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## 12th Annual Seminar on Cavite history and culture

### Disaster, calamity awareness discussed

To assess the geographical condition of the province and to single out the preparedness capacity of Caviteños in terms of catastrophe and calamities, the Cavite Studies Center (CSC) convened its 12<sup>th</sup> annual seminar on history and culture entitled *Desastres y Calamidades: Cavite and the Signs of the Times*. The event took place at the Aguinaldo Shrine, Kawit, Cavite on September 24. Public school teachers from Kawit and Dasmariñas and local government officials of Kawit, Noveleta, Naic, Ternate, Trece Martires, and Imus attended the seminar.

#### The opening ceremonies

Before the lecture proper, Kawit Mayor Reynaldo 'Tik' Aguinaldo commended the CSC regarding the importance of holding such activity. This, accordingly, will give the audience the ability to determine the actions to be done once a calamity or a disaster happens. Former Prime Minister Cesar EA Virata stressed that population growth which contribute to environmental and garbage problems is one factor in the occurrence of calamities. He even suggested some measures such as education and concentrated efforts for a cleaner surroundings that Caviteños have to observe in order to lessen the problem. CSC Director Aquino Garcia, on the other hand, delivered the conference overview.

#### An overview of the disasters and calamities in the Philippines

Dr. Regino Paular, CSC writer-in-residence, an expert in history, anthropology and in Spanish language discussed and summarized the major

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## Editorial

### Redirecting Research Trends

Br. Gus Boquer's proposition to redirect the researches made in De La Salle University-Dasmariñas stirred a great deal of interest and challenge among the research departments of the entire Lasallian community. As a result, a project known as the Cavite Research Development Program, a 10-year research program which will be spearheaded by the Cavite studies Center and the University Research Office, was created.

As one of the major developing areas in the country, Cavite is currently making great strides in the adaptation to regional development perspectives that gear towards national and global development. The program is a very timely agenda that opens the door to the reexamination of the province's experiences and to the reflection on the current research policies, thrusts and practices. Its demand to reconfigure the

course of action of researches made to suit the needs of the province for further development such as those that pertain to good governance, police formation, food supply and security, traffic management, national discipline, and water problem among others will influence researchers to work on topics which will certainly benefit institutions and make people put these studies into action.

The program will serve as starting point of exchanging research ideas and technical experiences among the various fields identified for discussion of recent developments and prevailing issues in the province. Moreover, it will elicit cooperation and support from community members and professionals in related fields of academic, community and private sectors, which will eventually lead towards a more responsive and goal oriented sustainable developments.

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disasters and calamities (volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, floods, typhoons, and epidemics) that occurred during the Spanish colonial period and the contemporary years. His topic served as an assurance that the incidence of these destructive forces and how those affected were able to cope with the dreadful situations could be useful information to the audience in protecting themselves from harm and destruction that might happen in the future.

#### The status of the brown environment in CALABARZON

Ernestina Jose, head of the Environmental Education and Information Section of the Environmental Management Bureau in Region IV-A, talked about the air and water qualities of the provinces in the region. She pointed out the contributing factors that lessen the suitability of air and water for human, ecosystem and other legitimate purposes. She also cited the solid waste problem in the area. Her presentation revealed that in Cavite, 59.38% of solid wastes come from markets,

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# DLSU-D observes 112<sup>th</sup> Philippine Independence anniversary

## Virata talks on the 1898 declaration of independence



*“A nation which has given proofs of steadfastness and courage in tribulation and danger, and of industry and studiousness in peace, is not meant to be enslaved. Such a nation is destined for greatness, to be one of the firmest arms of Providence in ruling the destinies of mankind. Such nation has resources and strength sufficient to lift itself up from the ruin and annihilation to which it was dragged down by the Spanish rule, and to claim a modest but worthy place in the concert of free nations.”*

From “Call to Unity”, Pres. Emilio Aguinaldo, June 23, 1898

(Excerpt from the speech of Mr. Cesar EA Virata)

This was the reason behind Pres. Aguinaldo’s urgency to have the country’s independence be immediately recognized by many nations as was reiterated by Cesar EA Virata, president of the Cavite Historical Society (CHS) on the observance of the 112<sup>th</sup> year of Philippine Independence at the Aklatang Emilio Aguinaldo (AEA) terrace on June 15. Themed *Kalayaan, Tagumpay ng Bayan*, the post celebration was held at De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) on June 15 and was witnessed by the DLSU-D academic community.

