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Maybe it's the weather, or the Lao-lao, or whatever ...

When Dr. Orlando "Bingbing" Alagar tied the marriage "baci" knots with Lao princess Somprasong in 1961 in Paksong, Champassak province, it was among the first nuptials in Laos between a Filipino and a Lao.

Such pairings were rare among the couplings that Penny Flores recorded in her "Marriage Grid," published in her "Goodbye Vientiane" anthology. (Have you bought your copy yet? Contact her at 415 584 3962).

More numerous were marriages between Filipinos, celebrated on Lao soil or somewhere else. Penny charts them in alphabetical order, between and among members of OB, USAID, Air America, ECCOIL, Continental Air Services, Canadian International Commission.

We reproduce here the full table - 82 couples in all.

We are told that there were marriages officiated by the local Chaomuong (provincial Governors) that the parties preferred to keep quiet. As a result, this list maybe incomplete.

Your help is solicited in updating it. For example, include Labao, Enrique OB nurse who married Cely Isidro, OB med tech. Corrections: Datu, Angelito of OICC did not get married in Laos. And his wife is not Laotian. Jess Ramos (OB) married Connie (OB); Mario Morales did not marry Maria Domingo.

THE MARRIAGE GRID

OB Operation Brotherhood
AA Air America
CASI Continental Air Services Inc.
USAID United States Agency for International Development
ECCOI Eastern Construction Company Operations Inc.

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Name	Org	Position	Name	Org	Position
A					
Abad, Gilbert (Diknoi)	OB	Nurse	Angelita Mariñas	OB	Nurse
Agbayani, Romv	OB	Nurse	Myrla	OB	Nurse
Aguilar, Genaro +	OB	Dentist	Encarnacion Barba	OB	Med Tech
Alcacid, Emeng	OB	Dentist	Linda Cava	OB	Nurse
Alejo, Jose	OB	Adm.	Mely Kagahastian	OB	Nurse
Alon, Boni	AA	Accountant	Evelyn Subong	OB	Nurse
Altamirano, Ernie (d)	CASI	Maintenance	Eula Duruin (d)	OB	Nurse
Ambrosio, Jose	OB	Accountant	Sonia Zuniga	OB	Nurse
Angelo, Angie	AAM	Maintenance	Baby Alon	OB	Doctor
Aquino, Jerry	CASI	Maintenance	Thelma Eusebio	CASI	Secretary
Asuncion, Johnny	OB	Agronomist	Leonore Torralba	OB	Nutritionist
Atienza, Tony	OB	Accountant	Tacing Buniao	OB	Nutritionist
Azul, Sining +	OB	Doctor	Virginia Guzman	OB	Nurse
Alagar, Orlando	OB	Doctor	Soumprasong		Lao Princess

B					
Bacordo, Rinaldo (d)	OB	Dentist	Dominga Jamero (d) Joy	OB	Social Worker Te
Balbarin, Eddie	AA	Maintenance	Corazon Juinio	OB	Doctor
Balbarin, Teddy	ECCOI	Technician	Lily Baladad	OB	Doctor
Ballo, Del +	OB	Accountant	Sonia Morales	OB	Adm.Lawyer
Bautista, Efren	USAID	Operations	Rosemary Trinidad	US Emb	Secretary
Belicena, Cornelio	OB	Maintenance	Belen Gaborne	OB	Social Worker
Baltao, Max +	OB	Doctor	Loreta Amante	OB	Nurse
Babasa, Ben	OB	Doctor	Lydia Conte+	OB	Nurse
C					
Cabrera, Gil	OB	Doctor	Jovita Abes	OB	Nurse
Capili, Vic	OB	Accountant	Sining Limcamco	OB	Nurse
Carmen, Alex del	OB	Doctor	Lynne	OB	Interpreter
Caro, Sonny	AA		Imelda de la Cruz	OB	Nurse
Cruz, Anastacio	ECCOI	Engineer	Lourdes Reyes	OB	Nurse
Culbertson, Tom	USAID		Sophie Daza	OB	Nurse
D					
Datu, Angelito	OICC	Laos and Cambodia	Baybi		Laotian
Datu, Orlando	OICC	Engineer	Cecilia Salarda	OB	Nurse
Dimanahan, Rene	OB	Accountant	Vivian Galang	OB	Nurse
E					
Elizaga, Cesar +	OB	Dentist	Sol Nepomuceno	OB	Nurse
Erilla, Narcing	OB	Maintenance	Helen Esmeralda	OB	Nurse
Espiritu, Eli	USEmb	Marine	Emy Trinidad		
Estrada, Boy	OB	Mechanic	Agustina	OB	Nurse
Evangelista, Arthur	AA	Operations	Violy		

