Aquino Fellows Recognized at
February 5 Ceremony

Eileen Mangubat is a dynamic leader of the community press corps. Currently publisher of Cebu Daily News and two other papers owned by Inquirer Publications, Inc., she is a driving force behind the Cebu Citizens Press Council.

Taha Basman is a leading advocate for Muslim-Christian dialogue and conflict resolution in the Philippines. He is conducting several national campaigns to foster greater understanding between Muslims and Christians. Well respected by Muslims and Christians alike, he has earned the title of "Bishop Basman" from his Christian counterparts.

The U.S. Embassy established the Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. Fellowships for Professional Development in 1968 as part of the International Visitor Program. Awards receive an individual International Visitor grant as well as national recognition for excellence in the fields of journalism or public service in two areas in which Ninoy Aquino distinguished himself.

Director of the Office of International Visitors Visits RP

The director of the State Department's Office of International Visitors, W. Charles Moore II, was in the Philippines from February 4-9. He spoke at the third annual meeting of the International Visitor Program-Philippines (IVP-Phil) Alumni Foundation, participated in the 14th annual Aquino Awards Ceremony, and met with President Fidel Ramos and consulted with the Board of Directors.

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In commemoration of Black History Month, the American Studies Resource Center in Ateneo de Davao exhibition the work of contemporary African-American artists.

NTID has established an educational program for students with hearing impairments. Drawing upon a grant from the Nippon Foundation of Japan, NTID has established the Post-secondary Education network International (PEN-IInternational) to link universities and colleges around the world that provide tertiary level education to students with hearing impairments.

Black History Month Observed at American Studies Resource Centers

During the month of February, the African-American experience was acknowledged at ASCRs in Davao, Iloilo, Bacolod, Baguio, Manila, and Davao. Each center mounted paper shows celebrating African-American literature, music, and leadership in science, business, and education. Cultural Affairs Officer Thomas J. Kral was present for the inauguration of a two-week exhibit of the paper show, "New Vision: 10 African-American Artists" at Ateneo de Davao. After he spoke about African-American contributions to American society and culture, students put on a cultural program of music and poetry inspired by the images of the African-American artists.

CSB Students Prepare for Exchange Program for Hearing-impaired

Dr. Sidney McQuay of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) at Rochester Institute of Technology and students and teachers from the College of St. Benilde visited the Cultural Affairs Office in preparation for their upcoming travel to Rochester, New York and their participation in the Symposium for the Hearing-impaired.

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