

Press Release

**Pag-IBIG Fund Chorale 3<sup>rd</sup> nationwide, 1<sup>st</sup> in NCR at CSC's choral competition**

The Pag-IBIG Fund Chorale placed third among eight government choirs nationwide at the recent 6<sup>th</sup> Government Choral Competition held at the Cultural Center of the Philippines in celebration of the 116<sup>th</sup> Philippine Civil Service anniversary.

The multi-awarded chorale was also chosen as the Best Regional Entry from the National Capital Region. Its musical director, Mr. Anthony Villanueva, also received the special award for Best Conductor.

The Pag-IBIG Fund Chorale had its beginnings in the early 1990s to initially sing at Fund Coordinators' Club meetings and other corporate occasions. It was then formally organized in September 2005. The group has become Pag-IBIG's ambassador, performing in events of other companies, both public and private. It has joined and won in various singing competitions within and outside the country.

The Chorale supported Pag-IBIG Fund's quest for excellence, proving that Pag-IBIG Fund employees are not only capable of providing exceptional service to the members, but also dazzle in arts and culture, particularly music.

Other winners were Tagum City Chamber Choral (Grand Champion), Bayugan City Educators Chorale (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Pangasinan Provincial Chorale (4<sup>th</sup>).

At the 8<sup>th</sup> Grand Prix Pattaya International Choir Festival in Thailand last year, the Pag-IBIG Fund Chorale won Gold Medals in Folklore A Capella, and in Spiritual, Gospel, and Jazz; and a Silver Medal in the Adult Mixed Category. It was also the 2014 Grand Champion at the Civil Service Commission's Government Choral Competition.

The group made its public debut at the "*Liwliwa: Konsierto ng mga Bayani*" held at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. It also participated in various music festivals including the Madz Et Al Choral Festival from 2007 to 2011 and in Maestro Ryan Cayabyab's Thousand-Voice Choir Project. It has also guested in several TV shows and has spearheaded several outreach activities. (end)