

Student exchange program to bind Philippines, Germany

STUDENTS from the Philippines and Germany now have a chance to learn and to experience the beauty of the two countries through a student exchange program.

A memorandum of understanding signed by Mareike Schmitt of the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt and Isagani Cruz, president of The Manila Times College (TMTC) in November last year paved the way for students from TMTC to do on the job training, apprenticeship, enhancement studies or similar activities in the areas

of journalism, creative writing and cultural studies at Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt and vice versa.

Monique Zimmermann, a graduate student of Modern East Asia Studies at Frankfurt, is now in the Philippines to train in the field of news writing under supervision of TMTC for one month, as well as to learn about academic publishing from various Philippine publishing houses.

"I love the country very much and I am enjoying my stay here. I'm

really learning new things," she said. "I am looking forward for other things here." Zimmermann is the first of several exchange students between TMTC and the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-Universität Frankfurt.

The Manila Times is the oldest existing English language newspaper in the Philippines. It features daily headlines, business, lifestyle, sports, provincial and world news. Its private school The Manila Times College was established in 2003.

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