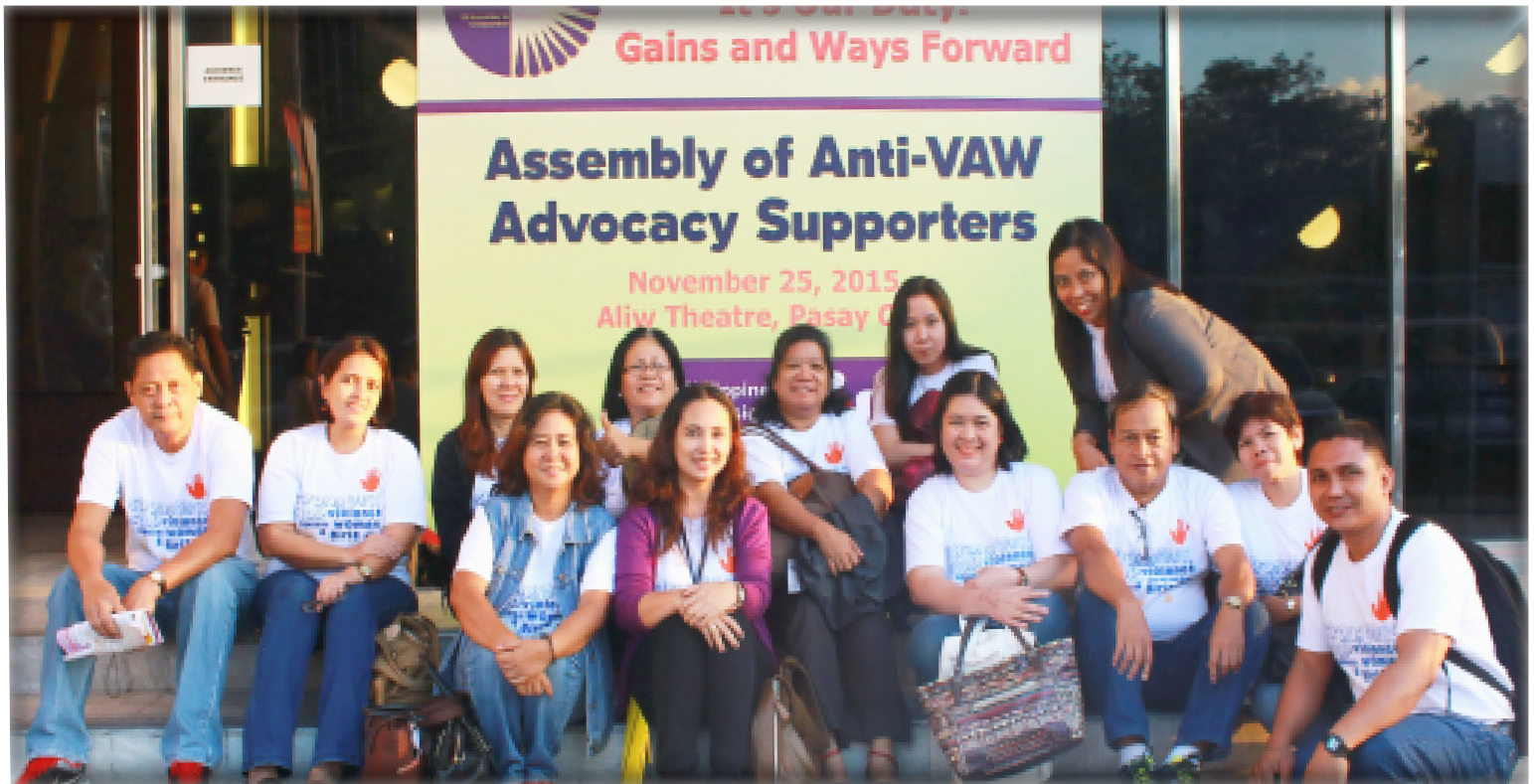




NAMRIA participates in activity for Anti-VAW Advocacy Campaign



NAMRIA attendees of the Anti-VAW Advocacy Supporters' Assembly

NAMRIA participated in the Assembly of the Anti-VAW Advocacy Supporters held on 25 November 2015 at the Aliw Theater, Pasay City. The activity is in line with the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW) with the theme "End VAW Now! It's Our Duty!: Gains and Ways Forward." The campaign highlighted how far government agencies and other stakeholders have gone in terms of programs and projects that address VAW and children.

The assembly, spearheaded by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), gathered government, nongovernment, academe, and private sector stakeholders to take stock of milestone gains in addressing VAW in the Philippines. It served as a venue to highlight mid-decade (2010-2015) actions in ending VAW and to pledge continuing commitment to sustain the gains and pursue further actions to move towards a VAW-free community.

The program of activities included the handover of copies of Lupang Hinirang Music Video All-Women Cast to PCW officials led by Chairman Remedios I. Rikken and Executive Director Emmeline I. Verzosa. PCW Commissioner Leonida Bayani Ortiz led the Prayer for the 18-Day Campaign to End VAW. Ms. Nolibelyn P. Macabagdal, DSWD Focal Person for Women Welfare Program, discussed the overview and status of VAW and Trafficking in Persons. Another activity was the shadow play presentation by the Grand Winner of Asia's Got Talent, El Gamma Penumbra. The main activity was the symbolic presentation of milestones and commitments in ending VAW and Trafficking in Persons led by all government agencies.

In her message, PCW Executive Director Versoza said that now is a time for us to pause and appreciate what we have accomplished thus far, particularly our efforts in eradicating the underlying structures of patriarchy and gender inequalities that block the realization of women's human rights. She encouraged the participants to reignite the anti-VAW passion by remembering the vision of a Filipino community where women and girls are free from violence and discrimination and by renewing their commitment to do their share in reaching that vision.

Leading the NAMRIA Gender and Development Focal Point System contingent were Land Classification Division Chief Beata D. Batadlan and Nautical Charting Division Officer In Charge Tita P. Cruz.

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PCW Executive Director Verzosa gives her message



Symbolic presentation of milestones



The El Gamma Penumbra after their performance