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# RP Defense Sec. Teodoro sees 'good tandem' with Puno in 2010

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offensives against Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) rebels in Central Mindanao in 2008, and against the kidnapers of a Red Cross team in the southern province of Sulu earlier this year.

Teodoro is seeking the nomination of the administration coalition as its standard bearer. Puno, on the other hand, has declared his

intention to run for vice president.

Puno is a stalwart of the Kabalikat ng Malayang Pilipino (Kampi) party of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, which is set to merge with the bigger administration party, Lakas Christian Muslim Democrats.

Teodoro has been without a political party since bolting from the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC) of his uncle, business tycoon Eduardo Cojuangco, earlier this year.

The defense chief said he was ready for the possibility that the administration coalition would not pick him as its standard bearer in 2010.

However, Teodoro kept mum on his next move should he fail to get the nomination.

"Kung merong selection process, maliwanag ang mga reglamento at sumali tayo dyan. Kung 'di tayo napili, tanggapin natin [If there is a selection process, the rules are clear and I am part of it, if I am not chosen, I will accept that]," he told reporters.

Asked what he would do if the administration coalition picks Vice President Noli de Castro as its standard bearer, Teodoro said: "Titingnan ko kung ang mga options, malayo pa yan at mahirap mag-salita ng tapos [I will look at the options. It's still far away, it's difficult to make a final statement]."

On Tuesday, May 26 Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri, secretary general of the Lakas Christian Muslim Democrats party, broached the possibility of a De Castro-Teodoro tandem in 2010, without saying who between the two would be the standard bearer.

Teodoro and De Castro were expected to attend ceremonies formalizing the merger between Lakas and the Kabalikat ng Malayang Pilipino (Kampi) on Thursday, May 28. ■

# Banyan Tree Project honors supporters at its 5th HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

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CHINATOWN—Five years ago more than 7300 Asian Pacific Islanders Americans have been diagnosed with AIDS, with over 1100 cases in Los Angeles alone, declared Stephen David Simon, AIDS coordinator for the City of Los Angeles. Simon was one of the honorees in the 5th Annual Asian Pacific Islander National HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Luncheon held at the Empress Pavilion Restaurant last Tuesday.



Stephen Simon (right), LA AIDS coordinator with APAIT executive director Jury Candelario (left) and APAIT Orange County Program Manager Elizabeth Mediano. AJPRESSphoto by Rene Villaroman

The other honorees were actor James Kyson Lee, who plays "Ando" in NBC's *Heroes*, and Rita Gonzales, executive director and co-host of *IMRU*, the long-running gay and lesbian radio on KPFK. "Together we have looked not only at stigma and discrimination from outside, but also at stigma and discrimination from within API communities," Simon said. "Because we know negative attitudes towards those affected by HIV/AIDS often impact their risk, and inhibit people from accessing health services."

Simon announced that the city of Los Angeles continues in the struggle to raise awareness about HIV risk for women. Simon posed this question to the guests: "What do you think the biggest risk factor is for Asian and Pacific Islander women?"

"Marriage," Simon said. "So many women are infected by their primary male partner, while being restricted from talking freely about sex and their sexual safety." Simon said the city of LA continues in the fight against homophobia and transphobia within families and communities "because nothing can undermine our self worth than the loss of the love and protection of family."

Simon announced the city continues in the effort to ensure that the youth have access to comprehensive education about sex and sexuality "because we cannot afford to leave another generation

ignorant to a wholly preventable disease."

When Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa launched the City of Los Angeles HIV Testing Initiative for World AIDS Day 2007, the Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (APAIT) joined the city as one of its inaugural partners. "The Banyan Tree Project's call to action by getting tested; to take action by talking to their family, friends and community about HIV is a vital model; one which will help us reach our goal to expand both the supply of and demand for available and accessible HIV testing, for one million Angelenos," Simon stated.

"This is vital today because API communities have the lowest rate of HIV testing of any ethnicity, and are believed to have the highest percentage of people who are positive and do not know their status," Simon emphasized. A Banyan Tree Project study shows that as of 2005, an estimated 4,276 Asians and Pacific Islanders in the US are living with HIV/AIDS. Among these individuals, 77.1 per cent were men and 21.7 per cent women. It said that a total of 71 per cent of all AIDS cases involving men have reported gay or bisexual activity. Also glaring is the fact that a number of female Asian and Pacific Islanders who are HIV-positive or who have AIDS report not understanding their at-risk status, or have an unwillingness to divulge

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# Presidency or nothing for Teodoro, says wife

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Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri, secretary-general of the administration party Lakas Christian Muslim Democrats, had floated the possible tandem of Vice President Noli de Castro and Teodoro in 2010, without saying who among the two would be the presidential or vice presidential candidate.

On Thursday, May 28 Teodoro attended ceremonies formalizing the merger of Lakas and the Kabalikat ng Malayang Pilipino (Kampi), where he is expected to join the unified party and seek its nomination.

"Kung hindi siya anointed sasabihin ko na sa inyo sa tooto lang madami nagba-back up kay Secretary Teodoro that are very powerful people [If he is not anointed, to tell you the truth, many very powerful people are backing him up]. There are a lot of bold statements that are being told to me to let people know that look if Gilbert is not the anointed one and somebody else is, then we will go behind Gilbert Teodoro," Mrs. Teodoro said.

Earlier this year, Teodoro left the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC), the party founded by his uncle, business tycoon Eduardo Cojuangco. In March, he announced his plans to run for president. ■

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