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## **Creative Conflict Intervention- A Martial Art Approach to Peace**

Morning of January 17, 2009 (Saturday), the president of Warriors for Peace Pilipinas and Pax Christi Institute professor, Noel Fuentes together with his assistant coordinators conducted a seminar workshop in LCC-B (La Consolacion College – Bacolod). The purpose of the said seminar is for the participants to understand further what conflict is all about and how to manage it. It was also an introduction of the 'Art of Peace' being utilized as a creative and unique way of approaching conflict knowing that its principles are similar to that of conflict management.

LCC Bacolod was the first stop of this introductory course. Other schools (both private and public) and universities of Bacolod City have also signified their interest and are now finding ways to insert to their schedule. Around 45 faculty members of LCC attended and were all participative.

The first part of the seminar was about understanding of peace and realities about conflict. The second part was a brief discussion of the 'Art of Peace', Aikido. And the third part was a discussion linking Aikido as a means of creative conflict management.

The seminar was ended with the question, "Why educate for Peace?" and encouraging the participants in taking part in the ongoing peace building efforts through them integrating basic peace education to their students.



Getting to know activity – participants introducing themselves explaining there origin



Healthy discussions with fellow faculties regarding views on how to approach conflict.



The whole group was divided into 4 smaller teams for some activities.