

PRESS RELEASE

“One Day in the City: Pasay”

The majority of the world’s population resides in cities. Sometime in 2007 a UN study indicated that for the first time in history the number of people living in urban areas has outweighed those living in the rural. With the growth of megacities, or cities like Metro Manila with populations exceeding 10M we are seeing that for the majority of the world’s population, life in the 21st C will most likely be spent in urban areas.

The city is a space. It is composed of areas defined in many ways by different factors. The science of city planning and the politics of its management have seen our urban spaces grow in various permutations resulting in constant shifts in the physicality of the cities we live in.

The city is a place. We live, work, play within its confines and conditions. It is a repository of our memories, provides stimuli for our daily experience and defines who we are. As its inhabitants we imbue it with character and culture, and the cities grow as we do, in a symbiotic relationship that only urban citizens feel and understand. The peculiarities, moods, spaces and places of the city and its dwellers are what we want to capture in this show.

“One Day in the City: Pasay” is a photographic exhibit focusing on Pasay City. The show depicts facets of the urban fabric and the experience of city dwellers as seen thru the eyes of student photographers from the De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde AB Photography program. The photography project is a way of showing how life is in one part of a 21st century Asian megalopolis like Metro Manila, and will provide a counterpoint and a response to the Spanish photography show “Photo By Photo: A Portrait of Spain” recently exhibited at the Met. The exhibit also features works of Spanish photographer Txema Salvans made during his recent Manila visit.

“One Day in the City: Pasay” opens to the public on January 27 until March 31, 2012 at the Tall Galleries of the Metropolitan Museum of Manila. The show is organized by the Metropolitan Museum of Manila, De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde School of Design and Arts, The City Government of Pasay, Canon Marketing Philippines Inc. and the Spanish Embassy- Manila.

The Met is located at the Banko Sentral ng Pilipinas Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Manila. Museum hours are from 9am – 6pm, Monday to Saturday; closed on Sundays, first Mondays of the month and on holidays. For more details please call 708-7829 or at email at info@metmuseum.ph. Visit us at www.metmuseum.ph and www.facebook.com/metmuseum.manila

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