



Quinto, New DENR Secretary



A Short Stint. Acting Secretary Eleazar Quinto vows continuity of Atienza's reforms.

Newly-appointed Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) Eleazar Quinto vowed on Jan. 5, 2010 to continue the reforms initiated by his former boss, Environment Secretary Lito Atienza, who resigned on Dec. 28 to give more time and focus to his re-election bid for Manila mayor.

At the same time, Quinto called on the 29,000 strong DENR employees to be "environment multipliers" not only within their offices but also in their homes and in their communities.

Quinto, whose appointment to head the DENR President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo announced in last Tuesday's Cabinet meeting in Baguio City, during the turn-over ceremonies held this morning at the DENR's central office in Quezon City, credited Atienza for the significant reforms he instituted in the department.

Around 500 employees and officials of the DENR and its bureaus, attached agencies and regional offices witnessed the event, which was highlighted by the ceremonial turn-over of the DENR flag and key and the awarding of a plaque of recognition to Atienza for his landmark initiatives in enforcing the rule of law for the benefit of the Filipino people and their environmental heritage.

Among the Atienza initiatives Quinto cited include the dismantling of illegal fishpens that had denied others the free and healthy use of Laguna Lake and Manila Bay; implementing the Supreme Court (SC) order to rehabilitate Manila Bay; enforcing the SC's 1965 decision on the Ayala estate in Calatagan, Batangas; the filing of cases against Maynilad and Manila Water; and legal actions against local executives for failing to enforce the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act.

Quinto also gave the former DENR chief credits for propelling the department to earn higher public respect and popular support. "We shall remember you always as a father who holds life sacred and beautiful, and as a caring leader whose passion inspires," Quinto said.

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Erstwhile field man takes DENR's top post

Former Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB) Director Horacio Ramos on Friday (Feb. 12) assumed the highest post at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), earning for him the distinction as the first secretary who rose from the ranks.

In what is seen as a landmark event in the DENR's 23-year existence since its reorganization in 1987, Ramos' acceptance of the DENR helm, from outgoing Acting Secretary Eleazar Quinto in simple turnover rites, opens a renewed vigor in the bureaucracy's careerism underpinned by its 29,000-strong workforce.

Describing his appointment as "a triumph of a career officer," Ramos in his acceptance speech before DENR officials and employees extolled President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo for setting a precedent in DENR's history by appointing someone who "came from your midst."

"Ako ay isa sa inyo (I'm from your ranks) and share your aspirations. So (my appointment as secretary) is our triumph," Ramos said, adding that ensuring a "whole, ready, and able" DENR workforce is among his priorities until the new Administration takes over in July 2010.

"Let me be clear that I will be manning the fort only as a transitional secretary and I see my task as ensuring a smooth turnover to the secretary the incoming administration will be appointing in July," said Ramos.



Transitional Secretary. Acting Secretary Horacio Ramos says he will ensure smooth turn-over of DENR to the secretary of the new Administration.

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EDNP Makes Courtesy Call to Cardinal Rosales

As a tradition, the Earth Day Network Philippines (EDNP) led by its president, Ms. Bebet Gozun and other key officers, made its courtesy call to His Eminence Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales on February 21, 2010 at the Arzobispado, Intramuros, Manila.

EDNP executive director Voltaire Alferez briefed the Cardinal on the preparation for the Earthday celebration which was elaborated on by some

members of the delegation. The Cardinal was told the culmination date and place of the celebration is on April 22, 2010 at 9:00 AM at the SM Mall of Asia, Pasay City.

His Eminence was also briefed on the purposes and the progress of the campaign for the Ten Million Movement (10 MM) for the Environment and the activities of Bantay-Dagat headquartered in Cebu by Atty. Antonio Oposa, this year's Magsaysay Awardee for Environment. Also, the Cardinal

was briefed on the activities centering in on environment protection and tourism promotion along the Pasig River.

Being with the EDNP as one of the advisers, Cardinal Rosales gave his full support and blessings to this year's celebration of the Earth Day.

Other members of the delegation were DENR undersecretary Tessam Castillo, Green Army's secretary-general Dr. Rene Azurin and PWPA executive director L. D. Angeles. (See photo on page 7)

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Quinto expressed optimism to turn the DENR work force into "environment multipliers," by extending to them the necessary training to become practicing environmentalists in their homes and communities. He also assured the employees to adhere to the Department's merit system in the personnel selection and promotion processes.

Prior to his appointment as a successor for Atienza, Quinto was DENR undersecretary for field operations since September 2007. He also served, in concurrent capacity, as board member of the Philippine Reclamation Authority and as president of the Philippine Forest Corp. from Feb. 2008 to March 2009, putting order not only to the company's finances but also to its programs and projects

Earstwhile Fieldman...

