Leon who took care of the catering



Home-made by Sir Bien



The winners of the quiz: Mercy Waterloos and Sir Paul Verloo



More pictures can be seen on:

http://picasaweb.google.com/felilong/SeamanSClub2010_04_24#

FRIENDSHIP FOR THE PHILIPPINES – 8 YEARS



FRIENDSHIP BARBECUE

Sunday September 26, 2010 - Knokke-Heist - 12 noon

We sincerely invite you to participate at the friendship barbecue for a cause: support for our street youth project Balay Pasilungan Davao, elementary & high school Saint Michael Padada, Children's Village Fr. Franco

PROGRAM

- ◆ 10-12 a.m. biking through Knokke-Heist around beautiful spots with 2 stops with appetizer & small soup (enroll: Meerlaan 2 – Knokke – Sports Centre SIBE St.-Bernard School)
- ◆ 12 u. – welcome with Tinikling Dance door Silayan Dance Group lead by Alpha Galecio
- ◆ 12.15 p.m. – welcome councillor Maxim Willems & Ambassador H.E. Enrique Manalo
- ◆ 12.30 p.m. – start barbecue (with wok vegetables, rice or potatoes)

WHERE? Sports Centre St.-Bernard - Meerlaan 2 – Knokke, next St.-Margaretaschool

THERE WILL BE 2 BARBECUES INSTALLED FOR A QUICKER SERVICE!

PARTICIPATION? 15 EUR (drinks, dessert not included) - children -11 yrs: 8 EUR

TICKETS?

Send THIS ENROLLMENT FORM to dominiek.segaert@skynet.be (J. Nellenslaan 145), pay on account 748 1231472 63 of VRIENDSCHAP VOOR DE FILIPPIJNEN. Your tickets (+ free tombola ticket) will be at the entrance on your name! We thank you!

Dominiek & Leah Segaert-Gallego – Gerard & Ria Pauwaert-Blondeel

Jozef & Wieske Stubbe-Lietaer – Johan & Nicole Bullynck-Goffin

Thierry Corijn – Guido Van De Sompele



NAME: _____ TEL: _____

O participates biking & barbecue Sun. Sep. 26 start between 9.30-10 a.m.

- _____ adults à 15 EUR	_____ EUR
- _____ children (-11) à 8 EUR	_____ EUR
Total	_____ EUR

O only participates barbecue from 12 noon

- _____ adults à 15 EUR	_____ EUR
- _____ children (-11) à 8 EUR	_____ EUR
Total	_____ EUR

O I put the money on KBC account 748 1231472 63 of Vriendschap voor de Filippijnen

RESULTS ELECTIONS SUPREME COUNCIL KOR MANILA

MAY 30 – 2010

Elections concluded Sunday May 30 around 3.30 PM and the new supreme council elected the following officers:

Supreme Commander Sir Pablo Trillana III

Supreme Deputy Commander Sir Reghis Romero

Supreme Chancellor Sir J Singson

Supreme Pursuivant, Sir Sammy Samuela

Supreme Exchequer Sir Vicente Ramos

Supreme Auditor Sir Santos

Supreme Archivist and Overseas Representative (Europe) Sir Choy Arnaldo

Supreme Deputy Pursuivant Sir Avelino Torres

Supreme Deputy Exchequer Sir Rey Mateo

KOR Diamond wants to CONGRATULATE SINCERELY ALL ELECTED especially the newly elected Supreme Commander Sir Pablo Trillana III, KGOR and the Overseas Representative (and Archivist) for Europe Sir Choy Arnaldo, KGOR.

Besides Sir Arnaldo also Sir Peter Van Bogaert from our Diamond Chapter was candidate for European position in the Supreme Council and also Sir Jean-Paul Verstraeten, Sir Manfred Schnell and Sir Peter Plückebaum, currently Deputy Regional Commander Europe.

May the future of KOR worldwide be bright and hopeful.

KOR may further count on the support of KOR Diamond.



Sir Pablo Trillana III
New Supreme Commander



Sir Choy Arnaldo
Overseas Representative (Europe) in Supreme Council

Invitation by the Council of Filipino Associations in Belgium

COUNCIL OF FILIPINO ASSOCIATIONS IN BELGIUM

55 Avenue des Myrtilles 1180 Brussels

Tel. – 0032 476398750

E-mail : dhelulu55cofabxl@yahoo.com

AN INVITATION

3 May 2010

In view of the 112th celebrations of the Philippine Independence Day here in Belgium this year, I would like to invite you to our initiated **June 12th Gala Night**, to be held on June 12, 2010, Saturday, in Hilton Hotel 27th flr – En Plein Ciel, 38 Boulevard du Waterloo 1000 Brussels.

