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### Fellowships open for 19th Lopez Jaena Community Journalism Workshop on Investigating Migration and Human Trafficking in October



*Fellows of the 18th Lopez Jaena Community Journalism Workshop with (center, L-R) Mr. Ed Lingao, Dr. Georgina Encanto and Prof. Ben Domingo.*

Applications for fellowships for the 19th Lopez Jaena Community Journalism Workshop on October 11-17, 2015, organized by the University of the Philippines College of Mass Communication (UP CMC), are now open. The theme for this year's workshop is "Investigating Migration and Human Trafficking." Full time print, broadcast, online, multimedia journalists are encouraged to apply. Limited slots are also available for journalism educators and students.

Applicants should be currently engaged in the journalism profession and with at least two years of working experience. They should also be below 45 years old. They must submit an application letter; resume; two published/broadcast news reports; a story plan for an investigative report on migration and trafficking; and an endorsement from their editor, local press club president or a Lopez Jaena Community Journalism Workshop alumnus. Student applicants, preferably senior journalism students, are required to submit an application letter, resume, sample works and an endorsement from their professor, department chair or dean.

The fellowship will cover board and lodging within UP Diliman campus. Deadline for application is on **August 31, 2015**.

This year's workshop theme, "Investigating Migration and Human Trafficking," focuses on how the media should report on migration and trafficking. The case of Mary Jane Veloso has demonstrated how the media could turn the news into a spectacle to draw readers, audience and online traffic instead of providing information for the public to make sense of the interlinked

issues of migration and trafficking. Veloso's case also saw the need to investigate the government's responsibility to protect the rights of trafficked persons, like Veloso, and helped them access justice.

Global surveys showed that the Philippines is a "source country" of sex trafficking and forced labor (<http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/226848.pdf>) while the 2013 Global Slavery Index noted that the Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), predominantly women, are most vulnerable to modern day slavery (<http://www.globalslaveryindex.org/country/philippines/>).

Resource persons in the workshop include migration and human trafficking experts from the academe, government and non-government organizations and also senior journalists who are into investigative journalism. Since its first workshop in 1985, the Lopez Jaena Community Journalism Workshop has trained hundreds of community journalists. Last year, it accepted a paying international fellow from India.

Interested journalists, journalism educators and students may send their application papers to The Project Director, 19th Lopez Jaena Community Journalism Workshop, College of Mass Communication, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City before August 31. For more details, please call the Office of Extension and External Relations (OEER) at 920-6864 or 981-8500 local 2668 or email at [lopezjaenaworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:lopezjaenaworkshop@gmail.com).#