

Committee approves bill to assist California CPAs

Yee's legislation ensures public accountants can serve clients in all states

SACRAMENTO—75,000 Certified Public Accountants (CPA) in California are at risk of being unable to serve clients that do business in other states. The current system in California for licensing CPAs does not conform to national standards that have been adopted by 46 other states.

California currently has two pathways to receiving a CPA license. One such pathway requires 120 units of education followed by two years of accounting experience. The second pathway, which has become the national standard, requires 150 units of education and one year of accounting experience.

As a result of the two pathway system, California CPAs are not deemed "substantially equivalent" by other states, resulting in thousands of CPAs being unable to serve clients that do business outside of California.

On a 7-0 vote, the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development approved legislation to ensure that California CPAs will be able to serve all clients. Specifically, the bill adopts the national standard requiring 150 units of education, followed by one year of accounting experience. Under the rules of the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, Califor-

nia CPAs who are currently licensed through the 120 unit pathway will automatically be considered equivalent as result of the legislation.

"As a result of SB 691, all California CPAs will be considered substantially equivalent to their counterparts from other states," said the bill's author, Senator Leland Yee (D-San Francisco/San Mateo). "Without this bill, many of our CPAs will be disenfranchised and unable to serve their clients. It is imperative that California CPAs are not put at competitive disadvantage with out-of-state practitioners."

"Without SB 691, California consumers may not receive same level of service that consumers in other states enjoy and California CPAs will face insurmountable hurdles in representing their clients," said Bruce Allen of the California Society of Certified Public Accountants.

In addition to the California Society of Certified Public Accountants and the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy, SB 691 is supported by the California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, California Teachers Association, Philippine-American Society of Certified Public Accountants, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Minority Initiatives Committee, and the National Association of Black Accountants. ■

Literati converge in New York City

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Creative Writing at the University of the Philippines in Diliman is the first Filipino to be invited to participate in the annual gathering, which is now in its fifth year. He read excerpts from his second novel, *Soledad's Sister*, which was published in 2008 and was shortlisted for the inaugural Man Asian Literary Prize.

Earlier in evening, Dalisay joined three other writers at a panel discussion called *Prison Deform*. All the panelists experienced being incarcerated—some as political detainees—and they shared the influence of such exile on their respective bodies of work. Dalisay was detained by the government of then President Ferdinand Marcos for his political activism during the early days of Martial Law.

He has published 18 books of fiction and nonfiction in both English and Filipino, 5 of which have received the National Book Award from the Manila Critics Circle. Dalisay has also received numerous other awards, in-

cluding 16 Palanca Awards in 5 genres, which earned him a place in the Palanca Hall of Fame. He was also honored by the Cultural Center of the Philippines Centennial Honors List as one of the 100 most accomplished Filipino artists of the twentieth century.

"I wouldn't be here without the recommendation of Jessica Hagedorn," Dalisay told the *Asian Journal* in a brief chat after the panel on prison deform.

Including the festival's opening program and the prison deform panel, Dalisay was also scheduled to join the panel for *Defiance: The Spirit of '89* which will discuss among others individual, nonviolent resistance to tyrannical authority.

"Call it shameless self-promotion, but we need this kind of exposure in the global literary market, which we're not going to break into by sitting demurely on our fingers, waiting to be discovered. The best way to do that, I've often argued, is to write more novels in English, or to get our best novels in Filipino and our

other languages translated into English," Dalisay wrote in his column for the *Philippine Star* on April 13, where he announced that he was taking part in this literary festival.

As a festival, PEN World Voices aims to advance literature and foster international literary fellowship by bringing together writers—a combination of renowned figures and new talent—from across the globe.

The festival, which will run until Sunday, May 3, will also take an in-depth look at the current financial crisis with some of the world's greatest economic minds including Nobel Prize Laureate Paul Krugman; celebrate the life and work of Nobel Prize-winning dramatist Harold Pinter; feature the graphic novel through "An Afternoon with International Graphic Novelists" with leaders in the form such as Neil Gaiman and Yoshihiro Tatsumi and this year's landmark Freedom to Write lecture, given by Egyptian literary hero Nawal El Saadawi. (MOMAR G. VISAYA)

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