COFAB opted to organize this gala night for the following purposes:

This is the first time, over the long years, that June 12, our independence date, fell on a Saturday which can be a good day of feasting in the evening.

To formally introduce our new ambassador to the Philippine Community and in like manner, to present to him the pillars of our Philippine-Belgian communities to put faces to the names of the list of the so many organization leaders.

Similarly, to create a formal encounter between the new ambassador and the supportive sponsors and donors of our community activities.

Lastly, to bring joy and memorable souvenir of being together on this very special day for us, eventually maximizing the significance of this occasion.

This gala night was discussed with the ambassador even prior to the decision of the 2 celebrations and he gave a positive response to this, hence, the venue had been reserved and we decided to push through with it. We promise to give you and all our guests a very enjoyable evening. Cocktail is at 19h00, dinner will be served at 20h00, brief program will follow with the inspirational message of Ambassador Enrique A. Manalo and introduction of Filipino and Belgian Leaders of the community. Ballroom & Disco dancing highlights the evening till after midnight. You may perhaps be lucky to win a raffle plane ticket to the Phil. donated by ASEANA Travel. The evening will also be sponsored by Century Properties Group (UK).

We request our guests to be attired in Filipiniana/Formal, (may change for something comfortable for the dancing). Guest entry ticket is 60 euro per person, and it will be highly appreciated if you will care to reply for reservation till 24th May or as soon as you have made your decision. Ticket payments can be forwarded to COFAB account: 310-1598913-51 with the communication June 12th Gala Night.

COFAB extends its heartfelt thanks to your favorable response. Hope to see you then!

Very truly yours,

(SGD)DHEL C. LULU

COFAB President



WRITINGS ABOUT AND FROM JOSE RIZAL

Dear fellow knights and friends,

This is the second part of the writings of José Rizal about his youth as a student.

The English text is a copy from the website of dr Robert L. Yoder. The translation is from Ronny Felix.

Beste collega ridders, vrienden,

Dit is het tweede deel van de geschriften van José Rizal over zijn jeugd tijdens zijn studententijd.

De Engelse tekst is een kopij van de website van dr Robert L. Yoder. De vertaling is van Ronny Felix.

Memoirs of a Student in Manila:

Chapter 3: From January 1871 to June 1872

By P. Jacinto

NOTE: In his letter to Blumentritt, written at Geneva, June 10, 1887, Rizal said that he stayed in Biñan for “a year and a half.” (The Rizal-Blumentritt Correspondence, Part 1, p 100. Rizal began his studies in Biñan in June 1870 and returned to Calamba in December 1871 -- really one year and a half.

I don't know how to describe to you my past days. I would not have been able to furnish you with anything notable had not something occurred that was truly unpleasant and sad that I could not forget it. Have you ever felt your honor outraged, your name tarnished, by persons who owed you many favors? My pen refuses and would have refused forever to put on paper some remembrances that I should like to forget if my purpose were not to make a succinct narration of my joys and misfortunes.

I will tell you that a few days after my arrival at my town, it was decided to make me stay there and send me to Manila later. The day came when I had desired to study under a teacher of the town. Of course, I learned nothing more than the multiplication table. During this time an uncle of mine (Mr. José Alberto) arrived from Europe. During his absence his wife failed lamentably in her duties as mother and wife. He found his house empty and his children abandoned two or three days before by the culprit. Frantic the poor man set out to look for the whereabouts of his wife until at last he found her. He thought of divorcing her but at my mother's pleading, he agreed to live with her again. He passed through Calamba on his way to Biñan, where he resided. A few days

Memoires van een student in Manila:

Hoofdstuk 3: Van januari 1871 tot juni 1872

Door P. Jacinto

OPMERKING: In zijn brief aan Blumentritt, geschreven te Genève, 10 juni 1887, zei Rizal dat hij in Biñan verbleef voor “anderhalf jaar.” (De Rizal-Blumentritt Correspondentie, deel 1, p 100. Rizal begon zijn studie in Biñan in juni 1870 en keerde terug naar Calamba in december 1871 – werkelijk anderhalf jaar.

Ik weet niet hoe u mijn laatste dagen te beschrijven. Ik zou niet in staat geweest om u iets opmerkelijks te leveren was er niet iets gebeurd dat zo onaangenaam en verdrietig was dat ik het niet kon vergeten. Heb je ooit gevoeld dat uw eer onrecht werd aangedaan, uw naam aangetast, door personen die u vele gunsten verschuldigd waren? Mijn pen weigert en zou altijd hebben geweigerd om enkele herinneringen op papier te zetten die ik zou willen vergeten, als mijn doel niet zou zijn om een beknopt verhaal van mijn vreugden en tegenslagen te maken.

