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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., delivers the homily during the Paskuhan Opening Mass.

UST celebrates Paskuhan 2019 with lights, music, Belen exhibition

The 2019 Paskuhan festivities of the University of Santo Tomas (UST) centers on the theme “For Unto Us, a Child is Born.” This annual event commenced on December 2 at the Plaza Mayor.

The UST community has always anticipated the University’s annual Paskuhan celebration, which customarily begins with a Eucharistic celebration and the ceremony of Lighting the Campus.

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., served as homilist in the Eucharistic Celebration, which was concelebrated with the Dominican priests.

In his homily, Father Dagohoy reminded the community that in the Advent Season, “We are called to the kind of faith that rejoices because the birth of Jesus is the surest sign of God’s grace and love for us.”

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The traditional lighting ceremony for this year was graced with the presence of City of Manila Mayor Francisco “Isko Moreno” Domagoso and UST alumna Manila Vice Mayor Maria Shielah “Honey Lacuna”-Pangan, M.D.

Mayor Domagoso signaled the beginning of the lighting of the campus when he declared, “Let the lighting ceremony of the 2019 Paskuhan begin!” The statement, met with thunderous applause from the audience, showed a campus lit in the traditional colors of red, yellow and green, while some decorations shone brightly in white, purple and blue. The brightness came from approximately two million energy-saving lights and a 70-foot tall Christmas tree. In a video clip posted by the Manila Public Information Office on its social networking pages, Mayor Domagoso thanked the University of Santo Tomas and expressed his hopes for continued partnerships with the city government for a more vibrant Manila.

Complementing the multi-colored lights in campus is an exhibition featuring

almost 150 Belen held at the UST Museum and Main Building lobby, from the vast collection of crèches by Rev. Fr. Genaro Diwa. Organized by UST Museum Director Rev. Fr. Isidro D. Abaño, O.P., the Nativity exhibition is a great reminder of the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus Christ.

In the context of sharing, the UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office and Office for Student Affairs identified the needs of partner communities in one of the mission areas of the Dominican Order. The academic units responded generously to the call for giving through the *Tulong Tomasino* gift boxes. In turn, the University provided the traditional community meal, or *agape* to the members of the Thomasian community, according to the Chair of the Central Committee on University Events and UST Secretary General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P.

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Manila City Mayor Francisco “Isko Moreno” Domagoso declares the lighting ceremony open at UST.



The Cross atop the Tower of the University of Santo Tomas Main Building shines like a beacon above all other lights [Photo courtesy of Justine Belda of Fotomasino]



The 70-foot tall Christmas tree near the University of Santo Tomas Grand Stand [Photo courtesy of Mary Alamis of Fotomasino]



The trees of the UST Benavides Garden are decked out in festive lights [Photo courtesy of Rob Ocmer of Fotomasino]



A Nativity scene features prominently at the Main Gallery of the UST Museum



A Christmas bell is formed by drones above the UST Open Field [Photo courtesy of Katelyn Vidamo of Fotomasino]



UST Conservatory of Music mentor Thea Perez (leftmost, in pink) sings with the Parents Advocate for Visually Impaired Children's (PAVIC) Choir.



The UST Symphony Orchestra is under the baton of Prof. Hermingildo Ranera at the UST Christmas Concert.

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An added attraction for this year was a drone show that wowed the audience with two sets of aerial shows, one with 50 and the other set with 180 drones. Various figures such as spinning Christmas tree, reindeer, bells, and other figures were formed to the delight of the audience. It culminated the opening night of the Paskuhan. The fireworks display came at the onset of the campus lighting illuminating the Main Building in dazzling colors and design.

The lighting ceremony was accompanied by musical numbers from the UST Conservatory of Music.

Another highly awaited Paskuhan event was the UST Christmas Concert that was held on December 5, 2019 (Preview Night) and December 6, 2019 (Community Night), at the Santisimo Rosario Parish Church (UST Chapel). Performers from the UST Conservatory of Music were Elisanta

Cortes, Nenen Espina, Thea Perez, Naomi Paz Sison, Praise Ashonibare, Chelsy Franchette Rosell, Katrine Jamar Sunga, Abdul Candao, Eugene De Los Santos, Ronan Ferrer, Randy Gilongo, Lourdes Gregorio, Victor Victorino. They sang songs in line with the theme “Christmas Around the World.”

Included in the line-up was “*Esta Noche*,” sung by Nenen Espina with Lourdes Gregorio on the harp, and “For Unto Us a Child is Born” from George Handel’s “*Messiah, The Oratorio*” performed by Coro Tomasino, Liturgikon Vocal Ensemble, and the UST Conservatory of Music Choir. The singers were accompanied by the UST Symphony Orchestra, under the batons of Assoc. Prof. Hermingildo Ranera, Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. Renato Lucas, Ph.D., and Mr. Reynato Ressureccion, Jr.

The choirs of the partner community, the Aeta Community Children’s Choir (ACCC) and Parents Advocate for Visually Impaired Children’s (PAVIC) Choir also performed.

They sang “*Adeste Fideles*” with soprano Thea Perez and Victor Victorino on the pipe organ.

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy, who delivered the Welcome Remarks, said “The annual UST Christmas Concert is a way for us Thomasians to express through music our thanksgiving for the countless blessings God has bestowed upon this University throughout the years.”

The concert was attended by alumni and friends of the University that included those from the diplomatic corps, academe, and industry.

