

## Guerrero says ConCon successful

ALTHOUGH many would consider the Third Constitutional Convention has finished its job, for president Herman T. Guerrero, it's a new beginning of a new task.

In a news conference Thursday, Guerrero said the Third ConCon has been successful in its efforts to produce a "new" Constitution that will govern the Commonwealth at least for the next 10 years.

Guerrero, however, said Thursday's signing of the new law of the land marks a new beginning for them to convince the people to accept the new amendments and hopefully understand the new provisions. He said there was a "conspiracy" in the ConCon that made him the post-ConCon chairman to address the new task of going to the people for them to learn the new Constitution.

"I give this convention an 'A' plus," Guerrero told reporters. "It has been very successful. (But now) another job has begun to ensure the people are educated and they sufficiently understand what they're voting for."

He said the ConCon is hoping that there will be a separate votation for the amendments, preferably six months before the general elections. Guerrero said the ConCon thinks a separate election for the amendments and the candidates would give the people time to review and understand the amendments as general elections are usually more involved in personalities rather than issues.

Among the new provisions he considered significant are the budget issues for the two



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branches of government.

"We have basically dealt with the budget issue so we don't continue with the continuing resolution process. We don't want the government to incur deficits and we prohibited the government in filling up positions without retiring the deficit," Guerrero said. He also said there has been an amendment to make a uniform budget for all the members of the Legislature, whether he/she comes from the majority or the minority.

He said the ConCon is hoping a legislative initiative giving the members of the Legislature more money is recalled.

The legislative initiative, according to Guerrero, calls for more than \$10 million yearly for the Legislature. Also, Guerrero said they only allocated \$4 million to the downsized Legislature which will have nine members for the House and six for the Senate, down from 18 and nine respectively. But both Houses will now have four-year terms under the new Constitution.