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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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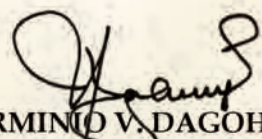
CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

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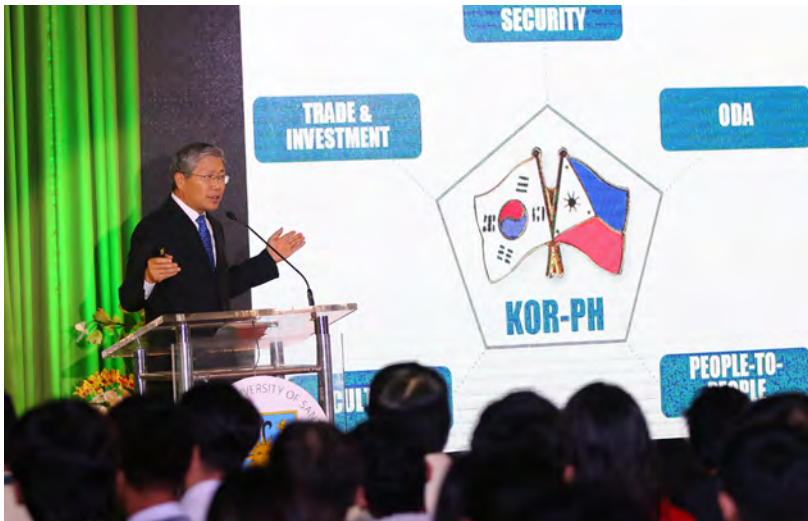
The Christmas season gives us that truly wonderful 'thrill of hope' which allows us to anticipate and be grateful for 'a new morning' that will come to totally dispel the gloom that afflicts us. Christmas is a time that provides us with the wonderful opportunity to share the many blessings that God has given us. It also evokes the incomparable feeling of peace and joy in our hearts because we have more time to spend with our loved ones and friends. But more importantly, it is an occasion that allows us to reflect on what is truly important – the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Savior of Mankind, the main reason why we celebrate the most wonderful time of the year.

The special Christmas issue of the *Academia* has for its cover the UST Main Building which is set against a backdrop that highlights the annual Paskuhan festivities in which we see the iconic structure radiantly adorned with Christmas trimmings, colorful lights, and dazzling effects from the highly-anticipated fireworks display which caps the evening's festivities. All these contribute to the joyful spirit that abounds in the University during the Christmas season. The cover of the *Academia* does not only speak of the wonderful tradition that defines our celebration of Christmas in the campus, it is also very symbolic of the glorious morn that we eagerly await and anticipate the birth of Jesus which gives us genuine hope to aspire for things ideal and beautiful.

Christmas is just a few days away. Once again, this joyous season fills our hearts with such profound gladness. There is no other love that can compare to God's love for mankind for he sent his only son to save us from our sins, and this is what the world celebrates every year which signifies the truth and reality of our faith which inspires us always to share, to hope, and to believe. As we flip through the pages of the *Academia*, the official international bulletin of the University of Santo Tomas, we will have a very good idea of the vibrant life in our beloved University where academics, administrators, students, alumni, and support staff traverse various exciting and cutting-edge trajectories that contribute tremendously to the tradition of excellence the University is known for. These articles will provide readers a glimpse of the many facets of the University, which is proof that together as Thomasians we can accomplish great things, sharing our special gifts wholeheartedly, and what makes it truly special is that we do it for the love of the University of Santo Tomas. Indeed, the true spirit of Christmas lives everyday amongst us. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!


FR. HERMINO V. DAGOHOY, O.P.
Rector

ROK Ambassador Han discusses Korean peace process, PH-Korea relations at UST 6th Ambassadors Lecture Series



The Ambassador discusses PH-Korea bilateral relations.

The Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, His Excellency Han Dong-man, delivered the 6th discourse of the University of Santo Tomas Ambassadors Lecture Series. His lecture, titled “Vision for Peace in the Korean Peninsula and the Philippines - Korea Relations,” was held at the Dr. Robert C. Sy Grand Ballroom of the UST Buenaventura G. Paredes, O.P., Building on November 29, 2018.

Ambassador Han expounded on the ongoing peace process in the Korean Peninsula. He also discussed the bilateral relations between the Republic of Korea and the Philippines.

A focal point of the discussion centered on the “Panmunjeom Declaration for Peace, Prosperity, and Unification of the Korean Peninsula.” According to Ambassador Han, this Inter-Korean Summit reaffirmed the principles of independence and self-determination of Korean nations and agreed to consistently and continuously develop inter-Korean relations.

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UST’s month-long Paskuhan celebration features lighting ceremony, Christmas concert

To mark the beginning of the annual Christmas traditions of the University of Santo Tomas, the historic campus in Manila was transformed with lights fit for a unique holiday experience. With the theme of “light from Light: Prince of Peace,” the campus decorations were lit on December 3, 2018, at 5:30 p.m.

The Cross atop the UST Main Building tower that symbolizes the Light that is Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, from whom all other lights originate, became more prominent with the lighting. With a 70-foot Christmas tree shining at the UST Grandstand like a beacon in campus, around 600 lanterns illuminated the grounds of the 407-year old University.

A total of 600,000 LED lights brightened the campus each night, with the Christmas tree itself decorated by hundreds of assorted ornaments, 80 lanterns, and 100 PAR lamps, which gave the tree a Royal purple glow. A large stylized image of the Holy Family also graced the Quadracentennial Park near the interactive fountain.

The decorations were lit in synchronization with the musical accompaniment “A Thrill of Hope,” adapted from O Holy Night by Adolphe Adam, and culminated with a fireworks display.

UST’S MONTH-LONG PASKUHAN
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“The essence of Christmas to the Thomasian community”

Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., Secretary-General



Christmas is a beautiful story, filled with wonderful images that resonate from generations to generations. One compelling plot in the story is the birth of Christ into the world which clearly embodies God’s continuing promise of unending love for humanity.

Every year, the University of Santo Tomas rekindles among the Thomasian community this Christmas story through *creative yet relevant themes*, **reawakening in them the gift of faith through deep reflection on the gift of presence and the gift of sharing one’s self to others.**

In the year 1993, **Paskuhan** was first adopted by the University, through the leadership of UST Treasurer, Rev. Fr. Tereso Campillo, O.P., as an encompassing name of month-long Christmas festivities in the University. The celebration with the theme “*Paskong Tomasino, Paskong Filipino*” marked the University’s move to make itself become movers of young men and women in helping our countrymen, especially those affected by typhoon “Uring”. Since then, the University remained steadfast in its commitment in community development and Tulong Tomasino projects.

Some of the themes in the previous years include “*Pagdiriwang ng Pananampalataya*” (Paskuhan 2012), “*Pasko sa Puso Ko – To Visayas We Give, To Visayas We Share*”(Paskuhan 2013), *Pagdiriwang ng Pagmamalasakit – Tomasino Kaisa ni Papa Francisco at ng Simbahan sa Pasko* (Paskuhan 2014), *A Thomasian Celebration of Christmas and the Jubilees of Mercy and the 800th Dominican Foundation Year* (Paskuhan 2015), “*Paskong Tomasino para sa ‘yo’*” (Paskuhan 2016), *King of Kings* (Paskuhan 2017).

For this year, the University Events Committee, through the headship of the Secretary-General, brainstormed and deliberated on a theme that closely

intertwines proposals coming from representatives of the student body – the Central Student Council and the Student Organization and Coordinating Council and that of the committee. The University Events Committee is composed of the heads of the Office of Student Affairs, Facilities Management Office, Communications Bureau, Office of Public Affairs, Campus Ministry, Health Service, Security Office, Office of the Property Custodian, Deans of the Conservatory of Music and Tourism and Hospitality Management, Asst. Prof. Rodolfo Olaso, Ar. Froilan Fontecha, and Engr. Albert Surla.

The finalized theme of UST’s Paskuhan 2018 “**light from Light, Prince of Peace**” conveys to the Thomasian community that Jesus is the Light that comes to life and the one who inspires us to become light that illuminates the path of others. He is our Prince that brings Peace to mankind.

