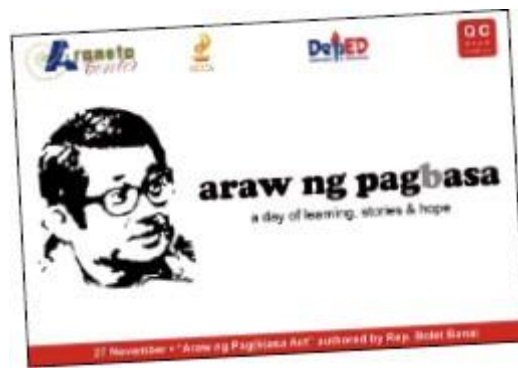


Nationwide storytelling sessions mark Araw ng Pagbasa

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THE LATE Ninoy Aquino’s birth anniversary, Nov. 27, is also Araw ng Pagbasa, a day of telling stories and reading to the young all over the country.

STORYTELLING sessions will be held on Nov. 27 in Quezon City and the rest of the country to mark Araw ng Pag(b)asa (Araw ng Pagbasa), which coincides with the birth anniversary of the late Sen. Benigno “Ninoy” Aquino Jr.

Quezon City Rep. Jorge “Bolet” Banal will also launch “Stories of Hope” on that day at Ateneo de Manila University.

Araw ng Pagbasa is an annual reading advocacy program that Banal initiated in 2008 when he was councilor of the third district of Quezon City.

It developed into a citywide campaign in 2009 through Quezon City Resolution No. 332-2009.

Every year, public elementary and high schools in Quezon City simultaneously hold storytelling sessions about historical personalities and different aspects of Filipino culture and heritage.

Day-care centers, private schools, hospitals, communities and offices in the city also participate in the event.

In 2011, the Department of Education made Araw ng Pagbasa the culminating activity of National Reading Month, which is November.

In May 2013, President Aquino signed Republic Act No. 10556, or Araw ng Pagbasa Act of 2013, turning the district-wide advocacy into a nationwide program.

Storytelling and reading activities have been going on all over the country this month.

On Nov. 22, Banal led the storytelling session at Quezon City Jail during family visitation time in the morning. Pinky Aquino-Abellada and the Bb. Pilipinas winners were guest storytellers at a reading session under the Christmas tree at the Gateway Mall lobby at Araneta Center in Cubao.

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