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Ramos first worked at the mines bureau as a mining engineer in 1969 to become a supervising mining engineer from 1981 to 1983 until he was promoted as chief mineral economist. He then became one of DENR's 16 regional executive directors, a position he held from 1989 to 1992.

Ramos took on the MGB directorship in 1996, a position he held continuously for 13 years, at a time when the Philippine mining industry entered its most trying phase dotted with the Marcopper tragedy in Marinduque Province and the opposition to the Philippine Mining Act of 1995.

Under his directorship, the MGB played a significant role in shaping the current Revitalization Program for the Philippine Minerals Industry pursuant to the policy pronouncement of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to make the country's mining industry pro-people and pro-environment.

The Philippine mining industry now offers a new face as being responsible and as one of the country's pillars of economic growth is a natural consequence of Ramos' labors at the MGB, being one of the primary exponents of responsible and sustainable mineral resources development in the country.

The soft-spoken Ramos, a native of Benguet Province in the Cordillera Autonomous Region, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering from the Mapua Institute of Technology in 1967. Immediately thereafter he passed the Board of Mining Engineers administered by the Professional Regulation Commission. In 1978, he finished his masters in Mining Engineering from the University of New South Wales in Australia.

Ramos is a Career Executive Service Officer (CESO) III conferred by the Philippine Career Executive Service Board in 1998.

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Quinto Reassigns Department's Senior Officials

Newly-designated Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Eleazar Quinto issued a series of directives designating new assignments for the Department's senior officials and also its key field officials.

Quinto explained the reorganization - a part of the organizational development consistent with Executive Order No. 192, which reorganized the DENR in 1988 - is intended to fast track priority programs of the present administration under President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo for the next remaining six months of her term.

Quinto is optimistic that his new management team, designated prior to the election ban, can deliver, stressing that their selection was based on performance.

He added that with the new team, there will be an effective environmental governance, not only in the enforcement of environmental laws but also in engaging the public in conservation efforts with the DENR personnel serving as environment multipliers.

Under Special Order No. 5 dated January 7, 2010, the following senior and regional officials were designated as follows: Manuel Gerochi, as the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and Project Management; Teresita Samson Castillo, Undersecretary for Management and Technical Services; Demetrio Ignacio, Undersecretary for Special Constituency and External Affairs; Regidor de Leon, OIC Asst. Secretary for Field Operations, Luzon; Jeremias

Dolino, Asst. Secretary for Field Operations, Visayas; Ernesto Adobo, Jr., OIC Asst. Secretary for Field Operations, Mindanao; Corazon Davis, OIC Asst. Secretary for Administration and Finance; Mark Allan Yambao, Asst. Secretary for Sectoral and Inter-agency Networking; and Agustin Javellana, OIC Asst. Secretary for Legal Affairs.

The newly-designated regional executive directors (REDs) under Special Order No. 10 dated January 8, 2010 are as follows: Clarence Baguilat - Cordillera Administrative Region; Samuel Peñafiel - Region 1 (Ilocos Region); Benjamin Tumaliuan - Region 2 (Cagayan Valley); Vicente Paragas - Region 4B (MIMAROPA); Julian Amador - Region 6 (Western Visayas); Arleigh Adorable - Region 9 (Western Mindanao); Maximo Dichoso - Region 10 (Northern Mindanao). The REDs not mentioned in the Special Order retain their existing assignments.

The new heads of the DENR bureaus under Special Order No. 11 dated January 8, 2010 are the following: Marcial Amaro, Jr. for Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau, Juan Miguel Cuna for Environmental Management Bureau, and Allan Barcena for Land Management Bureau. For. Marlo Mendoza and Dr. Mundita Lim remain as directors for Forest Management Bureau and Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau, respectively.

Quinto said he will continue to supervise the field operations. His Special Orders disregard Special Order No. 4 dated January 9, 2010 issued by Undersecretary Ramon Paje reassigning REDs and other regional officials. (See related stories below and on page 4)

DENR Execs Ask COMELEC to Stop Reorganization

In an urgent petition to the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), 10 DENR officials - identifying themselves as directors, regional directors, and central office heads - asked it to prohibit Acting Secretary Eleazar Quinto from implementing an illegal DENR reorganization, using the DENR's resources for political purposes, and if necessary for the COMELEC to take control over the operations of DENR.

The petition is on the agenda of the en banc session of the COMELEC on Tuesday. As a constitutional body, the Comelec may either immediately issue a ruling on the petition or have the matter investigated by its law department.

Quinto, in a phone interview, denied his actions were politically motivated and said what he wanted to do was leave behind "a legacy" of honest public servants.

The petitioners claimed the restructuring and reshuffle

had caused "chaos" in the DENR. They said that several officials, citing an election law prohibition, refused to transfer to their new assignments and this resulted in some offices having two people occupying the same position.

