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# AFE–ADB Updates

## From the AFE President

Hans-Juergen Springer (ADB 1972–2002)



2013 went by without major changes at the Association. AFE Chairman Bong-Suh Lee was reelected in February 2013 for another term. The amended AFE bylaws became effective in April. The annual meetings of ADB and the Association took place in Greater Noida, Delhi in May. An updated membership

directory was sent out to members in April–May.

A number of chapters held attractive annual reunions, foremost among them Australia, New Zealand, Europe, and Washington, DC, which were also attended by members from other parts of the world. Business meetings of several chapter reunions raised a number of questions and issues that AFE's Executive Committee is addressing.

Jill Gale de Villa and I participated again in the one-day meeting of the alumni associations of international organizations that took place at the Pan-American Health Organization Headquarters in Washington, D.C. on 18 October 2013. The topic of this year's discussion was: How can our associations use social media to enhance communication? AFE is addressing the topic, and certain proposals will most likely have been implemented by the time you receive this issue. Jill and I also attended the 1818 Society's annual meeting and the preceding seminars on pension and health insurance at World Bank headquarters on 22–24 October.

After super Typhoon Yolanda (international Haiyan) struck the central Philippines, especially the provinces of Leyte and Samar, we asked members to contribute to a fund AFE would use for a specific rehabilitation project. While many members contributed on their own to the various organizations involved in relief and rehabilitation, AFE members from Europe, North America, and Asia have donated more than \$15,000. An ad-hoc committee headed by Philippines Chapter Coordinator Gam de Armas has been discussing options to use the funds, e.g., to build housing and provide fishermen's boats.

We are currently discussing with ADB various arrangements for the forthcoming annual meeting in Astana,

Kazakhstan on 2–5 May 2014. The AFE meetings and the cocktail reception will take place on 2 May. For those of you who are intent on long-range planning, you may note that the 2015 annual meeting will be in Baku, Azerbaijan. ■

## Health Matters

Jill Gale de Villa (ADB 1993–2005)



In February, we met with the Vanbreda representatives and Cristina Keppler and Alona Saludo of BPMSD.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) website has a calculator that allows you to estimate the cost of your health expenses going forward, based on living somewhere in the US. Try it out!

[http://www.aarp.org/work/retirement-planning/retirement\\_calculator/?intcmp=DSO-SEARCH-AARPSUGG](http://www.aarp.org/work/retirement-planning/retirement_calculator/?intcmp=DSO-SEARCH-AARPSUGG) ■

## ADB's Response to Yolanda



L-r: Tanauan Mayor Pel Tecson, ADB President Takehiko Nakao, and Tacloban Extended Mission Head Richard Bolt.

ADB has provided almost \$900 million to the Philippines' Yolanda rehabilitation effort, including a \$3 million grant for emergency assistance, \$20 million JFPR grant, \$372 million loan to expand community-

driven development programs, and \$500 million loan for recovery and relief.

ADB has opened an office in Tacloban, Leyte Province, to help supervise the rebuilding of schools, halls, and municipal buildings, and to bring jobs to the area. On 11 February, ADB President Nakao visited areas affected by Typhoon Yolanda in and around Tacloban. He met with national and local government officials, visited a primary school in Tanauan town, and surveyed early recovery efforts south of Tacloban. President Nakao also opened ADB's Extended Mission to Yolanda-Affected Areas. ■

## AFE Assisting Yolanda Victims

**A**FE, along with many other organizations, received funds from members to help victims of super-typhoon Yolanda. A committee comprising Gam de Armas (Philippine Chapter coordinator and chair of the rehab fund committee), Amading Astudillo, Lou de Belen, Manny Faelnar, David Parker, Hans Springer, Ophie Sta. Ana, and Jill Gale de Villa met to determine where and how to distribute the over PHP750,000 received.

After investigating options and reviewing proposals, the committee decided on the following:

- **Tacloban school:** Funding labor for rebuilding a school in the Tacloban area, at PHP30,000. A proposal was received from AFE member Tsukasa Maekawa, who has visited the Tacloban area and performed magic shows to uplift the morale of children (see p. 19).
- **Housing:** Providing to Habitat for Humanity PHP300,000 to finance the construction of three houses that, with a matching grant from the National Housing Authority (NHA), will result in the building of six houses.
- **Bancas for fishermen:** Providing funding to build and supply about five bancas (at PHP25,000 each) in Negros, through the Negrense Volunteers for Change (NVC) Foundation. The NVC has a specific project for fishermen who lost their livelihood due to Yolanda—the St. Peter Project (<http://www.nvcfoundation-ph.org/projects/the-peter-project/>). ■

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## Washington, DC Meetings

### 5th Workshop of Associations of Retirees/ Alumni of International Organizations 18 October 2013 Pan-American Health Organization

*Ed: The 2013 workshop concentrated on learning how social media could be used to increase participation and membership in our organizations, and communication between the organizations. AFE currently has a Facebook page, moderated by Clay Westcott, and numerous exADB Philippine national staff members have joined a Facebook page, exADBfriends, which has several moderators.*

**N**ancy Berenstein, president of Pan-American Health Organization Association of Former WHO Staff Members (PAHO-ASFM), welcomed participants, representing the 1818 Society (World Bank), AFE-ADB, Association of Former International Civil Servants (AFICS; UN), Association of Retirees of the Organization of American States (AROAS), International Monetary Fund Retirees Association (IMFRA), and the PAHO-ASFM. Thelma Diaz, Hans-Juergen Springer, and Jill Gale de Villa represented AFE-ADB.

Jean-Yves Maillat introduced the topic of social networking and the aims for the workshop, to discuss how to

- improve relationships with our memberships, and
- use social networking between organizations.

**First Presentation.** The presenters, as part of their master's degree at Columbia, are working with the World Bank and the 1818 Society on social media. Questions included:

- How do organizations direct social media?
- How can social media be used to increase value to members?



Discussing how our organizations do use social media and how we could use them more effectively.

- Social media platforms (e.g., Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter) are constantly changing. Their greatest power is enabling mass collaboration. To be used effectively requires a defined community and one or more purposes that will motivate members to interact and contribute. Social media also carry risks (e.g., inappropriate posts) that require mitigation strategies.

Social media need a dedicated external manager. The media selected should be easy to use and unique to the group, not shared externally. Hootsuite allows management of several social media at once so that one can publish at defined times on the desired media separately.

**Second Presentation.** Paolo Lira of PAHO, Department of Knowledge Management and Communications, noted there have been three revolutions in electronic communications: email, web pages, and social media. PAHO first had a Facebook account and a blog. PAHO now has 42 Facebook pages, 1 LinkedIn account, 1 Flickr account, and 4 Twitter accounts.

PAHO is developing two policies: one for PAHO as an organization, and one for how staff members are expected to behave on social media. PAHO–ASFM’s social media are managed by current staff. They note that members love to see old pictures, link with former work groups, know what people are doing, and meet new people. They help each other learn how to navigate social media. For a small group, a sense of belonging is needed. Groups are privates and each person governs her or his own privacy settings—what others can see. PAHO bridges retirees and the WHO intranet by putting some intranet information on their Facebook page.

Two to five moderators are needed. In a self-moderation situation, any recipient can mark a post as “inappropriate,” and anything so marked is immediately pulled out.

Current group members introduce new members to the group and the platform, encourage timely and generous feedback to boost self-esteem, moderate by example, and summarize discussions. Opinion polls are very popular (e.g., in the Philippines, Rappler).

**Third Presentation.** Andy Steggels (andy@higherlogic.com) is the provider of Higher Logic software. Their core area is nonprofits, and they generate 30 million to 40 million emails per month.

How to entice the younger generation to join and participate? One way is through mentoring online (like match.com). MentorMatch adds mentor–mentee information. Another is looking for ways to find and use skills. Using a “completeness bar” encourages members to



Listening to a presentation on social media: front left: Thelma Diaz and Jill de Villa (representing ADB).

fill out their profile. Come-ons such as “be one of the top 100 contributors” encourage participation.

Adaptive websites need to be viewable on computers and on mobile phones.

The more engaged the members are in the medium and the topics, the higher their retention rate; therefore, focus on engagement.

Managers should contain inappropriate language and content—people could be dropped from the group for repeat offenses. Some groups have a three-strike policy.

**Results.** Participants agreed that our organizations would benefit from greater use of social media. Carol Collado summarized, noting

- Our organizations have varying needs, e.g., professional networking, serving wider needs, extending geographical spread, and letting the chapters determine their own needs.
- How do we create more synergy? Annual meetings are still important, as are health, pension, and social interactions. We need a general review, new themes, and common issues. We need to share websites.
- We need to do better at info sharing on social and educational events, and on preventing hacking.
- How do we use what we learned on social media? It is imperative to initiate a Facebook group for our group, including the presidents and secretaries of all our associations, who will share decisions with the memberships at large. (The page has been established under the acronym ARAIO, for Association of Retirees of International Organizations.) ■

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## Designed to LEED

On 6 February, Anders C. Andersen, who heads the construction of ADB’s new atrium building, kindly gave the AFE Executive Committee a tour of the new building, assisted by EEI staff members (EEI is the building contractor). The structure is now complete and the may be occupied in the 4th quarter of 2014. It is designed for Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) Gold—and will be energy-efficient and a pleasant place to work. Air will circulate freely from the interior atrium to the roof, thus cooling the building while minimizing the expense and impact of air conditioning. The roof will have extensive solar paneling. And the building is constructed to let in natural light to enhance the working environment.

Visually, the building’s interior and exterior are designed to be very similar to the two older atria, while conserving natural and capital resources by, for example, using tiles that look like the marble in the original construction and a special paint effect that allows the exterior to look like the granite used before. This avoids the environmental impact of depleting and transporting these resources, and the cost involved.

The exterior offices are designed to let more light into the interior work spaces by having clear glass on the upper portion of the divider walls, and the roof is designed to bring light into the atrium. In the office areas, informal meeting spaces will enhance communication among staff members. ■



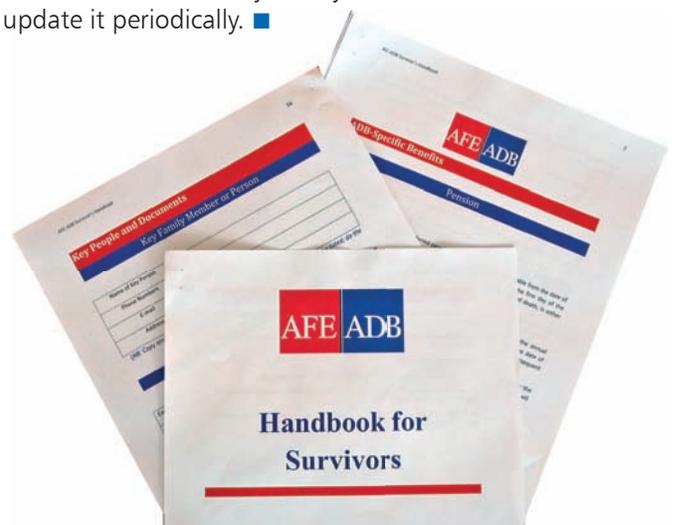
Inside the new atrium.



Touring the new atrium with the builders: l-r: Jerome Dañas (EEI architect), Hans-Juergen Springer, Anders C. Andersen (head of the project for ADB), David Parker, Jill Gale de Villa, Monette C. Cruz (EEI architect), and Felizardo Compacion (EEI engineer).

## Where Is It?

The *Handbook for Survivors* is a tool you can use to record in one place your important contacts and where your important information is located—in case you forget (such as, where did I put the safe deposit box key? my lawyer’s contacts?), or others might need to know (such as, who is your primary care provider, how to handle your health insurance). You may keep this in your computer or lockbox, and/or give a copy to one or more trusted people who are close to you. The *Handbook* is best acquired in electronic form, because you can then easily tailor it to your needs. Get your copy by e-mailing [afe-adb@adb.org](mailto:afe-adb@adb.org) or by writing to us; request a copy of the *Handbook for Survivors*, and we will send it to you. If you have the *Handbook*—update it periodically. ■



# Chapter News

## Canada

### 2013 Report from Toronto, Ottawa–Montreal, Vancouver, and Vancouver Island

Bruce Murray (ADB 1980–2007)



2013 provided many opportunities for members of the Canadian AFE chapter to meet, renew friendships, and catch up on the news. During the year material was circulated to AFE Canada members on the appointment of the new ADB President and two new vice-presidents, the status of the ADB pension, health insurance issues, taxation of Filipino staff, information on the successful AFE annual meeting in Delhi in conjunction with the ADB annual meeting, AFE's amended bylaws, and AFE Europe reunion. These topics were also covered in the business portions of the Ottawa, Vancouver, and Vancouver Island reunions.

### Toronto: "Ablaze in Friendship and Excitement"

Nida Rodrigo, Toronto area coordinator (ADB 1976–1996)



Once again the AFE Toronto group, led by the indefatigable Nida Rodrigo, was very active. In 2013, they celebrated by having a sign made commemorating their 10th anniversary and had a record-breaking nine AFE–ADB Toronto reunions. Because of their many activities, the AFE Toronto group redefined AFE to mean Ablaze in Friendship and Excitement. The get-togethers included fine dining at the Old Mill Hotel on 10 November; major get-togethers in the homes of Linda and Mike Trabulsi—a celebration of Linda's 70th birthday, Celine and Leo Abada, and Jenny and Boy Amigleio; and a pre-New Year's party at Ernie and Leah (Saguaifin) Flores' home. In addition there were breakfast meetings, pizza



AFE Toronto Dinner at the Old Mill Hotel. Seated (l-r): Nida and Tito Jugo, Rolly and Helen Duenas, Leah Flores, Lea Gojo. Standing (l-r): Ed and Paz Ravadilla, Guia Estabillo, Bernadette Sta Maria, Ernie Flores, Jenny and Boy Amigleio.



AFE Toronto July Reunion. Front, l-r: Rolly Duenas; Bernadette Sta. Maria; Neil, Janeth, and Natalie Huab; Emma Marcelino; Guia Estabillo; Tito and Nida Jugo. Back, l-r: Ollie Nogard, Ed Ravadilla, Helen Duenas, Paz Ravadilla, Linda Trabulsi, Lea Gojo, Annie and Ron Jameson, and Lucien Nogard.

nights, coffee, BBQing, and many other excuses to meet friends and welcome the occasional visitor from out of town. These events involved feasting, dancing, singing, laughing, reminiscing, and renewing friendships, some of which have stretched over 20 years.

### Vancouver Island: Brunch at Home

Alex and Laura Jorgenson were kind enough to open their lovely home and organize a brunch for AFE members living on Vancouver Island in November. Nearly all AFEers living on Vancouver Island, except those

who had fled to warmer climates to avoid the Canadian winter, attended the reunion. Fortunately the timing fit with Alex's busy consulting schedule with ADB.



