



SYNERGEIA FELLOWSHIP AFFAIR 2005 Proceedings

Synergeia, the education network where Project K is a member, relived the event dubbed as **Tipanan** with this year's theme *Edukasyon – Biyayang Handog Para sa Batang Pilipino* to the public. The event was a fair with program exhibits, Christmas bazaars, workshops, fellowships, music and fun. All partners of Synergeia participated along with other entrepreneurs from Lipa City and other places in the Philippines.

The Tipanan event was held at the PTA Tent (Clamshell 2) General Luna St., Intramuros, Manila on November 18 – 20, 2005. Simultaneous activities inside and outside the Clamshell took place. A core committee organized the event from different partner programs of Synergeia. The core committee members from Project K were Dr. Corazon Abansi, Aileen Joy Saul, Efelyn Villanueva, and Maria Luisa Lingao. The Project K volunteers who helped the core committee members were Celeste Rubis, Romil Silva, Christopher Ebreo, Samson Isaga, Lemuel Lacatan, and Christopher Castillo.

Project K participated in the program exhibit by putting up exhibit and multimedia materials in the Project K's Booth, which showed all the documents and outputs prepared such as English workbooks, posters, proceedings, activity reports, manuals (*i.e. Training on the Four – Pronged Approach to Reading, Guidelines on Conducting Reading Assessment Activity, Annual Reports, Lesson Plans*) and brochures with the project mascots, Niño and Niña. The exhibit was designed and conceptualized by teachers from the Department of Education (DepEd) Division of Lipa while Project K provided the exhibit materials needed. In line with the promotion of Project K, a Swish flash presentation developed by Mr. Christopher Castillo, a Computer Science student of De La Salle Lipa, was shown in the exhibit booth.

There were thematic workshops scheduled throughout the day with audio-visual presentations of Synergeia programs in between workshops. Project K handled two workshops, one during the first day (Friday) and the other one at the last day of the event (Sunday). During the first day of Tipanan, Project K was the Officer-in-charge for the On-the-Spot Painting Contest, which was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Makati. This was participated by selected high schools in Metro Manila. As Officer-in-charge, Project K rendered manpower support to the Rotarians in carrying out the whole activity. On the other hand, the other workshop handled by Project K was the Southern Luzon arts and crafts in collaboration with the other program partners from Southern Luzon. Project K brought pattern makers from Taal, Batangas to Intramuros for a lecture-demo-workshop on woven embroidery making. Others were cooking demo on Crispy Pili Nut and Bicol Express.

Aside from these workshops, performances and presentations were also shown. Project K brought the De La Salle Voices to perform a Medley of Christmas Carols on the first day of the event. Then in the evening, a fellowship night dinner sponsored by Synergeia took place. This was attended by members of Synergeia programs, government and media personalities, teacher and student guests, and friends of Synergeia.

Bazaars were also present in this 3-day event and were participated by some Lipa entrepreneurs. Two booths were reserved for Project K and the local entrepreneurs. The booths were decorated with a Filipiniana theme and sold products/goods that were considered best from our region.

There were also presentations and performances from the different partners of Synergeia. During the first day of Tipanan, Museo Pambata had an educational presentation entitled *Science Madness* and carried out storytelling sessions with special participation of Ms. Angel Aquino and the Alitaptap Storytellers. Project JOSIE in Bulacan sponsored a traditional Filipino Games entitled *Tara, Laro Tayo!* while Project REY in Pampanga demonstrated how to make a parol. On the second day, *International Visitor's Program – Phils. (IVP)* organized the Synergeia Race. Partners from Iloilo had a Headdress-making and Dance Workshop entitled *Hala Bira!* while the partners from KASAMAKA CBR, Inc. presented a *Tinikling on Wheels* with Kali Drum and music. Partners from Pathways took charge of a singing competition entitled *Himig ng Kabataan* and a concert of the bands entitled *Educ8 Youth Concert* featuring Orange and Lemons, 6 Cycle Mind, U-Turn and others. On the last day of the event, the Philippine High School for the Arts opened the day with the Maquiling Ballet while the students from St. Scholastica's College carried out a storytelling session. Then, a Mindanao Showcase was presented entitled *LWEK: A Tapestry of Southern Hues and Rhythm*. The Marikina Dance Guild performed and the Education for Life Foundation presented different kinds of dances entitled *Samu't Saring Sayaw*. The CCP Chorale and the Musikitos serenaded the audience and the participants as closing ceremony.