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Humanitarian Goals Drive New Amerasian Research Network, Ltd.

ALBANY, New York, USA – Evidence-based research dealing with human services and psychosocial issues facing military Filipino Pan Amerasians has taken a significant step forward with incorporation here of the reorganized Amerasian Research Network, Ltd. (ARN, Ltd.). The independent, volunteer human services research group, originally formed in early 2011 as the National Amerasian Research Institute [Provisional] as an unincorporated not-for-profit, was formally incorporated as a research, scientific and educational charitable organization on May 15, 2012 under Section 402 of the New York State Not-for-Profit Corporation Law (NYSNPCL). Founder and Chief Academic Officer P.C. “Pete” Kutschera, PhD, a licensed social worker, said the development “positions the organization strategically with Systems Plus College Foundation (SPCF) to make a meaningful contribution to military Amerasian social science and mental health issues research in the near and middle range future.”

The New York incorporation came on the heels in late 2011 of formation of a strategic research partnership which the then Amerasian Institute forged with the Luzon, Philippines-based SPCF in Angeles City, Pampanga. Angeles (pronounced “Ang-Gull-Ease”) is former site of Clark U.S. air force base and located inside the fabled “Angeles-Manila-Olongapo Amerasian Triangle” in west central Luzon. Dr. Kutschera maintains, “the ‘AMO Triangle’ holds the largest known concentration of first and second generation Amerasians in the entire Western Pacific Basin.”

The incorporation certificate consented to by the New York State Department of Education and approved and issued by the Office of the Department of State in Albany, noted the ARN, Ltd. would “promote, advance and encourage public information and public knowledge of human conditions facing military Filipino Amerasians and Pan Amerasians.” In addition to nurturing, supporting and producing evidence-based research, the ARN, Ltd. would also strive to provide, “a forum for exchange of research ideas and initiatives with various academic, human rights, national and international organizations” in an effort “to improve Amerasian quality of life and social welfare.” The renaming of the organization as the ARN, Ltd. from the Amerasian Research Institute is seamless. “All the goals and functions we originally envisioned remain in place including our most accomplished advisory board and professional panel of working trustees,” Dr. Kutschera related.

Kutschera, Visiting Professor at the SPCF College of Social Work, was named Director of the Philippine Amerasian Research Center (PARC) unit at the fast growing Luzon college in December, 2011. “The New York recognition provides the Network and its association with SPCF a true ring of authenticity. It is a thrust forward on the long, steep pitch to create a vibrant and meaningful body of research literature on the long neglected Pan Amerasian Diaspora,” Kutschera related. “A word of high praise is in order for Secretary of State Caesar A. Perales and the staff for acting on the certificate so expeditiously. It’s no secret New York is probably the toughest state in the USA to gain not-for-profit agency registry.” The NGA recognition was welcomed by Professor Jose Maria G. Pelayo III, SPCF College’s Research Coordinator and PARC’s deputy director. “We’re very excited here about the Network’s contribution to this developing partnership; we’re moving to a higher plateau, a higher purpose.”