Vancouver Island 2013 AFE Brunch. Back (l-r): Dick Gold, Alex Jorgenson, Bruce Murray, Jane Hourihan, Ed Hourihan and Charles Coe. Front (l-r): Ann Porter, Leslie Gold, Karol Charleson and Laura Jorgenson. Photo by Emma Murray.

### Vancouver: Picnic and John Cole Quizzes

Ex-ADB staff living in Vancouver had two reunions in 2013: a picnic in July and a dinner at the River Rock casino buffet on 17 November. Fortunately the July weather cooperated and we had a beautiful, sunny day for our picnic at Queen Elizabeth Park. We all enjoyed talking and catching up with friends and tasting the traditional Filipino fare—sharing potluck of great food that everyone brought along. In November, we enjoyed fine food at the River Rock buffet and chatting with friends, and held John Cole Memorial Quizzes to test the knowledge of the attendees. AFEer Chris Wensley left the day after the River Rock get-together to help prepare ADB's emergency loan to help rehabilitate the devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda).



Vancouver AFE Picnic at Queen Elizabeth Park. Back (l-r): Bill, Christine, and daughter Kristine Fraser; Emma and Bruce Murray; Takao Watanabe; John Kuiper; Tess, Neria Maria, Jeremiah Neil and Nelson Sumagui and Ed Fernando. Front (l-r): Malou Dizon and her mother; Rey and Len Castro and Carman Fernando.

### Ottawa–Montreal: Currying Flavor

**John Rive, Ottawa area coordinator (ADB 1978–2002)**



On 4 October 2013, AFEers living in the Ottawa–Montreal area met at the Coconut Lagoon restaurant in Ottawa to enjoy South Indian cuisine. Everyone enjoyed catching up with friends and remembering ADB days, and appreciated John Rive's efforts to organize the reunion. During the business portion of the meeting, Farrokh Kapadia provided a briefing on the excellent AFE Europe reunion in Goslar, which he and Rita attended in September, and an update on health, pension, and AFE matters. ■



Ottawa AFE 2013 Dinner. Seated (l-r): Pat Eyre, Vicky Jabes, Helen McNeely, Cindy Krukowski and Audrey Jorssen. Standing (l-r): John Rive, Tony Burger, Jeanette Rive, Pam Deacon, Jak Jabes, Richard Eyre, Ken McNeely, Vernon Jorssen, Paul Krukowski, Farrokh Kapadia, Rita Kapadia.

### Singapore

Singapore members held two gatherings in 2013.



At the September gathering are, l-r, seated: Chapter Coordinator Cheng Huat Sim, Anthony Song Chuan Tan, Terissa Tan, Nolleen Lim, Janet Tay; standing: Willy Lim, Paul Lau, Clara Lee, and Siew Juan Aw. The May gathering included Willy Lim and the George Chengs, Cheng Huat Sim, Amarjit Wasan, and Siew Fing Wong and Paul Teng.

# Philippines

## Get-Together, After Yolanda

### Gam de Armas (ADB 1981–2000)



The Philippine Chapter had another well-attended and exciting Annual Get-Together on 14 November at the ADB Cafeteria, spruced up with Christmas decor and two huge tarpaulin backdrops. Over 140 members and spouses and some guests attended. Most came in their “dots and stripes” outfit in

keeping with the evening’s theme. All enjoyed the buffet dinner with music of the seventies playing softly in the background after the business meeting.

A dozen new retirees (of the 64 who left ADB and joined the Philippine Chapter in 2013) attended the get-together and had fun exchanging notes with colleagues who had left the ADB earlier. They were introduced during the business meeting. Then the President, Hans Springer, and Vice-President, Jill de Villa, updated us on

the Annual General Meeting in Delhi; developments in the international association of retiree groups; pension and health benefit matters; as well as AFE operations, which continue to remain strong and healthy.

I briefed the members on the chapter’s growing membership (now at 793, about a third of the AFE–ADB population). In recent years, an average of 60–80 have joined the chapter annually, primarily swelling the ranks of the East and South Groups, which continue having regular outdoor activities. Regarding AFE–ADB’s response to the severe devastation caused by super typhoon Yolanda, I referred to the very recent letter sent to all AFE–ADB members by Hans, Jill, and me regarding emergency relief that may be coursed through organizations with specific programs addressing the disaster. We also encouraged donations through AFE, as requested by some members. Toward this goal, about P30,000 was raised during the evening, together with emergency relief goods brought by members to be turned over to the Philippine Red Cross.

Emcees for the evening were Julie Guevarra, Danny Muñoz, and Vivien Ramos. As in the last two get-togethers, members availed of the free 4-pose souvenir picture from a contracted photo booth operator. In between line dancing, several raffle prizes went to lucky winners. A big hit during the evening





Line dancing.



Feasting at the Executive Dining Room.

was the “Pinoy Henyo” contest (a word and mind game) with contestants representing the four areas. The winners came from the East Group, Ada Santos and Susan Padolina. ■

## India

### Barindra Ganguli (ADB 1979–1995)



**A** FE–ADB India Chapter’s Twentieth Annual Meeting was held on Saturday, 28 September 2013, at the India International Centre in New Delhi. Barin Ganguli, Shipra Ganguli, Indra Jerath, Satish Jha, Kalyani Jha, Ramdass Keswani, Prateep Lahiri, Jayanta Madhab, Arvind Mathur, Bimla Mehta, Virendra Mehta, Sudipto Mundle, and

Mrs. Y.T. Shah participated. The meeting was preceded by cocktails and followed by a sumptuous dinner.

President Ramdass Keswani welcomed the participants. He informed the members of the successful joint meeting in Colombo with the Sri Lanka Chapter in November–December 2012, and that India Chapter members enjoyed visiting historical and scenic places in Sri Lanka following the business meeting.

Chapter Coordinator Barin Ganguli updated participants on the AFE–ADB Annual General Meeting (*Ed: see AFE News #43 for details*) and noted that the next ADB Annual Meeting will be held on 2–5 May 2014, in Astana, Kazakhstan.

**Chapter Membership.** Barin noted that the AFE–ADB India Chapter now has 93 retirees, of whom only 73 respond to e-mails. Thus, further updating of e-mails will be attempted.

The status of ADB retirees from the India Resident Mission and their admission as members of the AFE–ADB India Chapter were discussed. It was decided unanimously that such retirees should be admitted as members of the India Chapter. Accordingly, two retirees, Mr. C. T. Abraham and Ms. Usha Thanka, have been admitted effective 28 September 2013.

**Joint Meeting Proposal.** Shahid Mirza, Pakistan Chapter coordinator, has indicated that the Pakistan Chapter would be delighted to hold a joint meeting with the India Chapter in Pakistan sometime in October 2014. This will be discussed further during the AFE Meeting in Astana in Kazakhstan in May 2014.

**Election of Office Bearers.** Ramdass Keswani nominated Prateep Lahiri as the new president. This was seconded by Jayanta Madhab. Prateep Lahiri accepted and was duly elected.

Barin Ganguli was reelected as the chapter coordinator, which was supported by all the members present and the 32 members not present in the meeting.

The chapter’s new Executive Committee comprises Prateep Lahiri, president; S.C. Jha, vice president; Barin Ganguli, chapter coordinator; and members Shyam Bajpai, S.V.S. Juneja, Ramdass Keswani, Jayanta Madhab, and V.R. Mehta.

**Other Matters.** (1) Mrs. Shah proposed and Mrs. Jerath seconded the proposal that future annual meetings be held at lunchtime to facilitate the presence of senior citizens. This was approved unanimously. (2) On the matter of becoming involved in some social service, as proposed by Mr. R. K. Banerjee and Mr. R. Venkatnaryanan, the meeting felt that the chapter does not have resources to be involved in such activities. However, if an individual member wants to be involved, and needs institutional assistance, the India Chapter would provide this. ■

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# Australia

Peter Carroll (ADB 1982–1999)



North to the tropics. The Australia Chapter migrated north this year, on 7–10 October, to sunny (and warm) Noosaville, some 100 kilometers up the coast of Queensland from Brisbane. Noosaville is a vibrant tourist village nestled on the banks of the Noosa river. It has many surrounding attractions, from fishing, surfing, boating on the coast, golf courses, amusement and theme parks, museums, and shopping centers inland, to the cooler exotic heights of the Blackall Range and Glass House Mountains in the hinterland, complete with unique historic villages and wonderful views to the sea across the coastal plains.

Our reunion was centered around the attractive Ivory Palms Resort, well appointed with luxurious self-contained units, swimming pools, conference center, dining facilities, and coffee shop.

Members began arriving around mid-afternoon on Monday, 7 October, checking in and changing in time for our welcome BBQ/dinner around the salt water swimming pool. No one fell in, in spite of some darker areas and the impact of much “bonhomie” and liquid refreshments that accompanied a great selection of dishes, all consumed enthusiastically and happily.

After a good night’s sleep in our luxurious apartments, we met early for breakfast before setting off by bus to the nearby pier/boat marina, where we boarded the Noosa Cruising Restaurant for a most enjoyable and interesting cruise down to the mouth of the river. We saw many water activities, such as water skiing, skiff paddling, kayaking, fishing, and canoeing, and noted the expensive holiday villas at the water’s edge, some of them in danger of falling in as a result of storms and water erosion! Possibly not good long-term investments? The vessel returned upstream to picturesque lake Cooroibah, where we anchored and were served an excellent seafood lunch with liquid accompaniment, much to the delight of all. We were then returned to the Marina and, after a short rest, we boarded our bus for a sight-seeing tour of the hinterland and highlands of this lovely area of Queensland.

Highlights were views across to the sea; dramatic expanses of the Glass House Mountains; and a fascinating couple of hours visiting shops, galleries, and museums in the historic village of Montville, some 400 meters above sea level on the Blackall Range. We also spent some time walking in the very well presented Mary Cairncross Park (Interpretive Centre and a short rainforest walk on level ground—birds and wallabies were in abundance).

In the evening, and after a rest, most members walked back to the Marina with its many restaurants. We had an enjoyable evening eating, talking, and relaxing before returning to the resort. The return was hindered by a sudden downpour that narrowly missed giving many a thorough drenching. One of the joys of living in the tropics—shades of Manila!



At the Annual Dinner. L-r: Willy Lim, Colleen Turner, Victor Diem, Anne Whittle, Lester Neumann, Maria Neumann, Paul Turner, Loh Ai Tee, Alan Hartley, Chên Carroll, John Whittle, Helen Pappas, Sophie Pappas, Andrew Proctor, Anne Willoughby, Peter McCawley, Beth Hilton-Thorp, Ann Proctor, John Thorp, Indrani Doloswala, Con Pappas, Neil Collier and Peter Carroll.



Cruise on the Noosa River. front, l-r: Sophie Pappas, Chên Carroll, back, Colleen Turner, Con Pappas, Paul Turner, Neil Collier, Willy Lim, Loh Ai Tee, cruise host at back, Alan Hartley, and Andrew Proctor.

**AGM.** Following breakfast on the Wednesday morning, 11 members assembled for the Chapter Annual General Meeting in the conference room of the resort.

I opened the meeting, welcoming everyone to the 8th AGM of the Chapter. I presented my Coordinator’s report, commented on our Chapter activities, and gave some details about the AFE–ADB Coordinator’s meeting and AGM in Delhi during ADB’s Annual Meeting, 1–5 May 2013. I updated members on matters including AFE–ADB’s financial status, pension matters, health insurance and Vanbreda, the Post Retirement Group Life Insurance, Long-Term Care Insurance Plan, status of AFE–ADB Bylaws, ADB subsidy of chapters, the Chapter’s finances, and proposed venue for our next reunion.

Peter McCawley kindly agreed to act as Returning Officer and I stood down for the election of our committee for the coming year. The following were duly re/elected:

Australian Chapter Coordinator—Peter Carroll; Secretary/Treasurer—Con Pappas; ACT Representative—John Ling, assisted by Andrew Proctor; NSW Representatives—Con Pappas and Alex Gordevich; Queensland Representative—Neil Collier; South Australia—Sin Yan Tay; and for Victoria and the rest of Australia—John Thorp.

On returning to the chair, I thanked Neil Collier and Indrani Doloswala for their gallant efforts in organizing a very successful and enjoyable reunion; Andrew Proctor for organizing the golf as efficiently as ever; and our secretary, Con Pappas, for preparing our minutes. Hosts for next year’s reunion are Andrew and Ann Proctor. The reunion will be held in the area of Canberra in late October 2014.

Those not attending the AGM spent the morning strolling along Noosa Beach boardwalk, sightseeing, shopping, and/or having coffee along Hastings Street, etc., followed by lunch at a Marina Restaurant.

**On the links.** The 10 would-be golfers car pooled to the nearby Tewantin-Noosa Golf Course, where we had a light lunch in the well-appointed Club House before a long hot walk to the first green for our 1:30 p.m. hit off of the 8th

Peter Pattison Memorial Golf Tournament. Ten players in 3 teams (2x3, 1x4) played following different rules this year as our organizer, Andrew Proctor, decided that it would be more interesting for all to play by the “Stableford—4 Balls-Best-Ball” rules. It was a most enjoyable afternoon, even though a trifle warm, and all players managed to make it to the 9th hole, though some were seen doing some bush hacking or “fishing” en route (there were some water hazards!). After the usual round of banter, recriminations, double checking, cat-calls, etc., Ann Proctor and Willy Lim were declared the winners, with Victor Diem and Neil Collier coming in second place.

While the golfers were doing their thing, the nongolfers spent a relaxing afternoon shopping, or hiking in Noosa National Park, an easy scenic walk along a graded path by the sea.

After a period of rest and recuperation, everyone dressed and assembled in the conference room where we had cocktails and canapes before sitting down to a very substantial and enjoyable dinner. I presented the winning golfers with their certificates and thanked Neil Collier and Indrani Doloswala for organizing another most enjoyable reunion. John and Beth Thorp then entertained us with another round of “Bank Trivia” with all the expected performances, banter, jollity, and general good fun.

**Adieu.** The Thursday morning we all bid farewell before commencing our (mostly long) journeys home. All agreed that the reunion had been most enjoyable, with the opportunity to rekindle friendships, have fun, and recount past “glories.” There were many pledges to come to our next reunion, in the Canberra area—it would be great to see you there!! ■

## Europe

### Goslar, Germany—Reunion 2013

Elizabeth V. Reyes



**H**istory and Nature in the Heart of Germany. Every autumn about 50+ silver-haired AFE chapter members and partners meet in an exotic European town—and enjoy a 3-day cultural touring event in a new destination. So fine have the city tours been recently that the chapter’s event now pulls in non-European members and friends from overseas!



House in Goslar.