F					
Frias, Oscar	USAID	Operations	Connie de la Peña	USAID	Secretary
Fuentecilla, Jose	OB	Administrator	Pet Santarina	OB	Nurse
G					
Gotico, Rusty	OB	Doctor	Julie Ilumin	OB	Nurse
Granada, Melgre (d)	OB	Project Manager	Naty Encarnacion (d)	OB	Dentist
Guevarra, Jose +	OB	Doctor	Eva Altura	OB	Nurse
Guevarra, Jose	OB	Med Tech	Fely Rigor	OB	Nurse
Gonzales, Pedro	OB	Doctor	Felicidad Cruz	OB	Nurse
H					
Hilario, Leonardo	OB	Accountant	Bella Natividad	OB	Nutritionist
I					
Ilustrisimo, Jun	AAM	Avionics	Thelma Villamor+Claire	OB	Nurse
J					
Jesus, Raul de	OB	Doctor	Puring Roque	OB	Accountant
L					
Lagava, Fred	AAM	Architect	Lina Castañeda	AAM	Secretary
Lagleva, Vic	OB	Nurse	Araceli Villacorte	OB	Nurse
Langleva, Pete	OB	Accountant	Kavsav Sivorabane	OB	Lao Nurse Aid
Lapitan, Sergio+	OB	Photographer	Sounthaly Somchai	OB	Practical Nurse
Layug, Ruben	CASI	Accountant	Marita Eusebio	AAM	Secretary
Ljungar, Ken	CIC	Operations	Ciony Agbayani	OB	Social Worker
Luna, Jose	AAM	Maintenance	Lina Deluca	OB	Doctor
M					
Mabunga, Roger	OBB	Doctor		OB	Nursing aide
Macasinag, Ernie	ECCOI	Med Tech.	Connie Comin	AAM	Secretary

Macayaon, Mac	AA	Maintenance	Cecilia Libanan	OB	Social Worker
Mapaye, Rafael	USAID	Draftsman	Luisa Cuevas	USAID	Secretary
Mariñas, Jose			Ching Caldoza	OB	Nutritionist
Marquez, Vicente	OB	Accountant	Anita Angeles	USAID	Secretary
Martel, Manuel	OB	Administration	Ofelia Leño	OB	Nurse
Matila, Ben+	ECCOI	Engineer	Raquel Tolentino	OB	Nurse
Mendoza, Cesar	OB	Accountant	Linda Ramas	OB	Nurse
Monserrat, Bob	OB	Agriculturist	Asil Palma	OB	Social Worker
Morales, Mario	USAID	Accountant	Carmen Domingo	USAID	Nurse
Macayaon, Mac	AAM		Cecilia Libanan	OB	Social Worker
N					
Nano, Henry	OB	Nurse	Dolly Rosales	OB	Med Tech
Nantes. Bernie+	OB	Nurse	Josie Espinosa	OB	Nutritionist
Naranjo, Jovito, Jr.	OB	Project Manager	Josefa Dumadaug	OB	Nurse
Navera, Fred+	OB	Accountant	Fely Montoya	OB	Nurse
Natividad, Bienvenido+	OB	Accountant	Bella Guzman	OB	Nutritionist
O					
Ocampo, Teofilo	OB	Doctor	Rosemarie del Rio	OB	Social Worker
Orense, Celso+	USAID		Bouchuey	USAID	Secretary
P					
Pablo, Ramon +	OB	Doctor	Josefina Riel	OB	Nurse
Padayao, Fidel	USAID	Operation	Wilma Jerusalem	OB	Nurse
Paglinawan, Ato	OB	Secretary	Ofelia Naranjo	OB	Nurse
Palu-ay, Pedro	OB	Doctor	Edita Habacon	OB	Nutritionist
Panutai, Wattana	USIS	Communications	Thelma Eusebio		
Paz, Toti de la	OB	Accountant	Letty Villacorta	OB	Nutritionist
Pin, Harold	OB	Doctor	Mila Uranza	OB	Doctor