Ik zal je vertellen dat een paar dagen na mijn aankomst in mijn stad, werd besloten om me daar te laten blijven en mij later naar Manilla te sturen. De dag kwam dat ik wilde studeren onder begeleiding van een leraar uit de stad. Natuurlijk leerde ik niets meer dan de tafel van vermenigvuldiging. Gedurende deze tijd kwam een oom van mij (de heer Jose Alberto) uit Europa. Tijdens zijn afwezigheid mislukte zijn vrouw jammerlijk in haar taak als moeder en vrouw. Hij vond zijn huis leeg en zijn kinderen twee of drie dagen eerder achtergelaten door de schuldige. Vertwijfeld ging de arme man op zoek naar de verblijfplaats

(Continued on page 20)

(Continued from page 19)

later the infamous woman, in connivance with a lieutenant of the civil guard, who was a friend of our family, accused her husband of being a poisoner and my mother as his accomplice for which my mother was imprisoned by Mr. Antonio Vivencio del Rosario, a fanatical mayor, (13) a servant of the friar. I don't want to tell you our resentment and profound sorrow. Since then, though still a child, I have distrusted friendship and doubted men. We were nine brothers [brother and sisters - Zaide] and our mother was unjustly snatched away from us and by whom? By some men who had been our friends and whom we had treated as sacred guests. We learned later that our mother got sick, far from us and at an advanced age. Oh, God. I admire and respect your most sacred will! The mayor, at the beginning, deluded by the accusations, and cautioned against everything that is noble, treated my mother rudely, not to say brutally, and later made her confess what they wanted her to confess, promising to release her and to let her see her children if she would say what they wanted her to say. What mother could resist, what mother would not sacrifice her life for her children? My mother, like all mothers, deceived and frightened (because they told her that if she did not say what they wanted her to say, they would declare her guilty) submitted to the will of her enemies and weakened. The question became complicated until, oh, Providence! The mayor himself asked my mother for pardon, but when? When the case was already in the Supreme Court, (14) he asked for forgiveness because he suffered remorse and he was horrified by his vileness. Messrs. Francisco de Marcaida and Manuel Marzan, the most famous lawyers of Manila, defended my mother. She finally succeeded to be acquitted and vindicated in the eyes of her judges, accusers, and even her enemies, but after how long? After two and a half years.

In the meantime they discussed my career and they decided that I should go to Manila with my brother Panciano to take the entrance examinations and study the secondary course at the Ateneo Municipal. (15) I therefore went down to Manila on June 10, 1872 and took an examination on the Christian Doctrine, arithmetic, and reading at the College of San Juan de Letran. They gave me a grade of "Approved" and with this I returned to my hometown happy, having for the first time experienced what examinations were.

A few days later the town feast was celebrated, after which I went down to Manila, but with sad feelings that I would again become unhappy.

van zijn vrouw tot hij haar uiteindelijk vond. Hij dacht eraan van haar te scheiden, maar door mijn moeder's verzoek stemde hij erin toe om weer bij haar te gaan. Hij passeerde Calamba op weg naar Biñan waar hij verbleef. Een paar dagen later beschuldigde de beruchte vrouw, in samenspraak met een luitenant van de Guardia Civil die een vriend van onze familie was, haar man ervan dat hij een gifmenger was en mijn moeder als zijn medeplichtige waarvoor mijn moeder werd gevangen genomen door de heer Antonio Vivencio del Rosario, een fanatieke burgemeester (13), een dienaar van de ordebroeder. Ik wil je niet vertellen over onze diepe wrok en verdriet. Sindsdien, hoewel nog een kind, heb ik altijd vriendschap gewantrouwd en getwijfeld aan mannen. We waren met negen broers [broer en zusters - Zaide] en onze moeder was ten onrechte weg van ons weggerukt en door wie? Door enkele mannen die onze vrienden waren en die wij hadden behandeld als onschendbare gasten. We venamen later dat onze moeder ziek werd, ver van ons en op gevorderde leeftijd. Oh, God. Ik bewonder en respecteer uw meest heilige wil! De burgemeester, in het begin, misleid door de beschuldigingen en gewaarschuwd tegen alles wat edel is, behandelde mijn moeder ruw, om niet te zeggen op brute wijze, en liet haar later alles bekennen wat zij maar wilden, haar belovend haar vrij te laten en haar kinderen te laten zien als ze maar zou zeggen wat ze wilden dat ze zou zeggen. Welke moeder kon weerstaan, welke moeder zou haar leven niet offeren voor haar kinderen? Mijn moeder, net als alle moeders, misleid en bang (omdat ze haar vertelden dat als ze niet zou zeggen wat ze wilden dat ze zegde, ze haar zouden schuldig verklaren) onderworpen zich aan de wil van haar vijanden en verzwakte. De kwestie werd ingewikkeld tot, oh, Voorzienigheid! De burgemeester zelf vroeg mijn moeder om vergiffenis, maar wanneer? Toen de zaak al in het Hooggerechtshof was, (14), vroeg hij om vergiffenis, omdat hij berouw had geleden en hij geschokt was door zijn gemeenheid. Meesters Francisco de Marcaida en Manuel Marzan, de bekendste advocaten van Manilla, verdedigden mijn moeder. Ze slaagde er eindelijk in te worden vrijgesproken en gerechtvaardigd in de ogen van haar rechters, aanklagers en zelfs haar vijanden, maar na hoe lang? Na twee en een half jaar.