**Medieval Goslar.** The September 2013 reunion in Goslar promised a fine slice of history and nature in the northern heart of Germany. Goslar was a wealthy imperial town with over 1,000 years of medieval history. Here the Saxon and Salic emperors had united the warring tribes and established

their largest palatinate in the 11th century. Goslar became the center of Christianity and was called the “Rome of the North” with its then 47 churches and monasteries. And much has been preserved over the ages.

On Saturday, we took a guided tour of medieval Goslar, led by our lively American guide, Holly Pankow. She talked a-mile-a-minute and marched us briskly through the Imperial Palace on a tight schedule, starting from the

reception hall lined with giant murals telling the story of Protestantism to the Greek-cross chapel and sarcophagus that has survived since 1170.

Learning that Goslar is a UNESCO Cultural Site for Architectural Heritage, we walked thru the ancient medieval town with its 900 timber-framed houses more than 400 years old—while our guide Holly noted the design details and the advanced water system of Goslar. We were especially privileged to enter one of Goslar’s oldest (1693) and largest ancestral homes, that of the industrial pioneer family Siemens. Made with slate roofs, red brick, and wood, the Siemens mansion comprises four levels once used for living and storing. We climbed up narrow staircases and wandered amid dark halls of ancient days.

Our Goslar walking tour ended at noon by the Glockenspiel on Market Square. After a 7-minute carillon show on the history of mining, we took the usual AFE group photo before the big red Merchants Guild building. The afternoon tour took us to Goslar’s City Archives, where the librarian introduced the art of antiquary and showed us original, well preserved documents of Emperor Otto the Great (1137).

That evening featured a gala dinner with a Renaissance theme, held in the Brusttuch (brassiere cloth) Restaurant, within its 1527 antique mansion. The evening’s mascot was a costumed minstrel-actor who entertained us with olden musical instruments, poems, jokes, and games while we



In Goslar town center: Front, l-r: Uwe Henrich, Hans-Juergen Springer, Thomas Eggenberger, Anne Schelzig, LiChi Gruber, Jill Gale de Villa, Rose de Vries, Florence Rafulowitz, Emma Murray, Friedericke Kantner, Enrie Hecker, Eveline Fischer, Lilo Kahl, Gerhard Kahl, Sylvia Dick, Elizabeth Reyes, Helga Schulz, Erika Henrich, Angela Preuss, Gisela Carstensen, Enno Carstensen, Mr. & Mrs. Yuzo Akatsuka, Günter Hecker. Behind, l-r: Ross Clendon, Barbara Addison, Carol Clendon, Dini Klufft, Siward de Vries, Jan Wijenberg, Richard Rafulowitz, Rudolf Jonker, Rita Kapadia, John Lintjer, Farrokh Kapadia, Wim Klufft, Jenny Lintjer, Peter von Brevem, Gunther Schulz, Peter Bodora, Patrick Pillon, Wolfgang Gruber, Werner Schelzig, Dieter Bornhoft, Ursula Bornhoft, Marilies von Brevem, Alain Dick, Aafje Schmid, Hans-Martin Schmid. Hidden or not in picture: Rodney Addison, Zuzu Bodora, Naomi Chakwin, Bruce Murray, Marjorie Pillon.



Werner Schelzig, Gerhard Kahl, and Günter Hecker in the Siemens house.

supped on a thematic menu of roast meats and vegetables. A fun time was had by all.

**Up a Mountain and a Castle.** On day 3 we took in one castle and one steam-engined train to reach the top of Northern Germany’s highest mountain, the Brocken. Wernigerode Castle with towers, turrets, and spires soaring over the surroundings reminded us of Neuschwanstein of Germany’s South. We wandered the medieval rooms, some still dressed in silk brocades and carved furniture.

The trip up the Brocken by an old, narrow-gauge steam locomotive running 40 kilometers an hour was long and crowded. As the highest mountain (1,141 meters) in the northern part of Germany, Der Brocken was cold, windy, and foggy. (It has 300 fog days per year!) This was the “hearing post” of German Democratic Republic times.

We also had a learning experience at Goslar’s archives. Heinz Henrich, a member of the archival society, had arranged for us to see documents dating back to the town’s very early times, and to learn about their history.

**Down 1,000 Years.** On our last day, we realized the highest value item and a unique attraction of Goslar: its culture of ore mining and its supportive water system. Goslar is distinguished by a claim to three UNESCO World Heritage sites amid its ancient stones. Two heritage citations are related to mining: the 1,000-year old mines of Rammelsberg and the Upper Harz Water Regale, a sophisticated water system serving the town. Much of the water system was built from the 16th to 19th centuries to divert and store the water that powered the water wheels of the mines in the Upper Harz region.

We took a hands-on experiential tour deep within the Rammelsberg mine (which closed down in 1988 after operating continuously for about 1,000 years, with the earliest activities commencing in about the 3rd century AD)—all geared up in our yellow hardhats, miners’ jackets, and rubber galoshes. Entering the underground world of



A multi-sealed document in the Goslar archives.

ore mining, we walked through rock tunnels and along metal bridges between multileveled zones. We stood awed in the immense Roeder Gallery that had served as a water supply tunnel for huge wooden waterwheels that generated power for the hoists at the mine shafts.

The Rammelsberg Mines provided a fascinating experience of the ancient water technology behind mining. As our mining engineer guide taught us the miners’ greeting, we wished one another “Glück Auf” (Godspeed).

The 2013 AFE Europe reunion ended with an invitation for afternoon coffee and cake to the Henrichs’ marvelous home designed by Erika Henrich and furnished with many wonderful artifacts they gathered during Uwe’s overseas assignments and their travels to many parts of Asia. Profuse thanks were extended to hosts Uwe and Erika Henrich and to AFE Europe Coordinator Günter Hecker for a great and entertaining program, which was very well organized. Since a decision had already been made at Thursday’s business meeting to hold the next AFE Europe reunion in Andorra with Rudolf Jonker as the host, everyone was looking forward to another successful get-together in September 2014. ■



The Goslar clock tower, and its huge *glockenspiel* (carillon) with a remarkable display featuring traditional and modern miners.

# People, Places, and Passages

## Quake in Bohol

Simon Baily-Gibson (ADB 2005–2012)



*Ed: Simon and Flor Baily-Gibson retired to Bohol, Flor's province. This is their story of the devastation caused by a major quake—which severely impacted the lives of many Boholeños, and destroyed monumental historic buildings, such as Loboc Church (built 1638) and Baclayon Church (built 1727 and housing archives and relics*

*from the early 16th century)—both are officially National Cultural Treasures.*

1 5 October 2013 was a beautiful sunny morning at Calunasan Creek Farm. We'd been up early, planning the day's activities, when all of a sudden our home started to shake. I recall a deep rumble before the ensuing mayhem. The building shook violently for what seemed like an age, causing ceilings to collapse, windows to blow out, and walls to crack and crumble as our belongings and all that we had built in the preceding 6 months crashed around us. Such is the frightening power unleashed by an earthquake of 7.2 magnitude on the Richter scale.

Trapped under the debris on the upper terrace, I could hear a voice screaming "where are you" as I too wondered where was she. Flor was trapped in the bathroom, unable to escape. We were helped out of the house, badly shaken but miraculously unhurt apart from minor cuts and bruises.

Word quickly spread from the village that the sea had receded and a tsunami was feared. We followed villagers up the hill behind the farm, where we gathered next to a church and a group of homes mostly destroyed. As the ground continued to rumble and shake with each after shock, the people roared "bwah, bwah, bwah" to ward off the evil spirits. Everyone was in shock, children were crying, dogs were howling, no one knew what would happen next.

The tsunami never came, for we later learned the epicentre was inland and some 25 kilometers east of us, near Sagbayan, a town that suffered severe damage. The full force of the quake was projected southwest toward the coastal municipality of Loon and surrounding towns.



Simon and Flor in the rice fields before the quake.

Clearly, our part of the island had taken the brunt of it while our island capital—Tagbilaran City—and the tourist island of Panglao were largely spared.

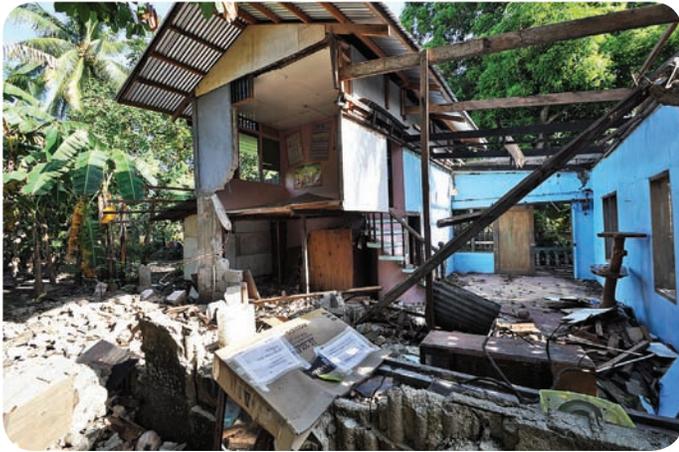
Bohol was brought to a grinding halt. The quake flattened over 20,000 houses and caused hundreds of millions of dollars of infrastructural damage and loss of life.

**Camping Out.** Along with most local folk, we spent the next couple of weeks under canvas while the aftershocks were at their most severe. With no power or running water and our deep water well collapsed, we depended on rainwater harvested from the roof of our badly damaged home.

One week later, it started to rain as tropical depression "Wilma" took hold. With homes destroyed or at best damaged, most folk were afraid to move back indoors for fear of further damage from the numerous and sometimes terrifying aftershocks. Wilma caused widespread flooding and misery for those already reeling from the quake. We rescued Flor's elderly parents and neighbors from the rapidly rising tide and managed to find some spare floor space in the only part of our house safe to enter.

And then, as if Bohol needed to be punished again so soon, we heard news of a typhoon heading directly at us. Haiyan ("Yolanda" in the Philippines) was gathering strength offshore. Friends furiously texted from Manila with updates, as we anxiously watched Yolanda upgraded from super typhoon to monster typhoon to one of the most powerful ever.

This was an especially frightening scenario for those of us in the already quake-shattered areas of Bohol. The mayor ordered evacuation, but where should we all go? The local



A village home destroyed by the quake



Villagers camping out in the rice fields.

school was designated a meeting place but that had been flooded by Wilma and was also damaged in the quake.

We went to stay with good friends on slightly higher ground. The four of us huddled together and sipped rum while the palm trees swayed and the rain beat down. It was a surreal experience as the ground still shook from aftershocks. Truly, with no power and no light, it felt like the end of the world was upon us.

Miraculously, Yolanda veered north shortly before landfall. Bohol was spared her full fury while the world watched in horror at the cataclysmic damage unleashed on Tacloban City and the islands of Samar and Leyte.

For a deeply religious society such as Bohol, it is sad to see practically every place of worship either collapsed or rendered unsafe, particularly the historic churches built so long ago by the Spanish. But, in our view, worse than this is the destruction of homes of folk for whom rebuilding is but a dream.

**Toward Recovery.** After the sacks of rice and packaged noodles had been handed out, duly stamped with the names of politicians ever keen to attract votes, it quickly became apparent local and national authorities would do

little or nothing to help local folk rebuild their homes. And so *B's Bohol Earthquake Charity* was born.

We have since been overwhelmed by the astonishing response from friends and family worldwide. Our simple little charity has received donations exceeding P1.2 million (\$26,500), enabling us to fund the purchase of building materials for over 40 homes.

Every little bit helps. If we can do a whole lot of little bits together, we'll help rebuild a village. We are continuing with our work in 2014, and if anyone would like to donate please contact us at Calunasan Creek Farm, Calape, Bohol, on [bailygibson@gmail.com](mailto:bailygibson@gmail.com).

Meanwhile, life moves on—after rebuilding our own shattered home, we're looking forward to a good mango harvest. ■



## Yolanda Impacts the Walters

Graham Walter (ADB 1981–2005)



When typhoon Yolanda pummelled into Eastern Samar in the early hours of 8 November, I was on my way to Nauru, but my wife Beth was at our home in Sulat, Eastern Samar—50 kilometers north of Guiuan, where the typhoon first came ashore. Power lines were wiped out in Eastern Samar, along with cellphone towers, and the province was cut off. Guiuan, was decimated by the storm surge, as badly as Tacloban. With no news from my wife, and news pictures of

the devastation in Tacloban increasingly aired, our fears for her safety grew intensely.

**Missing Person.** It is hard to describe the gut-wrenching fears, increasing hourly with no news. After 2 days, my daughter Jacqueline could stand the uncertainty no longer, and with her two 20-year-old cousins took my Prado and satellite phone and drove to Sulat—a day’s journey down the length of Luzon, across to Samar by ferry, and then a 5-hour drive across the spine of Samar to the eastern shore. This was an incredibly brave thing to have attempted, given the uncertainties over personal safety and whether they could get through at all. But Jacqueline is strong-willed and organized, topping up with fuel at every gasoline station they passed. They had loaded up with medicines and water purification tablets before departing, but their main concern was to find Mum. What massive relief when I got that satellite phone call that she was OK.

We have an old house in Sulat, and a newer house on a small island just offshore. Sulat experiences typhoons regularly, but no one had any idea of what a storm surge is capable of doing. My wife very unwisely had decided to sit out the typhoon in the beach house as it is new and strong, a decision she regrets and recalls in her dreams to this day. By the time they became aware of the strength of the sea it was too dangerous to travel back to shore, less than 1 kilometer away. The house fortunately faces north and was protected by the island with its large mangrove shoreline facing the typhoon, and by other islands and an extended reef to the south. But she watched the sea as it agitated and surged all round the island—“as though it were boiling,” she said. Since then, seeing the devastation in Guiuan, she and relatives realized how foolhardy and lucky they were. Our house is set a long way back from the beach, but the resorts next door, built right on the



Remains of Hernani Civic Center.

shore front, were badly damaged by waves crashing on the shore.

**Relief and Rehab.** On her return to Manila, Jacqueline resolved to organize relief supplies for Eastern Samar. With colleagues from the British School (where she is a volunteer teacher as part of her postgraduate education diploma), she got down to planning and raising funds. Initially, trucks and drivers were promised by a local company, but their drivers feared going to Samar following stories of hijackings of relief supplies. Thus, it was nearly 3 weeks after the typhoon that she returned to Samar with a couple of volunteers from Manila and relatives from the province. Funding had been provided by friends from Manila, the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, and elsewhere through a fund-raising website ([www.antontheplanet.com](http://www.antontheplanet.com); <http://www.gofundme.com/5gfp3k>), and, together with donations from the Springboard Foundation, they took 6 tons of supplies—seemingly a lot, but hardly a dent in the needs.





Jacqueline Walter (3rd from right) and her volunteers.



Receiving relief goods in Balud Sulat.