The petitioners said that in a span of two days, Jan. 7 to 8, Quinto supposedly issued 33 reassignment orders reshuffling some 100 senior and key officials, including three undersecretaries and eight assistant secretaries.

They contended that Quinto also revived the "abolished" offices of assistant secretaries for Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao which is illegal.

He also created the offices of undersecretary for special constituency and external affairs and assistant secretary for sectoral networking which, the petitioners claimed, could be used for election purposes.

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Wood Industry Pays Tribute to Don Antonio de las Alas

The Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA) will join the business and civic sectors in commemorating the 120th birth anniversary of Don Antonio de las Alas to be held on February 11, 2010 at the Philippine Columbian Association in Plaza Dilao, Paco, Manila.

PWPA President Antonio Olizon said his national organization of corporations involved in industrial tree plantation development and wood products manufacturing is paying tribute to Don Antonio de las Alas in gratitude for the immense services and contributions he has done for the wood industry.

Don Antonio de las Alas was the first, and for sixteen consecutive years, president of the Philippine Lumber Producers Association (PLPA), the predecessor-in-interest of PWPA. He was already an esteemed and a distinguished man of the country before joining the PLPA. He served as Speaker in the first Independence Congress and later Senator of the Republic. He was head of various offices of the executive department from the time of the American governors-general, among them Theodore Roosevelt who later became US President, to Commonwealth President Manuel Quezon and up to third Republic President Ferdinand Marcos.

It was during his incumbency as president of PLPA (1949-1965) that the wood industry rose from the destruction wrought by the Second World War to become one of the significant economic pillars of the postwar reconstruction period of the Philippines.

Don Antonio de las Alas led the Philippine trade mission to the US and obtained the recognition for the local timber the trade mark "Philippine Mahogany," that became widely accepted in the international market. It was during his time as the president of PLPA that more sawmills and plywood and veneer mills were established and made the export of timber and timber products as the country's third largest foreign exchange earner.

Don Antonio de las Alas was made Honorary President for Life in 1965 by the PLPA.



Pillar of the Wood Industry. Don Antonio de las Alas obtained the recognition for the local timber as Philippine Mahogany that became widely accepted in the international market.

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The petitioners said that two DENR programs, with a funding of P2 billion, are aimed to use 100,000 people for forest protection and reforestation.

If each of the 100,000 forest rangers and upland farmers would be "required" to network with 50 households each with two voters in their assigned areas, the "DENR can potentially deliver about 10 million votes for the party in power in the coming May elections," the petition averred.

Those who signed the petitions were Carlos J. Magno, Region 3 director, Environmental Management Bureau; Concordio D. Zuñiga, director, Land Management Bureau; Edgardo O. Galeon, Region 4B technical director; Laureano B. Lingan Jr., Region 2 executive director; Julian D. Amador, director, Environmental Management Bureau; Jose Rico P. Domingo, Region 4A technical director for lands; Rogelio T. Trinidad, Region 3 technical director; Raymundo D. Crisostomo, RTD for forestry, NCR; Ramon M. Ezpeleta, director, administrative services; and Rolando R. Castro, chief, personnel division.

Culled from *Philippine Daily Inquirer*, January 26, 2010

Reinstatement of the Designation of Certain DENR Senior Officials

Acting DENR Secretary Horacio Ramos through Special Order No. 2010 - 176 dated Mar 8, 2010 reinstated the designation or functional responsibilities of the following DENR senior officials: Manuel Gerochi as the Undersecretary for Staff Bureaus and Project Management; Demetrio Ignacio, Undersecretary for Planning and Policy; Jeremias Dolino, Assistant Secretary for Line Bureaus; and Anselmo Abungan, OIC - Assistant Secretary for Legal Services. (See related story on page 3)

The move aims to organize a management team attuned to the objectives of fast tracking the implementation of various programs of the Department and to respond to its emerging and urgent environment concerns.

The Order is made without prejudice to the COMELEC's resolution of the petition filed by some officials of the Department prohibiting the implementation of the various Special Order issued by then Acting DENR Secretary Eleazar Quinto.

Investment Briefing and Business Matching under ASEAN-Korea Trade Program

The officers of the Board of Investments (BOI) Promotion and International Marketing Development Group held an investment briefing/meeting on January 14, 2010 at the Penthouse, BOI, Ayala Avenue, Makati City with 7 Korean companies representing steel, engineering and building works, automobile, power, agriculture and bio-energy and wood and afforestation.

The Korean delegation was led by officials of its Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade and the ASEAN-Korea Center. Aside from the BOI officials, the Philippines was represented by concerned Philippine industries/companies, including the Philippine Wood Producers Association (PWPA).

After the briefing, the PWPA and the Forest Management Bureau (FMB) met with Korea's Intelwood, Ltd. and Kangwon National University led by Dr. Su Kyong Chun, president and professor whose business interest is on wood and afforestation. The objective of the meeting was for the Korean delegation to get information on the availability of local raw materials for their products or to produce them here in the country using tree plantation wood.

