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## PCHN 13th ANNIVERSARY! MABUHAY! GOD BLESS!

## **TAFE** courses in RP in 2008



(SW TAFE SWS) and St. Dominic College of Arts and Sciences signing of the Nemorandum of Understanding. (i-r) Dr. Marita Andaman Rillo - President St. Do ninic College, Garry Browne-Institute Director, TAFE NSW South Western Sydney nstitute, Samir Issa-Manager, International Services, TAFE NSW Scuth Western Sydney Institute.

he Education Cooperaon Agreement between 'AFE NSW South Westrn Sydney Institute and St. Dominic College of orts and Sciences of Cave, Philippines was signed in Friday, 14 September 007 at NSW TAFE Banktown College.

St. Dominic College of Arts and Sciences is the first of the five partner institutions across the Philippines to implement the Memorandum of Understanding signed by NSW TAFE SWSI on 6 September 2007. It is the first Philippire col-

lege that has been given the authority by New South Wales Department of Education and Training to offer NSW TAFE courses from school year June 2008, in pursuit of its academic thrust of clobal competitiveness for its TO PAGE 5



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students and graduates. Courses being considered for initial offering are Certificate III Commercial Cookery, Diploma in Horticulture and Diploma in Nursing.

A Director of Studies from NSW TAFE SWSI will reside in the Philippines during the initial stages to manage and ensure quality delivery of the courses at the St. Dominic College of Arts and Sciences as the same TAFE NSW certificates will be awarded to the graduates as those who have completed the course in Australia.

According to Atty Imelda Argel, the TAFE NSW SWSI agent for the Philippines, the TAFE NSW qualification will open opportunities for the graduate of the TAFE NSW SWSI course in the Philippines to migrate, work or continue their studies in Australia.

The four (4) other Philip-





St. Dominic College of Arts and Sciences in Cavite, Philippines.

pine partner institutions who signed the MOU with NSW TAFE SWSI are: University of Northern Philippines (UNP) in Vigan City signed by its President, Dr Lauro Tacbas;

Northwestern Visayan Colleges (NVC) in Aklan. signed by its President, Atty Allen Quimpo;

Jose Rizal University (JRU) in Mandaluyong Metro Manila, signed by its President, Dr Vincent Fabella; Joji Ilagan Career Centre Foundation Inc in Davao signed by it President, Joji Ilagan Bian.

Filipinos with relatives overseas particularly in Australia are being tapped to enroll in the NSW TAFE courses in the Philippines as means to facilitate their migration to Australia. Expected tuition fees are less than 30% of the tuition fees for overseas students in NSW TAFE. It is estimated to start from P60.000.00 - P80.000.00 per semester depending on the course and location of the educational institution. Enquiries regarding enrolment at St Dominic College may be made through the Vice President for Academic Affairs, Jean Rizza A. Dela Cruz on 63 46 417 8498.