Jacqueline and her volunteers focused on barangays where few relief goods had been delivered. Most east coast villages had been hit by the storm surge but damage was very location-specific. Two barangays in Sulat were badly hit by the storm surge, but most of the town suffered only wind damage, so only limited relief supplies were targeted there. Hernani was their major target due to the massive damage done by the storm surge, together with General MacArthur and Mercedes further south, which had largely wind damage.

Delivering goods was not without its dangers. People in most barangays where they stopped were orderly, but in some places they feared being mobbed and did not stop the truck, but threw tarpaulins and a few supplies out of the back. Of all the goods they delivered, tarpaulins were the most appreciated, together with water sterilization tablets and antibiotics, and of course rice. In addition, plastic buckets and umbrellas were a treasure. The operation was largely safe and successful as the truck did not look like a relief truck, and the driver

and volunteer helpers were almost all from the province, with common language, friends, and relatives. Where relief goods were handed out to queues in an orderly fashion in which my daughter could directly participate, people expressed surprise that this Caucasian-looking girl spoke Waray, their local language. Nevertheless there were uncertainties, and the need to stay near the truck for safety inhibited photo taking.

Relief has since increased and the efforts turn now to rehabilitation. Livelihoods are a major concern, as much of the province relied on coconuts and fishing. Replanted coconut trees will take several years to yield fruit and thus getting fishermen back to sea is a priority. Boats (small fishing bancas) are needed but can be built locally. Jacqueline and her colleagues are planning to help raise funds to purchase banca engines. The website <http://www.gofundme.com/5gfp3k>, was created by Karen O'Hara (part of Jacqueline's group) as a vehicle for raising donations for this effort and will be updated to include this fundraising. ■



Queuing for relief goods in Mercedes.



Managing to construct a Christmas tree despite losing everything.

# Healing with Magic

Tsukasa Maekawa (ADB 1998–2011)

*Ed: The following information is taken from that sent by Tsukasa and a chat with him over coffee.*



While working at ADB, Tsukasa commenced his next “career”—bringing magic to people’s lives—including his own. His magic show helped raise money for the Staff Community Fund’s many charitable projects.

Since retiring, he has moved into full swing with his charitable performances, especially for people who very much need some joy in their lives. He describes himself as “a professional-level hobbyist” and says “the greatest happiness is what you get when you make other people happy.”

“In December 2013, six magicians from Tacloban came to Manila to look for a job because they had lost their market. One of them told me that he would go back to Tacloban for Christmas. I joined him in a 36-hour bus ride to Tacloban before Christmas and I stayed at his father’s house.

“The local magician and I did a couple of shows for typhoon victims. We did a show on December 25th for 500 children at the largest evacuation center in Tacloban (the Astrodome). I went back to Tacloban from January 23-27, and did four shows with the



local magician at two damaged schools, a church used as an evacuation center, and a village, each with 200–500 children entertained.” Tsukasa found there is a great need for lifting the spirits of children after the trauma of the typhoon and resulting catastrophic losses.

He has been supporting the president of Tacloban’s magician’s club to return to the city and put on shows at the evacuation centers, to make children smile. Funding has come from Tsusaka, and from friends who responded to his plea for support on Facebook.

“During and after my ADB days, I have been doing charity shows for the underprivileged. I did shows at temporary housing for victims of Japan’s tsunami, at children’s centers in the Lao People’s Democratic Republic; at a school in the slum area of Bangkok; and many in the Philippines, including for indigenous groups such as Aeta and Mangyan. I did 12 shows in 7 days in Japan, including one for Save the Children—Kunio Senga is currently heading its Japan office and its efforts to assist tsunami victims who are still in temporary housing. There was no end to the demand for magic.”

Some requests for Tsusaka’s magic shows come from ADB staff involved in NGOs and charity events. ■



# Adapting to Climate Change

Bob Dobias (ADB 1994–2012)



*Ed: In August of last year—just before Leyte, Samar, and other areas were devastated by typhoon—Bob Dobias and Brad Philips [ADB 1986–2006] gave a presentation on their latest adventure—the Adaptation Project Facility for Asia and the Pacific (ADAPT Asia-Pacific). Text below is excerpted from the presentation.*

Bob writes: “I am the Team Leader of the Capacity Building Program. As such, I am heading up initiatives such as the 2-year Economics of Climate Change Adaptation program, the recently completed Thailand National Climate Change Research Strategy, development of various regional and national training courses, development of a sourcebook on the gender dimensions of climate change adaptation, and other activities. Brad ... designed the project and was overseeing project implementation from USAID; as of October, he moved to the Global Green Growth Initiative in Seoul. Peter King [ADB 1991–2005] is the other team leader. The project is totally USAID-funded, but we have established a number of partnerships, including with ADB, the World Bank, UNDP, and others.”

The purpose of the ADAPT Asia-Pacific project is to help countries in Asia and the Pacific obtain financing for adaptation to climate change. This is to be achieved through stakeholder-driven programming and through partnerships. The key activities are capacity building, technical assistance, knowledge sharing, and annual forums. The project covers 13 Asian and 14 Pacific countries. At a glance:

Bob noted that countries have difficulty accessing the small amount of funding available for climate change adaptation. Thus, ADAPT partners with institutions such as ADB and UNDP, and through doing so has successfully helped countries access global funds. Examples are the Community-Based Flood and Glacier Lake Outburst Risk Reduction Project in Nepal and the Water Sector Adaptation Project in the Solomon Islands.

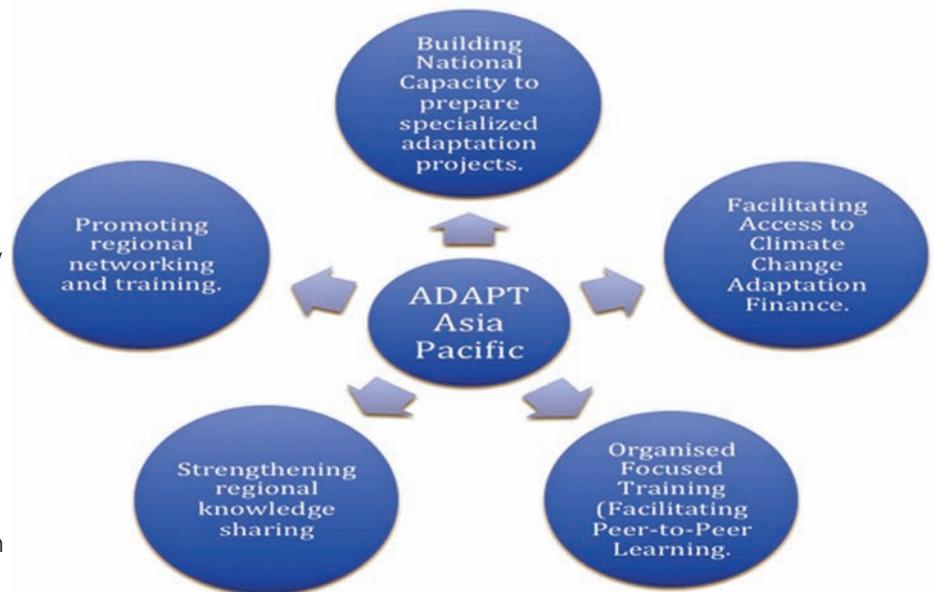


L-r: Bob Dobias and Brad Philips after their presentation, chatting with Nessim Ahmad, director, ADB’s Regional and Sustainable Development Department.

The collaborations have allowed Bob and ADAPT to have a clearer understanding of governments’ capacities to access climate change finance, and countries to access multiple forms of climate finance. Consequently, ADAPT is becoming recognized as an important partner in climate change finance.

A regional assessment showed that capacity for understanding adaptation to and financing for climate change is low in the region. Building such capacity is thus in demand. This can be done through

- supporting existing institutions—such as supporting attendance at high-quality training programs;
- twinning, mentoring, and side-by-side learning arrangements—as is proposed for preparing and implementing Thailand’s national adaptation plan;
- providing new programs—such as a regional course in the economics of climate change adaptation; and
- learning from technical assistance.



ADAPT has supported the development of the Asia Pacific Adaptation Platform (APAN) ([www.apan-gan.net](http://www.apan-gan.net)), which is a focal point for sharing best practices in adaptation.

ADAPT has held two annual forums: in Bangkok, Thailand, in 2012 and Nadi, Fiji, in 2013.

Current understandings include

- Financing for adaptation to climate change is very inadequate.
- Only one national agency in the region has direct access to international funds for climate change adaptation.
- ADAPT's work and value are recognized but this needs to be extended further to governments.
- Pacific island countries are very interested in ADAPT's assistance, seeing it as a survival need.

ADAPT is increasingly adapting to these understandings by orienting more to support governments directly; exploring innovative sources of finance; considering assisting governments to "climate proof" plans and investments; and moving knowledge, case studies, and tools developed while implementing ADAPT programs into regional and national institutes of higher learning.

See <http://adaptasiapacific.org/> for more information. ■

## Wanderings in Denmark, Sweden, and Germany

**Bruce Murray (ADB 1980–2007) and Emma Murray (1991–2001)**



It felt like we were transported in time and watched the young queens assume their thrones with all the pomp and

For us Europe will never cease to be an exciting place to visit. On 2 September we left Vancouver on an over-the-pole flight to London on the first leg of our trip to attend the 2013 AFE Europe reunion in Goslar, Germany. The one-day stop over in London was spent recovering from jet lag and visiting Buckingham Palace to see a special exhibit on

the coronations and films depicting the events. In the evening we had a nice dinner with Keith and Isabelle Leonard. A few months after retiring from ADB, Keith became a special adviser in EBRD's evaluation office, which is headed by former ADB Vice President Joe Eichenberger.



Bruce and Emma with Nils and Gunilla Bruzellius outside the Hökeriet in Lund.

Our next destination was Copenhagen. A train ride from London to Harwich was followed by an 18-hour ferry trip to Esbjerg and a train ride to Copenhagen. The next day an old friend from Bruce's early days in ADB, Nils Bruzellius, picked us up. Nils worked in ADB as an economist in the Water Supply Division from 1980 to 1982. Since leaving ADB Nils has been working as a consultant, mostly in Africa and Eastern Europe, has taught at university and has published several books on transport economics.

Nils drove us to their summer home near Lund in southern Sweden. On the way we visited the popular Louisiana Art Museum, although none of us appreciated the items in the Yoko Ono exhibit. We also visited the majestic Kronborg Castle, immortalized as Elsinore in Shakespeare's Hamlet, where the Danes controlled the



Entrance to Tivoli in Copenhagen.



Bruce at Beatles Platz in Hamburg.

passage of ships from the Baltic to the Atlantic beginning in the 1400s.

We spent a delightful weekend with Nils and his wife Gunilla. In addition to sampling the culinary delights of southern Sweden, we visited the sights of Lund and Malmo,

particularly the old town and Nils's university, white sandy beaches and an amber museum. We also visited the Hökeriet, where Gunilla volunteers part time, and is part of the Kulturen Museum in Lund. Nils's family has some interesting history. His mother received a medal from the Danish King recognizing her work helping Danish Jews to escape Sweden during a dramatic period in October 1943 as they fled from the Nazis. In the early 1960s a young American lawyer worked on Columbia University's Law School Project on International Procedure at Lund University with Nils' father, who was a judge. The young woman was Ruth Bader Ginsberg, now a member of the US Supreme Court.

Sunday evening Nils drove us back to Copenhagen. We spent the following day on a hop-on hop-off bus tour seeing the sights of Copenhagen. We particularly enjoyed the Rosenborg Castle, built in the early 1600s. It houses the Danish crown jewels and has one room with furniture, paintings, porcelain, and decorations for each Danish King from 1597 to 1828. Unfortunately it rained that evening so we could not spend time at Tivoli, the world famous amusement park and gardens. Emma was happy to fill that time with shopping.

After a 6-hour train trip we arrived in Hamburg and spent two days exploring the city and port area. Since Bruce processed loans for port projects in Indonesia, the Philippines, and the PRC, he was particularly interested in the waterfront development, the port area, and the fact that Hanover is the second largest port in Europe after Rotterdam. The highlight (or lowlight?) of our visit to Hamburg was sightseeing on the Reeperbahn, where the Beatles played early in their career. The area has reportedly been cleaned up but is still filled with strip clubs, etc. Clearly the Beatles did not start by playing in high-end clubs!

A train ride took us from Hanover to Goslar for the AFE Reunion (see article on page 12). For Bruce and Günter Hecker, a special feature of the Goslar reunion was the attendance of our former manager, Dr. Yuzo Akatsuka and his wife, who flew in from Tokyo at Günter's

urging. Günter picked the Akatsukas up at the Frankfurt Airport and arranged with Silvia and Alain Dick (who also attended the Goslar reunion), to drive them back to Frankfurt.



Dr. Yuzo Akatsuka, Bruce, and Günter reuniting after many years.

After the excellent AFE Europe reunion, our exciting trip continued as we drove to Berlin with Günter and Enri Hecker. Hans and Liz Springer were kind enough to provide personal tourism services for the three days that we spent in Berlin. They took us to see the best that Berlin has to offer including the Brandenburg Gate, the Berlin Wall museum, the Holocaust Memorial, the German Parliament Building and an ancient Egyptian exhibit at a major museum. In addition we had a splendid dinner and an evening of discussing fond memories at the Springer's spacious apartment.

A short flight took us back to London. Our time there was filled with sightseeing, visiting many popular tourist attractions and taking in three excellent musicals in the West End. A special highlight of our time in London was an invitation by one of Bruce's consulting clients to stay in the historic East India Club, one of London's prestigious gentlemen's clubs. The club was filled with paintings of many famous historical figures from the glory days of the empire, including one of Sir Robert Clive. ■



The Springers, Hecker, and Murrays at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin.

## Working with Light

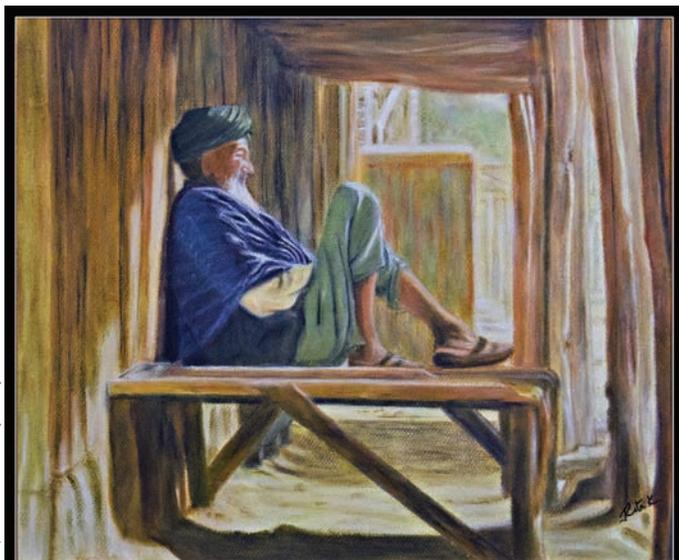
Rita Kapadia (Farrokh Kapadia worked at ADB 1983–2004)



I began my career working as an economist after studying at the London School of Economics. I had always been interested in painting—ever since I can remember—but art was considered a “hobby” and not a “profession” in India at the time. There were no secure job prospects for an artist, and education was seen as a path to a good job.

