

Symposium on Indigenous Material at the BookFair

A very successful event, attended by more than 140 participants at the World Trade Center, PAARL Symposium on Indigenous Materials was held last August 31 on the occasion of the annual Manila International Bookfair. The theme on the State of Filipiniana Indigenous Material (A Public Sharing of Views on the Trends and Future Development of Cultural Heritage Resources) was apparently a very interesting topic that many participants, some from provinces like Iloilo and the regions of Bicol, CALABARZON and northern Luzon, came to hear our panel of resource speakers. Among the audience were PLAI President Susima Gonzales, CONSAL Organizing Committee Chair Antonio Santos and his committee members, past Presidents of PAARL, Von Totanes, and many active members who took the opportunity to attend the symposium and the opening ceremonies of the bookfair.

The presentation of Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. of the University of Sto. Tomas captured the images of the indigenous materials held by the University, including interesting historical photographs of the institution. Mrs. Salvacion Arlante of the University of the Philippines Diliman Libraries and Mrs. Prudenciana Cruz of The National Library presented an exhaustive summary of their respective institutional collections of indigenous materials, proving that the country has a rich cultural legacy that warrants their professional care and preservation.

Light refreshment was served, courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Ching of Forefront Book Company.