While mankind joyfully waits for the coming of the Light that gives light to our paths, it is hoped that the Christmas celebration leads the Thomasian community to endeavor to become the best persons that they could be, as their humble share in committing their individual or collective roles in supporting the University in its trifold ministry of Thomasian education, research and community organizing and development. Similarly, it comes with a prayer that the Prince of Peace would guide the community in its day-to-day endeavors, so that man may serve and always think of what is good for his neighbor, the Church, and the nation.

Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., is the Secretary-General of the University of Santo Tomas. He holds a doctorate in Educational Leadership and Management (ELM) and teaches at the Graduate School of UST and the ELM Department of the Bro. Andrew Gonzalez, FSC–College of Education of De La Salle University-Manila.

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Ambassador Han answers a question from a student during the Open Forum.

The Ambassador also highlighted the diplomatic relationship between the Philippines and Korea, which dates back to 1949. "Korean and Philippine bilateral relations is rooted in history," said Ambassador Han. "A total of 7,420 Filipino soldiers who were part of the Philippine Expeditionary Force to Korea (PEFTOK) fought gallantly in the Korean War... This experience opened the door for Korea and the Philippines to forge a unique and lasting friendship," he further explained.

In 2019, the Philippines and Korea will celebrate their 70th year of diplomatic relations. Ambassador Han assured the participants of the continued strength of the Philippine-Korean relationship and of ROK's sustained support of the Philippines through investments in tourism and education, among other areas.

Among the contributions of the ROK to the Philippines include: the *Araw* Contingent, the first and largest peacetime operation unit dispatched by ROK to Leyte for one year to conduct aid, relief, and rehabilitation operations; a donation of five million pesos to the Philippine Red Cross for the benefit of those affected by the armed conflict in Marawi; and more than 130 patrol cars for the use of the Philippine National Police.

The Republic of Korea remains the fourth largest trading partner of the Philippines, the third largest import source, and the fifth highest export destination of the Philippines.

H.E. Han Dong-man

Having began his tour of duty in the Philippines on January 17, 2018, Ambassador Han brings with him more than 30 years of experience in inter-Korean diplomatic relations.

Currently serving as the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1985 after earning a master's degree in law at the Pantheon-Sorbonne University in Paris, France. Since then, he has held posts in Algeria, the United Kingdom, and Australia, and the Office of the President in Korea. In 2002, he served as the Director of the Security Policy Division at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and as Consul at the Korean Consulate General in New York. More recently, he served as the Minister Counselor at the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C., and Consul-General at the Korean Consulate in San Francisco.

Prior to his assignment in Manila, Ambassador Han was the Director-General for International Economic Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Consulate General of the Republic of Korea.

The UST Ambassadors Lecture Series

The UST Ambassadors Lecture Series initiates intellectual engagement between the Thomasian community and the diplomats. It also paves the way for linkages and further learning opportunities as members of the Thomasian community



Korean students from the College of Commerce and Business Administration Chaeyoung Park (right) and Han-se Kim sing a Filipino-Hangeul version of the hit song "Ikaw."

can participate in an open forum to engage with the lecturing diplomats.

The first lecture in the series was delivered on April 16, 2015, by then Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy of France to the Philippines Mr. Laurent Le Godec. He lectured on the commitment of France in fighting climate change. This lecture coincided with France's hosting of COP21 in December 2015.

The second lecture was on "The Church and the Modern World" held on April 18, 2016 by Vice Chancellor Francis Campbell of St. Mary's University in London who once served as the British Ambassador to the Holy See.

The third lecture, along with a dialogue with Thomasian students on international affairs and public policy, was delivered by former American Ambassador to the Philippines, H.E. Philip S. Goldberg on April 16, 2016.

The fourth lecture focused on the dynamics of foreign relations in Philippine Economics, discussed on April 5, 2017, by H.E. Carlos Salinas, the Philippine Ambassador to Spain.

The most recent discourse was held almost a month before the ASEAN Summit was held in the Philippines. The speaker was the Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission of the Royal Thai Embassy in Manila Ms. Urawadee Sriphiromya, who discussed on October 24, 2017 learning mobility in the context of ASEAN Integration.



H.E. Han Dong-man (center) receives the "UST Fusion" sculpture given to him by UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., (fourth from left). With them are (from left:) UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., UST Faculty of Arts and Letters Dean Prof. Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D., and Olympic Artist Joe Datuin.



Students under the Asian Studies program of the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Arts and Letters make the famous Korean finger-heart sign together with the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, H.E. Han Dong-man (center).



As a token of appreciation for delivering a lecture, diplomats are each given an art piece as a gift of gratitude in the form of a Joe Datuin sculpture called the "UST Fusion Series." Datuin, an international artist who graduated from the UST College of Fine Arts and Design in 1977, is now a noted and multi-awarded Olympic artist/sculptor. His award-winning works include, among others, the Moscow Olympic Poster Design in 1980 and the UNESCO International Calendar Design Competition in France in 1982. The Dancing Rings, his most celebrated art work so far, won first prize in the sculpture category of the Olympic Sports and Art Design Contest in 2008.

The UST Ambassadors Lecture Series is an ongoing initiative by the Office of Public Affairs.

Ambassador Han (sixth from left) with the Office of Public Affairs (OPA), including the Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., (fifth from left) Assistant to the Director for Publication Asst. Prof. Virginia A. Sembrano (fourth from left), Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Ms. Katherine Patrice B. Sibug (seventh from left), and the OPA team.



UST Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., (center) is the main presider of the Paskuhan opening Mass, concelebrated with UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., (left) and UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., (right), and the Dominican Fathers.

The lighting ceremony followed the Eucharistic Celebration with the UST Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., as main presider, concelebrated with Dominican priests.

In Fr. Ang's homily, he noted how family members have a sense of similarity beyond the physical appearances dictated by shared genetics. This resemblance in manner, borne from time spent together, is instilled in people. He urged the faithful to be with God constantly, because "When we spend time with God, we become more like him. We become peacemakers."

The Vice Rector further explained, "Jesus never promised that [peace is] going to be easy, but the peace He offers is the kind of peace that will allow us to experience serenity in the face of all circumstances that would cause us pressure... Peace that comes from God is not reliant on our strength or on our surroundings. It comes from grace which transforms and leads us to wholeness and reconciliation. We become less self-centered, and we reach out to another in the same way the Lord treats us – with kindness, with compassion, with understanding... More than ever, Jesus really is the Prince of Peace."

Fr. Ang concluded his homily by saying, "On behalf of the Father Rector and all the Dominican Fathers of UST, I wish you peace, because whenever I do that, I am wishing you life, good health, prosperity, harmony, and all of God's favor. These are the bountiful blessings of Christmas."

Mass donations and offerings were earmarked to support *Tulong Tomasino* projects.

After the lighting ceremony, members of the Thomasian community shared the annual Christmas feast called the "Agape."

A Community in Song for the Prince of Peace

The Thomasian community was serenaded with joyful Christmas carols in its Christmas Concert on December 4, 2018, 7:00 p.m., held at the Santísimo Rosario Parish (UST Chapel).

The 2018 UST Christmas Concert featured homegrown Thomasian talents from the UST Conservatory of Music, including the UST Symphony Orchestra. Also featured in the concert were Austria-based renowned Tenor Abdul Candao, who has performed in concerts in more than 10 countries, Maestra Irma P.E. Potenciano, who is considered the only Filipino to record with the London Philharmonic Orchestra and has starred in 13 full-length opera productions and five *sarswela*. Choirs from partner communities of UST, such as the Parents Advocate for Visually Impaired Children's Choir (PAVIC), and the Aeta Community Children's Choir, also joined the musical spectacle.

UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., who also serves as Chair of the Permanent Committee for Events, delivered a welcome message during the program, saying that, "Tonight's Christmas Concert is truly a manifestation of Thomasian

oneness in mission, unity in purpose and solidarity in action in this season of love and peace."

