

Subject: Invitation to a Round Table Discussion on "Life Beyond Retirement"

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To: SDSs
For your consideration
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Dear **SBEP Class 2015:**

A retiree is a person who has completed long years of work and is now starting the next phase of life. In-migrants, OFWs and local retirees belong to this group. "Retiree in-migrants" are drawn to settle in another country for various reasons: for improved quality of life in beautiful natural settings or cultural activities in vibrant urban centers; warmer climates; lower living costs; and to be with spouse or partner from the destination country. "Retiree OFWs and seafarers," after many years of working overseas, still prefer to retire in the Philippines. The third group, our own "local retirees," are faced with the challenge of living a new life after many years of work.

For the in-migrants, despite the challenge of using local health care and insurance, and at times learning the local language, they look for warm and friendly people in a culture that is acceptable to them; easy visa processing; quality yet affordable amenities; expat groups and ethnic grocery stores; easy international banking for income streams and taxes; and volunteer work opportunities, as they pursue the activities and moments which make life meaningful (Ono, 2008; Kelly, 2014). For the OFWs and seafarers, coming home after long years abroad or at sea, is like getting to know one's family, home and country anew. For our local retirees, economic security and health concerns are a threat.

These are some of the concerns that can be tackled in a round table discussion. A closer look at the experiences of retirees is needed, not only to learn how to better serve their needs, but also to recognize how their strengths and wisdom can be a gift to the communities they now call home.

With the objective of promoting better understanding of retirees' needs and new role in society in mind, the Center for Research and Communication is organizing a round table discussion on Retirement in the Philippines entitled "**Life beyond Retirement**" on **March 25, 2015**, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Telengtán Hall, 5/F APEC Communications Building of the University of Asia and the Pacific,

Pearl Drive, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.

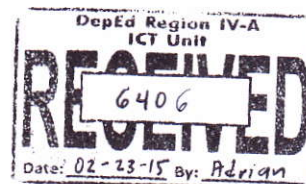
May we invite you to participate in the discussion? We have attached a copy of the provisional program for your perusal. Your presence will be of utmost importance to the achievement of the objective of this activity. For inquiries and / or confirmation, feel free to contact Ms. Marie Uy at (02) 637-0912 local 350, (02) 634-5874, or email address marie.uy@uap.asia. We appreciate receiving your confirmation on or before March 12.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

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"Life beyond Retirement"

A Round Table Discussion on Retirement in the Philippines

March 25, 2015 | 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 n.n.

Telengtan Hall, University of Asia and the Pacific

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

8:30 a.m.	Introduction
8:45	Welcome Remarks Bernardo M. Villegas, Ph.D. Director for Research, CRC-UA&P
9:05	Experiences of Retirees
9:05	<i>Retirees from Maritime Industry</i> Capt. Antonio R. Dael Dean, Center for Continuing Education, NYK-TDG Maritime Academy
9:20	<i>Retirees from Health Industry</i> Cesar B. Villamayor, M.D. CEO, Quezon Medical Mission Group Hospitals and Health Service Cooperative
9:35	<i>In-migration of Foreigners to the Philippines</i> Mr. Pablo E. Ochoa de Zabalagui
9:50	Coffee Break
10:15	Response from Industry and Government
10:15	<i>Receiving "In-Migrant-Retirees" from Cold Countries</i> Mr. Bansan C. Choa Chairman and CEO, Iremit
10:30	<i>Addressing the Needs of Local Retirees</i> Veredigno P. Atienza, D.B.A. General Manager, Philippine Retirement Authority
10:45	Open Forum and Discussion
11:45	Closing Remarks
12:00 n.n.	End

Veronica E. Ramirez, Ph.D.
Facilitator