In de tussentijd bespraken ze mijn carrière en ze besloten dat ik naar Manilla moest gaan met mijn broer Panciano om aan de toelatingsexamens deel te nemen en de secundaire opleiding te volgen aan het Ateneo Municipal. (15) Daarom

(Continued on page 21)

(Continued from page 20)

22 Salcedo Street

1 November 1872

(13) *In Spanish, alcalde who exercised the combined functions of town executive and judge.*

(14) *This was called the Real Audiencia de Manila.*

(15) *This was the famous school conducted by the Jesuit Fathers, renowned for their educational work.*

ging ik naar Manilla op 10 juni 1872 en deed een examen over de christelijke leer, rekenen en lezen aan het College van San Juan de Letran. Ze gaven me een beoordeling van "Goedgekeurd" en hiermee keerde ik gelukkig terug naar mijn woonplaats, met mijn eerste ervaring van wat examens waren.

Een paar dagen later de stad feest werd gevierd, waarna ik ging naar Manilla, maar met een triest gevoel dat ik weer zou ongelukkig worden.

22 Salcedo Street

1 november 1872

(13) In het Spaans, Alcalde die de gecombineerde functies uitoefende burgemeester en rechter.

(14) Dit werd de "Real Audiencia de Manila" genoemd.

(15) Dit was de beroemde school geleid door de paters Jezuïeten, bekend om hun educatieve werk.

CALENDAR

- - *June 2010 – Concerts UST Brussels – Brecht – Merksem – Malle – Knokke-Heist (see article for dates and venues)*
- - *Sat. June 12 – 112th celebration of Philippine Independence – Brussels*
- - *Sun. June 13 – 112th celebration of Philippine Independence – Brugge*
- - *Sat. June 19 – 7 p.m. – Commemoration 149th birthday Dr. Rizal (flower offering) – Cultural Centre Scharpoord – Meerlaan 32 – Knokke-Heist*
- *Sat. June 19 – 7.30 p.m. – Musical-play CALAMBA JOE by Pasundayag Sugbo Theater Co of Cebu under the direction of Sir Al Evangelio – Cultural Centre Scharpoord – Meerlaan 32 – 8300 Knokke-Heist*
- *1st week July – Ceremony conferment to KGOR of Sir Dominiek – dubbing to KR and elevation to Hon. Comm. KCR His Excellency Sir Christian Meerschman, Ambassador Kingdom of Belgium – KOR Headquarters Manila and swearing in of Sir Choy Arnaldo, KGOR, the newly elected (May 30, 2010) Overseas Representative for Europe and Archivist in de Supreme Council*
- *Sun. Sep. 26 – noon – 8th Anniversary of Friendship for the Philippines – barbecue and biking – Sportzaal Sint-Bernardus – Meerlaan 2 – 8300 Knokke-Heist – info: Sir Dominiek (0479 691865) – see flyer*
- *Sat. Nov. 13 – 4.30 p.m. – DINNER FOR A CAUSE – BARBECUE – LECTURE “THE RIZAL-BLUMENTRITT CORRESPONDENCE” by Sir Lucien Spittaël, KGOR – Venue DE SCHUUR – Kruibeke – invitation follows – mark this date!*
- *Sat. Nov. 20 – 8 p.m. – PHILIPPINE CULTURAL AND TOURISM EVENING – FILM – DANCE BY SILAYAN DANCE GROUP BRUGGE – MUSIC BY PAG-IBIG CHOIR AND MUSIC GROUP GENT – Venue: Casino Blankenberge (Zeedijk) – organised by vtbKultuur Knokke – Blankenberge – Damme*
- - *Dec. 30 – Rizal Day*
- - *Jan. 29 – 11th Chartering Anniversary KOR Diamond – Giving over Chapter Commandership to Sir Paul Verloo, KCR – dubbing new Knights – elevation KOR – exaltation KCR – Rizal program – Dinner – Dancing – Salons De Watermeulen - Kruibeke*
- - *April 30 – Rizal Quiz – Barbecue – Venue De Schuur - Kruibeke*

NEXT NEWSLETTER

Our next Newsletter will be published in June 2010.