Fr. Miranda also reminded the community to stand firm in their values, especially in this season of giving. He said, "While we joyfully wait for the coming of the Light that gives light to our paths, may we endeavor to become the best person that we could be as our humble share in committing our individual or collective roles in supporting the University in its trifold ministry of education, research, and community organizing and development. Let the Prince of Peace be our guide in our day-to-day endeavors, serving and always thinking of what is good for our neighbor, the Church, and our nation."

Among the songs that were performed include: "Vissi D'Arte" from the Opera "Tosca" sung by soprano Maestra Irma P.E. Potenciano, accompanied by the UST Symphony Orchestra. The UST Conservatory of Music Hip Hop Dance Quintet, with ballet mentor Minette Caryl Maza and the UST String Quintet, re-imagined Tchaikovsky's classic score "The Nutcracker" through hip-hop choreography. A Jazz Christmas Medley was also presented by the UST Conservatory of Music Jazz Band under conductor Ayman Linzag, and sung by Mary Patrice Pacis, Praise Ashonibare, Faye Yupano, and Demi Fresco.

The Grand Choir of UST also presented a Filipino Christmas Medley arranged by Prof. Herminigildo G. Ranera, Ph.D. The Grand Choir consists of members from



The Parents Advocate for Visually Impaired Children's Choir



Maestra Irma P.E. Potenciano sings "Vissi D'Arte" from the Opera "Tosca."



(From left:) Demi Fresco, Faye Yupano, Praise Ashonibare, and Mary Patrice Pacis, accompanied by the UST Conservatory of Music Jazz Band, perform "Jingle Jazz Christmas Medley"



(From left:) Apostolic Nunciature First Counselor Msgr. Arnaldo Catalan, UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., Apostolic Nuncio H.E. Archbishop Gabriele Giordano Caccia, and Second Counselor Msgr. Gabriel Viola at the UST Christmas Concert

the choirs of the University of Santo Tomas such as Coro Tomasino, Liturgikon Vocal Ensemble, UST Cantemus Chorale, UST Chorus of the Nightingales, UST One Voice Engineering Chorale, UST Pharmacy Glee Club, UST Accountancy Chamber Singers, UST Chorus of Arts and Letters, UST College of Science Glee Club, UST Senior High School Virtuoso, and the UST Junior High School Glee Club.

Paskuhan

The month-long celebration reached its peak on December 21, 2018, with well-known bands performing at the UST Grandstand, and the Paskuhan Fair happening at the campus streets. The much-anticipated pyromusical display illuminated the UST skyline at 9:10 p.m., capping off the traditional Paskuhan celebrations for the year.



The Grand Choir of the University of Santo Tomas



Lanterns hang from trees across the Main Building whose Cross radiates with light, which symbolizes the Light that is Jesus Christ from whom all other light originates.

UST, Embassy of Belgium mount exhibition on WW1 foreign soldiers



The World War I: Far From Home exhibition, mounted by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium in Manila in partnership with the University of Santo Tomas, is opened officially through a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to Manila H.E. Michel Goffin (center), UST History Department Chair Dr. Augusto De Viana (left), and UST Director for Public Affairs Dr. Giovanna V. Fontanilla.

In time for the centennial anniversary of the end of the first World War, the University of Santo Tomas, in close partnership with the Embassy of the Kingdom of Belgium, mounted a three-day photographic exhibition on foreign soldiers in Europe during World War I. The “World War One - Far From Home” photo exhibition was mounted at the Drs. Jose and Stella Evangelista Lobby of the UST Paredes Building from November 27 until November 29, 2018.



Dr. De Viana (left) explains to Ambassador Goffin the occurrences during the War.

UST History Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Augusto V. De Viana, Ph.D., in his welcome remarks, highlighted the effect of the War's aftermath on the Philippines, saying that ‘Filipinization’ was one outcome that affected the nation, through which Filipinos had more opportunities of actively participating in government affairs. He also highlighted the Filipino participation in the

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Students from the History program under the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters with His Excellency Michel Goffin (center, in suit), Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to the Philippines, UST Office of Public Affairs Director Dr. Giovanna V. Fontanilla (in brown dress) and UST History Department Chair Dr. Augusto De Viana (in patterned shirt)

PACUCOA recognizes UST for highest number of accredited programs; cites University for international recognitions

UST is once again recognized by the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA) as the top university in the Philippines in terms of academic program quality assurance. This recognition was held in an awarding ceremony on December 4, 2018 at the Novotel Manila Araneta Center in Quezon City during the PACUCOA 29th general assembly with the theme “Quality Assurance in the 4th Industrial Revolution.”

Bagging a total of ten awards and citations, UST was acknowledged for having the highest number of accredited programs in the National Capital Region and in the Philippines as well as being the University with the highest number of accredited programs under Level IV status in the country.

The University also garnered special citations for producing graduates who obtained the highest rating in their respective licensure exams, specifically for Architects, Certified Public Accountants, and Medical Technologists for this year.

UST was also cited for having received international recognitions, namely: the ISO 9001:2015 certification, the QS rating of Four Stars for 2017; the accreditation for hotel and restaurant management and



Administrative and academic officials of the University of Santo Tomas at the PACUCOA Assembly led by UST Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH (seventh from left)

travel management programs given by the International Centre of Excellence in Tourism and Hospitality Education (THE-ICE); and for being the first Philippine higher education institution to be awarded as Top Performing School in the Philippines for the Certified Management Accountant Certification Examinations from the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA), the

100-year old worldwide association of accountants and financial professionals in business.

Currently, 47 academic programs of the University are accredited by PACUCOA, including 26 which are accredited at Level IV, the highest standard of evaluation that PACUCOA gives to institutions of higher learning.

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Great War and gave the example of Filipino soldier Private Tomas Claudio, who served with the U.S. Army as part of the American Expeditionary Forces to Europe.

The Great War involved many soldiers from five different continents, including Asia, as the exhibit abstract showed. In particular, the Philippines created the Philippine National Guard in 1917 to join the American Expeditionary Force as it fought under the command of Gen. John Pershing, as explained by Dr. De Viana.

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium to the Philippines His Excellency Michel Philippe Goffin marked the opening of the exhibition

with a message, and said, “What we want to show you [in this exhibition] are the lesser known stories of thousands of young men of different nationalities and ethnicities, who contributed their efforts, who were enlisted, who volunteered in World War I.”

The Ambassador also urged participants to keep in mind that, “There is a collective obligation [for us] to remember the War, those who fought, and that the World created the United Nations so that countries can avoid another World War.”

Ambassador Goffin, Dr. De Viana, and UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., led the ribbon-cutting ceremony that officially opened the exhibition for public viewing.

Dr. Fontanilla capped off the program by urging the participants to “be instruments of peace.”

Comm Arts alumna Uy-Koe receives inaugural ASEAN Prize for advocacy on autism inclusion



Ms. Erlinda Uy-Koe (center) receives her prize from Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong (right) and ASEAN Secretary-General Dato Lim Jock Hoi. (Photo from ASEAN Official Facebook page)

UST Communication Arts alumna Erlinda “Dang” Uy-Koe won the inaugural prize awarded by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) for her advocacy on autism inclusion. The award was conferred upon Uy-Koe on November 13, 2018 by Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong and ASEAN Secretary-General Dato Lim Jock Hoi, during the opening ceremony of the 33rd ASEAN Summit and Related Summits in Singapore witnessed by ASEAN leaders.

The ASEAN Prize, administered by the ASEAN Secretariat, aims to recognize inspiring achievements and contributions of an individual or organization that foster the ASEAN identity, promote the ASEAN spirit, and champion the ASEAN way. In addition to a trophy, the recipient of the ASEAN Prize also received a cash prize of US\$20,000. The sponsors for the ASEAN Prize 2018 were Temasek Foundation Connects of Singapore, the Ayala Corporation of the Philippines and Yayasan Hasanah of Malaysia.

Uy-Koe is chair Emeritus of Autism Society Philippines (ASP). Under her leadership, the ASP with 96 chapters

nation-wide, has become one of the most vibrant disability organizations in the Philippines.

At the regional level, Uy-Koe served as chair of the ASEAN Autism Network (AAN), comprising of autism family support organizations from ASEAN member states. The AAN is a platform for member states to cooperate and unite in developing non-discriminatory programs to support persons living with autism and their families.

