

PRESS RELEASE

INTERNATIONAL MODERN ARNIS FEDERATION OF THE PHILIPPINES READY FOR INTERNATIONAL EVENT

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Arnis sports enthusiasts in Iloilo are ready for the 1st International Sports Arnis Fellowship Tournament Highlights in November this year. In preparation for the 2nd Prof. Remy Presas Memorial Arnis Training Camp event in, an officiating seminar was recently conducted in Iloilo by Iloilo chapter from August 18-19, 2007. Imafp Commissioner Iloilo Chapter Guro Rosauro De Leon was the resource person for the topics Imafp Standard Anyo (forms) Referee, Scoring, and judging during the seminar. The other seminar topics on Tapi-tapi (abesedaryo) which included Block, Check, Strike, Counter & Locking Techniques was conducted by Grand Master Cris Vasquez.

Among the participants who were presented with certificates are Jose C. Tanalgo, Hazel Rose J. Tanalgo, Collins M. Natividad, Richard J. Gabayoyo, Melecio O. Balberde, Cristian G. Grana, Sherwin Jay M. Figuerao, Henry M. Parreño, Ma. Jesica Rose L. Aguda, Girlie Tinagan, Alexander Alcantara & Cora J. Belonio.

The forthcoming invitational event is expected to bring in participants from different countries like USA, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Israel, Slovenia, Middle East, Australia, Austria, Singapore, Hongkong, Japan, Canada, Mexico, Russia & United Kingdom. With the seminar and local preparation activities of Imafp Iloilo Chapter are as follows:

Aug. 26, 2007 - Refresher Course in Officiating IMAFP Bacolod conducted by Guro Rosauro De Leon. September 8, 2007 - 3rd Mayor Ramon C. Yee Arnis Cup IMAFP - Cabatuan, Iloilo, Sept. 29-30, 2007 Arnis Tournament – IMAFP Bacolod.



Month of October IMAFP Mall Tour (Gaisano City, Robinsons's Place Iloilo & SM City) – Iloilo Chapter compose of different branches in Iloilo, Oct 6-7, 2007 IMAFP-Iloilo chapter seminar in preparation for the promotional exam (yellow to brown) , Oct 13-14, 2007 promotional exam (yellow to brown), Oct 27-28, 2007 Review for Black Belting, Nov. 4, 2007 promotional exam (black), Nov. 11, 2007 for the belting IMAFP Iloilo Chapter. It is assured that the IMAFP – Iloilo Chapter will be well-equipped for the International competitions. Imafp Objectives: To showcase the Best of our Cultural Heritage; To Honor the legacy of the founder GM Remy A. Presas; To Implement IMAFP Revised Sports Arnis Rule of Competition Worldwide; To Promote Sports Tourism.