



**PHILIPPINE AMERASIAN RESEARCH CENTER
(PARC)**

48-10 Sta. Monica St. Fiesta Homes Tabun Angeles City Pampanga 2009 Luzon Philippines

&

AMERASIAN RESEARCH NETWORK, Ltd.

210 Osborne Road. Albany, New York 12205-1713 U.S.A.

For Immediate Release: (PR#2015-04) Thursday, July 16, 2015

PARC, Inc. sets new Academic & Research Affiliation with Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University's College of Social Sciences and Philosophy

BACOLOR, Pampanga, Luzon, Philippines - The College of Social Sciences and Philosophy at Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University, known by the acronym "DHVTSU," and the non-profit humanitarian research NPO, the Philippine Amerasian Research Center, Inc. (PARC), have entered into a preliminary collaborative and strategic research agreement. The incipient affiliation was recommended to the DHVTSU University Council by Dean Elena C. Tesoro of the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy which includes the Department of Social Work. Much of the field and empirical research conducted by PARC and its U.S.A. affiliate, the New York State-based Amerasian Research Network, Ltd. (formerly the National Amerasian Research Institute) has been conducted on military Filipino Amerasians from a general and clinical social work centered perspective. DHVTSU bills itself as the oldest vocational training schools and college in the Philippines and East/Southeast Asia established in 1861.

"We are honored to begin this association with the CSSP college and the State University. DHVTSU very well known and highly respected regionally in west Central Luzon and in certainly within the AMO (Angeles, Metro Manila and Olongapo) Amerasian Triangle which is essentially our AO or Area of Operations," declared Dr. P.C. "Pete" Kutschera, PARC Executive Director. The AMO Amerasian Triangle zone was the locus of dozens of U.S. military bases, airfields, storage depots, docking facilities and warehouses during its long colonial, commonwealth and military bases tenure in the Philippines' PARC research concludes the AMO zone contains the highest concentration of military Pan Amerasians and Filipino Amerasians in East/Southeast Asia. Dean Tesoro said the new college's agreement calls for the retention of Dr. Kutschera as a Visiting Professor and a continuation of a variation of the *Social Work Practice with Amerasians* undergraduate social work course. That instruction was initiated by PARC at Systems Plus College Foundation in Angeles City in the fall-winter semester of 2011-2012.

"Dean Elena Tesoro is committed to our mission as we are to the CSSP College at DHVTSU, and particularly its Department of Social Work," Dr. Kutschera said. Philippine Republic Act 9832, signed Dec. 9, 2009 by then President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, formalized DHVTSU as a recognized and enhanced state university. It primarily draws its largest vocational education, undergraduate and graduate student base from Central Luzon's Region III. The sprawling and richly historical area includes Aurora, Bataan, Bulacan, Nueva Ecija, Tarlac, and Zambales (Olongapo City) provinces in addition to Pampanga (Angeles). With a strong emphasis on industrial engineering, industrial & modern communications technology, secondary and primary education, computer science and vocational training, in recent years DHVTSU has advanced its commitment to the liberal arts and humanities and medical/mental health fields which have a vibrant presence on campus. The main campus is in Bacolor, which borders Angeles City on its northern flank, with satellite campus divisions in Mexico and Porac, also in Pampanga.

2015-04