Having received The Outstanding Thomasian ALumni (TOTAL) Award for Humanitarian Service in 2009, Uy-Koe’s efforts have inspired autism awareness beyond the Philippines. The ASP’s “Angels Walk for Autism 2018,” gathered over 24,000 participants, with thousands more converging in simultaneous walks in ten cities. This inspired other members of AAN to hold their own Autism Walks in their respective capitals.

A member of class 1977 of the Faculty of Arts and Letters, Uy-Koe has also taken her advocacy to the international arena. Her engagements have sparked discussions on project collaborations with China and Korea. She has also served the United Nations Economic and Social Commission

for Asia and the Pacific’s Working Group of the Asia Pacific Decade for Persons with Disabilities for 2018-2022.

Uy-Koe was selected by ASEAN Secretary-General Dato Lim Jock Hoi, and former Secretaries-General Tan Sri Ajit Singh, Ong Keng Yong, and Le Luong Minh who comprised the Panel of Judges.

In a statement released on the Autism Society Philippines (ASP) Facebook page, Uy-Koe said, “This is a welcome blessing. For the inaugural ASEAN Prize to be awarded to a family autism advocacy shows how far the ASEAN Community has embraced inclusion for persons with autism and other special needs. I pray that this recognition will help organizations like the ASP and other members of ASEAN Autism Network to connect with policy makers and push for institutional mechanisms that will help improve the lives of those living in the autism spectrum. This inaugural ASEAN Prize honors all family advocates who work hard for the acceptance, accommodation and appreciation of people with autism. And above all, I thank God for giving us our children, for giving us a higher purpose, and for putting us together to work for one vision, one autism friendly ASEAN community. To God be the glory.”

UST launches joint web portal of academic journals



UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús Miranda, Jr., O.P., Ph.D., delivers the welcome remarks

Responding to the global demand on higher education institutions to produce quality research outputs, the University of Santo Tomas (UST), through the Office of the Secretary-General, has created the UST Journal Affairs Committee (UJAC). Through this initiative, an aggregate portal of all the University’s peer-reviewed and indexed research journals is now available to the public. Titled “The UST Journals Online Portal,” it was officially launched by the Office of the Secretary-General and the UJAC on December 6, 2018, at the UST Paredes Building.

The UST Journal Affairs Committee is headed by the UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús Miranda, Jr., O.P., Ph.D. It is composed of the respective chief editors of the academic journals published by the various units of the University.

Through this committee, UST aims to intensify its support for the maintenance of these journals by bringing them together in a single official online portal, providing editors technical and financial assistance, guiding editors in maintaining quality assurance, and professionalizing the respective editorial boards, among others.

Now that the various UST academic journals are under one common platform, it will be easier for researchers to access content and information about the journals, specifically the respective submission and publication policies of each publication. Moreover,

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Five faculty members make it to ASEAN Engineers Register

Five faculty members from the Faculty of Engineering recently joined the ranks of Thomasian engineers who have been conferred the title ASEAN Engineers, making the number of Thomasian engineers a total of 12. The awarding ceremony, which coincided with the 36th Conference of the ASEAN Federation of Engineering Organisations (CAFEO 36) and the ASEAN Engineering Deans Summit, was held on November 13, 2018, at the Resorts World Sentosa in Singapore.

Awarded were: Prof. Edna C. Quinto, Ph.D., Prof. Evelyn R. Laurito, Ph.D., and Prof. Lola Domnina B. Pestaño, Ph.D. (of the Chemical Engineering Department), Asst. Prof. Rogelio Almira, and Asst. Prof. Nelson M. Pasamonte (both of the Mechanical Engineering Department).

Quinto and Pestaño are both researchers at the Research Center for the Natural and Applied Sciences while Laurito, the national secretary of the Philippine Institute of Chemical Engineers (PIChe), has an ARA on the implementation of the Conceive, Design, Implement, Operate (CDIO) initiative of the Faculty of Engineering for first year students.

Almira is currently the Machine Shop Laboratory Supervisor of the Mechanical Engineering Department, while Pasamonte is the Department Chair.

Previously named ASEAN Engineers from the UST Faculty of Engineering include: Engr. Nestor R. Ong (2012), Engr. Juanito S. Chan (2013), Asst. Prof. Dolores S.D. Cleofas, Ph.D., (2013), Prof. Nancy L. Eleria, Ph.D., (2013), Prof. Marilyn C. Mabini, Ph.D. (2013), Assoc. Prof. Joehanna K. Ngo (2013), and Assoc. Prof. Carlos Ignacio P. Lugay, Ph.D. (2014).

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(From left:) Engr. Pasamonte, Engr. Laurito, Engr. Quinto, Engr. Pestaño, and Engr. Almira during the conferment in Singapore



UST Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., (front row, in white barong), UST Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH (front row, center), UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesus Miranda, Jr., O.P., Ph.D. (front row, second from left), with the chief editors of their respective academic journals

featuring various academic journals from different disciplines is an indication of the University's commitment to knowledge production and dissemination, as well as the recognition of the academic efforts of the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and health sciences.

One of the goals of the UJAC is the eventual adoption of a University Open Access (OA) Policy, through which all academic journals identified with UST will

be published in Open Access platforms, which means that all published articles will be made freely available to the public

The "UST Journals Online Portal" can be accessed through <http://journals.ust.edu.ph>

The journals included in the online portal are: *Acta Manilana*, published by the Research Center for the Natural Sciences and edited by Prof. Emeritus Fortunato Sevilla, Ph.D.; *Antoninus Journal* published

by the UST Graduate School and edited by Prof. Rey Donne Papa, Ph.D.; *Asian Journal of English Language Studies* published by the Department of English and edited by Asst. Prof. Veronico Tarrayo, Ph.D.; *Hasaan* published by the Department of Filipino and edited by Prof. Imelda De Castro, Ph.D. and Assoc. Prof. Zendel Rosario Taruc, Ph.D.; *Journal of Medicine University of Santo Tomas* published by the Faculty of Medicine and edited by Prof. Raymond Rosales, M.D., Ph.D.; *Journal of Social Health* published by the Research Center for Social Sciences and Education and edited by Asst. Prof. Maria Carinnes Alejandria-Gonzalez; *Kritike: An Online Journal of Philosophy* published by the Department of Philosophy and edited by Prof. Paolo Bolaños, Ph.D.; *Philippiana Sacra* published by the Ecclesiastical Faculties and edited by Rev. Fr. Jesús Miranda, Jr., O.P., Ph.D.; *Philippine Journal of Allied Health Sciences* published by the College of Rehabilitation Sciences and edited by Mr. Ivan Neil Gomez; *Tomás* published by the Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies and edited by Assoc. Prof. Ralph Semino Galán; *UNITAS*, the 96-year old international research journal published by the Department of Literature and edited by Prof. María Luisa Torres-Reyes, Ph.D.

Speech-Language Pathology research reveals articulation test to diagnose speech disorders

College of Rehabilitation Sciences faculty members Ms. Joyce Anne Ponciano-Villafania, Ms. Honey Joy C. Capiral, and Ms. Francesca Isabel T. Villanueva of the Department of Speech-Language Pathology of the University of Santo Tomas presented their research work titled "Cebuano Articulation Test (CAT) for Four-to Seven-Year Old Cebuano-Speaking Children: A Development, Validity, and Reliability Study" at the 13th Philippine Linguistics Conference (13PLC) held at the University of the Philippines – Diliman from November 14 to 16, 2018.

Ponciano – Villafania, Capiral and Villanueva shared how they applied linguistics in the area of phonology, the study of a language's system of sounds, in the clinical context of speech-language pathology. In their presentation, they discussed



(From left:) Ms. Francesca Isabel T. Villanueva, Ms. Honey Joy C. Capiral, and Ms. Joyce Anne Ponciano-Villafania and Ms. Cara Mia T. Goduco [Photo courtesy of Ms. Capiral]

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Formed in 1998, the AER intends to spearhead and facilitate the mobility of engineers within the ASEAN Free Trade Area. The AER Membership provides complete data of practicing engineers within ASEAN. As of November 2018, 7,469 members are registered in the ASEAN Engineering Register, and CAFEO 36 included the conferment of over 400 individuals to be included in the Register.

