

2006 Annual Report LES Philippines

LES Philippines began 2006 with a planning seminar for its Board of Directors in January. Discussions focused on the proposed activities for the year and preparations for the 2009 International Conference to be held in Makati City, Metro Manila.

Mid-year, the present Board of Directors and officers were privileged to have been inducted into office by the Honorable Justice Antonio Carpio, an associate justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines. Poignantly, Justice Carpio is a founding member of LES Philippines and its former president.

Our society held its 2nd *LES Kapihan*, or breakfast forum, with officials from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) as guest panelists. The participants exchanged views on how DOST and LES Philippines can work together in utilizing technology transfer for national development.

A highlight was the one-day workshop entitled “Strategic Intellectual Property Asset Management” LES Philippines co-sponsored with Microsoft Philippines in celebration of Intellectual Property Week. The workshop was opened by Intellectual Property Office Director General Adrian Cristobal and was conducted by Mr. Zaid Hamzah, consultant to Microsoft Corporation.

Throughout 2006, LES Philippines has been active, with its directors and officers participating in the 2006 National Biotechnology Week and various SME fairs, as speakers and advisers.

All activities hosted by LES Philippines were open to current members, as well as non-members. The participants were of varied backgrounds – from the legal profession, government offices and business sector. As a result of these activities, LES Philippines witnessed an increase in its membership and keen interest in the organization.