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#### Pacquiao in TIME's 'most influential' poll again



MANILA, Philippines – Boxing superstar Manny Pacquiao is again included in TIME Magazine's poll for the 100 most influential people in the world in 2010.

The poll, which opened on April 1, has Pacquiao joining global personalities like US President Barack Obama, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Conan O'Brien and Oprah Winfrey in the list.

As of April 3, Pacquiao was ranked No. 20 behind satire host John Stewart.

He had a total number of 4,663 votes with an average rating of 91. This is his second appearance on the list.

Pacquiao, a 7-division champion and reigning World Boxing Organization (WBO) welterweight king, finished No. 20 in TIME Magazine's list of most influential "Heroes & Icons" in 2009.

Other categories listed in TIME's 100 are Leaders & Revolutionaries, Builders & Titans, Artists & Entertainers, and Scientists & Thinkers.

In the Philippines, Pacquiao is currently engaged in another form of battle. He is running against Roy Chiongbian for the lone congressional seat of Sarangani province in Mindanao.

"An idol in his native Philippines, Pacquiao has become an international sports god, drawing much-needed fans to the fading profession of boxing," TIME Magazine said.

"For now, the Filipino, a champion in seven weight classes, is focusing on a prize he has tried but failed to win before: a seat in his country's legislature," it added.