



CPE hosts and co-organizes PCPGE Conference, April 3-4, 2014

The Center for Peace Education co-organized the Philippine Council for Peace and Global Education (PCPGE) Conference and General Assembly last April 3-4 at Miriam College. Carrying the theme, "Current Peace Education Themes Relevant to our Schools and Beyond" the conference tackled topics that focused on both school-based and national/global issues.

Among the school-based issues were Anti-Bullying and Restorative Discipline while the national/global issues were the Anti-Discrimination Bill, the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro, the issue of Gun Proliferation and Violence and the Imperative of Nuclear Disarmament Education.

More than 50 participants came from the National Capital Region and various cities and provinces as far as La Union and Davao del Norte.

The Center for Peace Education (CPE) is the current secretariat of the PCPGE. Since 2012, the latter's president and treasurer are CPE's Loretta Castro and Jasmin Galace, respectively.

CPE's Loreta Castro as GDAMS Panel Speaker

Dr. Loreta Castro, CPE's Program Director, was a panel speaker at the GDAMS event in Tokyo last April 14, 2014. GDAMS is Global Day of Action on Military Spending. Loreta spoke on the topic: "Disarmament and Development: Thoughts on the Philippine Experience." She was invited to join this panel by Akira Kawasaki of Peace Boat Japan. The other speakers who were invited from overseas are affiliated with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons: Susi Snyder spoke on nuclear divestment campaign as an effective and practical tool for citizens and Dr. Tilman Alfred Ruff spoke on the adverse health effects caused by nuclear radiation using both a global perspective and the Fukushima incident.