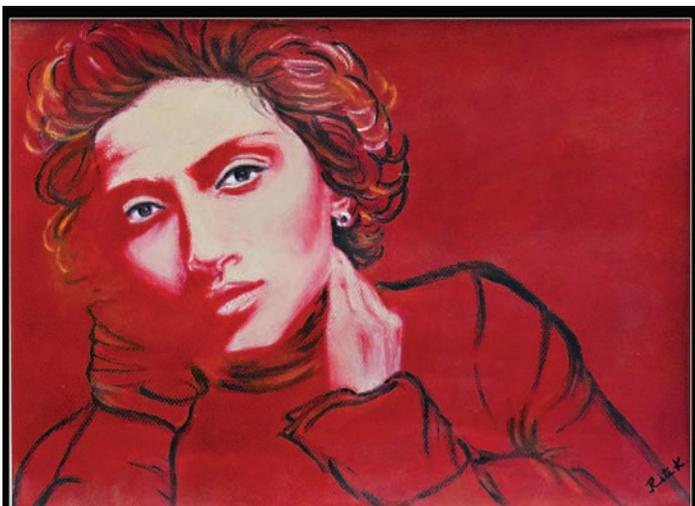
In 1988, while living in the Philippines, I had an opportunity to paint, when I came across a teacher who would come to my home. I painted in oil on canvas for a few years. However, his knowledge of painting techniques was really very basic and I became bored and gave it up after a couple of years.

In 2001, I met Carola Ahmad, a German artist who introduced me to a new technique and re-inspired me to paint. I threw away all my brushes, changed my technique totally, and started to paint with oil on paper using my fingers and a small piece of cloth for applying the paint. With Carola there was no choice—it was only painting with the fingers. I can tell you that it was a very messy



Snoozing  
23" x 19"  
Oil on Paper

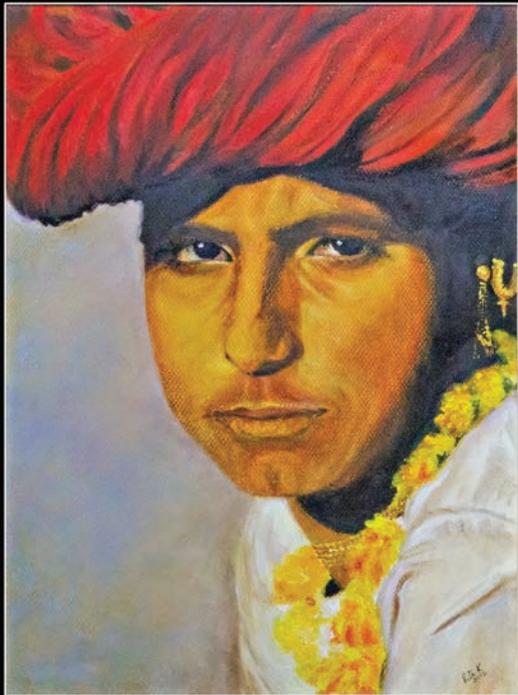
Images of Rita Kapadia's artwork are by Simmy Ahluwalia.\*



Study in Red IV (The Mind's Eye)  
17" x 12.5"  
Oil on Paper



Study in Red VIII (Contemplation)  
23" x 17"  
Oil on Paper



Gypsy Bridegroom  
16" x 22"  
Oil on Paper

beginning till I learned to get the paint on the paper rather than on my hands and clothes! In the first few sessions, I spent more time washing my hands than painting. Carola had a weekly open house at her place in Dasmariñas Village, where people could go and spend several hours painting, while she walked around giving advice and guidance. Finger painting attracted me probably because I tended to be too detailed in my painting and wanted to break out of that. Painting with the fingers does not allow that kind of detail.

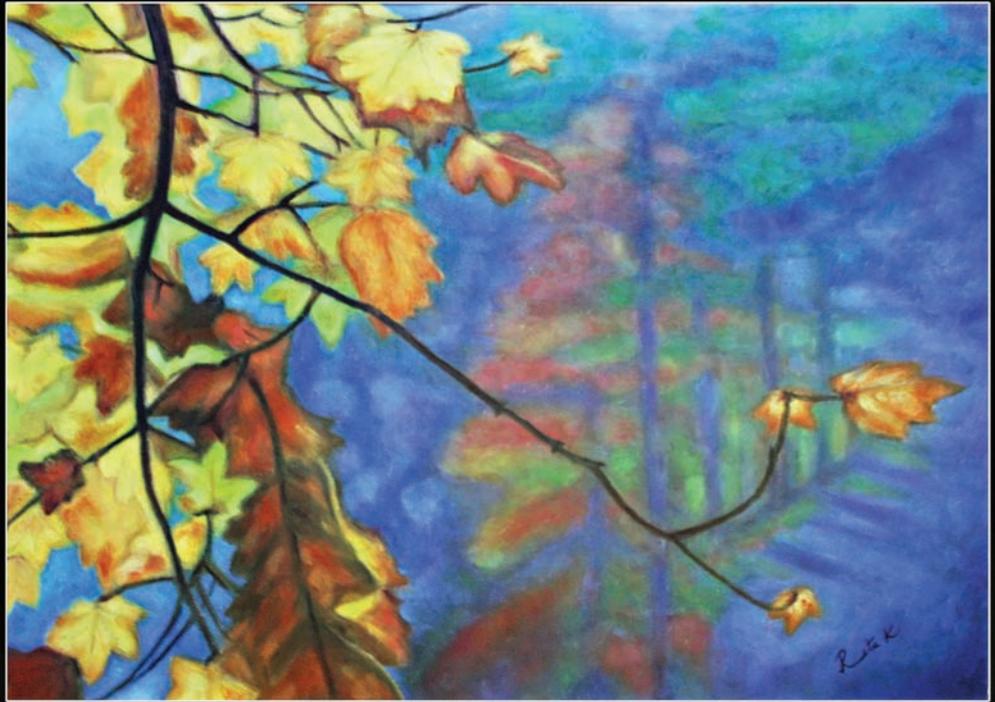
My finger paintings are mostly done in oils on paper. My main focus is on people, especially faces, as well as on the natural world. I enjoy attempting to capture different moods and expressions on a face. I also find a never ending variety of moods in nature.

When I paint, the words of my mentor (Carola Ahmad) are always with me: "Where is the light in your painting?" I am fascinated by the play of light and mood and am always seeking to capture them in my work. Because of her exhortations on light, I began to see that it was light that brought depth and life to my paintings. I do not always succeed in my attempts to follow her advice and realize how flat the paintings look when I have failed.

In Manila, I had an exhibit at the Soufflé restaurant in 2003. More recently, I exhibited at the Spiral Gallery in Ottawa in 2012. My finger paintings are in private collections in Canada, Germany, the Philippines, and the United States. To see more of my work, visit my website: <http://ritakapadiaart.com/index2.php#/home/>. I currently live and work in Ottawa, Ontario with my husband, Farrokh. We also spend part of the winter warming up in Delhi and catching up with friends. ■



Colours of Nature (Blue)  
13" x 5.5"  
Oil on Paper



Autumn in Ottawa  
19" x 15"  
Oil on Paper



Colours of Nature (Green)  
13" x 5.5"  
Oil on Paper

# Looking for Kicks on Route 66

Günter Hecker (ADB 1979–2002)



When my son Frederick’s birthday was approaching in July 2013, I was scratching my head for a meaningful present for him. My idea: “let’s do Route 66 together.” I have long had a secret desire to do long-distance surface travel, where the “journey itself is the reward of travel.” As a young guy, I wanted to become a truck driver; I ended up only as an economist, but at least in the transport field. Frederick must have inherited some of this longing, as he immediately agreed to the trip.

Route 66 has long been on my mind. I recall the song *Get Your Kicks on Route 66*, popularized by Nat King Cole, Chuck Berry, and The Rolling Stones; Henry Fonda’s *Easy Rider*; and John Steinbeck’s *Grapes of Wrath*.

The preferred travel mode would have been on a Harley. However, we booked a convertible to come as close as possible to a Harley feeling. In hindsight, this was a wise decision.

**The Way West.** Route 66 is the very first US “Interstate.” It connects Chicago to Los Angeles (LA), progressing through Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, New Mexico, and California, mostly on roads that had existed prior to 1926. Only short links had to be constructed between them to make Route 66. The route was built to foster nation building and economic development—the same justification ADB still uses for its road projects. It started largely as “Dirt 66,” much of the way not fully sealed as an all-weather highway. In the 1930s, the road served as the migratory pathway for desperate farmers fleeing successive droughts and the “Dust Bowl” in Oklahoma and Texas, westward to California, the land of milk and honey. After WWII and until the 1950s and 1960s, Route 66 again carried millions of people who chose to “Go West.”

As tourism developed, Route 66 became the pathway to discovering America. Primitive filling stations became service stations; camps became motels; small grocery stores were replaced by diners; and there are many roadside attractions, such as Indian trading posts, and curio shops.

Vernacular roadside architecture developed, featured eye-catching oddities: animals such as the Rabbit in Joseph City and the Blue Whale in Catoosa, a “monument” to the Blues Brothers in Braidwood, the Native American Muffler Man in Clinton, and numerous funny billboards.



Some of the many roadside “attractions.”

Eventually Route 66 became a victim of its own success, and became “Bloody 66” because of the many road accidents. In 1956, Congress allocated funds to develop four-lane interstate highways, including along Route 66, bypassing everything that could cause delays. Thus, the original road became fragmented into dead ends, parts were relegated to being service roads for the highways, and parts were simply built over. The gas stations, motels, curio shops, and “mom and pop” stores along old Route 66 had to close as traffic was reduced to a trickle. With the final bypass around Williams, Arizona, in 1984, Route 66 was decommissioned, was replaced by five interstates, and was expected to fade into history like the Oregon Trail.



One of the many abandoned gasoline stations.

But Route 66 has touched the lives of millions of Americans, and the legend lives on: 82% of the old roadbed persists, although not all is drivable. Many people come to search for the original stretches, to find lost bridges or to look up the now dilapidated gas stations, motels, and diners, just to experience the spirit of former times.

And that is what we also wanted to do. We wanted to travel the old sections wherever possible and always chose the oldest alignments. That extended our travel to 3,589 miles instead of the official 2,278 miles, because we often had to backtrack from dead ends or missing bridges to continue our travel.



The start of the trail.

**Chicago.** Without much sleep after Frederick's birthday party, we flew to Chicago. There we had our one and only real disappointment of the trip: despite all earlier promises, there was no convertible available for us to be dropped off in LA. The rental agent took pity on our disappointment and she offered a top-of-the-line Cadillac instead, with all the frills...of course, we accepted.

We cruised from the airport downtown to our hotel, which was the only one we had prebooked for the trip. The shock of the parking fee—almost the same as the hotel rate—made us decide to stay one night only. That night we went for our first American dinner, in an old "speakeasy" restaurant on Wabash Street.

The next day we took a hop-on hop-off tourist bus to admire the famous Chicago skyscraper architecture. We went up to the 103rd floor of the Willis Building to step 1 meter out into the sky onto the glass-balcony to get a dizzying view to the bustling traffic 450m below.

Late in the afternoon we started our trip at the official "Historic Route 66" "Begin" sign on Adams Street. Getting out of Chicago and remaining on Route 66 gave us a hint of how difficult it would become to remain a true and honest "Route 66-er."

**Moving Out.** On the historic road, we could explore America's true backyard. Asking for the way, we became involved in small talk about any topic and that could last for more than an hour at times. We talked to people sitting on their verandas in the ubiquitous rocking chairs (and American flags), and peered into houses that seemed to be curio shops or small museums that were open without anyone around. We were moved by the hospitality of the average American. We admired the volunteers in their early 80s who keep an old gas station open, just to get tourists to stop in their village, bypassed by the new interstates.



Our transport for 3,589 miles on an abandoned section of Route 66.

In one of the first souvenir shops along the route, some wise person had recommended Jerry's flip-chart type guide and to throw away the other 10 we had brought along. We also found "Images of 66" by David Wickline, featuring all roadside attractions in sequence. We made it our job now to have as many pictures signed by the owners of the motels, restaurants, gas stations, and Route 66 and vintage car museums along the road that are featured in that book. Later, Gary Parita, the old Route 66 guru, enthralled us for 2 hours at his vintage gas station in Ash Grove, Missouri, with his stories about Route 66.



Gary Parita signing "the Book."

On our way westward, at the request of my ADB-friend Horst Kaminsky, we made a "pilgrimage" to Rolla University, where he earned his master's degree in engineering. In Missouri, we saw the Meramec Caverns, from where Jesse James escaped. We saw one of the last drive-in movie theaters in Carthage, crossed into Kansas for the 20-mile stretch of its portion of Route 66, and had coffee at the gas station where Bonnie and Clyde killed two policemen.

**Cows, Cars, Canyons, and More.** Entering Chandler, Oklahoma, our EZ66 Guide for travelers indicated that you could come for coffee at the author's residence and have your guidebook signed. Jerry McClanahan and his father received us, as if we had been the first who stopped by. He owns an art gallery of his photographs and paintings of vintage American cars; his works hang in private collections



The Cadillac Ranch.

across the country and overseas. One now resides in Heidelberg, as he presented Frederick a signed copy of a red '61 Chevy Impala in front of the Giant Texas Steak Bar of Amarillo, where you get a 72oz steak for free, if you can devour it within 1 hour; otherwise you pay \$72. We visited that place, but chickened out with the steak challenge.

In Texas, we had some rough road sections, which made our luxury sedan perform like a cross-country four-wheeler.

In Amarillo, we visited the Cadillac Ranch—with 10 vintage Cadillacs buried nose down at the same angle as the great pyramids—why, I do not know. We came through Santa Fe, New Mexico, into Arizona and visited the Painted Desert; the Petrified Forest; the Meteor Crater; and, as the Route 66-song says: we did not forget Winona. Important for me were the many US vintage car museums, it is so sad that such cars are no longer affordable.

We also took time off Route 66 to venture to the Grand Canyon, where Frederick almost caused me a heart attack when he dared to go to the canyon's edge. I realized that I did similar crazy things when I was his age and still sometimes do at my age, with him trying to stop me.



Giving dad the shakes at the Grand Canyon.

Las Vegas was also a must, as we promised to bring home a casino chip from the Bellaggio.

