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Asia Journal of Global Studies and U.S. – China Education Review Journal to Publish Academic Articles on PARC & ARN, Ltd. Generated Filipino and Pan Amerasian Academic Conference Research Findings in Early, 2014

ANGELES CITY, Luzon, the Philippines – Two major research journals that cover geo-political and educational issues in East/Southeast Asia and the U.S. are expected to publish versions early next year of a pair of academic conference papers written about military Amerasians and presented at major research conclaves in 2013 by the Philippine Amerasian Research Center (PARC). P.C. “Pete” Kutschera, PhD, PARC-Systems Plus College Foundation Director said the journal publications will bring to five the total number of research journal articles produced by PARC and the New York, USA-based Amerasian Research Network, Ltd. (ARN, Ltd.) since both research organizations were formed in 2011. PARC and ARN, Ltd. have generated and presented an astounding total of eight major academic research papers since February, 2012. These have included paper acceptances and oral presentations at two major university conferences in the U.S.; Manila, the Philippines; Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Bangkok, Thailand; Sydney, Australia, the Republic of Singapore and an eighth paper to be presented January 10, 2014 in Seoul, South Korea at the Asia Pacific Social Sciences Conference (APSSC-2014)..

The new journal publications include an article recommending that Pan Amerasian populations be considered for expansion to Diaspora status to be published in the Tokyo, Japan-based *Asia Journal of Global Studies*. The second article describing the launch of the only known undergraduate college course in the world dealing with social work practice with Filipino Amerasian populations – taught at the Department of Social Work at Systems Plus College Foundation (SPCF) College in Angeles, Pampanga – is confirmed for publication in January by the U.S.-based *US-China Education Review Journal*.

“Besides representing Systems Plus College Foundation at a broad spectrum of international conferences, PARC-SPCF College is now bringing ‘The Amerasian Story’ to a number of excellent international journals with important regional and global perspectives and audiences,” declared Dr. Edgar G. Galang, SPCF’s Vice President for Academic Affairs. “We are steadily building a research literature inventory for this generally neglected population which a few years ago simply did not exist.”

The *Asia Journal of Global Studies* article is based on a comprehensive research paper entitled, "Military Pan Amerasians and 21st Century Implications for Diasporic and Global Studies" written and presented by Dr. Kutschera March 23, 2013 at the 2013 International Conference of the Asia Association of Global Studies (AAGS) held at the First Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand. The paper is slated for publication in the *Asian Journal of Asian Studies* in the Spring, 2014 according to Dr. Derrick M. Nault, Editor-in-Chief, who lectures in global development trends and world history at the University of Calgary, Canada. The paper was selected by a peer review committee among dozens presented at the 2013 Thailand conference which was keynoted by Pulitzer Prize winning Associated Press and CNN TV war correspondent Peter Arnett.

The research paper was a follow up from a paper Kutschera and Dr. Marie A. Caputi, PhD, Contributing Faculty and Research Review Editor at Walden University, Minneapolis, MN, USA, presented in October, 2012 at the 9th International Conference on the Philippines (ICOPHIL-2012) at Michigan State University's Asian Studies Center. That seminal paper posited that an estimated 220,000 to 250,000 military Amerasians of all ages, including both 1st and 2nd generation, are alive in the Philippines today and qualify as a genuine diasporic people. The Pan Amerasian article, Dr. Kutschera said, "carried the Filipino Amerasian diaspora conceptual framework a few steps further. It held that numerous Pan Amerasian enclaves, including sizeable groupings in Japan, Okinawa and South Korea, and possibly others scattered throughout the Asia Pacific region, also may well qualify and deserve such classification and recognition." The paper also provided an update on the available anecdotal, news media report and empirical research data available on other Pan Amerasian population locations including Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and the U.S. Territory of Guam.

The second research paper, entitled "Formulating Mental Health Treatment Paradigms for Military Filipino Amerasians: A Social Work Education Challenge," is slated for publication in the January, 2014 issue (Volume 4, No. 1) of the *US-China Education Review*, published by David Publishing Co., Libertyville, IL USA. Formerly the *Journal of US-China Education Review*, the periodical is published monthly and features a wide variety of international education practice coverage topics including higher education research methods, curriculum and teaching research, educational management and technology developments.

An original, earlier version of the *US-China Education Review* article was accepted and presented as a research paper September 15, 2013 by Dr. Kutschera at the 1st annual International Conference on Education and the Social Sciences (ICEASS-2013), sponsored by the Taiwan-based Higher Education Forum Association (APERA), hosted at the Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel, Singapore. The research paper held that SPCF College's Social Work Practice with Amerasians course was at the forefront of forming new intervention strategies and creating new mental health treatment paradigms for isolated and at risk populations in the developing world. The newly revised article for publication in the *US-China Education Review*, contends that heretofore academically ignored Filipino and Pan Amerasian diasporas present significant moral and occupational service implications for U.S. international social work practice. This is evident given that these isolated and under reported populations represent mixed-blood U.S. Americans stranded or isolated abroad who have been either cast aside or as a minimum neglected by the U.S. government.

Both the conference paper and *US-China Education Review Journal* articles were co-written by Walden University's Dr. Caputi and Professor Jose Maria G. Pelayo, a psychology professor at SPCF College and Director of the Social and Psychological Research Unit at the College of Arts and Social Sciences. The Executive Administrator of the ICEASS 2013 Conference and the Taipei, Taiwan based Asia Pacific Education and Research Associates (APERA), Ms. Candice Chang, praised the SPCF College paper as one of the outstanding contributions at the Singapore conclave. She thanked Dr. Kutschera for moderating one of the conference's six forums on international education issues in Singapore. Kutschera is also slated to moderate one of two oral presentation panels on Society topics at the APERA-sponsored Asia Pacific Social Sciences Conference (APSSC-2014) in Seoul, South Korea January 8-10, 2014, and was named to the Seoul conference's International Committee Board, according to Ms. Chang.

Major conference planners and organizers in the Western Pacific Basin, the Taiwan-based APERA and the Higher Education Forum Association have scheduled major conferences in 2013-2014 attracting researchers, scientists, educators, college and university professors, doctoral and master degree student candidates and industry professionals and leaders to a wide variety of conference venues including Taipei, Singapore, Hong Kong, Seoul and Hainan Island and Beijing in the People's Republic of China among numerous other locations.