

We are bringing back as a regular feature of Women in Action the Letters Section that gives space to readers' contributions, feedback on previous issues, as well as letters of general interest received by post or E-mail. This set of letters were amongst those received in conjunction with Isis International's 25th Anniversary celebrations in November 1999. For purposes of brevity, we reserve the right to edit materials.

We are writing to congratulate Isis International on its 25 years of wonderful work. We too take pride in your enormous achievements, draw strength from your existence, and share your vision of a different, better future for women everywhere. We greatly appreciate the generous support Isis has given DAWN's work over the years, most recently the DAWN-South East Asia regional meeting in Manila in 1998. We value our connection with Isis, including the presence of DAWN South East Asia Regional Coordinator Gigi Francisco on the General Assembly and Board of Trustees of Isis International-Manila. We also share in the joy of this anniversary and wish you, and Marilee Karl, Isis International-Manila's honorary chair, the staff, trustees and all associated with Isis our best for an exciting, fulfilling and successful future.

*Seona Smiles, Communications Officer
Development Alternatives with
Women in a New Era (DAWN)*

Congratulations on your anniversary! Of course I can't be sure if this is a good or a sad thing because the continued existence of groups like Isis means that oppression of women is not over yet. There sure are a lot more to be done. PAHRA is proud to have you as our partner in human rights work. Please continue to bring us news about your work.

*Niza C., Deputy Secretary-General
for International Affairs
Philippine Alliance of Human Rights
Advocates (PAHRA)*

May all of you continue to imbue the world with the wit, incisiveness, beauty and vision of your minds. May your voices continue to be heard and enjoyed. And may you continue to

love and support each other and the occasional stranger like me. Thank you and let's look forward to another 25 years of activism and questioning, growth and FUN!

*Melody Kemp, author of Working for Life:
Sourcebook on Occupational Health
for Women, Australia*

This is to offer you the warmest greetings and the hope that you continue to gain strength and grace in working for women's rights.

*Rhona Montebon, Womyn Supporting Womyn
Center (WSWC), Philippines*

Happy anniversary! May you always have inspiring and stimulating spaces for women.

*Dulce Natividad, Executive Director
Women's Education, Development,
Productivity and Research Organization
(WEDPRO), Philippines*

You gave me the place and opportunity to explore the women's world, most especially to find my true self. Thank you for the experience and the wisdom you have shared. You will always be a part of me.

*Sharon Rose Munda, Former intern
of Isis International-Manila*

May your good work bring more empowerment to women.

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Long live Isis! May you continue to nurture generations of feminists in the Philippines, in the region and throughout the world.

*Princess Nemenzo and Mercy Fabros
WomanHealth Philippines*

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in your internship programme. It has been a truly meaningful experience as it helped enlighten me on the feminist perspective.

*Reggy Figer, Former intern of
Isis International-Manila*