The Intelwood, Ltd. is a manufacturer of wood-related

goods, e.g. energy wood chips and wood capsule fertilizer. It wishes to lease forestland to produce its raw materials and even possibly invest in any local wood-related manufacturing. It would like to know the government policies and incentives in these investment areas.

The FMB and the PWPA explained the nature of leasing forestland such as size of the area; duration of the lease; constitutional provision re: joint venture (JV), production sharing agreement, co-production; the profit sharing with government; and the 60-40 Filipino-foreign equity-sharing in JV.

While Intelwood, Ltd. expressed interest in leasing forestland even in excess of the usual 40,000-hectare module, the FMB and PWPA encouraged it to look into and joint-venture with existing IFMA holders which maybe arranged.

The former said it will study the suggested tie-up arrangement in relation to the policies in Vietnam where the Korean delegation just came from.

The PWPA was represented by Executive Director L. D. Angeles and Forestry & Environment Adviser J. A. Lorenzo while the FMB, by Foresters M. Q. Natividad and L. C. Wagan, division chiefs of Forestry Economics and Forest Land Uses, respectively.

New East Project, Ltd.

The Philippine Wood Producers Association met with the representatives of New East Project, Ltd. on January 29, 2010 at the PWPA Boardroom, Makati City to discuss and get information on the availability of local raw materials for the latter's wood chips product.

Mr. Deug Il Chin, the chief executive officer of the company based in Canada, is interested in cheap wood wastes for its product - heat-treated wood chips as energy fuel. He said no particular wood species nor fibrous materials, but the main factors are the sustainability of the raw materials and the ease of logistics in obtaining them. He said they have met with the players in the sugar industry and looked into the potential of its waste, bagasse.

He said if a significant volume of wood wastes were available, his company may put up a plant in the country.

PWPA gave the guests the information that most of the local processing plants have learned early on maximizing the use of manufacturing waste; however, forest wastes are not collected because of high logistic cost involved.

The PWPA recommended Mr. Chin's company can look at local existing tree plantations or to put up a plantation of its own in the Philippines as it were cautioned on the idea of the collection of wood wastes because of its high cost.

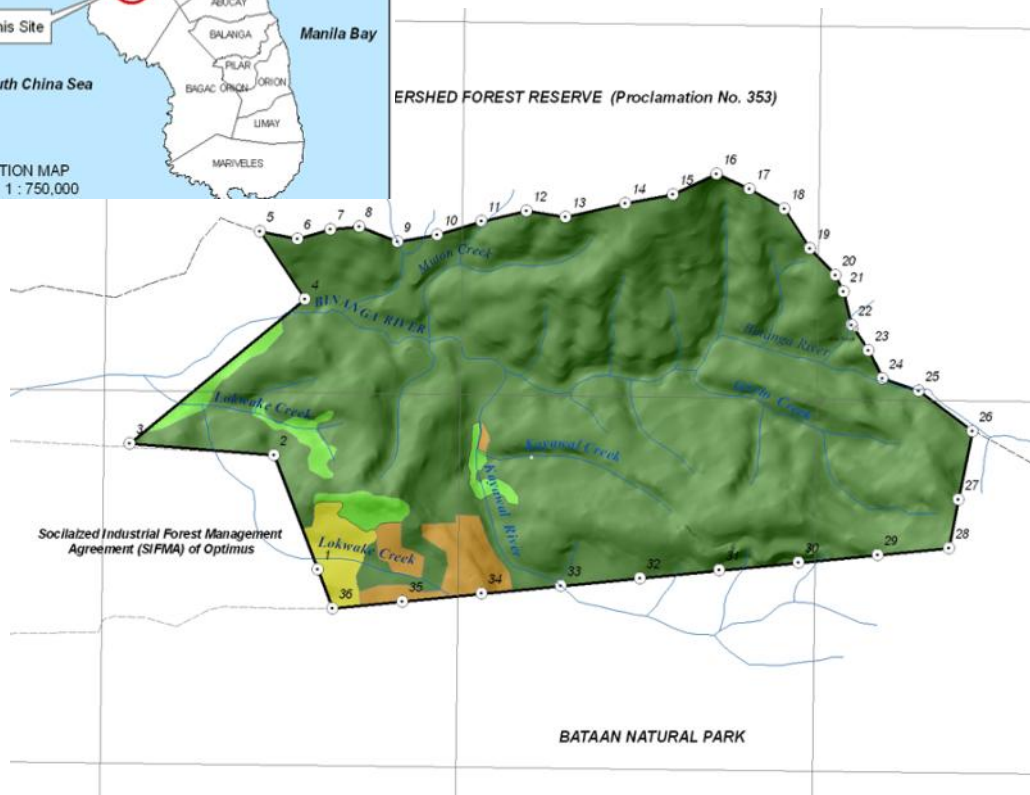
With Mr. Chin were Msrs. Gi Nyun Moon, cfo and Jorge Aquino, their representative while the PWPA had Chair Fernando Lu, President Antonio Olizon and VP-director Evaristo Narvaez, Jr., executive director L. D. Angeles and forestry & environment coordinator Maila Vasquez.