The ASEAN Engineer recognition is given to those who have achieved operational excellence in the field of engineering. It involves a comprehensive evaluation of their professional practice, educational profile, research engagements and industry experience. The approval of nomination is communicated through the Philippine Technological Council, the umbrella council of the 13 professional engineering organizations in the country, each representing a specific engineering field of practice.

INTERNATIONALIZATION

CRS students, faculty take part in Global Internship Experience in India, USA



Tanguangco (standing) lectures at Nitte University.

Nitte University Institute of Physiotherapy

Two Physical Therapy Interns from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) Alfonso Mari Flores and Jacinto Velez III, accompanied by faculty member Mr. Lyle Patrick Tanguangco from Department of Physical Therapy, were in Mangalore, India from November 4 to 24, 2018, under the Global Internship Experience program in collaboration with Nitte University Institute of Physiotherapy (NIPT). The group had its immersion at the Nitte University that included clinical posting/duties, lectures and extracurricular activities.

Tanguangco conducted a series of special lectures at the Nitte University, Institute of Physiotherapy. The first talk was on "Fascia and Improving Palpatory Skills" attended by undergraduate students. The second talk, "Ethics in Research," was for faculty members, staff, and graduate students. He was also invited to be one of the special guests to university gatherings such as the cultural integration activity "Lasya 2018" and the sports fest "Collympics."

Students Alfonso Mari Flores and Jacinto Velez III were involved in different duties in the hospitals assigned to them.

They were posted in different departments throughout their stay in Nitte, such as the ICU, OBG/Postnatal PT, Pediatric, and Geriatric division. They were also given the opportunity to observe different surgical procedures. The faculty of NIPT gave the two interns a series of

special lectures on Yoga Therapy, Industrial Therapy, ICU Rehabilitation, Neurological Rehabilitation, Pediatrics Rehabilitation, Geriatric Rehabilitation, among others. In addition, they were also given a chance to join different extracurricular activities such as table tennis and watermelon carving.

Seton Hall University

In a related development, two fifth year students under the Occupational Therapy program, Crissa Nicole Alonso and Ma. Alessandra Konst, and two Speech Language Pathology students, Samantha Foja and Vianca Alea Ocampo, participated in the Global Internship Experience Program at the Seton Hall University in New Jersey, USA from November 8 to November 30, 2018. The delegates were accompanied by faculty member Mr. Edmund Shih from the Department of Occupational Therapy of



Flores and Velez (in white uniform) during their ICU posting at Nitte University

the College of Rehabilitation Sciences.

The students participated in various learning activities such as clinic visits, classroom lectures, discussions and laboratory activities. Occupational Therapy students Alonso and Konst attended classes on anatomy and kinesiology, professional development, and introduction to OT. Meanwhile, the SLP students Foja and Ocampo attended audiology and research methodology classes. During the lecture and laboratory sessions, the UST-CRS students shared their perspectives on OT/SLP in the Philippine context. Participation in these activities provided the students with opportunities to form connections with SHU students and professors.

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LECTURES&CONFERENCES

Carillo presents educational challenges in PH suburbs at Rome conference

Prefect for the Congregation of Catholic Education Cardinal Giuseppe Versaldi (left) with Prof. Clarita D. Carillo.



Carillo shares about some University initiatives via its SIMBAHAYAN program.

UST Assistant to the Rector for Planning and Quality Management Prof. Clarita D. Carillo, Ph.D. presented her paper titled “Education and the suburbs in the Philippines and in Asia: Problems and Good Practices” at the Annual Council of the World Union of Catholic Teachers – *Union Mundial de Educadores Catolicos* (WUCT-UMEC) in Rome. Held from November 9 to 11, 2018, the conference focused on the theme, “Educate in the World’s Peripheries: The Challenges, The Good Practices.”

Carillo presented some of the latest national statistics relevant to the plight of education in the Philippines as she provided analyses particularly on the perennial challenges faced by Philippine education in the suburbs, including the shortage in facilities, shortage of teachers, lack of infrastructural support, uneven quality of education, and persistent poverty; as well as the contributing factors to such challenges. She also presented some of the initiatives at the national level to address these problems, such as the open high school program under the Alternative Learning Systems; intensified home visitation; environmental school projects; subject-area focused school programs; and collaborations with higher education institutions (HEIs) as adopted communities under community development and extensions programs.

Founded in 1950, the World Union of Catholic Teachers is an autonomous organization that works with the Congregation for Catholic Education, the Council for the Laity and the Episcopal Conferences. It also supports the rights, freedoms, and interests of Catholic teachers in the context of the social doctrine of the Church and cooperates with other international organizations involved in teaching and education, such as UNESCO, for Catholic teachers involved in formal, private, and Catholic schools.

The WUCT’s three-day council was attended by delegates from Italy, France, Spain, Belgium, Germany, Holland, United Kingdom, Hungary, Congo, and the Philippines, among others.

Carillo is affiliated with the Teacher Education Department of the University of Santo Tomas College of Education and is a member of the Educational Management and Leadership Cluster of the UST Graduate School.

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their application of the characteristics of the Cebuano language in order to develop a picture-naming test that will elicit the speech sounds that Cebuano-speaking 4 to 6-year old children can produce. This test is called the Cebuano Articulation Test (CAT), which speech-language pathologists will use to correctly diagnose Speech Sound Disorders in children who have Cebuano as their mother tongue or first language.

The researchers shared that CAT was valid because it had an appropriate number of items that can test the sounds in the Cebuano language. They also indicated that it is reliable because it produced very little variation between speech-language pathologist users when administered on the same child, and had very little variation of results across trials.

The conference aimed to share advances in linguistics, or the theoretical study of languages, of the Philippines. It also discussed application of linguistics in other disciplines and contexts.

LECTURES&CONFERENCES

Salvosa, Abugan present papers at Media Education Summit in Hong Kong



Journalism Program Coordinator Mr. Felipe F. Salvosa II and Communications Bureau Assistant Director for Broadcast Asst. Prof. Faye Martel-Abugan at the 2018 International Media Education Summit in Hong Kong Baptist University

Two faculty members from the Department of Communication and Media Studies of the Faculty of Arts and Letters presented papers at the 2018 International Media Education Summit in Hong Kong on November 1 and 2, 2018. Asst. Prof. Faye Martel-Abugan, assistant director for broadcast of the UST Communications Bureau, and Mr. Felipe F. Salvosa II, coordinator of the journalism program, were the only Filipino academics in the conference organized by the United Kingdom’s Centre for Excellence in Media Practice of Bournemouth University, and hosted by the Hong Kong Baptist University.

Salvosa presented the findings of a major research project of the journalism program- the Philippine paper of the 44-country “Journalism Schools Across the Globe” survey.

The Philippine descriptive results, presented for the first time, showed that Filipino students are motivated to study journalism and have a positive outlook on their academic training. Many, however, prefer travel and lifestyle over politics and business beats, and desire to work in magazines and television rather than newspapers or news agencies. Further analysis showed that motivations have significant positive effects on roles, ethical views and perceptions of threats on the news media. “The findings underscore the important function of journalism schools in educating their students on the greater role of journalism in democratic society,” the paper revealed.

The research team was led by Asst. Prof. Jeremiaah Opiniano, and faculty members Jannis Montañez and Marishelle Medina, journalism students Marie Shane Krizzia Delgado, Justine Rey Hernandez, Margaret Claire Layug, Roen Mecano, Joelle Theresa Ngo, Monica Padillo, Hazel Maye Reyes and Raymond Rocha.

Salvosa said the Philippine study, which had 1,000 respondents, was the result of a collaboration among journalism schools that became the nucleus of the newly established Philippine Journalism Studies Consortium. The consortium members include UST, Cavite State University, Bulacan State University, University of Rizal System, and the University of San Jose-Recoletos in Cebu.

