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Notable Filipina American Women Gather for Conference in NYC

New York, NY – From June 3rd to 5th, 2005, dynamic Filipina leaders from various backgrounds come together for the 9th Filipino American Women's Network conference called ***FAWN2005: Coming into Our Own: Spirit, Leadership and Success***. FAWN2005 is being organized by NewFilipina, Inc. and Philippine Forum.



The programs for FAWN2005 include panel speakers, workshops, caucuses, a mentoring program, a night of film-showings, an exhibitors/vendors hall, a Saturday night dinner with entertainment, and an art exhibit entitled *Spirit of the Babaylan*. Invited speakers and participants include the FAWN founders; Cecilia B. Rebong, Philippine Consul General NYC; Gloria Caoile APALA director and NaFFAA executive; Loida Nicolas Lewis CEO of TLC Beatrice International.; Velma Veloria, Washington State Senator; Josie Natori of Natori Co.; Delia Aguilar, pioneering feminist academic and activist; ; Melinda de Jesus, Arizona State University professor and editor of the "Pinay Power" anthology (Routledge Press); Leny Strobel, Sonoma University professor and author of "Coming Full Circle"; Eileen Tabios, cultural activist, publisher and award-winning poetess; Julia Camagong of Philippine Forum NY; Sabrina M. Alcantara, artist, activist and publisher of Bamboo Girl; Vivian Gupta of Gabriela Network and Babae; Kinding Sindaw; Kuttin Kandi, award-winning DJ; Catherine Ceniza Choy author of "Empire of Care"; Caroline Ceniza-Levine of Think As Inc. business consulting of New York City; Tessa Totengco of Rafe NYC; and Perla Daly of www.newfilipina.com.

FAWN conferences have been hosted by FAWN chapters and Filipino women's groups around the U.S. since 1980. FAWN2005's conference theme focuses on the exploration of the connection of success and leadership with personal inner resources and also with the historical Philippine *babaylan* wisdom tradition. This is the first time that a FAWN conference is to be held in New York City.

Registration and more details online at www.fawn2005.com. For more information, please email: fawn2005@newfilipina.com or call: Perla Daly (203)770-7530 or Lorial Crowder (347)886-4469.