PWPA *ad hoc* Committee on IFMA Project Meeting



Conceptualizing the Development of PWPA IFMA Project. *ad hoc* Committee co-chairs Directors A. C. Keh, Jr. (rightmost) and E. M. Narvaez, Jr. (2nd to the right) discuss the “out-of-the-box” development concepts for the PWPA IFMA in Morong, Bataan with (from left) President A. C. Olizon, Chair F. A. Lu and Executive Director L. D. Angeles.

Below are the location and land use maps of the 585-hectare PWPA IFMA in Morong, Bataan.



LAND USE MAP	
INTEGRATED FOREST MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (IFMA) OF PHILIPPINE WOOD PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION (PWPA) Located in Barangay Mabayo Municipality of Morong Province of Bataan Containing an area of 584.58 Hectares	
Legend ○ IFMA Corners/Stations ⬡ IFMA Boundary ~ Rivers / Creeks / Streams	
Existing Land Use 🌳 Forested Area 🌿 Open Area, Brushland 🌾 Grassland 🏡 Cultivated / Farm Lot	

Thanksgiving Tree Planting



PWPA VP-Director Ramon Y. Uy (left) celebrates his February 14 (Valentine's Day) birthday by tree planting at the PWPA Nursery at the NBP reservation in Muntinlupa City. Together with him are PWPA President A. C. Olizon (center) and Rotary Club of Alabang President Nels Mendoza (right). VP Uy is the director-in-charge of the PWPA nursery.

EDNP Courtesy Call to His Excellency Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales

His Eminence Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales (center) listens to EDNP President Bebet Gozun (left) and Vice President Isagani Serrano (right) regarding the preparation for the 2010 Earth Day.



Tribute to Don Antonio de las Alas



Tribute to a Pillar of the Wood Industry. (Left- and rightmost photos) PWPA president A. C. Olizon with former Plywood Manufacturers Association of the Philippines (PMAP) president Mr. Ben F. Sanvictores and former PWPA president Mr. Tito de Guzman (in coat) presents the PWPA plaque of recognition and the original PLPA emblem to the surviving daughters (Menchu Concepcion and Ching Montinola) of the late Don Antonio de las Alas during his 120th birthday tribute on February 11, 2010 at the Philippine Columbian Association, Paco, Manila. Don Antonio was the first, and for sixteen years, president of the Philippine Lumber Producers Association (PLPA), the predecessor-in-interest of the PWPA. He revived the wood industry following WW II to become one of the most significant economic agents of the reconstruction period of the country. In gratitude, Don Antonio was made Honorary President for Life by PLPA in 1965. (Center photo, l-r) PWPA executive director L. D. Angeles, former PMAP president Benjamin F. Snadvictores, former PWPA president Santiago de Guzman and PWPA current president Antonio C. Olizon attend the Don Antonio de las Alas tribute and book launching.

Remembering Don Antonio de las Alas

Takin' Care of Business

by: Babe Romualdez

Today, February 11, 2010, is the launching of a book written by Ching de las Alas Montinola and Menchu de las Alas Concepcion in honor of their late father, Don Antonio de las Alas. To be held at the Philippine Columbian Club in Plaza Dilao in Paco, Manila, the event will also feature an exhibit on the life and times of a distinguished and well-respected public servant that was Don Antonio, whose dedication should serve as an inspiration to Filipinos, especially the future leaders of this country.

Ching, who is married to Serge Montinola, has held various positions in government over the years. She has done a great job in maintaining the Malacañang Golf course and helping organize golf events since the time of former President Fidel Ramos. Menchu is married to businessman Ronnie Concepcion and he is lucky to have her as his wife. These sisters are probably two of the most refined and nicest ladies I've met, and their book is a loving tribute to the man whom they knew simply as "Papa" but whose "other life" outside their home was as remarkable as it was awe-inspiring. This journey to discovery began when the two sisters found old boxes containing family photos, awards, speeches, newspaper clippings and other memorabilia that little by little revealed the life of service and dedication their father devoted for this country and its people.

Don Antonio was a simple barrio boy in Taal, Batangas, but even at a young age, his innate intelligence and aptitude already showed, breezing through grade school in three years and secondary at the Batangas City National High School in just one year. At 15 and under the sponsorship of an American, he took the "*pensionado*" exam that would send Filipino scholars to the United States, passing with a grade of 87 percent.