Abugan discussed the learning experiences of d’CATCH participants from the University of Santo Tomas.

She also presented results from a survey conducted among students who joined d’CATCH from 2004 to 2018 on their personal insights and learning before, during and after their participation, showing how effective d’CATCH was as a practical learning project for students of communication.

As part of the “Asian media project for media literacy and cross-cultural communication in five countries,” Abugan, along with Seongsoo Baeg (Kolej Universiti Islam Antarabangsa Selangor, Malaysia), Gengxin Wang, (Communication University of China) and Shin Mizukoshi (University of Tokyo, Japan), presented d’CATCH, an international project designed for media literacy and intercultural communication, through the cross-cultural collaboration of video-making and discussion about social common issues in Asia. The project, which began in 2003, has five participant universities from five countries: China, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines and Thailand.

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Shih also had the opportunity to meet with SHU faculty members Dr. Ruth Segal; the Department Chair of Occupational Therapy, Prof. Alicia MacGregor; Director of Clinical Education, Dr. Karen Hoover and Dr. Mara Podvey. The discussions focused mainly on curricular development, further opportunities for clinical placements and possible collaborations in interprofessional education.



CRS interns at Seton Hall University

Peralta of CRS, faculty members present papers at ACPT Congress 2018 in Cebu City



UST Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH (seated, fourth from left), Executive Assistant for Intellectual Property and Research Assoc. prof. Michael Peralta (leftmost), Center for Continuing Professional Education and Development Director Assoc. Prof. Jocelyn F. Agcaoili (third from left), and CRS faculty members at the ACPT Congress 2018.

The Philippines, through the Philippine Physical Therapy Association (PPTA) hosted the Asian Confederation for Physical Therapy (ACPT) Congress 2018 cum PPTA National Convention 2018 titled “Impetus for Synergy” at the Waterfront Hotel and Casino, Lahug, Cebu from November 23 to 25, 2018. It was attended by 800 delegates from member countries – Indonesia, Japan, Macau, Malaysia, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan and Thailand. The congress provided a venue for ACPT member countries to sit down, discuss best practices, explore partnerships, establish networks, and create plans for collaboration towards common goals. The University of Santo Tomas College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) Department of Physical Therapy actively participated as organizational committee members, resource speakers, moderators and special interest group representatives in the said convention.

UST Office for Research and Innovation Executive Assistant for Intellectual Property and Research Assoc. Prof. Michael Jorge N. Peralta discussed “Intellectual Property Issues in Healthcare Technology” during

the parallel session while CRS Dean Assoc. Prof. Anne Marie C. Aseron was a resource speaker in the Ignite Session about “The Stimulating Shift from Clinicians to Managers,” and Assoc. Prof. Donald Lipardo, was a resource speaker during the Focused Symposium on the “Cultural Perspective of Care for Older Adults.”

Faculty member Ms. Catherine Joy Escudra was one of the plenary discussion speakers during the last day of the conference sharing her experience during the Philippine Interprofessional Education and Collaboration Network. Also, Assoc. Prof. Lipardo and Ms. Arlene Chiong Maya, were both research presenters during the Congress. Asst. Prof. Christian Rey Rimando, Ms. Kristina Devora, Ms. Fe Therese Chavez, and Ms. Zyra Mae Villamor, were moderators of the different parallel sessions of the congress while Mr. Lemuel Lim and Mr. Lyle Patrick Tanguangco were the Neurology Special Interest Group (SIG) representatives.

UST Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, was head of the Scientific Committee with CRS College Secretary and CPD Committee Head Ms.

Roxanne Fernandez, Ms. Kristina Devora. Asst. Prof. Christian Rey Rimando was the finance subcommittee head of the Sponsorship Committee, while Ms. Catherine Joy Escudra was head of the Registration Committee, and Assoc. Prof. Michael Jorge Peralta, a member of the Board of Directors of the PPTA, was member of the Publicity and Documentation committee.

The congress was well attended including Thomasian alumni from different fields of practice. Ms. Madelyn Gabrieles, UST CRS Alumni Association President also presented her research during one of the parallel sessions. As part of their life-long learning, the three-day congress served as a venue for Thomasian physical therapists to contribute to the growth and development of their chosen profession. This gathering of physical therapy professionals served as an impetus for sustainable partnerships among ACPT member countries, working in Synergy to significantly contribute to better health outcomes for the people they serve.

Cell biologists convene in UST

The Department of Biological Sciences of the UST College of Science hosted and co-organized the 2nd International and 9th Annual Convention of the Philippine Society for Cell Biology held from October 22 to 23, 2018 at the auditorium of the Central Laboratory Building. UST co-organized the event with the Philippine Society for Cell Biology. With the theme “PSCB: A decade of commitment to education, research and innovation in Cell Biology,” the two-day event gathered 158 local and international participants who actively participated in the various lectures and poster sessions with topics ranging from industrial, health, education, ethics and innovation aspects of cell biology.

The keynote lecture was delivered by Prof. Esperanza C. Cabrera, Ph.D., University Fellow of De La Salle University Manila. Cabrera lectured on “Adding Life to the Teaching and Learning of Cell and Molecular Biology”. An accomplished Thomasian alumna in the field of medical microbiology, Cabrera obtained her B.Sc. Medical Technology and Ph.D. Biological Sciences degrees from UST. Other plenary lectures were delivered by professors and scientists from Taiwan, the People’s Republic of China, Japan, Singapore, Australia, South Korea, and the Philippines.

Cabrera was not the only Thomasian who was involved in this year’s PSCB convention. Others include the PSCB president for 2016-2018 Prof. Mary Beth B. Maningas, Ph.D., of the Department of Biological Sciences; Science faculty member and PSCB auditor Asst. Prof. Josefino R. Castillo, BS Biology alumna and PSCB treasurer Lorraine Kay Cabral of St. Luke’s Medical Center; and Ph.D. Biology student and PSCB PRO Mr. Mark Fran.



The organizers and participants of the PSCD conference, including College of Science Dean Prof. John Donnie Ramos (front row, in blue barong)

UST’s TIER research team, CCPED train DepEd-NCR teachers on inclusive education



Organizers, facilitators, and participants of the TIER inclusive education training

The Transformative Inclusive Education Readiness (TIER) team of the UST Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSEd) facilitated trainings for public school teachers of the Department of Education’s National Capital Region held at the University of Santo Tomas from October 22 to 25, 2018.

This was a course for basic education teachers which aimed to develop broader awareness and sensitivity among learners with disabilities. A total of 60 DepEd basic education teachers composed of 30 Kindergarten teachers and 30 Grade 1 teachers from eight public schools in DepEd-NCR participated in the readiness course.

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UST co-hosts BIARI Philippines 2018

The University of Santo Tomas co-hosted the 2018 Brown International Advanced Research Institutes (BIARI) Philippines held from October 21 to 27, 2018 at the Holy Angel University in Clark, Pampanga. Asst. Prof. Maria Carinne Alejandria-Gonzalez, an alumna of BIARI and the Lead Research Associate for Social Health Studies of the Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSED), served as the overall manager of the program.

BIARI organizes series of lectures and workshops around the world to address pressing global issues. Specifically, BIARI Philippines 2018 aimed to develop a better understanding of community resilience in the context of disaster risk reduction and management. Together with experts from Brown University and academicians and practitioners from local and international Philippine organizations and institutions, BIARI tackled the *Philippine Disaster Rehabilitation and Recovery Framework based on Global and Local Good Practice and Experience from Past Disasters*.

A pool of researchers from different research interest groups of RCSSED actively participated in the fellowship program on community resilience for natural disasters. UST participants included RCSSED Director Prof. Belinda De Castro, Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD, Prof. Arlen A. Ancheta, Ph.D., Prof. Clarence M. Batan, Ph.D., Mr. Charles Bermejo, Asst. Prof. Maria Carinnes Alejandria-Gonzalez, Assoc. Prof. Moises Norman Z. Garcia, Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. Maria Rosario Virginia C. Garcia, Ph.D., Mr. Jay P. Jazul, Asst. Prof. Gina M. Lontoc, Assoc. Prof. Florence Co-Navidad, Ed.D., Asst. Prof. Carol Geraldine C. Pablo, Asst. Prof. Frederick I. Rey, Ph.D., and Asst. Prof. Katrina Ninfa M. Topacio. They all engaged in writing and presenting their research proposals which focused on issues of various sectors, such as vulnerable groups, gender sensitivity, poverty, and the environment.