**California** The weirdest roadside attraction was the "Bottletree Ranch" near Oro Grande, California. It is owned by artist Elmer Long, whose father got him addicted to collecting bottles and putting them up as trees and to



Frederick making friends with the Bottletree Rancher.

collecting scrap for art displays. Elmer is now famous on Route 66, but (as he explains) he has not yet been more than 20 miles along the route. His reason: because of the many things he finds on the way and has to bring to his ranch for display, he is too busy.

The last 50-mile stretch of Route 66, from San Bernardino to Santa Monica Pier, is a bit of a letdown as it becomes part of the greater LA city road network. Every 300 meters there is a traffic light that is red. It took us 8 hours to get to the Pier, including a 2-hour walk on Sunset Strip in Hollywood, looking for "our" star in the pavement. In fact, Frederick found his star.



Frederick and "his" star on Sunset Blvd.

It was Sunday, and the Pier was so packed that it took us another hour to find parking. As recommended by guru Gay Parita, we waited for sunset to celebrate the special "Route 66 Beer" that he gave us at his gas station on the Pier and to reminisce about all that we had seen and experienced.

We always stayed at road-side motels, which were good value-for-money. To our surprise, they were almost without exception run by Indians, but not the native American kind.

We still had time to keep my promise to ADB friend, Randhir Soin and family, to visit them near San Diego. Randhir and Rani could not make it in time from Seattle, but their son Savi, his wife Jaya, their daughter Savera, and their son Kanvar were most hospitable and made us feel at home. After a pleasant family dinner we did our last stretch at midnight, for the plane home, fulfilled and grateful for such an eventful trip and safe return.

The long trip with Frederick had sometimes entailed driving for 4 hours nonstop. This provided father and son a unique opportunity for in-depth conversations. These moments deepened our mutual understanding and helped us appreciate each other all the more. Because of the wonderful benefits that the Route 66 gave us, I hope for another similar experience. ■

# Serving the Poor

Eustace Nonis (ADB 1972–1998)



*Ed: In recognition of the long and exceptional services Eustace has provided to the Catholic Church, Pope Francis awarded him the Benemerenti (Latin for, "well-deserving person") medal. The papal medal was presented by the Pope's representative, Bishop Francis Sebastian, at Penang's Cathedral of the Holy Spirit on Sunday, 12 January 2014.*

When I retired from ADB as the Director of the Agriculture and Social Sectors Department (West) in 1998, I planned to enjoy a quiet time in my hometown, Penang, Malaysia; take leisurely travels; and occasionally visit my children and grandchildren in the US and Australia. Instead, I soon found myself volunteering in the service of the Catholic Church, to help the less fortunate.

Joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP) to serve the needy and tackle poverty, I became the president of the SSVP Conference in my parish and then the president of the SSVP Penang State Council. The Council coordinated the work of helping the poor in 10 parishes in Penang Island and on the Penang mainland.

When the Bishop of Penang formed the Penang Office for Human Development (POHD) as a social service organization under the Catholic Church in the diocese, covering the states of Kedah, Kelantan, Penang, Perak, and



Eustace receiving the *Benemerenti* award from Bishop Francis Sebastian

Perlis, I was appointed as a member of the Board of Management of the POHD. I soon became chairman of the Board. Under the POHD, various projects were launched and sustained, including a resting, feeding, and medical center for the urban poor and the creation of various employment opportunities for former drug addicts, released prisoners, and homeless street people. The POHD has also been actively helping the many migrant workers who have come from all over

the region to seek employment in Malaysia, but have found themselves facing difficulties in the country.

Under the Catholic Church, the Bishop of Penang owns and operates a Home for the Aged in Ipoh, Perak, which cares for 60 poor and elderly residents, and the St. Joseph's Home in Penang for underprivileged and abandoned children, which provides care, shelter, meals, and education to 50 children. I managed the Home for the Aged and served as chairman of the Board of Management of St. Joseph's Home.

Both these homes and the service sector projects depend on financial support from the public for their continuous operations. To raise funds for the various projects, I chaired the Lenten Campaign, an annual campaign during the period of Lent, covering all 28 parishes in the Penang Diocese, when Catholics are reminded to pray, fast, and give alms. ■

## Mariam and Eli Tie the Knot



Mariam Pal and Eli Krantzberg (under Quebec law, women are required to keep their own name).

Mariam Pal and Eli Krantzberg were married on Sunday 26 May 2013 at the McGill University Faculty Club in Montréal, Canada. The bride wore her mother's pink lace wedding suit from 1957, guests came from as far away as Nigeria, two bands provided music, and there was a "gentle pink" theme. Mariam is a former administrative tribunal judge in Montreal (see AFE–ADB News #37), now in private practice. Her husband Eli is a musician (drums and vibraphone) and author. ■



Eli and Mariam with Chip Barber and Cinnamon Dornsife (co-Mistress of Ceremonies).

# 4 Es: Meeting in Myanmar

Jill Gale de Villa

Three economists (Naved Hamid [ADB 1988–2007], JP Verbiest [ADB 1989–2011], and Shahid Zahid [1990–2012]) and an editor (me) who have been friends since days together in the 1990s in ADB’s (then) Economics and Development Research Center (EDRC) got together in Myanmar in December. The excursion started as a phone-Skype-email conversation such as “JP, as you are now a ‘Myanmar expert,’ what about putting on a tour for us?” And he did.



L-r: Naved Hamid, Jill de Villa, Nasim Hamid, Rebecca de Villa, Shahid Zahid, Jiab Sriswasdi, JP Verbiest, at Shwe Zigon Temple, Bagan.

Activities actually started with JP and Jiab, Naved and Nasim, and Shahid meeting in Bangkok for dinner. The next morning they met up with me and daughter Rebecca at the Yangon airport—our flights, both of which were about an hour late, arrived half an hour apart. How’s that for planning?

Then we were off through Yangon traffic, exacerbated by the Southeast Asian Games, to our hotel and sightseeing. Yangon’s highlights were shopping for art, handicrafts, and fabric at Scott Market and Antonio’s antiques; eating, especially at the House of Memories; and sunset at the Shwedagon Pagoda. Yangon has a vibrant art scene, and we really liked what we saw at Tan Win’s gallery and Antonio’s “handicrafts,” which has fantastic antiques



Monks retrieving fallen gems on Shwedagon Pagoda, Yangon.

and artifacts. So we commenced filling our suitcases. We had heard variously that food in Myanmar isn’t very good, and Yangon started disproving this with the first meal. A high point was dinner with Putu Kamayana—ADB’s rep in Myanmar, about to become an AFE member.

In the evening we went to Shwedagon (the Golden Pagoda) along with hordes of people for a lovely sunset. This pagoda is an impressive 99 meters high, and is so huge that even with many people there, it doesn’t seem overwhelmingly crowded. It holds the relics of four Buddhas. Here we learned the difference between a pagoda—which is mostly solid inside and houses relics—and a temple—which has interior space for prayer and learning.

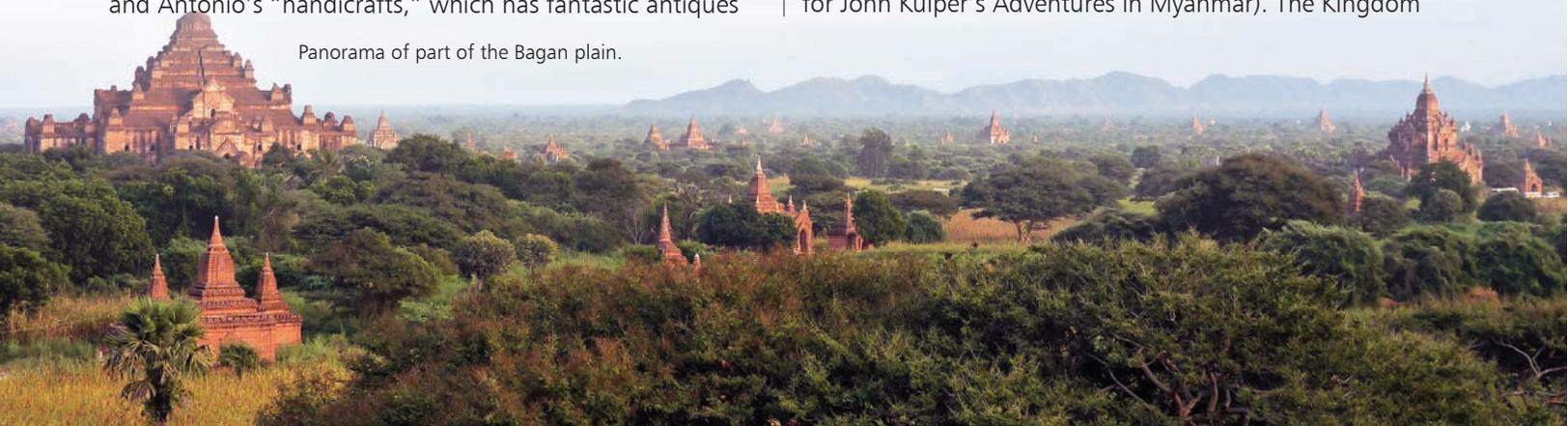
First we watched the monks in dark red robes collecting jewels. When the pagodas are built and during periodic refurbishments, people donate jewels to gain merit. The jewels are then hung from the parasol atop the pagoda. Occasionally, they break loose from their moorings and fall, lodging in the pagoda’s many tiers. So the monks walk gingerly along the tiers, collecting the jewels to be returned to the pagoda.

Then we lined up with a couple of dozen photographers with tripods and impressive cameras, all looking for just the right sunset image as the light reflected gold, orange, and pink, glinting off the pagoda’s dome.

Our favorite eating experience was at the House of Memories. The building had held the office of Aung San (Suu Kyi’s father), a gracious colonial building well refurbished and with really nice ambience, topped only by the delicious food and excellent service. Here we met our tour provider and some of JP’s Yangon friends.

First stop after Yangon was Bagan, which should be on everybody’s “must see” list (see also AFE News #42 for John Kuiper’s Adventures in Myanmar). The Kingdom

Panorama of part of the Bagan plain.





Moonrise at Shwedagon Pagoda.



Apsara (spirit), Indein Pagoda Complex, Shan State near Inle Lake.

of Pagan was the first unifying government of Myanmar, and here over 10,000 pagodas and temples were built during the 11th–13th centuries. Remains of over 2,200 of them are still visible. Strolling among the thousands of red brick temples and pagodas that still dot the Bagan plain is an indescribably moving and somehow very personal experience. We had a sunset cruise on the mighty Ayeyarwaddy (aka. Irrawaddy), and one day we crossed its vast reaches to visit a temple on the other side that was reputed to have been built where a white elephant had shown the Buddha that a pagoda should be located. We stayed at the Thiripitsaya Sanctuary, a delightful spa resort on the banks of the Ayeyarwaddy. And ate good veggie food at Moon Café!

The third destination was the Inle area. We started at Pindaya Cave with its thousands of Buddhas. Walking through the cave’s maze of passages, with Buddhas of all heights and forms, one feels the spirituality of the people and of the many visitors who have donated to have a Buddha added.



Fishing in Inle Lake.

Next, at the lake, we watched fishermen propel their boats by rowing with their legs while fishing with free arms...and learned that the tourists who have tried it ended up in the lake. The tomato salad here is super delicious, and most of the vegetables are grown on vast swaths of floating islands created on the lake for gardening. Sunsets here are amazing. Culinary delights



Our resort, Hupin Hotel Khaung Daing, on Inle Lake.

continued to add to our circumferences, but we waited to return to Yangon for most shopping—which was generally very expensive in Bagan and here. JP and Jiab had already returned to Bangkok when the rest of us settled down to a final meal at the House of Memories. ■

## Dumaguete: Clean, Green, Laid Back

Jill Gale de Villa

Early in January 2014, I found myself in Dumaguete—in response to Steve Banta’s plea “Do come to my son’s wedding...we need to have a few people in church to represent our side of the family.” He must have made the same plea quite widely: in the event, the Banta side of the church was full. Post wedding activities included enjoying Dumaguete’s surrounds.

First impression of the city: Wow! clean. Almost no trash, and no vehicular emissions! Ancient public passenger vans and tricycles go by without a visible trace of smoke. Walking is a pleasure. As is the city market. There are still a few handicrafts, and delicious suman (sticky rice wrapped in banana leaves)



The Banta wedding reception, Dumaguete.



Sumilon Island's sandbar, off Oslob, Cebu.



Sandbar off Bais, Negros Oriental.

and banana bread—one slice of banana bread for P5 made a very good breakfast.

The day after the wedding, a group of us went touring. First was a trip over to Oslob, on the tip of Cebu, to watch baby whale sharks who hang about to be fed. A triple bonus—the whale sharks have a meal and are protected, the local fishermen earn tourist revenues, and the tourists actually do get to see the whale sharks (Sorsogon goes the fully natural route—they don't feed these magnificent and gentle fish, so their presence is not guaranteed).

Then it was off to Sumilon Island's sandbar, to swim in the cooling ocean while baking in the sun under clear blue skies with white clouds decorating them. Unfortunately, much of the island is off limits, as Oslob has allowed Bluewater Resort to occupy it exclusively. The sun and water soaking was so appealing that we opted to miss the 4:30 ferry back to Negros.

We arrived just in time for the next one...but it had left early. So we had an hour to kill. Some of the guys invaded a nearby basketball court, and others invaded the carinderia at the end of the pier—and discovered delicious meals for about P40.

Next day, some of us visited another sandbar, this time off Bais City, Negros. We arrived at the banca and could see a beautiful sandbar with four houses built on stilts on the bar. As we approached, the tide was coming in, and we variously went swimming and walking on the sandbar while the banqueros reheated our lunch—these bancas are ready for tourists, with a charcoal grill on the stern (for other facilities you need to go overboard). I walked for a way on the sandbar, turned around, and realized the tide

was coming in fast, the bar disappearing beneath it. By lunchtime, there was no sandbar left, only houses on stilts in the water, and we settled down to a delicious meal on the boat.

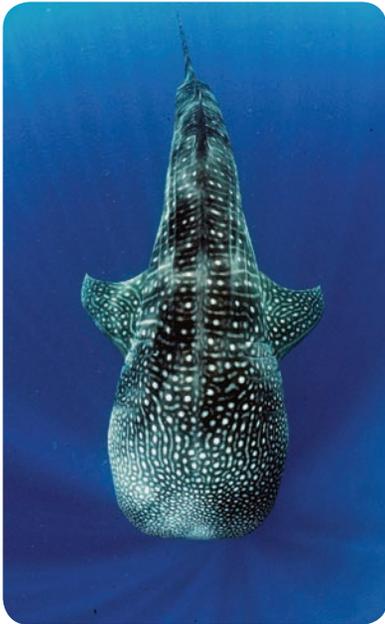
Day 3 and I was alone—the rest of the wedding party had gone back to Manila, the US, Singapore, Bangkok, Shanghai, and many other places—a truly international event. I had wanted to go to Siquijor, but discovered I would really need 2 days, so settled for going to Balinsasayao Twin Lakes, in Sibulan.

