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'Amerasian Conundrum' Academic Research Paper Set for Presentation at CHSS 2012 Phnom Penh International Conference in late September

ANGELES CITY, Pampanga, Luzon, the Philippines – An academic paper titled: “*The Continuing Conundrum of Southeast Asia’s 50,000 Military Filipino Amerasians*” co-authored by three researchers at the Systems Plus College Foundation (SPCF) Philippine Amerasian Research Center (PARC) has been reviewed and accepted for presentation and publication at the 3rd International Conference on Humanities, Historical and Social Services (CHSS 2021) scheduled September 28-29, 2012 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. The conference organized by the Hong Kong – based International Economics Development Research Center (IEDRC) is expected to draw scores of researchers, authors and presenters from as many as 20 different countries and regions to the colorful and historic Southeast Asian nation-state gathering site.

P.C. “Pete” Kutschera, PhD, LMSW, the lead author who will present the document personally in the Cambodian capital said the paper, “essentially provides the most current status report on the myriad of adverse socioeconomic and harsh psychosocial risk factors and realities confronting many among the estimated 50,000 biracial military Amerasians left in the Philippines when U.S. servicemen, civilian employees and defense contractor fathers left the country prior to and as a result of the U.S. military bases closure in 1992.” The article is, in part, is pegged to the 20th anniversary of the lowering of the stars and stripes flag at Subic Bay naval base to be marked in November, 1992. “Multiple human problems for those who were left behind and their immediate family circles remain immense,” Dr. Kutschera maintained. Paper co-authors also include Psychology Prof. Jose Maria G. Pelayo III, SPCF College’s Research Coordinator and Mary Grace Talemara-Sandico, Assistant Professor at the SPCF College of Social Work and former Social Services Director for the Amerasian community outreach program of the Philippine Children’s Fund of America in Angeles City.

This is the second paper on human issues facing Anglo and African Filipino Amerasians presented at an academic gathering abroad this year by SPCF researchers. In February, 2012 Kutschera and Talamera-Sandico presented a paper on the topic of the “*Filipino Amerasian Derivative Family*” at the Forum on Cross-Cultural Identities (Narratives of Resistance and Adaptation) sponsored by the Asian Center, University of the Philippines-Diliman in Quezon City, RP. An IEDRC spokesperson said approximately 100 different research papers and academic reports were accepted by conference reviewers (<http://www.iedrc.org/chss>) following a triple blind-review evaluation process made up of select subject reviewers with international academic credentials. Selected papers were expected to be published in a final report of conference proceedings later in 2012.
