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### **NPO Status for Philippine Amerasian Research Center Assigned in Incorporation Tax Filing OKed by Republic of the Philippines Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR)**

**ANGELES, Pampanga, Luzon, Philippines** -- The non-profit Philippine Amerasian Research Center (PARC, Inc.) at Systems Plus College Foundation (SPCF) College has moved a step closer to full-fledged Non-Profit Organization (NPO) tax exempt status with recognition by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Angeles City, as a bona-fide NPO. PARC, Inc., currently sited at SPCF College, the only college on the globe known to be offering an accredited undergraduate course devoted primarily to the study of the military Filipino and Pan Amerasian diaspora, was officially recognized and registered as an NPO in February, 2014 by the Philippine Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila. PARC, Inc. is a collaborative partner of the non-profit New York State-based Amerasian Research Network, Limited. (ARN, Ltd.), which is authorized and registered by New York State's Office of the Department of State, Albany, N.Y. PARC's Board of Trustee President/Chair, Professor Mary Grace Talamera-Sandico, a licensed social worker and faculty instructor at Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University, confirmed the recent action by BIR Angeles City which issued the official BIR registration certificate. Administrative and NPO registration offices of PARC, Inc. are both located at Fiesta Communities, Block 48/Lot 10, Barangay Tabun, Angeles City, Pampanga, 2009, Luzon, the Philippines.

"Essentially with this latest action the BIR and Angeles City taxation department recognize PARC as a bona-fide organized, recognized and registered NPO, as already determined by the SEC recognition action last February, and in effect sanctions tax exempt privileges reserved exclusively for such NPOs," declared Jose Maria G. Pelayo III, PARC's Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer. "It clears the way for PARC to apply for research grants from tax exempt eligible agencies and accept charitable donations from private and public entities eligible for such exemptions." Based on the latest action, Dr. P.C. "Pete" Kutschera, Ph.D., PARC's Director and an SPCF College of Arts and Social Services Visiting Professor, said PARC would commence finalizing and filing applications to a number of foundations, private sector and government entities both in East/Southeast Asia and North America for tuition scholarship stipend awards for First and Second Generation Military Filipino Amerasian students currently studying at SPCF College. Or for prospective applicants interested in attending the West Central Luzon

information technology, engineering, arts and sciences, nursing, hotel and tourism, real estate and criminology undergraduate and graduate college and taking the Amerasian studies course(s). The college recently began its fourth iteration (academic year) of Amerasian studies courses which in the Fall-Winter-Spring, 2014-2015 semester includes a social work health services, Asian history and political science emphasis.

“Systems Plus College is the only tertiary level learning institution in the world which originated and is experimenting in the field of military Amerasian studies at the undergraduate level” declared Dr. Edgar G. Galang, Ph.D., SPCF Vice President for Academics and Research and Dean of the College of Arts and Social Science. Dr. Galang and Dr. Kutschera recently co-authored a seminal research paper entitled, “*NO WAY OUT: The Tragic Transnational Sexual Exploitation of the Philippines*” which made the first link ever between the Amerasian child abandonment tragedy by U.S. military personnel in the Philippines and more than 200,000 Japanese, South Korean and mainland Chinese tourists and male itinerants who have abandoned “Japino,” “Kopino” and “Chipino” or “Sinopino” biracial children in the archipelago in the past 3 ½ decades. Dr. Kutschera presented the paper in a keynote address to the Higher Education Forum sponsored Asia Pacific Conference on Business and Social Science (APCBSS-2014) in Taipei, Taiwan, ROC November 21, 2014.

In addition to Professor Talamera-Sandico, who has extensive field experience working with at risk Amerasians, and Mr. Pelayo, Research Associate at SPCF College, a long time Psychology Professor, and co-author of numerous research papers and journal articles on Pan Amerasians and music in psychological treatment, and Dr. Kutschera, PARC’s Board of Trustees also includes Ms. Maria Blessilda Bascon, R.N, who has held several key administrative posts at SPCF’s Colleges of Nursing, Social Work and most recently Human Resources Department, as PARC Board of Trustees Secretariat. Rounding out the five member trustee panel as Board Vice President/Chair is Roman Goce, long time Senior Manager and Administrative Officer at the Philippine Children’s Fund of America, Clark Economic Development Zone, and a Sacramento, California USA.-based social service organization long active in Amerasian humanitarian causes. Dr. Kutschera maintained that the mission, goals and objectives listed in the PARC BIR and SEC filings were similar to those contained in the NPO registration certificate approved by the New York Department of State in May, 2012 for the non-profit ARN, Ltd. Both PARC and ARN, Ltd. – who have a Memorandum of Understanding - are committed to promoting public information and public knowledge of adverse human conditions facing many military Filipino Amerasians and Pan Amerasians, not only in the archipelago, but scattered Amerasian enclaves across East/Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands. Both organizations listed striving for development of empirical and evidence-based research on military Amerasians and to serve as a forum for exchange of research and information and initiatives with various academic, human rights, national and international humanitarian groups in an effort to improve military Amerasian quality of life, medical/mental health and social welfare.

“The PARC Philippine filing made note that the organization will always be committed and work to adhere to the human rights principles set forth in the Dec. 10, 1948 United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights signed at the Palais de Chaillot in Paris. The declaration set forth a

list of at least 30 articles urging simple and basic principles for man and woman kind worldwide supporting freedom of individual human expression, religion and dignity along with freedom from want, fear, exploitation and oppression. Both the governments of the Philippines (which had received its independence only two years prior to the signing) and the United States were among the 48 original signors of the UN universal resolution,” Dr. Kutschera stated.

PARC, as an independent, specialized research unit located on the campus of SPCF College, was formally organized Dec. 6, 2011 in a unanimous vote of SPCF College’s Board of Trustees. Then, PARC entered into an informal agreement with the National Amerasian Research Institute (Provisional), an unincorporated research group based in New York. In May, 2012 the Institute reorganized and was renamed as the ARN, Ltd. when the New York State Department approved its NPO status. The PARC, Inc. and ARN, Ltd. Memorandum of Understanding stipulates the groups actively engage in a “strategic research partnership” aimed at promoting empirical research both in the Philippines, East/Southeast Asia, North America and globally. Both Professors Pelayo and Talamera-Sandico are members of the ARN, Ltd. Advisory Board.

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