

## Philippine Regional Youth Assembly traversing across many regions

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Like a whirlwind, the Regional Youth Assembly has been traversing across many regions in the Philippines since November last year bringing together thousands of student and youth leaders. Last February 17-18, 2017, the Regional Youth Assembly (RYA) was conducted for the sixth time in the Philippines and was held in Cauayan City in Isabela province. In line with the strategic goal to raise more capable young leaders for the future, Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP), Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP), and together with the Universal Peace Federation (UPF) in the Philippines, has been going around all over the nation and conducting the RYA with a common theme, "Peace-Loving Global Youth: Lead, Act and Multiply!" The first RYA was held in November last year in Region 12 in Sultan Kudarat, then followed by 2nd RYA in La Union in Region 1 in December, 3rd RYA in Zamboanga City in Region 9, 4th RYA in Misamis Oriental in Region 10 and 5th RYA in Taguig City for National Capital Region conducted in the month of January. The RYA in Region 2 Cagayan Valley Region which is comprised of 5 provinces, was successfully conducted with the major support from the local government of Cauayan City, particularly by the City Mayor, Honorable Bernard Dy, who is also an Ambassador for Peace. Aside from providing the venue free, the government also sponsored the food and the shirts for the event.



On the 1st day of the Assembly, a total of 340 university, college, and high school students and youth leaders from all over the Region participated in a conference held at the FL Dy Coliseum. Then on the 2nd day, the main assembly was held at the same place and bringing together a total of 1,320 participants. The Regional Youth Assembly opened with a conference where Dr. Chung Sik Yong delivered the Keynote Address where he highlighted the need for the young people to have vision for the future and to



become principled leaders in order to contribute for building a more progressive nation in the future. He emphasized the ideals taught by the Founders of UPF and CARP, Dr. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, to live a life for the sake of others and to uphold the ideals of purity before marriage. The Regional Director of Commission on Higher Education, Region 2, Dr. Honorato Alzate gave the Congratulatory message while Mr. Rene Lansangan, President of CARP Philippines gave the Welcome Remarks. In the succeeding conference sessions, Dr. Julius Malicdem, Chairman of CARP and YFWP in the Philippines, gave the first lecture. Other presenters were: Mr. Angelito Obcena Director of Population Commission, Mayor Bernard Dy, Dr. Priscilla Delima and Mr. Richell Jalipa.

The second day started as early as 6:30AM, where around 400 participants gathered from the Isabela State University campus for the Pure Love March. Carrying pure love campaign placards calling for the youth to stand for purity, the delegates shouted as they march towards the FL Dy Coliseum in Cauayan City. Before the main program started, various performances were presented by a local Cultural Dance Troupe, CIG Youth Missionaries from Japan and from the Tongil Moo Do Martial arts. Then a Pure Love lecture was presented by Mr. Richell Jalipa which concluded with the participation of all the guest and participants in the recitation of the Pure Love Pledge.



The main event started with an Opening Message from the organizers given by Dr. Julius Malicdem and the host city given by Mayor Bernard Dy. Aside from the Mayor, the City Vice Mayor and Councilors were all present in the program. The RYA main program was highlighted by the very energetic speech given by Dr. Chung Sik Yong where he emphasized the value of keeping purity educating the young people about absolute sex. He also shared about True Parent's motto for education of the young people about "loving God, loving people and love for country". Also conducted was the awarding ceremony of Youth Ambassadors for Peace (YAP) and Collegiate Ambassadors for Peace (CAP) for some exemplary student and youth leaders in Region 2. Also, some VIPs from the Region received Ambassador for Peace awards.

Several delegates of RYA who are student council officers in their universities and colleges vowed to organized CARP in their own school and pursue higher education through the upcoming schedules of 3-Day and 7-Day Divine Principle Workshops.