How to get there? Sensibly—book with a travel agency (P2,500 for a van). But I wasn't being sensible, so opted for a jeep ride (P15) to Amlan, and then a *habal-habal* (motorcycle) ride (initial price: P500; final price: P300) up to the lakes, which were 14.5 kilometers into the mountains. I was horrified at the cost of the ride, but, having got this far...plus the motorcycle owner was persuasive.... and turned out to be very informative company. He was also a licensed security guard and assured me I would be secure. Once at the lakes area, I discovered it was a national park, and there was an entrance fee of P100 for foreigners, P10 for locals, and P15 for the motorcycle...all of which I was expected to pay.

At the lake, there are boats: P250/hour for one paddled by the guides there (and they provide very nice new life jackets) to look at the other lake or a waterfall. My motorcycle driver kept trying to hurry me, as he was hoping for an additional fare, to another spot—but I preferred to hang out in the serenity of the lakes and the beautiful rainforest in which they are nestled. On weekends, the lakes have many visitors, but I was

Sunset on Cuernos de Negros (Horns of Negros), Mt. Talinis, above Dumaguete City.

George Stoye (PEW Environmental Initiatives)



fortunate to enjoy them on a Monday.

On the way down we stopped for a delicious meal at Astorea, then it was back to the main road, and flag down a van to get back to Dumaguete. A very satisfactory day indeed, off the beaten track. ■

Whale sharks, which can be seen off Oslob, Cebu, are listed as vulnerable to extinction.



Balinsasayao, one of the Twin Lakes in an extinct crater that is part of a national park in Sibulan, Negros Oriental.

## A Bhikku Experience in Cambodia

Tsuneaki Yoshida (ADB 1981–1997)



Shorn by the chief monk.

In November 2013, I received a short (4-day) monastic training at the Wat Damnak, a Buddhist temple in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

My motivation behind entering this challenging practice stems from two main reasons. The first is that, being retired, I would have a chance to



New members of the sangha (community of ordained monks).

acquire different views on life and the universe if I became an ordained monk (a *bhikku*) and went through the monastic practice. The second is that during my university days I took a year leave from school and travelled along the Mekong River. On the journey, I often stayed at temples with young bhikkus. While staying with them, I came to envy their simple life so that I promised myself I would become a bhikku someday. My younger days' dream came true now, in my older days.

The first requirement to enter monastic training is to have one's head shaved (tonsured). The tonsure ceremony was carried out by Venerable Somnieng, who kindly used an electric shaver to avoid pain. It took only a few minutes to renounce this weary world!

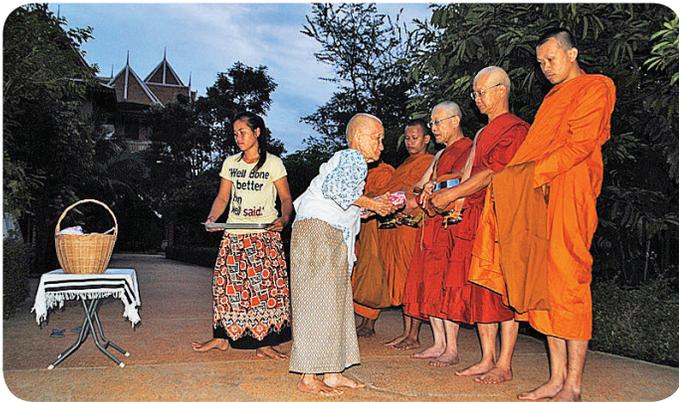
Important questions posed before the entrance ceremony, and my responses were:

- Is anyone forcing you to get this monastery training? No, nobody but me following my own will.
- Are you sure to put up with this monastery training? Yes, I am sure I will put up with it.

Then a monk's robe is provided. It is not easy to learn how to wear it. Next is a ceremony to become a member of the monastery.



Receiving monk's robes.



Receiving alms at dawn.

In the morning, we wake up at 4:30. In bare feet, in a line, and wearing only a simple robe without any underclothes, we walk down the street, for begging (asking for alms). We are praying for “happiness for all on the Earth” through the protection of Buddha. This practice gave me the most striking emotion through my five senses plus one, which can’t be explained by any words. The alms-givers wait for us along the way. Food received must be eaten by noon, after which no food may be taken.

I visited the world cultural heritage site, Preah Vihear Temple, which is about 200 kilometers from Wat Damnak, in Siem Reap, together with all the monks and some devotees. We prayed for peace with Thailand on the occasion of the International Court of Justice’s decision on the border dispute on 11 November 2013. This event proves that Preah Vihear Temple is not merely abandoned heritage, but is alive as a holy place for local people beyond national borders, where visitors can pray and meditate for eternal peace. The sound of our sutra chanting echoed a long way and sank deeply into the minds of the visitors surrounding us. It was really a moving event indeed.

When I first visited the Preah Vihear Temple in March 2009, I imagined that if I could sit on the temple’s cliff with a bhikku’s figure and meditate, I could perceive something

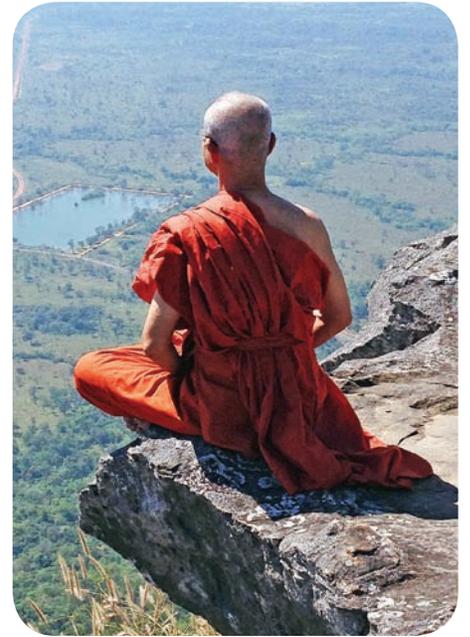


Chanting sutras at Preah Vihear Temple.

new through all my six senses. This dream came true at this time. I was delighted beyond words.

Immediately after coming back from Preah Vihear, a ceremony of secularization took place for those returning to their normal lives. A 92-year-old priest told us what we had learned even in a short period is worth practicing, to stay with a simple life, to pray for others, and to act for the happiness of all lives on Earth. Then, I renounced my monk’s robe.

Through this monastic training, I realized the simplest fact for everyone. When I was begging for alms on the street, I strongly felt through my five senses that I was born naked, I will die naked, and from my birth to my death, all my life is being supported by and depends on other beings. ■



Meditating on the edge of Preah Vihear Temple.

## Tang Min: Good Counsel

ADB (1989–2007)



*Ed: At the end of June 2013, the Staff Council invited Tang Min to speak on “What can we do after ADB?” This article is taken from his presentation. After ADB, Min became vice secretary general of the China Development Research Foundation of the Development Research Center of the State Council. In December of 2010, he became executive vice chairperson of the China Social Entrepreneur Foundation and president of You Change New Philanthropy University. In 2011, he became a counselor of the State Council. He is also an adjunct professor at Peking University, Wuhan University, and Jinan University; financial advisor to the Beijing Municipal*

and Guanzhou City governments; member of Chinese Economists 50; and director of the Chamber of Commerce, Association for Returning Scholars to China.

In his address to ADB staff and management, Min tackled the topic in three parts: (1) what he has done after ADB, (2) what skills learned at ADB are most useful after, and (3) “some humble suggestions.”

**After ADB.** While at ADB, Min was in the economics office—then EDRG, now ERD; Programs West; and the PRC resident mission in Beijing. After “graduating,” he became a counselor of the State Council of the People’s Republic of China (PRC), joined the China Development Research Foundation, and was one of the top 50 economists advising the government. All these activities involved providing policy research and advice. He also went back to academia, to help impart knowledge—he was deputy chairperson of the Graduate School of the People’s Bank of China and a joint professor of Peking, Wuhan, and Jinan universities. To continue his own learning, he attended training courses at Harvard and Cambridge universities.

He then moved on to social enterprises. Jointly with a few scholars, he established two microfinance companies and one vocational school to train the poor to become domestic helpers in Beijing. The school already has 25,000 graduates, and all of their families are out of poverty. He has also established and worked as chair or deputy chair of two most active charity foundations in the PRC.

Min’s latest social venture (read: adventure) is his involvement in new distance education. (When asked at a seminar why he felt qualified to become involved in education, he answered that everybody should be involved in education because it is so important to us all, from child learners to parents and grandparents trying to get good schooling for their offspring.) Min highlighted a quote from Time: “The university is dead, long live the university,” referring to the move from classroom attendance to electronic learning. Two years ago, he started a social enterprise start-up training course for university students. Last year, this course was offered to 50 universities, and after September of 2013, the course is being expanded to 100 universities in the PRC. Min brought Nobel Laureate Muhammad Yunus, the microfinance genius behind the Grameen Bank, to give a lecture in the course—through electronic means. In September, he embarked on another pilot project—to bring one of the best high school courses to rural schools in five western PRC provinces, again, through internet means. If this pilot succeeds, it will be extended to millions of rural schools and will largely solve the problem of lack of qualified teachers in rural schools.

**Useful Skills Learned at ADB.** Min noted that he greatly benefited from his ADB experience. He stressed “Always pay attention to the overarching objective—to reduce poverty.” During his time at ADB, he acquired and/or honed (1) good skills at policy analysis; (2) knowledge of other developing countries; (3) the ability to deal with government officials, NGOs, and the private sector; (4) knowledge about how to use money wisely, and, most importantly, how to find it; (5) an open mind with a global view; and, importantly (6) a little knowledge on everything.

**Humble Suggestions.** To current staff, he encourages everyone to work hard and work well—to make ensure our retirees have pension forever. Then, be curious—find out what your colleagues are doing, and learn from them. Be prepared to become a leader. Establish solid local connections where you live, and assure that you have bought reliable housing in your home town, particularly for staff from developing countries. ■

## Erika Henrich’s Spiral House

Elizabeth V. Reyes



Erika and Uwe Henrich—owners of the spiral house.

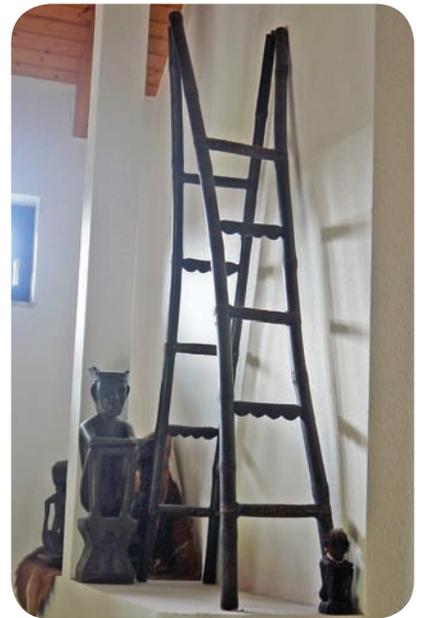
After the well-packed tours of the Europe Chapter meeting, around Goslar-Hahnenklee in the Harz Mountains, our host Uwe Henrich proffered an open invitation to visit his own special abode, located just 800 meters from the AFE group’s Hotel am Kranichsee. The home had been hand-designed and furnished by his talented wife Erika, an original resident of Goslar, together with an architect friend. Built over 4 loving years, the Henrich house comprises a fine gallery of Asian arts and crafts and a living museum of the anthroposophic philosophy of Rudolf Steiner.



Towering stalagmite "centerstone."



Winter view (the *blick*) from the house.



Black bulol (rice god) figures and Cordillera ladder.

While the exterior appears conventionally modern in form, and bright yellow and blue in color, the house tells another story within. The Henrich home was designed upon a spiral axis, with all its functional spaces angled for the *blick*—the view. The front door enters along the side of the spiral to access the main living room—a multisided cathedral sala (living room) space without squared angles or traditional doors. Along one side, between the cozy sitting area and the raised dining area, is the white stucco "centerstone"—a towering stalagmite form reaching the high ceiling. Animal figurines placed on a sloping path going 'round the mountain describe the spiral theme of the home and the homeowners' philosophy of spiritual science.

The splendid Asian furnishing comprises the Henrichs' artifacts collections from their long stays in the Peoples' Republic of China and the Philippines. A remarkable array of black *bulol* (rice god) figures and Cordillera ladders; Chinese armoires and carved opium bedsteads—all antiques—find their way onto special platforms or niches or indented shelves. The centerpiece of the sala is an ornate bookcase-cum-wall unit. Uwe Henrich describes its origin: "We bought only the frontispiece of a large Chinese bedstead, leaving the rest in the store. We then converted our piece into a unique carved frame that embraces the bookshelves, which are attached to the wall." (It seems to say we sleep with our books, or take books to our bed!)

Flowing off the dining area are two small bedroom suites merged with private work areas.

All home spaces are angled to access maximum light and *blick*, while avoiding square corners and closed doors. Erika's workroom features a rounded wood desk and an array of modular wood cabinets—made by Focolare Workshop Manila—and slatted stick curtains hand-woven in Bicol.

Tucked below the main level is a guest apartment opening to a garden terrace ("We've provided for the caregiver in the future")—which serves well as a charming music room where Erika teaches young children the expressive ways of Eurhythmics. ■



Inside the spiral house.

## ADB Loans Division, Christmas Party, 1976

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## Visiting a JFPR Project

Shoji Nishimoto (ADB 1980–2002) and Masakazu Sakaguchi (ADB 1984–1987, 1999–2002) and their Japanese students at Kwansei Gakuin University's

visited a relocation site in Calauan, Laguna for 6,000 families formerly living along Metro Manila waterways. They also went to the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), which has implemented Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction (JFPR) and Japan Fund for Communication and Information Technology (JFICT) projects and trained students from developing countries under the Japan Scholarship Program. Shoji will be retiring from teaching, and Masakazu will be taking his place.



(Ed: From ADB Today, 30 August 2013, and a chat with Shoji Nishimoto.) ■

# A New Life in Canada

Anisa Jameson (ADB 1968–1978)



A year ago I moved to Toronto from New Jersey and started a new life in another country with my Canadian husband, Ron Jameson. After an on-and-off relationship that spanned about 3 decades, Ron and I decided to “tie the knot” on 8 August 2012 in Collingswood, New Jersey in a very quiet and simple ceremony. My childhood friend, Rose Quibilan, and

a new Cambodian friend, Linda, who was our hairdresser, were our witnesses.

