

December 9 is International Anti- Corruption Day

The United Nations Convention, on October 31, 2003, signed resolution number 58/4 declaring the 9th of December each year as the World Anti Corruption Day. The delegates to the first annual International Anti-Corruption Day met on December 9th, 2004 in Mérida, Mexico. Since then it has convened a conference each year to fight the corruption vice around the world.

The Philippines as signatory to the anti corruption agreement is responsible for implementing the UNITED NATION CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION (UNCAC) plan into action. All sectors are encouraged to participate in the campaign.

For the occasion, we Filipinos, through the MSACC adopted the theme **“PANAGPUAN LABAN SA CORRUPTION”** or **“CONVERGENCE AGAINST CORRUPTION”** and celebrated it through the following activities:

1. *November 20*, Cebu: Organizational Meeting for MSACC Visayas Chapter
2. *November 27*, OMB Function Room: **(BUSINESS SECTOR)** Leadership Management Workshop for Leaders of Kabalikat, an OMB Civicom Partner
3. *December 3*, Club Filipino: **(CIVIL SOCIETY SECTOR)** Launching of Partnership with the Federation of Philippine Industries
4. *December 4*, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: **(YOUTH SECTOR)** SayawAwit, Situational comedy and Monologue Contests among JGU members with theme **“YES TO INTEGRITY”**

5. *December 8*, Quezon City Sports Club, 3 p.m. **(PROFESSIONAL GROUP SECTOR)**: Piloting of Integrity Pacts with PRC-Philippine Association of Professional Regulatory Boards (PAPRB)
6. *December 9*, 8-11 a.m., PICC: Forum on Leadership in Governance Reforms
7. *December 9*, 11:00 a.m.: Balloon Flying Ceremony in **Luzon, Visayas & Mindanao** simultaneous balloon flying ceremony to signify convergence against corruption
8. *December 12*, 12-00 – 1:00 pm: Pilot Episode of **Ombudsman, Kakampi Laban sa Katiwalian** in partnership with Philippine Information Agency - PTV-4



Note: The Multi-Sectoral Council Against Corruption is a convergence of anti-corruption champions and advocates of good governance headed by the Office of the Ombudsman and composed of 30 members from various branches of the government and other sectors of society. It serves as a “consultative and coordinating body” for the National Anti-Corruption Program of Action (NACPA) and is an effective mechanism for consultation and coordination among key anti-corruption stakeholders.

TRIVIA: We remember December 9 as the day the Philippines, with other allied countries declared World War II.