Please feel free to forward this Newsletter to anyone who shows an interest in the Knights of Rizal! They are always welcome at one of our activities.

Also former members who wish to receive again news from our Chapter are free to request to put their email address again on our list. We respect the view of everybody!

THE BOARD OF DIAMOND CHAPTER

Sir Dominiek SEGAERT, KGOR - ☎ 050 601320 – Mob. 0479 691 865
CHAPTER COMMANDER – DEPUTY AREA COMMANDER BELGIUM
dominiek.segaert@skynet.be

Sir Peter VAN BOGAERT, KGOR – ☎ 03 3257116
ADVISED – TRUSTEE – SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE SUPREME COMMANDER
pb.vanbogaert@skynet.be

Sir Tony GUANSING, KGOR – (03 2191491
TRUSTEE – REGIONAL COMMANDER FOR EUROPE, LIFE TIME MEMBER
quansing@telenet.be

Sir Kris VAN THILLO, KCR – ☎ 03 6664385
CO-SECRETARY – PAST CHAPTER COMMANDER
krimas@telenet.be

Sir Roy DE MOL, KCR – ☎ 03 5419482
EXCHEQUER – WEBMASTER – DEPUTY COMMANDER
roydemol@skynet.be

Sir Rik VAN TIGGEL, KCR – ☎ 0475 763663
DEPUTY COMMANDER & CO-CHANCELLOR
rik@zoomed.eu

Sir Paul VERLOO, KCR – ☎ 03 5424411
DEPUTY COMMANDER & CHANCELLOR
paul.verloo@hotmail.com

Sir Ronny FELIX, KOR – ☎ 03 252 77 81 - Mob. 0473 491 482
ARCHIVIST - LAYOUT & CO-EDITOR NEWSLETTER
felilong@gmail.com

WEBMASTER

Sir Danny BERGHMANS, KR – ☎ 0470 276 558
familie@berghmans-ferrater.be

THE MEMBERS

MEMBERS (UPDATE SINCE JAN. 2010)

Sir Albert BIJLOOS, KOR

Sir Frank VAN OVERLOOP, KOR

Sir Hugo SPEELMANS, KOR

Sir Rudy LUYCKX, KOR

Sir Dirk WIEME, KOR

Sir Ronny BARTELS, KR

Sir Joseph SNEYAERT, KR

Sir Johan DE BOECK, KR

Sir Martin HEMELAER, KR

Sir Dirk VANDEWEGHE, KR

Sir Guy WATERLOOS, KR

Sir Marc HELSEN, KR

Sir André FROEHLINGER, KR

Sir Gerard VAN POPPEL, KR

Sir Eric MEYSMAN, KR

Sir Michel DUBOIS, KR

Sir Manuel DUCHESNE, KR

Sir Guido ROBYNS, KR

Sir Marc WOUTERS, KR

Sir Fr. BAGO, KR (Hon. Member)

Sir Thomas ROMAN (Hon. Member)

Sir Daniël ARKESTEYN, KR

Sir Pros SLACHMUYLDERS, KGOR, Chartering Commander

Sir Kris ORTMANNS, KCR

Sir Fr. Paul ZWAENEPOEL, KCR

Sir Frankie VERCAMMEN, KOR

Sir Paul ORTMANNS, KOR

Sir Jan VAN DOORN, KOR

Sir Geert VERHAEGEN, KR

Sir François VERRIJT, KR

Sir Eric BORGHIJS, KR

Sir Danny VANDENBOGAERDE, KR

Sir Kristoff MORTIER, KR

Sir Christian VANDERZEYPEN, KR

Sir Danny JANSSENS, KR

Sir Dennis VAN DESSEL, KR

Sir Gert MEEUWSEN, KR

Sir Sylvain HERREMANS, KR

Sir Gino MOENS, KR

Sir Joeri VERTONGEN, KR

Sir Alain RENS, KCR (Hon. Member)

Sir Roland VAN REMOORTELE, KCR (Hon. Member)

Sir Grégoire VARDAKIS, KCR (Hon. Member)

Sir H.E. Christian MEERSCHMAN (Belgian Ambassador
Manila – incoming July 2010)