

The President Who Would Be Queen

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The Palanca Awards night is known to traditionally feature performances of the year's winning One-Act Play or Full-Length Play. In lieu of a play, poetry and essay readings were among the highlights of Monday's program. Education Secretary Jesli Lapus was the guest speaker at the affair held at the Peninsula Manila hotel in Makati.

This was how Quintos described Kalungkutan: It's about a female president "talking to her hairdresser" about establishing a monarchy, believing it is the only way to save the country.

"But it's not just about politics; it's about much, much more," he said.

Quintos said he just asked a friend to pick up the award on Monday, but denied snubbing the affair in protest. He said he had to attend a rehearsal at the University of the Philippines that same evening.

Quintos said his play had actually been staged four times in July during the Virgin Labfest, an annual festival of new stage productions, held at the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

He said he had been told about the award-giving body's decision weeks before the award's night, and that he would not consider it a form of censorship.



Hawaii Representative Kimberly Pine speaks before the Asian and Pacific Islander American Vote (APIA) event.



FilAm contingent from New York. (from left to right) Myrna Littlewort, Marietta Chavez, Purificacion Tuano, Evangeline Robles, Salvador Robles.



Mel Alfarero and Rudy Pamintuan



Cecil Ramos, Peter Su, Mel Alfarero, and Marina See



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