In his speech, Mr. Virata also mentioned the dissatisfaction of Pres. Aguinaldo about the wordings of the declaration of independence as authored by Apolinario Mabini, the Brain of the Revolution in his Decalogue. This prompted Pres. Aguinaldo to call the revolutionary leaders from different provinces in Bacoor to ratify the Declaration of Independence. He further narrated that Pres. Aguinaldo in his speech on the “solemn declaration of independence” on August 1, 1898 emphasized the distinction of the Filipinos as freedom loving people that even with or without arms their willingness to defend the country, its future and its

achievement until death is apparent. The speech pointed out the qualities of the Filipino people – knowledgeable about the true idea of order and justice, able to formulate laws that they respect and obey, reasonable enough not to press the enemy, and able to return to their normal and tranquil life.

The CHS President ended his talk by encouraging those present, specifically the younger generation, to meet the challenges and solve them based on the teachings of our ancestors and adjusted to the anticipated conditions of parents and mentors. He also persuaded them to apply what they learned in correcting dysfunctional institutions, to serve the poor and to promote justice.

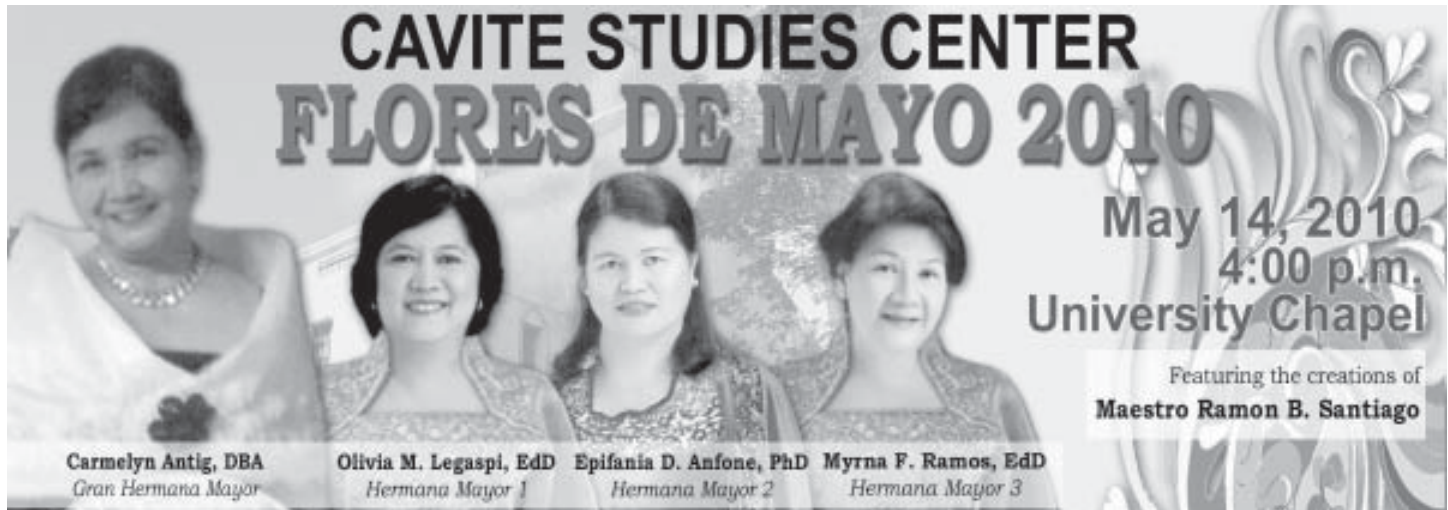
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26.33% from residential areas, 13.41% from institutions, and 0.38% from commercial establishments. In CALABARZON, food wastes constitute 33.19% per ton of solid wastes. It is then followed by plastic which is 20.04% and paper, 9.94%. With the continuous increase in population in the region, waste generation tends to increase also at an estimated volume of 15,394 tons for Cavite,  
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# Flores de Mayo 2010: Maestro Santiago's creations highlighted

The Trojan War would probably not materialize, had Paris and Helen first saw the good-looking men and women in the May 14 *Flores de Mayo* at De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D). Even the audience had a hard time pinpointing the prettiest lady and the most attractive gentleman from among the 32 pairs of *sagalas*.