Other hosting institutions of the fellowship program were Holy Angel University, British Embassy, and Ayala Foundations.



UST RCSSED researchers at BIARI Philippines 2018 in Pampanga

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A total of 60 public school teachers were capacitated with knowledge and skills on inclusive education. Discussed during the training, known as the TIER packet, were: the 1) Inclusive Education Packet developed by the TIER team; 2) Tools for Measuring Acquired Skills (TOMAS) Screening Tool; 3) Pre-Referral Instructional Support Manual's Fine Motor and Self-Help Domain; and 4) the legal bases and referral networks. The training likewise included exercises on Disability Awareness and Sensibility as well as case analyses. Once the facilitators were done, participants were required to demonstrate their use, in order to show that the packet can indeed be used in the classroom.

The TIER team members who facilitated the training were Asst. Prof. Maripia P. Rabacal, Asst. Prof. Karen S. Ongtangco, Ms. Eleanor Marie L. Bahrami-Hessari, Assoc. Prof. Donald S. Lipardo, Prof. Marie Antonette S. Vargas, Ph.D., Asst. Prof. Bernard D. Saldivar, and Mr. Hubert Ramos. Also present during the training was DepEd-NCR Focal Person for Special Education Dr. Roland Montes.

The Transformative Inclusive Education

Readiness Course is the research output of the *Ugnayan, Sanayan and Tulayan Inclusive Education Team* composed of Ms. Eleanor Marie L. Bahrami, Assoc. Prof. Donald Lipardo, Asst. Prof. Karen Sagun-Ongtangco, Asst. Prof. Maripia P. Rabacal, Mr. Hubert DC Ramos, Asst. Prof. Bernard D. Saldivar and Prof. Marie Ann Sunga-Vargas

The training was part of a three-phase research project that focuses on inclusive education, which is being promoted by the team, composed of faculty researchers from the special needs education, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech-language pathology, psychology, and clinical audiology units of the University of Santo Tomas.

The training was likewise the first output of the Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSEd) that was disseminated with Continuing Professional Development (CPD) units credited by the Professional Regulation Commission. The UST Graduate School's Center for Continuing Professional Education and Development collaborated in the training for the CPD credits

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

UST hosts traveling exhibition for Red Wednesday commemoration



(From left:) UST Museum Director Rev. Fr. Isidro C. Abaño, O.P., Vicar-General of the Prelature Marawi City Fr. Teresito "Chito" Soganub, UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office Director Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD, and ACN-Philippines National Director Mr. Jonathan Luciano



UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., delivers the welcome remarks.



Fr. Teresito "Chito" Soganub writes his prayers for persecuted Christians on the prayer wall.

The University of Santo Tomas, through the UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office and the UST Museum in close partnership with Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)-Philippines, mounted an exhibition of religious artifacts destroyed in conflicts with ISIS. Titled "Where God Weeps," the exhibition was opened on November 28, 2018 as part of and in time for this year's Red Wednesday Campaign and ran until December 1, 2018.

Red Wednesday is a campaign to raise awareness on the severity of Christian persecution observed through people wearing red or lighting the facades of buildings in red. UST joined this campaign for the second year and invited faculty members, students, and staff members to wear red. The UST Main Building and historic Arch of the Centuries, both National Cultural Treasures found within the Manila campus, were also lit red in support of the campaign.

Having been launched first in Rome last year, the exhibition, which travels

the globe, was most recently exhibited in Portugal, and will be brought to Germany next week, said ACN-Philippines National Director Mr. Jonathan Luciano. It features artifacts mostly from Syria and Iraq, that were damaged by ISIS during their attacks. Also in the exhibition is the image of the *Maria Auxiliadora* (Mary, Help of Christians) *de Marawi*, which was defaced during the Siege. The image of the infant Jesus carried in her arms and the image's head remain missing even now.

UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., in his welcome remarks, urged participants to "Gather in solidarity [with] our persecuted fellow Christians. In prayer, we unite with them. We must find ways to help, assist, and if possible, liberate [them]."

Vicar-General of the Prelature Marawi City Fr. Teresito "Chito" Soganub, who was held hostage for 117 days by the Maute Group during the Marawi Siege in

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UST JHS donates books to PNP's Mobile Library Project

The primary function of the Philippine National Police (PNP) is to enforce the law, prevent and control crimes, maintain peace and order, and ensure public safety and internal security with the active support of the community. Apart from these duties and responsibilities, a group of officers from the Police District Battalion has initiated an advocacy of helping the out-of-school youth dubbed as “*Ang Guro kong Pulis*,” a mobile library project which aims to educate the said youth about personal hygiene, good manners and right conduct within and around the Roxas Boulevard area. The group went around Manila to look for schools that could help by giving learning aids and other instructional materials.

The UST Junior High School (UST JHS) responded to the call through the UST JHS Student Council and the UST JHS Readers' Club in partnership with the UST JHS Library and other student organizations. The donation drive was launched on October 1, 2018. With the help of various sectors, the UST JHS was able to provide several boxes of textbooks, story books, and learning kits that contain school supplies. The donations were forwarded to the PNP before the ‘Undas’ break.

On November 6, 2018, the police officers visited and handed certificates of appreciation to the UST Junior High School for its outstanding contribution to the success of the mobile library project. The certificate was received by Mrs. Ma. Victoria L. Torres, Assistant Principal; Mr. Anthony C. Castro, School Secretary; and Ms. Bernadine Ann V. Obial, JHS SIMBAHAYAN Coordinator.



UST JHS receives the certificate of appreciation from the officers of Police District Battalion, represented by Asst. Principal Mrs. Marivic L. Torres (third from left), JHS SIMBAHAYAN Coordinator Ms. Bernadine Ann V. Obial (fifth from left) and JHS Secretary Mr. Anthony C. Castro (rightmost).

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ACN-Philippines National Director Mr. Jonathan Luciano discusses the history of the exhibition.



Fr. Teresito “Chito” Soganub blesses the materials before the opening of the exhibition.

May 2017, was the guest speaker. He shared his experiences as a persecuted Catholic, saying that he was advised to leave the city several times, but “As a priest, I prayed to discern what to do, and [I reflected that] I was duty-bound to stay, to see and witness the unfolding of events.”

The ribbon-cutting ceremony that marked the opening of the exhibition was led by Fr. Soganub, Mr. Luciano, UST Museum Director Rev. Fr. Isidro C. Abaño, and UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office Director Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD.

Founded in 1947 as a Catholic aid organization for war refugees and recognized as a papal foundation since 2011, ACN is dedicated to the service of Christians around the world, wherever they are persecuted, oppressed, or suffering material need. Archbishop Socrates B. Villegas of the Archdiocese of Lingayen-Dagupan is the president of ACN.

UST, PNP partner in “*Lakad Ko, Patrol Ko*” community walk for peace and order



The participants of the *Lakad Ko, Patrol Ko* before they hold the walk.



Participants walk along the streets near the University.

The University of Santo Tomas, through the initiative of the Office of the Secretary-General, organized the “*Kapihan at Kumustahan sa USTe*” on December 10, 2018. It was attended by the Manila Police District – Sampaloc Police Station (MPD-PS4), University Belt Area – Police Community Precinct, and the chairpersons of the Barangays within the vicinity of the University.