The young Don Antonio was accepted at Indiana University to study Law and Economics albeit under a probationary status since he only had one year of high school. He soon topped the class and enrolled as a regular student, graduating with a Bachelor of Laws degree in 1908. In 1909, Don Antonio finished his Master of Law degree from Yale, cum laude, and delivered the valedictory address for the graduating class.

Don Antonio passed the Civil Service exams in 1910. Three years later, he passed the Bar exams – one of the 19 who successfully hurdled it from a total of 189 exami-

nees. I can only imagine the awe and admiration that Ching and Menchu must have felt as they pored upon pages and pages of documents and awards that gave glimpses of the kind of man their father was.

Starting as a clerk in the Central Administrative Office of the American Colonial Government in 1909, the poor barrio boy soon distinguished himself, serving under American governors-general like Theodore Roosevelt, Leonard Wood and FB Harrison; and under Philippine presidents from the time of Manuel Quezon to Ferdinand Marcos in various capacities such as Agriculture Secretary and chair of numerous commissions and advisory boards.

Don Antonio was elected Congressman for the 1st District of Batangas in 1922, successfully getting reelected four times for three-year terms up to 1933, during which time he held the chairmanship of the powerful Appropriations Committee and also became Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives. In 1941, Don Antonio was elected Senator, landing 6th out of a field of 24 candidates.

Unknown to many, Don Antonio was also into sports, having been a sprinter for the track and field team of Indiana University as well as a boxing champion for the Featherweight Division. As a matter of fact, Don Antonio is credited for introducing the game of table tennis into the country, and was instrumental in the planning and construction of the Rizal Memorial Sports Complex which was inaugurated in 1934.

But like other Filipinos, the Second World War brought pain and suffering into the life of Don Antonio and his family. After the Japanese surrender in 1945, Filipinos (in the likes of Jose P. Laurel, Sr. and Claro M. Recto) who served under the wartime administration supervised by the Japanese army were detained at the Iwahig Penal Colony on charges of treason. During his six months of incarceration, Don Antonio kept a diary that colorfully detailed his experiences during the war, his thoughts on his colleagues and the persecution that alleged Japanese collaborators received, as well as his wish for vindication.

And it came, for he was subsequently cleared of all charges of treason by all three judges of the People's Court on Feb. 17, 1948. One can only surmise that like many Filipinos, the judges have come to realize that people like Don Antonio de las Alas were in fact thinking of the welfare of the people, following the

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NSO Preliminary Export Statistics

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Feb 2010 - Jan. 2010 - Feb. 2009

Source: <http://www.census.gov.ph/data/pressrelease/2010/ex1002rx.html>

Table 2 Philippine Exports by Commodity Group
February and January 2010 and February 2009
(FOB in Thousand U.S. Dollars)

Commodity	2010		January r		2009		Growth Rate	
	February p	% Share	FOB Value	% Share	February	% Share	Monthly	Annual
Forest Products	2,245	0.06	2,177	0.06	1,907	0.08	3.12	17.71
Logs	a	-	a	-	a	-	-	-
Lumber	791	0.02	1,024	0.03	418	0.02	(22.73)	89.15
Plywood	1,329	0.04	1,088	0.03	1,429	0.06	22.19	(7.02)
Veneer Sheets/Corestocks	102	0.00	61	0.00	60	0.00	67.16	70.74
Others	23	0.00	5	0.00	a	-	373.22	-

Table 2a Philippine Exports by Commodity Group
January to February 2010 and 2009
(FOB in U.S. Dollars)

Commodity	2010	2009	Growth Rate
	Jan-Feb p	Jan-Feb	
Forest Products	4,422,202	3,268,862	35.28
Logs	a	a	-
Lumber	1,814,595	1,020,100	77.88
Plywood	2,416,649	2,056,704	17.50
Veneer Sheets/Corestocks	162,836	157,110	3.64
Others	28,122	34,948	(19.53)

Remembering Don Antonio...

exhortation of Manuel Quezon for Cabinet members and government officials to “stay in government to protect and take care of (his) people.”

Indeed, Filipinos could learn so many things from the life and times of Don Antonio, among them the value of education because it is the great equalizer that can raise a man out of poverty. But more than anything else, perhaps the biggest lesson of all comes from the fact that in this day and age when people are looking for great men with inspir-

ing stories, one might not have to look far – because the hero could turn out to be no other than the person you call “Papa” – as Ching Montinola and Menchu Concepcion found out.

Article by Babe Romualdez
The Philippine Star, Business
February 11, 2010

Reprinted to know more about the man who faithfully served the wood industry. See related story, page 4. Ed.

Snapshot of the Tropical Timber Market

Ideas on log export quota floated

The news from Gabon is of a series of meetings between industry and government focusing on proposals for the future trading of sawnwood and logs and how government revenues from the sector can be maintained.