*Three roses and a thorn. The hermanas, Drs. Myrna Ramos, Carmelyn Antig and Epifania Anfone with Engineer Arnel Hernandez, POLCA officer garb in Ramon Santiago's creation during the 2010 Flores de Mayo at DLSU-D.*

A fairy tale like atmosphere prevailed that afternoon as the *sagalas* with their partners made their way from the chapel, to the Transpo Gate, along the Parents Organization of La Salle Cavite (POLCA) office, and to the Museo Café. They

were clad in gowns and barongs created by Maestro Ramon Santiago, a famous couturier in Imus.

The Cavite Studies Center (CSC) felt it timely to gather those people in the *Flores de Mayo* to revive the past of the rich culture of Cavite. It has been a tradition in the province to parade young men and women as they offer flowers in honor of Mary, the Virgin Mother. The event is now included among the many programs of the center and will be observed yearly in the campus.

This was the first time that the CSC hosted such event. Initially, the university had done the same in 2006 at which time, Ms. Jennifer Barzaga, the First Lady of Mayor Pidi Barzaga, was the *Hermana Mayor*. During the May 14 affair, Dr. Carmelyn Antig, POLCA president, led the procession as the *Gran Hermana Mayor*. Dr. Epifania Anfone, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administrative Services and Dr. Myrna Ramos, Vice Chancellor for Mission, External Affairs and Development played the part of *Hermana Mayor 2* and *3* respectively.



# Cavite, Su Glorioso Pasado launched



As a contribution to contemporary readers of Cavite history, the Cavite Studies Center (CSC) in cooperation with the Cavite Historical Society (CHS) and the Office of the Governor of Cavite unleashed the book *Cavite, Su Glorioso Pasado* (Cavite, Her Impressive Past) Volume I authored by CSC writer-in-residence Dr. Regino Paular. It was held during the regular CHS meeting on December 6, 2009 at the Legislative Building, Provincial Capitol, Trece Martires City.

The remarkable history of Cavite as obtained from the colonial reports of Buzeta (1850), Huerta (1865) and Cavada (1876) is captured in this book which contains the original Spanish text and the English version. It has a glossary of Spanish terms and

their English definitions and pictures of old Cavite. Present day readers would have an overview of what Cavite was during the colonial times.

The book took almost two years of much effort before it finally reached publication so as to pass the meticulous observation of Spanish language experts. It is the latest contribution of the center to the reading public in terms of translation works. Some previous publications of translated works about Cavite and its history include *Sentiments: Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo's Response to the Accusations of the Sublime Paralytic* by Emmanuel F.

Calairo, *Cavite en Siglo 19: Translation of 19<sup>th</sup> Century Selected Documents* by Michael C. Francisco, and *The Historic Cavite (Gervasio Pangilinan's La Historica Cavite)* by Lourdes Arespachaga.

Dr. Paular is currently in the process of completing his second book entitled *Royal Forts of Cavite and Caraga (400 years of History and Culture)*.



*Left: Dr. Regino Paular gives an overview of his book. Center: The author with (L-R) Retired Justice Justo Torres, CHS President Cesar Virata, CSC Director Aquino Garcia (partly hidden), and former Cavite Governor Erineo Maliksi during the book unveiling ceremony. Right: Mr. Virata presides over the regular CHS meeting. With him are Atty. Buddy Campos, Emilio Aguinaldo College president and Hon. Ayong Maliksi.*



# **CSC collection Development**

## **Photocopying of archival documents on *sediciones y rebeliones* underway**

In its effort to enrich its materials for research, the Cavite Studies Center (CSC) requested the National Archives of the Philippines for the photocopying of 28 volumes of *Sediciones y Rebeliones* collection, documents that deal with revolutionary activities of the Filipinos during the Spanish colonial period.

