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For Erap, Ai-Ai is Box-Office Queen

Pres. Joseph 'Erap' Estrada and Ai-Ai delas Alas: A potential Metro Filmfest blockbuster

No, the much-awaited movie team-up of Pres. Joseph "Erap" Estrada and Ai-Ai delas Alas hasn't been scrapped. In fact, if Erap would have his way, he would start shooting for it anytime so it would make it to this year's Metro Filmfest in December. That's five months before the 2010 presidential elections in which, keep your fingers crossed, Erap might run in his effort to unite the opposition. The election ban on TV and movie appearances starts three months before election day (May 10).

"Ai-Ai is the real Box-Office Queen," Erap told reporters who talked to him during last Saturday's anniversary celebration of MOWELFUND. "Her movie (Star Cinema's *Ang Tanging Ina N'yong Lahat*) was the top-grosser in last year's (2008) Metro Filmfest, so she's the Box-Office Queen of the Year. And that's why I want our movie to be shown also in the Metro Filmfest."

The still untitled romance-comedy (with Star Cinema as probable producer) should be a riot considering that Erap, besides being an action superstar, is also an effective comedian as proven by the hit Erap movie series (among them *Erap Is My Guy* with Nora Aunor and *Tatay Na Si Erap* with Boots Anson-Roa who was actually pregnant with her and her late husband Pete's youngest child Benjamin during the shooting; she gave birth on the day the movie opened).

Yes, Erap and Ai-Ai will have a kissing scene, definitely. "Dream ko 'yan matagal na," Ai-Ai has been saying. ■



President Joseph Estrada



Ai-Ai de las Alas

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Sarah Gets Hefty Bonus

Boss Vic Del Rosario OF Viva Films refutes allegations that their major star Sarah Geronimo got only 500K as talent fee for her two blockbuster movies, *A Very Special Love* and *You Changed My Life*, both joint productions of Star Cinema and Viva.



A production insider says Boss Vic added enough moolah to make Sarah's fee equal to her co-star John Lloyd Cruz. The amount remains undisclosed. He also gave Sarah a hefty bonus. *Continued on Page 9*



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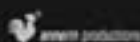
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