

JUDICIARY CELEBRATES WOMEN'S MONTH

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COURT OF APPEALS

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The Court of Appeals Gender and Development Focal Point Committee chaired by Justice Priscilla J. Baltazar-Padilla and co-chaired by Justice Marlene Gonzales-Sison began its celebration of the International Women's Month on Women's Day, March 8, 2011. The Committee sponsored a film showing of *Eat, Love, Pray*, starring Julia Roberts. Atty. Flodeliz Cabanlit-Fargas, Chief of Office of Policy and Development Research of the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC), discussed the gender sensitive issues touched upon in the film, giving emphasis on the need to show love and respect towards women and recognizing their economic and political roles as well as achievements in the society.

The CA-GAD Focal Point Committee also initiated the distribution of the *Book on Laws, Rules, Issuances for Cases Involving Domestic Relations, Women and Children* to all CA Justices.

On March 11, a total of 92 female CA employees availed themselves of free breast examination conducted by breast cancer surgeon Dr. Cristina Santos. Organized by the Sub-committee on Health and Welfare, Dr. Santos also served as resource speaker during the launching of the free breast cancer lecture titled *Keep Abreast* at the CA Auditorium.