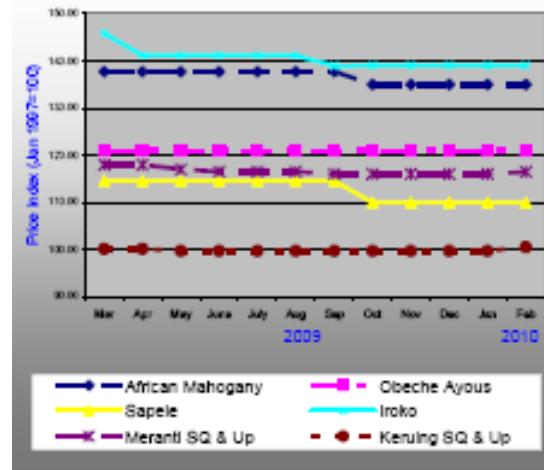
Ideas have been floated for very tight controls on log inputs to processing mills and for a log export allowance.

Proposals are for 60% of log production to be processed with 40% being permitted for export for 2010. For 2011 the proportion proposed would be 75% - 35% and for 2012 the proportions would change to 80% of log production to be processed and the balance 20% approved for export as logs.

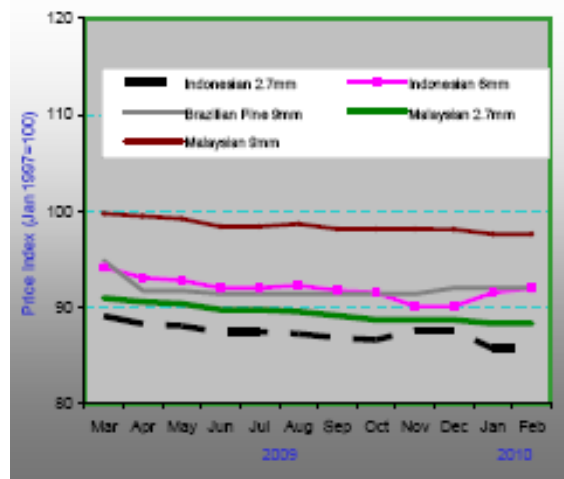
There has also been a discussion of a limit on total log exports, possibly at 1.2 mil. cu.m in 2010 reducing to 800,000 cu.m by 2012. These proposals have been put to government and are now under consideration.

The local retail prices of plywood, as monitored at the NCR, somehow included a little upward (see below).

Tropical Log Price Trends

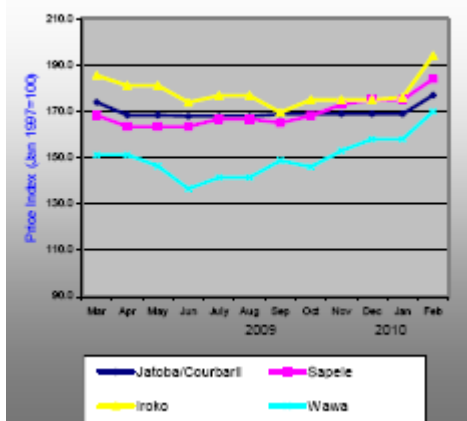


Tropical Plywood Price Trends



Source: Tropical Timber Market Report
Volume 15, Number 4, February 16-28, 2010

Tropical Sawnwood Price Trends



Average Plywood and Substitute Prices Survey in NCR

	Before (Jan. 7, 2010)	Now (March 26, 2010)		Before (Jan. 7, 2010)	Now (March 26, 2010)
	(in Pesos/piece)			(in Pesos/piece)	
3mm (1/8) plywood	196	211	18 mm (3/4) plyboard	710	822
4 mm (3/16) plywood	256	278	1/8 lawanit	181	231
5 mm (1/4) plywood ordinary	271	319	3/16 lawanit	230	307
5 mm (1/4) plywood marine	306	344	1/4 Hardiflex	388	398
10 mm (1/2) plywood	483	541	Gypsum Board	352	370
18 mm (3/4) plywood ordinary	800	862			

Note: all pick-up prices inclusive of VAT retail prices

EARTH DAY 2010

**Hamon ng Panahon:
CLIMATE CHANGE
10 Milyong Solusyon
(Kilos na! Ngayon na!)**

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Part II. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

(Part I was in the immediate past issue of Woodstock. Ed.)