Such documented historical events consist of the famous Tayabas-Cofradia de San Jose struggle led by Apolinario de la Cruz (also known as Hermano Pule), the Katipunan revolutionary activities, the 1872 Cavite Mutiny, and many

other important events. This voluminous collection will enable students, teachers, researchers, and scholars of Cavite and the entire Philippine provinces to reconstruct and rectify their respective histories especially on the struggle of the Filipinos towards their independence from colonial rule.

Once this project materialized, the CSC would be the first studies center to get hold of these precious historical data. It would be noted that the center also has microfiche and microfilm readers for microforms of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century Philippines.

## **CSC holds 1<sup>st</sup> Tejeros Convention lecture series**

The Cavite Studies Center (CSC) of De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) in cooperation with the Cavite Historical Society (CHS) and the Municipal Government of Rosario conducted the First Annual lecture on the significance of the Tejeros Convention and other historical events during the Spanish period at Casa Hacienda de Tejeros, Rosario, Cavite on March 19, 2010.

The project, which was a result of a three-week undertaking, was a proposal of CHS president Cesar Virata to capture the affair and to inform the people of Rosario of the significance of the event through a series of lecture. The occasion also jibed with the celebration of the 113<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Philippine Army.

Professors Palmo Iya, Jesus Medina and Jan Philip Mallari, faculty from the Social Sciences Department of the College of Liberal Arts of DLSU-D shed light about the ideology of the Katipunan in Cavite, discussed the responsibilities and importance of women in the Katipunan and spoke about the Hacienda system in the province during the Spanish period respectively.

*The Tejeros Convention speakers.  
L-R: Professors Jesus Medina,  
Jan Philip Mallari, and Palmo Iya*



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17,346 tons for Batangas, 11,989 tons for Rizal and 1,165 tons for Quezon.

### Climate and hydromet hazard: the Cavite experience

The Philippines has an unfriendly weather condition with a tropical humid climate because it is situated in a region with a very high insulation (near the equator) and so it experiences higher temperature than the arctic. Aside from this, the country is surrounded by warm ocean where the evaporation rate is higher, thus forming several weather system that leads to tropical cyclones. This was explained by Niño Relos,

senior weather specialist from the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA). Relos further explained in layman's term information about the weather, tropical cyclones, thunderstorms, and storm surges. Cavite, according to him, is moderately vulnerable to tropical cyclones and has experienced 102 tropical cyclones for a period of 60 years. But with the continuous population growth and the amount and manner of development in the province, there would be an increase of 1.1°C to 6.4°C in temperature. This means that Cavite would experience further warming unless otherwise stricter environmentally clean technologies will be adopted and other measures or strategies will be put in place by the global communities.

### Climate change and global warming

Community Environment and Natural Resources Officer Eriberto Saños added more information about global warming and climate change. According to him, global warming is a condition where there is an increase in the earth's mean temperature as a result of enhanced green house gases (GHGs). Climate change, on the other hand, is greatly attributed to human activities (deforestation, increased industrial activities, motor vehicle emission, waste management practices and intensive agriculture) and natural activities

(volcanic eruptions, water cycle, growth and death of animals, decaying of woods). An increase in the concentration of GHGs leads to a rise in global surface temperature which brings about climate change. The condition causes extreme changes in weather patterns and sea level rise and contributes negative impacts on agriculture, human health, water resources, environment, and animal and plant life forms. Partner



CSC Writer-in-residence Regino Paular received the plaque of appreciation from Ron Carlo Reyes, representative of Cavite Governor Jonvic Remulla and CSC Director Aquino Garcia for lecturing in the 12th annual seminar. Other speakers include (L-R) Ernestina Jose, Niño Relos and Eriberto Saños.

institutions that helped CSC in materializing the 12<sup>th</sup> annual seminar include the Cavite Historical Society, the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, the Office of the Provincial Governor of Cavite, and the Office of the Provincial Vice-Governor of Cavite. It was the second time that the CSC held its annual seminar at the Shrine. The first was during the ninth annual seminar in 2007 which featured Caviteño artists.

