

Kate Fumnag Chollipas Botengan

Kate Fumnag Chollipas Botengan, currently the Executive Consultant for International Affairs to the Lyceum of the Philippines University (2008 to the present), is USA-based as she takes care of establishing linkage with graduates and former students and personnel now living and working in North America. She also initiates and nurtures networking between higher education institutions in the USA and the Lyceum of the Philippines University in Manila.



She has served this University in some other capacities: Vice-President for Academic Affairs (2005 – 2008), concurrently serving as the Dean of the Claro M. Recto School of Advanced Studies (2005 – 2008); and Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Education (2003 – 2004).

Before re-joining the private sector, she enjoyed the privilege of appointment by then President Fidel Ramos as one of the first 5 Commissioners in the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in Manila, Philippines, the newest government agency created by law to take care of higher education, separately from basic education (elementary and high school). She served from August 1994 to August 2000. She shared responsibility for the 105 state Institutions of Higher Learning and the more than 1000 private colleges in the country.

As Commissioner, she spearheaded the formulation of guidelines, initiated and completed the Massive Upgrading Program for Quality Education in the CHED-Supervised Institutions (CSIs) in Regions 6, 7 and 8 of the Visayas. She served as Chair for all the Boards of Trustees/Regents of the State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) under her direct supervision in the Visayas, the Cordillera Administrative Region and 1 in Region 1.

The rigorous work in starting off a new government agency, while exhausting, was also rewarding in terms of continuing education. As Commissioner-in-Charge of the Visayas, I accompanied the Presidents of the State Universities and Colleges in the region for a 6-week advanced training in educational management in 1995 at the Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. A scholarship from the Fund for Assistance to Private Education and the UNESCO afforded me opportunity to attend in 1999 a 2-week seminar on educational measurement for quality and standards at the UNESCO in Paris, France.

After stepping down as Commissioner in 2000, I served on part-time basis as Professorial Lecture and Administrative positions in the following various institutions:

- Professorial Lecturer in Educational/Curriculum Development at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), Manila, 2000-present.
- Professorial Lecturer in Educational Management at the Eulogio Amang Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology, Manila, 2000-2003
- Dean of the Graduate School at the Holy Angel University, Angeles, Pampanga, 2002-2003

- Professorial Lecturer on Curriculum Development at St. Andrew's Theological Seminary, 2002-2003
- Professorial Lecturer on Strategic Planning, Philippine National Police College Makati City, 2002-present
- Professorial Lecturer on Educational Planning and Management at the Ateneo de Manila in their international development program for Cambodian educational administrators, 2001
- Professorial Lecturer on Organizational Development at the Graduate School of the Philippine Christian University, 2001.

Kate's career as an able academician and administrator started off at the Trinity College of Quezon City under the tutelage of the College's second President, Dr. Arturo M. Guerrero. Starting off as a classroom instructor in 1970, she rose through the ranks to being Dean of the College and Graduate School of Education (1975 – 1978); to Assistant to the President for Academic Affairs (1978 – 1980); and, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, 1980-1994.

Her capability to be an academician and administrator was developed and honed by her educational accomplishments: Ph.D. in Education in 1974, Major in Educational Management, from the Centro Escolar University, Manila; a Professional Diploma in Teaching (1969), and an M.A. in Higher and Adult Education (1968) from the Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, New York. Her undergraduate degree in Business Administration (BSBA 1964), major in Accounting and Economics, earned at the University of the East, Manila, trained her sense for business necessary in any management position.

A year's stint of work in the College Work Division of the Joint Council of the Episcopal Church and the Philippine Independent Church on return to Manila in 1969 underlined her desire to work in academe. She joined Trinity College in 1971 and served Trinity for 23 years.

A tuition scholarship from the Harvard University in the USA enabled her to attend a 6-week training program in 1992 for educational managers, for which she received a Certificate of Training. This was in tandem with a scholarship award from the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, New York City, for air transport from Manila and room and board and personal expenses in the USA.

Kate's passion for quality and standards in education was evidenced in her involvement as President with the Association for Christian Schools and Colleges Accrediting Agency which espoused service to people through quality education at minimum costs. As such, she became and served as a Founding Board Member of the Federation of Accrediting Agencies of the Philippines (FAAP) from 1983-1994, serving as its President for eight years.

She has written/ presented position papers on higher education issues and Indigenous Igorot issues to audiences on both national and international foras.

Her publications include: *The Socialization of the Bontoc* (2001); *Pearl for the Episcopal Diocese of Central Philippines: 1972- 2002* (2003); *The Episcopal Church in the Philippines: 1901- 2001* (2002); *Northern Cultural Minorities: An Ethnography* (1973); *The Bontocs: An Ethnography* (1972); *The Bontoc Lifeways* (1975); *The Life Cycle of the Bontoc: A Cultural Message to Schools* (1974). *The Igorot* (1999).

Kate has also been involved in various professional capacities on international and national levels, particularly as: Trustee (9 years) and later Trustee Emeritus (to present) of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, New York City; and, Chairman for the Northern Luzon Committee of the National Commission on Culture and the Arts (1994–2000). Professional service was also rendered through church organizations such as Diakonia Philippines, as President and member, as well as local women's religious organizations in the Episcopal Church

Kate was born to Paulina Fumnag of Tocucan and Columbus Chollipas of Samoki, both in Bontoc, Mountain Province, on 3 January 1944. Kate is married to Benjamin G. Botengan, of Besao, Mt. Province, Bishop (ret.) of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Philippines. They have 2 sons and 1 daughter: Benjamin married to Marie Anton with daughters Helen and Heather; Dunn married to Ana Mae Confessor with son Dunn Jr.; and, Kathie Lana.

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