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30. Undertake an orientation on ecowaste management for everyone in your home, your community, your school, your office or your factory.
31. Segregate the waste at source into biodegradables (left over food, etc), non-biodegradables that can be recycled or reused and the non-biodegradable waste that cannot be sold which become your residual waste.
32. Compost the biodegradable waste and use the compost as soil conditioner for the plants and garden. Give away or sell excess compost.
33. Recycle your paper, cartons, bottles, PET plastic, aluminums, metals, etc. and sell them to nearby junk dealers. For communities, schools, offices and factories, set up a Materials recovery Facility to store your recyclable and reusable materials.
34. Coordinate with your local government or with some environmental NGOs for the processing and/or safe disposal of the residual waste.
35. Buy organic products like organic food, soaps and detergent.
36. If you use plastic grocery bags, reuse them for doggie poop bags or for small trashcan liners.
37. Reduce use of plastic & paper bags by using reusable totes. Most stores give a credit!
38. Keep candy wrappers and other small waste in your pocket or bag. Do not throw them in the streets.
39. Consider reading your newspaper and magazine subscriptions online.
40. If you have a baby, use cloth diapers instead of disposables.
41. Distribute company information and post company materials online.
42. Take your used car batteries to a recycling center. There is an ongoing Balik Baterya Program of Ramcar with Bantay Kalikasan.
43. Bring empty ink cartridges to accredited recyclers during the scheduled waste market in your locality. Or have them refilled.
44. Share a magazine subscription with a friend, not only will you share the cost but you will cut down on the amount of trees used.
45. Use reusable containers instead of plastic or paper bags when bringing your lunch to work.
46. Save your old coffee grinds and reuse them as fertilizer for indoor and outdoor plants.
47. When you stop for coffee, bring a reusable mug from home. Refills are cheaper and there is no trash to throw away!
48. When going to the market, use a "BAYONG" or similar reusable bags.
49. Think before you print your emails and attachments. We can save trees by only printing necessary documents!
50. Minimize the use of disposable cutleries and plates during parties.
51. Reuse scrap paper. Use clean paper only for external communications.
52. Opt for recycled paper and paper products. Choose one with the highest recycled paper content.
53. Make rags out of old towels and t-shirts.
54. When riding a boat or any water vehicle, do not throw anything into the water even if the material is biodegradable.
55. If there is space within your home, school or office, establish a vegetable garden or a herbal garden. Use the compost for these gardens.
56. Save the eggshells. it can help organic farming.

PWPA in Events

Date	Meetings/Events	PWPA Representatives
January 4	DENR Turn-over Ceremony (OIC Sec Eleazar Quinto), Quezon City	
12	PWPA Board Meeting, PWPA Boardroom, Makati City	PWPA directors and officers
14	Asean Summit Investment Briefing; Joint Venture Business Matching DTI, Makati City EDNP Planning Meeting, DENR, Quezon City	ED Leonardo Angeles, FEA Jose Lorenzo FEC Maila Vasquez
19	Non-Timber Forest Products-Exchange Program, PWPA Board Room, Makati City	ED Angeles, FEC Vasquez and Mr. Vince Michael Docta
25	Kick-off Ceremony UPLBCFNR Centennial Celebration UPLBCFNR, College, Laguna	FEC Vasquez
29	Meeting with New East Projects, Ltd. from Korea and Canada PWPA Board Room, Makati City PWPA IFMA <i>ad hoc</i> Committee Meeting, PWPA Board Room, Makati City	Chair Fernando Lu, President Antonio Olizon, VP-Director Evaristo Narvaez, Jr., ED Angeles and FEC Vasquez Chair Lu, President Olizon, VP-Director Narvaez, Jr., ED Angeles and FEC Vasquez

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February 3	EDNP Planning Meeting, DENR, Quezon City	FEC Vasquez
10	Public Hearing on Asian Korea Free Trade, Tariff Commission, Quezon City PWPA Board Meeting, PWPA Boardroom, Makati City	IC Patawaran PWPA directors and officers
11	Commemoration of 120 th Bday of Don Antonio de las Alas Philippine Columbian Association, Paco, Manila	President Olizon, Mr. Tito de Guzman, ED Angeles and FEC Vasquez
12	Meeting with CVC Law Office, 4 th Floor LTA Bldg., Perea St., Legaspi Vill., Makati City Earth Hour Meeting, PNOB Bldg. Taguig City	Chair Lu, President Olizon and EVP-Director Alfonso Keh, Jr. FEC Vasquez
19	Non-Timber Forest Products Exchange Programme Study on Forest Charges, FMB Conference Room, Quezon City	ED Angeles
21	EDNP Courtesy Call to Cardinal Rosales, Arzobispado, Intramuros	ED Angeles
23	Briefing Green Pinoy Expo, DTI, Makati City	FEC Vasquez, SA Floren Andres, EMCO's Mr. Nonong Rodriguez and Ms. Myra Duyao

Note: EVP – Executive VP; VP – Vice President; ED – Executive Director; Mgr.– Manager; FEC – Forestry & Environment Coordinator; IC – Industry Coordinator; FEA – Forestry & Environment Adviser; SA – Systems Analyst; PC - Plywood Council; SC - Steering Committee

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