Last year, the CSC team went to Lacson Hall, Naic Municipal Building, Naic, Cavite to introduce some of the food industries in Cavite. Among those who shared their experiences behind the success of their establishments were Pastor Bernie Ilagan of Lolo Claro's Chicken in Maragondon; Fernando Prudente of Nora Ben Patis Manufacturing in Gen. Trias; Nonato Nelson Noceda of Noceda Bakery in Mendez, manufacturer of Jacobina, the original Pinoy square biscuits; Monina Peñaflorida for Sonny Lua, owner of Asiong's Carinderia in Cavite City; Dr. Rosalina Dulog for Aling Conching's homemade cakes in Imus; Dr. Liza Costa for Kalamay Buna in Indang; and Diego Pagtakhan of G.S. Pagtakhan Lechon Manok in Imus. Ryan Sebastian, president of Naic Historical Society shared the many native delicacies and different foods cooked and offered only in Naic. Majority of the presenters during the 11<sup>th</sup> annual seminar brought samples and give away for the attendees.



# AIG wins Zone I-A barangay post anew



*The winners of the 2010 Barangay Elections in Zone I-A*

Cavite Studies Center Director Aquino I. Garcia (AIG) made it again on the October 25, 2010 Barangay Elections. It is AIG's second term as Barangay Captain of Zone I-A since he entered politics in 2007. He won over two other aspirants from the same barangay with at least 200 votes edged over his closed rival contender.

There are several reasons why AIG is most favored by his constituents. He instituted undertakings for the barangay and accomplished numerous projects particularly in the areas of peace and order; health, sanitation and environmental protection; livelihood; infrastructure; education; youth and sports; and religion and culture. AIG and his team had a long list of completed projects which included some of the following: the acquisition of an additional barangay patrol multi-cab, the *sagip-ilog* program and the declogging of Abubot

River and other creeks in the barangay, three-month sustainable feeding program with the Kiwanis Club of Salitran-North, *Oplan Kiti-kiti, Iwas Dengue* campaign, expansion of the Ilang-Ilang Day Care Center and the Barangay Health Center, putting up of a Barangay Library and Reading Center with internet provision, upgrading of barangay covered court (through the efforts and assistance of Cavite District 3 Congressman Pidi Barzaga) anti-drug awareness campaign, inter-

color basketball league for the youth, participation in the annual Marian exhibit, *Flores de Mayo*, and gift giving program in the barangay.

With his victory, AIG has lined up sets of future projects which will benefit Zone I-A and its residents. Likewise, he vows to continue in improving the on-going projects he has made for his constituents.



*AIG with Zone I-A SK winners*





# CSC has new acquisitions

Researchers could now browse Cavite Studies Center's (CSC) additional reference materials which could be of help to their research works. The books and photocopied documents which deal with history and literature are donations from Cavite Historical Society President Cesar Virata, Palanca awardee Efren Abueg, and Elisea Belamide. These include the following: *Cartografia y Relaciones Historicas de Ultramar (Tomo X) Volumen de Cartografia*, *Cartografia y Relaciones Historicas de Ultramar (Tomo X) Volumen*

*Descriptivo*, 2 volumes of *Historia de Filipinas* by Rafael Palma, *Puera Biro 2 Magnanakaw ng Pangarap at iba pang katha* by Ben Villar Condino, *Balagtasán* by Rosendo Alvarez, *Mga Hiyas ng Diwa* by Rosendo Alvarez, *Magdalo at Magdiwang* by Vict. V. De La Cruz, *Piling Koleksyon ni P.P. Ricafrente*, *Anthology of Chabacano Studies* by Emmanuel Luis Romanillos, and three (3) copies of *Remembering Father: Victor Kiamzon, Patriot, Leader, Visionary, Loyal Son of Silang* by Elisea Kiamzon Belamide.

Other reading materials available in the center are *Compendium of Gov. Ayong S. Maliksi's Accomplishments 2001-2010*; *Boletin Eclesiastico de Filipinas, Vol. LXXXVI*; *Geotechnical Hazards: Nature, Assessment and Mitigation* by Rolando P. Orense; two (2) copies of the *National State of the Brown Environment Report (2005-2007)* and *Region IV-A State of the Brown Environment Report 2007* given by the Environmental Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

## AIG named CPTB, Inc. internal vice-president

Cavite Studies Center Director Aquino I. Garcia (AIG) was named internal vice-president of the Cavite Provincial Tourism Board (CPTB), Inc. during an election held on December 9, 2009. Garcia, together with the other officers of the association, took his oath of office last December 14, 2009 at the Provincial Capitol Building, Trece Martires City.

