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Global campaign
for climate
adaptability
launched

NEW YORK – The Philippines has taken center stage by pioneering a project on climate change adaptation aimed at building communities that would not only be sustainable but would also be prepared to deal with the adverse impacts of climate change.

The project, Designer Villages International Architecture Challenge, was launched at the Institute of International Education last week with leaders in the Filipino community in the East Coast joining participants who flew in from the Philippines.

The project aims to be the Philippine contribution to the celebration of the United Nations Year of Climate Change. It unites government agencies, different non-government organizations (NGOs), and academic institutions to launch this Philippine

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No Filipino in
Washington train
accident – DFA

MANILA – No Filipino was killed or hurt in the June 22 train collision in Washington DC which killed at least seven passengers and injured over 70 others, the Department of Foreign Affairs said Wednesday, June 24.

“As of morning of June 24, there was no Filipino mentioned among the injured passengers. I was talking to the consul general in Washington and he said so far, none. But the embassy will continue to follow up and re-check,” DFA spokesman Ed Malaya said.

The two subway trains on the red line crashed between the Takoma and Fort Totten stations. As the investigation into the cause of the crash continued there on June 23, parts of the Red Line and MARC’s Brunswick line were shut down.

Investigators looking into the crash

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HISTORY WITH THE KING OF POP. Michael Jackson performs before 50,000 fans at a concert in Parañaque in December 1996 as part of his History World Tour. Inset photo taken on Dec. 3, 1984 during his performance at the Dodger Stadium in LA as part of the Victory Tour concert. Michael Jackson died on June 25, 2009 from cardiac arrest in Los Angeles. (See related story on page A5) AP Photo by Val Rodriguez

Akaka reintroduces
reunification bill

by JOSEPH PIMENTEL
AJPress

LOS ANGELES – US Senator Daniel K. Akaka (D-HI) reintroduced a bill that would reunite US based Filipino World War II veterans with their children in the Philippines who have languished for years on the visa waiting list.

Akaka reintroduced The Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act of 2009 to the US congress earlier this week, according to the Hawaii senator’s office.

“In seeking an exemption from the numerical limitation on immigrant visas for the children of the Filipino veterans, our bill will address and resolve an issue rooted in a set of historical circumstances that are now nearly seven-decades old,” Senator Akaka said.

“It does not require any appropriation and will serve to reunite these veterans with their children and honor their too-long-forgotten World War II service to this nation.”

The Filipino Veterans Family Reunification Act would benefit 7,000 US based Filipino WWII veterans. The Filipino veterans arrived in the US through the Immigration Act of 1990, which included a provision that offered the opportunity to

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Mancao asks court to deny petition for transfer

by SANDY ARANETA
PhilStar.com

MANILA – Detained former police officer Cezar Mancao II, one of the suspects in the Dacer-Corbito double murder case, has asked the Manila Regional Trial Court (RTC) to deny a petition by his co-accused for his transfer to the Manila City Jail.

In an eight-page “comment and opposition” to his transfer, Mancao’s

legal counsel Ferdinand Topacio said the former police officer should remain in the custody of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) for security reasons.

“Since accused Mancao is an applicant for the Witness Protection Program (WPP), it becomes incumbent upon the Department of Justice (DOJ) to afford Mancao such protection as to insure his safety from any and all threats thereto,” Topacio said.

“And under the implementing rules of the DOJ, a person qualified for the WPP may be given, inter alia security and escort services, as well as secure housing facilities,” he added.

Lawyers of Marino Soberano, Jose Escalante and Mauro Torres – accused in the 2000 murder of publicist Salvador “Bubby” Dacer and his driver Emmanuel Corbito – have asked the Manila RTC to order the transfer

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Villar is
outstanding
Manileño

NACIONALISTA Party President Senator Manny Villar expresses deep appreciation for being chosen as an Outstanding Manileño awardee. He received the recognition today in the occasion of the 438th *Araw ng Maynila* (the city’s foundation day) at the historic Manila Hotel.

“It is truly a great honor to be conferred this distinction by the City of Manila, the city close to my heart since it is where I was born and where I grew up. The city is witness to my youth and

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Sen. Manny Villar

Treading the Ateneo Way

by LOUIE SANCHEZ
AJPress

IT was 1859. Something mysteriously compelling must have led the Jesuit Fathers to stay in Manila when they could have gone on to Mindanao where there was a greater need. On the contrary, in the accounts of the Jesuit historian, Fr. Jose Arcilla, the Jesuits were “detained” in the ever-loyal city when the Intramuros elite “prevailed upon the government” to provide “a good primary school for their sons.”

The year 1859 marked the beginning of the new chapter the sons of Ignacio de Loyola, having

been absent for a long time because of the worldwide suppression of the Jesuits by the Catholic Church a century before. But the event, as it unfolded, proved to be a great blessing in disguise. For quite indeed, the Jesuit detention (which on hindsight, might have reminded the friars of their prior suppression) had led to the founding of one of the most respected Philippine educational institutions today, the Ateneo de Manila University.

Arcilla, author of the newly launched coffee table book, *150: The Ateneo Way* (Muse Books, 2009) has provided a well-written and circum-spect account of the Ateneo’s history and heri-

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Asian Journal Publisher and CEO Roger Oriel (center) receives a copy of 150: The Ateneo Way from Jesuit author Fr. Jose Arcilla and Muse Books publisher Ramoncito Ocampo Cruz at the Jesuit Residence in the Ateneo de Manila University campus in Quezon City.

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