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**Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University to Host 11th Asia
Association for Global Studies (AAGS) International Research Conference at
Bacolor, Pampanga Campus 3-5 February 2017**

BACOLOR, Pampanga, Philippines – Coordinating the scheduling of one of the first international research conferences in recent history at Don Honorio Ventura Technological State University – inside the infamous “AMO Amerasian Triangle” – is a “tremendous honor” declared Dr. P.C. “Pete” Kutschera, Executive Director of the New York State –based Amerasian Research Center, Ltd. and DHVTSU Visiting Professor and Research Fellow. The Japan-based Asia Association for Global Studies (AAGS) board voted this summer to site the scholarly research conclave here 3-5 February 2017. The conference theme is “*Education in a Globalizing Asia*” according to Dr. Patrick Strefford of Japan’s Kyoto Sangyo University. “We have been striving to bring one of our conferences south to the Philippines for some time. The year 2017 is a good time to do it,” declared Dr. Strefford, AAGS President and an Associate Professor of International Relations at Kyoto Sangyo University in Kyoto, Japan.

Established in 2005, the AAGS Association has held international conferences faithfully since then. Its 10th annual conference was hosted in 2015 by International Christian University, Tokyo. In 2014, the conference was hosted by Shantou University, People’s Republic of China, and in 2013 in Bangkok, Thailand. Then, Pulitzer Prize winning war correspondent Peter Arnett was keynote speaker. Outside Japan, other conference venues have included South Korea, Thailand, Taiwan- the free Republic of China and Canada. The purpose of the annual conference is to provide a chance for Asia-based global studies scholars to present their work, and expand their professional networks, Dr. Strefford related. **(NOTE: Sharply discounted conference proposal submission and paper presentation fees as low as USD\$50.00, Y5000, or Ph. 2,300 are available for DHVTSU conference participants. General admission and attendance for University students is free. University conferees may register and present their conference proposals on line, but will be permitted to pay conference fees in person in cash at registration on the Bacolor campus).**

From the AAGS Conference “Call for Papers” (URL Link: <http://www.aags.org/forthcoming-events---11th-annual-conference---the-philippines---february-3-5-2017>) the following submission rules were outlined:

“The AAGS conference organizing committee invites paper proposals seeking to answer these and other related questions concerning any aspect of education in a globalizing Asia. Proposals submitted by the November, 2016 deadline, should be between 150 to 200 words and include the paper's title and the author's name, affiliation, and contact information. A biography of 100 to 125 words describing the author's background, accomplishments and research interests should also accompany the proposal. Both proposals and bios should be written following the guidelines on the templates provided at: <http://bit.ly/AAGSProposalTemplate> and <http://bit.ly/AAGSBioTemplate> and sent to us. Applications should then be submitted as MS Word email attachments or Google Documents to conferencechair@aags.org. Documents not using the templates or not following the specified format will not be accepted.” The AAGS Association homepage website is accessible through URL: <http://www.aags.org>

Kutschera, who is also Director of the Philippine Amerasian Research Center (PARC) in Angeles, Pampanga, and the Philippine country representative for AAGS, said “It just couldn't have been possible without Dr. Patrick Strefford's interest and the steadfast support of DHVTSU University President Enrique C. Baking, D.Ed. The President has a deep, abiding devotion and commitment to advancement of the empirical-based research process in a public university setting. The academic community is very blessed.” Dr. Benigno P. Legamia Jr., Director of the Research and Development Services Office; Dr. Elena C. Tesoro, Dean, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy and Dr. Dolores T. Quiambao, Dean, Graduate School, were also prime movers in the undertaking. The international conference is expected to draw academics, scholars, faculty, doctoral candidates, independent researchers and graduate student presenters from East/Southeast Asia and North America. It is one of the first times in the association's 16-year year history that a high number of Philippine academics will be participants and presenters.

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