

LEA A. CELIS
Volunteer of the Year 2009
Quota International of Iloilo

A Committed Life...

Lea's commitment to Quota has remained unwavering since she became Charter Member 32 years ago. Her diminutive size belies the big heart she has for the hearing impaired. Her concern for these children extends beyond the education the Club has helped to provide them with. Together with our dear departed Qtn. Mina Layson, she created the Deaf Ministry for the spiritual growth and values education of all physically disabled students of the SPED school that Quota Iloilo partners with. Summers are always being looked forward to by members of the ministry as Lea and her volunteers always plan for camping trips outside the city for them.

After her term as District 41 Governor, Lea has been devoting her time with the club's Leganes Resource Center for the Deaf as its Chairperson. Since then, the Center has expanded from being a pre-school towards providing elementary education for its students.

Lea's other passion is the Assumption Socio-educational Center. She has continually served in various capacities in this private school, mainly funded from donations, set up to provide education for a poor community in the city.

Her deep sense of service for others is indeed a contradiction of her nickname, "Li-it", which means "little" in our local dialect.

Quota sisters...it is with great honor that we present and nominate one of our club's pillars for Volunteer of the Year...Ms. Lea Celis

MA. GLEDA E. LIM & MA. ELENA ALEJANDRA R. ISADA