As an offshoot of this meeting, “*Lakad Ko, Patrol Ko*,” a community walk along the surrounding area of the University campus in support of the maintenance of peace and order within the local community was held on December 13, 2018. With UST Gate 4 (main gate along España Blvd.) as the assembly point, participants included the UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., Security Office Detachment Commander Mr. Joseph Badinas, Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., and Executive Assistant Mr. Emmanuel M. Batulan, Ph.D., PS4 Police Community Relation Officer Capt. Philipp Jose Ines, and University Belt Area – Police Community Precinct (UBA-PCP) Commander P/Insp. Edgardo C. Alombro. Together with them were

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UST Museum celebrates Christmas season with exhibition, concert

The UST JHS Glee Club

The University of Santo Tomas Museum, in partnership with the Conservatory of Music, the UST Junior High School and the College of Fine Arts and Design, celebrated the Yuletide season with an exhibition titled “Kindle: The Lights of Christmas” and a live concert titled “Christmas at the Museum: A Musical Night” at the UST Museum Main Gallery. The exhibition was launched on November 14, 2018, while the live concert was held on November 15 and 16, 2018.

Hanging from the ceiling of the two-level Museum were handcrafted Christmas-themed lanterns and golden doves designed by freshman and junior students from the Interior Design Department of the College of Fine Arts and Design. For the celebration’s musical component, the UST Junior High School Glee Club sang joyful carols and the Guitar Ensemble, Faculty Guitar Quartet, Guitar Octet, and Woodwind Quintet from the UST Conservatory of Music performed Christmas classics.

UST Museum Director Rev. Fr. Isidro C. Abaño, O.P., in his welcome

remarks, explained the rationale behind Christmaseum, saying that, “The Museum is at the forefront of the promotion of culture and arts in the University, and so it opens doors of opportunities to Thomasian artists... [Part of the reason for this initiative is also] “because I have great faith in the Thomasian [visual and musical] artists.”

UST Junior High School Principal Assoc. Prof. Marishirl P. Tropicales, Ph.D., in a message during the concert, said “I hope that the performance of our students and our faculty members bring joy and inspiration to our hearts and may we share that same joy and inspiration to others.”

Among the songs performed were: “Djembe” by the UST Guitar Octet with percussionist Marco Raquiza, “Loose Canon” by the Faculty Guitar Quartet, an Ernani Cuenco Medley by the Guitar Ensemble, and “March from the Nutcracker Suite” by the Woodwind Quintet. The UST JHS Glee Club, accompanied by Mr. Lucas M. Paredes on the piano, under the direction of Ms. Maria Lulu P. Orlina and Mr. Nicanor



(From left:) College of Fine Arts and Design Dean Mary Christie D. Que, Ms. Elizabeth delos Santos, CFAD Regent Rev. Fr. Edgardo D. Alaurin, O.P., and UST Museum Director Rev. Fr. Isidro C. Abaño, O.P.

Infante, also sang “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year”, an a cappella rendition of “Jingle Bells Calypso,” and “Munting Sanggol.” To cap off the musical spectacle, “Payapang Daigdig” and “Kumukuti-kutitap” were jointly performed by the UST JHS Glee Club and the UST Guitar Ensemble.

UST Library inks partnership with Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas for Knowledge Resource Network



Prefect of Libraries Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P., (left) and Manager of the Economic and Financial Learning Center of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Ms. Nelia R. Balagapo

The University of Santo Tomas Miguel de Benavides Library and the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* (Central Bank of the Philippines) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on November 23, 2018 agreeing to a partnership for the Bank’s Knowledge Resource Network (KRN).

The Knowledge Resource Network (KRN) is an initiative at information and knowledge sharing that aims to enhance the public’s understanding of economic and financial concepts and issues, one of the Central Bank’s key objectives. Conceived in partnership with libraries of the local government units, national agencies, and academic institutions all over the country, BSP will set up Knowledge Resource Collections in the participating institutions that will house updated BSP publications such as books, reports, guides, manuals, primers and brochures, provide access to online publications and research assistance services to the public. These information resources and services will be made available to the communities for free.

The program involves the: a) setting up of a BSP Knowledge Resource Collection within the premises of each partner library where BSP publications shall be displayed; b) training of partner librarians to maximize BSP information resources; and c) active participation of both BSP and partner libraries in information resource sharing. Specifically, the BSP agree to: a) provide free updated BSP publications, signage and BSP logo for the BSP Resource Collections; b) conduct free training/briefing sessions on online publications and research/statistical databases available on the BSP’s website; c) provide reference and research service assistance to partner libraries on subjects related to economics and finance; and d) review and evaluate effectiveness of the program.

In turn, partner libraries including the Miguel de Benavides Library, are expected to: a) provide the physical space, shelves, and computers needed for BSP

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UST, PNP PARTNER IN “LAKAD KO, PATROL KO”
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UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., (sixth from left) Security Office Detachment Commander Mr. Joseph Badinas (third from left), Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., (in teal dress) and Executive Assistant Mr. Emmanuel M. Batulan, Ph.D., (fifth from left) with policemen from PS4 led by Police Community Relation Officer Capt. Philipp Jose Ines (with megaphone), accompanied by Insp. Alombro (rightmost) at the Barangay Hall of Brgy. Chairman Perez (in orange shirt)

the chairpersons of the ten Barangays within the immediate locale, who were accompanied by their respective teams, and policemen from PS4 and the UBA-PCP.

The participants walked along the streets within the periphery of the University that included España, Lacson, extending up to Santander to reach the Barangay Hall that that has jurisdiction over UST.



Policemen on motorbikes join the patrol.

Association of Catholic Universities of the Philippines (ACUP) Networking Visit in Taipei



The ACUP delegation with the Minister of Education (seated, sixth from left), officials from the Ministry of Education, and Presidents of universities and colleges in Taiwan



Taiwan Minister of Education Dr. Jiunn-rong Yeh (center) receives gifts of gratitude from ACUP President and Adamson University President Rev. Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, CM (right) and ACUP Vice President and UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. (left).



ACUP President and Adamson University President Rev. Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, CM (leftmost) present a token to Foundation for International Cooperation in Higher Education of Taiwan (FICHET) Chief Executive Officer Prof. Jen-Sue Chen, Ph.D., (third from left), assisted by ACUP Board Member and Holy Angel University President Dr. Luis Maria Calingo (second from left) and ACUP Vice President and UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P.



Rev. Fr. Manimtim (fourth from left) and Prof. Chen (third from left) sign the Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation between ACUP and FICHET, witnessed by Rev. Fr. Dagohoy (second from left), Dr. Calingo (rightmost), and FICHET Project Manager Ms. Shin-Heng Wu

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KAAD President Prof. Dr. Eberhard Schockenhoff (left) pays a courtesy call on UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P.

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publications; b) ensure discoverability by cataloging all BSP publications and make them available for library clients; c) coordinate with the BSP, through the EFLC Main Office or EFLCs in regional offices and branches (ROBs), regarding client requests for economic and financial information materials; d) monitor the use of BSP materials and ensure prompt action on research requests; and e) submit quarterly reports to the BSP. A Reference Librarian will be designated as the main contact person for BSP who will be responsible for coordinating requests for research assistance.

At the signing ceremony, UST Prefect of Libraries Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P., represented the Miguel de Benavides Library in the signing of the MOU, while Manager of the Economic and Financial Learning Center of the *Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas* (EFLC-BSP) Ms. Nelia R. Balagapo represented the Central Bank.

Witnesses during the signing were: and Mr. Archie Galo, Librarian II from BSP, together with Chief Librarian Ms. Ma. Cecilia Lobo and Assistant Chief Librarian Ms. Diana Padilla. Following the signing, the guests were given a tour of the Heritage Library.

Ms. Balagapo (third from left) and Mr. Galo (second from left) with the Chief Librarian Ms. Cecilia Lobo (fourth from left), Assistant Chief Librarian Ms. Diana Padilla (fifth from left), and the library staff in front of the BSP Knowledge Research Collection housed within the library.

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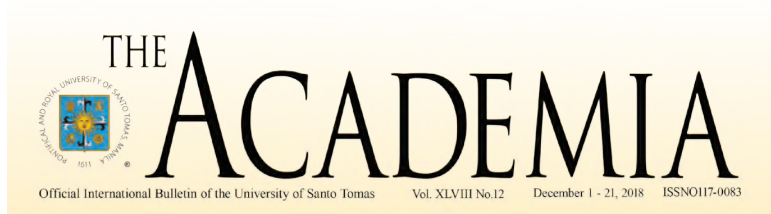


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