

## **HiHiP tops passing rate in DOH massage licensure exams** *100 new massage therapists take oath*

Santa Rosa-based wellness training institution **Hilot at Hilom Pilipinas (HiHiP)** gained the highest passing rate of 89% in the Massage Therapy licensure exams held last June 1, 2011. Out of 225 examinees from all over the Philippines, only 100 passed this June.

Dr. Kenneth Ronquillo, Chairman of the Committee of Examiners for Massage Therapy, administered the oath to the newly licensed massage therapists at the Manila Grand Opera Hotel last June 17. Dr. Ronquillo explained that the DOH is determined to raise the level of massage to a profession.

In December 2010, the health department issued Administrative Order No. 2010-34, requiring licensure for all gainfully employed and freelance massage practitioners in all types of establishments, including salons, spas, resorts, hotels, barber shops, clinics and the like. The grace period for obtaining DOH licenses ends on December 31, 2014.

The licensure exams are held twice yearly and are conducted for the DOH by the UP College of Medicine for the DOH. Subjects include massage-related aspects of anatomy, physiology, pathology, microbiology, jurisprudence, and an oral-practical examination. The next DOH licensure exam will be held on December 7, 2011.



**HiHiP's successful DOH LMT examinees for June 2011:** Roche Quiño, (Mrs. Besaca), Frezel Mae Besaca, Mary Ann Mariño, Maylen de la Cruz, Manuelita Henares, Odinah Yu, Melchor Rito, and Ramel Arendayen.

To date, HiHiP is the only accredited licensure training institution in the Southern Tagalog region. Tesda NC-2 graduates and massage practitioners who wish to study or review for the DOH exam should register now. Contact HiHiP registrar Tina Salazar at 049.544.0704 or 0917.545.7494 and avail of group discounts. For further information, visit [www.myhomespa.ph/hihip](http://www.myhomespa.ph/hihip).