The elected officers of CPTB, Inc. are Andrew Pacumio (President and General Manager, Republic of Cavite Restaurant), president; Deograsias Esplanada (owner,

Travel Masters Consultancy and Travel Services), external vice-president; Cathy Lee Tolentino (General Manager, Caylabne Bay Resort), secretary; Nellie Ilas (Chairman, Capitol City Rural Bank), treasurer; Encarnacion Raralio (President, Imus Institute), Auditor; Rosanni Sarile (President, Cavite Association of Historical Sites and Museums), PRO; Dr. Jose Paolo Campos (President, Emilio Aguinaldo College), Board of Director; Teresita Leabres (Chairman, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry), Board of Director; Jaime Tepora (President, Blessed Genesis Travel

and Tours, Inc.), Board of Director; and Rolando Remulla (President, Circle Island Resort), Board of Director.

The CPTB is an apolitical, nonprofit, non-stock organization of committed, dynamic and united tourism stakeholders in Cavite. The organization is geared to promote growth and development of tourism in Cavite; to promote unity, collaboration and cooperation among those in the tourism industry and other entities engaged in tourism; and to intensify community participation and environmental conservation.



# CSC honors Ayong Maliksi

Cavite Studies Center (CSC) of De La Salle University-Dasmariñas credited former Governor and current 2<sup>nd</sup> District Congressman Erineo ‘Ayong’ Maliksi in a ceremony held at the Zaguan, Museo De La Salle on July 16. The event was attended by his family, friends, classmates, and DLSU-D community.

Cong. Maliksi was honored because he has been a constant partner of the center in undertaking some of its outside activities in the promotion of history and culture. He was the man behind the recognition of Cavite as the “Historical Capital of the Philippines”, the architect of the Gawad Emilio Aguinaldo Award, and the author of the observance of Kalayaan Festival, an activity that calls for the unification among Caviteños and the observance of Battle of Imus. Besides, he took the initiative of allocating funds for the construction of Imus Museum and the rehabilitation of Tejeros Convention Hall. He also defended the Cavite position against Bataan’s claim that Corregidor should belong to them. These are only a few of the many accomplishments and contributions that the former Governor has afforded to the province for the love of history.

The honorable Congressman was with his wife, Mrs. Olivia Maliksi during the affair. His son, former Imus Mayor, Manny Maliksi also came. Governor elect Jonvic Remulla also made it to the event. He commended the former



*Awarding of plaque. L-R: Dr. Emmanuel Calairo, Br. Gus Boquer, Aquino Garcia, Cong. Ayong Maliksi, and Retired Justice Justo Torres*

governor for his contributions in Imus and in Cavite. Some of Hon. Maliksi’s high school classmates from Del Pilar Academy in 1955 were also present.

A plaque of recognition was awarded to the Congressman. This was given to him by DLSU-D President Br. Gus Boquer, Cavite Historical Society (CHS) Vice President Justice Justo Torres, College of Liberal Arts Dean Emmanuel Calairo, and CSC Director Aquino Garcia.

For three years, the Cavite Studies Center (CSC) of De La Salle University-Dasmariñas (DLSU-D) has redirected from its tradition of honoring historians from Cavite. The award was bestowed to non-historians that were considered supporters of history and culture. Last year, CHS President Cesar EA Virata, former Prime Minister of the Philippine Republic during the Marcos regime received the award. Mr. Virata, who is a local history enthusiast, assists the CSC in almost all of its undertakings including the publication of books on local history of some towns in Cavite.

*The tribute. L-R: Mr. Aquino Garcia, Dr. Emmanuel Calairo, Br. Gus Boquer, Mrs. Olivia Maliksi, Cong. Ayong Maliksi, Gov. Jonvic Remulla, Retired Justice Justo Torres and former Imus Mayor Manny Maliksi*