Following on the heels of hurricane Sandy in October 2012, we drove for 10 hours from Collingswood to Toronto. We quickly found an apartment in an enclave of high-rises in Scarborough, a suburb of Toronto. I have always liked the wide open space of Canada and the prevalence of wildlife—geese, ducks, and swans in the lakes, rivers, and ponds; cardinals, orioles, and sparrows chirping in the woods; squirrels and chipmunks running from tree to tree; and the expanse of green everywhere. Clearly, Canadians have a strong affinity with Mother Nature and the environment.

Canadians are generally nice people—courteous, patient, and tolerant. Sometimes at a fender-bender on a busy street during rush hour, traffic grinds to a halt because the drivers are arguing as to who is more sorry.

In the last few years Ontario has become a “melting pot” of all kinds of immigrants—Africans, Asians, Arab men in flowing robes and women in veils. (Seeing them makes me feel that I am back in the UN grounds.) Each group holds its own national festival in summer. There are various Christian churches, several mosques for the Muslims, synagogues for Jews, and temples for the Buddhists and Hindus.

Ron and I are both retired, but Ron works part-time in a packaging company, to be busy and productive and augment our meager pension. I am now playing housewife after having been a career woman for most of my life and extensive world travel. During summer we’ve discovered beautiful parks with walking trails, and scenic beaches by the lakes. In winter we exercise by walking through the malls, the indoor flea market in Pickering, and huge department stores. Afterward we snack at our favorite coffee shops, Tim Horton’s or Country Style, and play lotto crossword, which we find simulating and entertaining. We enjoy our retirement very much—it is stressless and extremely relaxing. It wasn’t too long ago when



Ron (first row, left) and Anisa (2nd in the 2nd row) with Nida Rodrigo’s very active Toronto AFE group.

we were under the tyranny of the alarm clock and time was a luxury in our young and hectic working lives.

I am in touch with members of the AFE–ADB Toronto Chapter, who often meet for potluck parties to catch up and keep the spirit of ADB alive. Many are still working. Visitors who used to work at ADB provide an excellent excuse for a get-together. Wherever I go, a common past at ADB serves as a strong bond of friendship in later life, no matter what years or how long we worked there.

I do know a few Toronto Chapter members from my ADB days. I briefly worked with Linda Vilchez-Trabulsi in the Projects Department, then with Lou Angelo in the Information Office. Leah Gojo is a dear friend from the days she was in the Office of the General Counsel, together with Guia Estabillo. Rey Ballares from the Secretary’s Office is here with his wife, Ellen, who also worked at ADB after me. Once I ran into Pilarcita Abad with her husband.

The ex-ADBERS have lived in Toronto for many years, and have established stable lives, good jobs, and their own homes. The active Toronto coordinator, Nida Rodrigo, with big help from husband Tito, organizes get-togethers, and contacts everyone via the internet.

So far I have met Bernadette Dabu-Sta. Maria, Paz and Ed Ravadilla, Helen and Rolly Duenas, Leah and Ernie Flores, Ollie and Lucian Nogard, Celine and Leo Abada, Jenny and Boy Amigle, Janet and Neil Huck. Celine and Leo have a fabulous garden that has won prizes in contests in metropolitan Toronto. I would dearly love to see the ADB old-timers who came to Toronto in the ‘70s (about the same time that I migrated to New York), just to touch base and swap stories and experiences with them.

My husband says he will make a Canadian out of me yet. I don’t know about that, because I find Canadian winter brutally cold, compared with the US East Coast. Maybe one day I might get used to it and be totally acclimatized, and then stop shivering as much as I do now. Frequently I hear Canadians explain “It is what it is.” ■

# Motivating the Next Generation

Naved Hamid (ADB 1988–2007)



Since moving back to Lahore, I have been working with the Lahore School of Economics, a private university. Six years ago I started the School's Centre for Research in Economics and Business (CREB <http://www.creb.org.pk>), which I head. CREB aims to conduct policy-oriented research with a rigorous academic perspective on key development issues

facing Pakistan. CREB's mission is to act as a think tank and economic policy discussion forum of the Lahore School of Economics, undertake research on economic policies and institutions, train researchers to international standards, and be recognized as a premier institution for producing quality work in economics and business in Pakistan.

CREB offers a post-graduate program requiring a thesis, and some graduates from this program join the center. The aim is to provide young people with the opportunity to do world class research and work with globally top researchers, especially young people who cannot study abroad. Many bright young women are not allowed by their families to go abroad, and have no other way to study and work at this level.

Currently, CREB has 3–4 major research projects funded by international organizations, done in collaboration with top global schools. Examples are collaboration with Oxford that is funded by the British Academy and another with researchers from Oxford, Birmingham, and Stanford universities funded by the International Growth Center (IGC).



Naved Hamid listening to the presentation by a Master of Philosophy student.

I also work with the IGC, which is directed by Oxford and the London School of Economics and funded by the UK Department for International Development (DFID). The IGC program supports the federal and provincial governments and civil society through its analytical policy work on the themes of macroeconomic growth, firm capabilities, state capabilities, and urbanization. The IGC supports research in participating developing countries through research networks headed by world-class researchers. In Asia, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, and Pakistan are participating with country teams, as are nine countries in Africa.

The Pakistan country team (<http://www.theigc.org/countries/pakistan>) has succeeded in bringing in researchers teaching at world-class schools such as Columbia, Harvard, Oxford, and the London School of Economics to work on Pakistan. For each project, the international researchers must have local counterparts and this helps to build ownership in the country and local capacity.

The Pakistan government has asked the IGC for policy studies and advice in a number of areas. This work also builds a relationship with the government, which is essential for facilitating access for researchers. And when government sees the findings of the research, and of applications elsewhere, it is more inclined to consider favorably the advice given.

I also teach, which I love to do because there are a lot of very bright young people with fairly decent education—

but generally it is more book learning and memorization than critical thinking. Thus, generally they are not used to thinking through a problem on their own. We want to impart to them the tools and skills to work independently through problems and come up with solutions.

Thus, I teach a two-semester seminar on development economics that pushes the participants to come up with thoughtful answers. The reward is seeing at least many of the students understanding and applying what they learn to real life issues, and 3 or 4 being able to critically analyze information and data and propose innovative solutions.



Master of Philosophy student making a presentation.



Students on the Lahore School of Economics campus.

The aim is to motivate the students, to awaken their interest in research, and to foster ambitions beyond teaching, so they want to become academics and researchers. One success story is Asha Gul, who was top of her class but not interested in doing research. CREB allows students to elect between two levels of theses: the Master of Philosophy, a 1-year effort requiring original contributions, and the Master of Science, a 3-month effort requiring a lower level of inputs. Asha did not initially want to make the more intense effort, but after joining CREB she became involved in one of the research projects. She was selected to go to Oxford for 2 weeks, representing the center. At a seminar in Oxford, her presentation on her research was very well received, motivating her to aspire to higher levels of achievement. She decided to pursue her PhD and will now be able to realize her potential. ■

## New Members

**A**FE-ADB extends a warm welcome to the following new members of the Association (place of residence is indicated in parentheses):

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 Kim, Cheolghhee Michael (Republic of Korea)  
 Shamsuddin, Siraj S. (Philippines)

### January 2014

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 Armamento, Abigail D. (Philippines)  
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Chaerani, Meutia (Indonesia)  
 Ekelund, Stefan B. (Sweden)  
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 Gregory, Cecile L.H.F. (Philippines)  
 Guerrero, Jennifer G. (Philippines)  
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 Tolarbas, Luz R. (Philippines)  
 Tubadeza, Jocelyn G. (Philippines)

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 Horton, Karen W. (Philippines)  
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 Llave, Nicolas C. (Philippines)  
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 Gelano, Evelyn S. (Philippines)  
 Hovland, Jeremy H. (US)  
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### October 2013

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**A** FE–ADB congratulates the following staff members on their new appointments.

**Akmal Siddiq**—Director, Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Division (CWER), Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), assumed office on 27 January 2014.

**Qifeng Zhang**—Director, Institutional Services Division (OAS), Office of Administrative Offices (OAS), assumed office on 27 January 2014.

**Makoto Ojiro**—Director, Facilities and Asset Management Division (OAFM), OAS, assumed office on 27 January 2014.

**Michael Peter Barrow**—Deputy Director General, Private Sector Operations Department (PSOD), assumed office on 23 January 2014.

**Oleg Tonkonjenkov**—Deputy Country Director, Bangladesh Resident Mission (BRM), South Asia Department (SARD), effective assumption of office.

**Francis Emmanuel**—Advisor, Office of the Director General (OSOD), Operations Services and Financial Management Department (OSFMD), assumed office on 15 January 2014.

**Adrian Ruthenberg**—Country Director, Indonesia Resident Mission (IRM), Southeast Asia Department (SERD), assumed office on 18 December 2013.

**Hideaki Iwasaki**—Director, Transport and Communications Division (SETC), SERD, assumed office on 9 December.

**M. Teresa Kho**—Country Director, India Resident Mission (INRM), SARD, effective assumption of office.

**Masahiro Kawai**—Dean, ADB Institute (ADBI), extended until 28 February 2014.

**Naoyuki Yoshino**—Dean, ADBI, effective assumption of office, on or about 1 April 2014.

**Nicholas Diehl**—Ombudsperson, Office of the Ombudsperson (OOMP), assumed office on 2 December 2013.

**Sirpa Jarvenpaa**—Director, Operations Planning and Coordination Division (SPOP), Strategy and Policy Department (SPD), assumed office on 2 December 2013.

**Xiaoqin Fan**—Advisor, SPD, and Head, Results Management Unit (SPRU), SPD, assumed office on 2 December 2013.

**Neeraj Jain**—Senior Advisor, Office of the Director General (SEOD), SERD, assumed office on 20 November.

- Yasushi Negishi**—Country Director, Thailand Resident Mission (TRM), SERD, assumed office on 15 November 2013.
- Ajay Sagar**—Senior Advisor (Infrastructure Finance), Office of the Director General (SAOD), SARD, effective assumption of office.
- Suresh Nanwani**—Advisor, Office of the Principal Director (OAO), OAS, effective on 4 November 2013.
- Sandra Nicoll**—Country Director, Lao Resident Mission (LRM), SERD, effective assumption of office.
- Hong Wei**—Senior Advisor, Office of the Director General (BPOD), Budget, Personnel, and Management Systems Department (BPMSD), assumed office on 21 October 2013.
- Noriko Ogawa**—Deputy Director General, Pacific Department (PAR), assumed office on 7 October 2013.
- Hun Kim**—Deputy Director General, SARD, assumed office on 1 October 2013.
- Todd Freeland**—Director General, PSOD, assumed office on 30 September 2013.
- Tatsuya Kanai**—Senior Advisor, Office of Cofinancing Operations (OCO), effective on 14 October 2013.
- Ma. Carmela Locsin**—Head, OCO, assumed office on 27 September 2013.
- Hemamala Hettige**—Senior Advisor, Office of the Director General (IEOD), Independent Evaluation Department (IED), effective on 23 September 2013.
- Nirmal Ganguly**—Advisor, Office of the Compliance Review Panel (OCR), assumed office on 24 September 2013.
- Preety Bhandari**—Advisor, Climate Change Program Coordination Unit (RSDD-CC), Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD), effective assumption of office.
- S. Chander**—Special Senior Advisor (Infrastructure and Public-Private Partnerships), Vice-President Knowledge Management (VPKM), effective on 9 September 2013.
- James Lynch**—Director, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division (SERC), SERD, effective on 4 September 2013.
- Makoto Kubota**—Advisor, BPMSD, and Head, HR Information and Services Unit (BPIS), BPMSD, effective on 1 May 2013.
- Alessandro Pio**—Resident Director General, North American Representative Office (NARO) is redesignated Representative, NARO effective on 27 February 2013.

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## Obituaries

With deep regret and sorrow we announce the death of the following AFE staff members. Our heartfelt and sincere condolences to their families.

**Victor The, who served AFE-ADB as Treasurer from 2004 to 2007** and former Treasury Officer in the Treasury Department (TD), passed away on Tuesday, 7 January 2013 at the age of 72. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Lily The, at 12 Mercedes Street, Bel Air III, Makati City.w



**Aludia Pardo**, former Economics Officer in the Macroeconomics and Finance Research Division, Economics and Research Department, passed away on Tuesday, 4 February 2014 at the age of 59. Condolences may be sent to her husband, Erlito Pardo, at 10 Gloria Diaz St., BF Resort Village, Las Piñas City.

**Mando Pangalilingan**, former Communications Assistant in the Building Engineering Services Section of the Office of Administrative Services (OAS), passed away on Thursday, 31 October 2013 at the age of 71. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Angela Pangalilingan, at #28 Amorsolo Street, Chrysanthemum Village, San Pedro 4023, Laguna.

**Hermiginildo Quintana**, former Senior Technician (Graphic Arts) in the Communications and Printing Section, General Services Division, OAS, passed away on Friday, 10 January 2013 at the age of 85. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Florencia Quintana, at 571 Sampaguita St. Luzville Subd., Bacoor, Cavite.

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# Announcements

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## 2014 Annual Meeting of the ADB Board of Governors

The Forty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank will be held on 2–5 May 2014 in Astana, Kazakhstan.

## Chapter Events

The next get-together of the **Washington, DC Chapter** is tentatively scheduled for June 2014. More information will be provided through the DC Chapter's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/109347562465940/>) and list serve.

The **Europe Chapter** will hold its Annual Reunion on 12–16 September 2014 in Andorra. Contact Rudolf Jonker ([harmonie@andorra.ad](mailto:harmonie@andorra.ad)) or Gunther Hecker ([ghecker1@online.de](mailto:ghecker1@online.de)) for more details.

The **Canada Chapter** will have numerous get-togethers in Toronto and annual get-togethers in the fall/winter in Ottawa, Vancouver, and Vancouver Island. For details on the dates and venues contact Nida Rodrigo ([ezraboy@yahoo.com](mailto:ezraboy@yahoo.com)) for Toronto, John Rive ([johnrive@yahoo.com](mailto:johnrive@yahoo.com)) for Ottawa, and Bruce Murray ([bmurray.xadb@gmail.com](mailto:bmurray.xadb@gmail.com)) for Vancouver and Vancouver Island.

Details of the **New York–New Jersey Chapter** 2014 annual reunion will be announced in due course by Chato O'Buckley, the party chair this year. The reunion is usually held toward the 4th quarter of the year. The venue will most likely be New York City. Please contact Nannette Guinto Amorado at [nannette.amorado@undp.org](mailto:nannette.amorado@undp.org) or Chato O'Buckley at [chato@twcmetrobiz.com](mailto:chato@twcmetrobiz.com).

The **Australia Chapter** reunion will be held in or near Canberra, in October 2014. The exact date and location will be advised in the next couple of months.

The **Philippines Chapter** Annual Get-Together will be on 30 November 2014. All are invited for fun, fellowship, games, and good food. Watch the AFE–ADB website for details and reservations.

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