The Paskuhan festivities reached its peak on December 20, 2019, with bands such as Ben & Ben, Magnus Haven, and Munimuni performing at the UST Grandstand, and the Paskuhan Fair happening in campus. The much-anticipated pyromusical display illuminated the UST skyline as the finale of the traditional Paskuhan celebrations for this year.

PACUCOA recognizes UST for highest number of accredited programs



UST Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, (fifth from left), with UST Deans and academic officials at the PACUCOA General Assembly

The Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation, Inc., (PACUCOA) once again recognized the University of Santo Tomas (UST) with eight awards this year. The awards were presented to administrative and academic officials of the University during the awarding ceremonies at the 30th Annual PACUCOA General Assembly held on December 2, 2019 at Novotel Manila, Araneta Center.

The University, which has 48 PACUCOA-accredited programs, was once again feted for having the highest number of accredited programs in the Philippines and the highest number of accredited programs in the National Capital Region (NCR).

According to the PACUCOA website, the highest accreditation is Level IV, which means that for the duration of the accredited status, the higher education institution has full autonomy for the Level IV program and has the authority to offer new graduate programs allied to existing Level IV programs. UST has 26 programs with Level IV status, and was also recognized for the highest number of Level IV accredited programs.

UST was also recognized for having the first Biochemistry program to have been granted level III re-accredited status in the NCR, and for producing graduates who obtained the highest rating in the Licensure Examinations for: Certified Public Accountants, Psychologists, Nurses, and Interior Designers.

UST hosts opening of 2019 Asia Interfaith Youth Peace Camp



Participants of the Youth Peace Camp with Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Ms. Katherine Patrice B. Sibug (leftmost) and the UST Tour Guides (in yellow cap)

This was the second time that UST played host to the Youth Peace Camp; the first was in 2016. UST has also hosted various interfaith gatherings such as the 2007 Assembly of the Asian Conference of Religions for Peace and the meeting of Pope Francis with interreligious leaders during his Papal Visit in 2015.

The Youth Camp was jointly organized by the RfP APIYN and RfP Philippines, with the support of the Seoul Peace Education Center and the Asian Conference of Religions for Peace, and in partnership with the University of Santo Tomas.

The University of Santo Tomas was host to the Opening Sessions of the 2019 Asia Interfaith Youth Peace Camp on November 27, 2019 at the Benavides Auditorium. With the theme "Fostering Shared Well-being: Empowering Asia-Pacific Youth Towards Common Actions," the Youth Camp had 80 youth leaders representing various religions from 21 different countries.

The Interfaith Youth Camp is an annual gathering of the Religions for Peace Asia & the Pacific Interfaith Youth Network (RfP-APIYN) to empower youth leaders to take common actions to address the various issues and challenges that affect the youth. The Youth Camp also aims to help participants appreciate religious diversity and develop acceptance and collaboration.

The plenary speakers during the Opening Sessions in UST included UST alumnus and Youth for Mental Health Coalition Chairperson Dr. Raymond John Naguit, and Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative Academic Fellow Amiel Jay Lopez. A special session on the Youth as Advocates of Peace involved conversationalists such as Yusuke Saito

(Member of RfP International Youth Committee), Gasun Han (Co-Moderator of the RfP APIYN), Rabbi Rachel Rosenbluth (RfP Israel), and Shameer Rishad (RfP India).

Delegates also participated in various workshops facilitated by international resource speakers during the duration of the Youth Camp which was held from November 26 to 30, 2019. The workshops comprised of Religious Literacy by Harvard alumnus Christopher Zeffing who served as Program Officer for Network Development & Coordination of RfP International. Radia Bakkouch, president of the French youth organization Coexistier conducted a workshop on Living in Diversity. Renz Christian Argao, a faculty member of UST and chair of the RfP International Youth Committee, facilitated a workshop on Diversity and Well-being.

ASIA INTERFAITH YOUTH PEACE CAMP TO PAGE 7



Presidential Adviser on OFW and Muslims Concerns, Sec. Abdullah Mamao (center) signs the University guest book, as witnessed by RfP International Youth Committee Chair Mr. Renz Christian Argao (left), and UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D.

INTERNATIONALIZATION

CRS strengthens students' academic experience through global internship

The College of Rehabilitation Sciences has sent a total of 11 students from the Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech Pathology departments to Thailand, India and USA for their Global Internship Experience for the month of November 2019. The Global International Experience provides an avenue to enrich not only the students' academic and clinical experience, but also enhances their cultural competencies through immersion activities, and in some instances, actual participation in cultural and sports activities together with the students of the universities they visit.

welcomed by Prof. Chitr Sithi-amorn, (President), Sr. Margarita Kitcharoen, SPC (Vice-President), Assoc. Prof. Dr. Oraphun Lueboonthavatchai (Vice-President for Academics), associate deans of Physical Therapy, faculty lecturers, and staff of SLC.

The students, who are currently in their fifth and final year of BSPT program, had a fruitful immersion into the practice of physical therapy in Thailand and its rich culture from November 3 to 30, 2019.

The highlights of their experience included participation in lecture-workshops on kinesiotaping, Schroth exercise for scoliosis, lymphatic drainage therapy, and Thai massage; involvement in community-based rehabilitation for two weekends in Suphun Buri province; clinical practice in the Central Chest Institute of Thailand, Rajavithi Hospital, Bamrasnaradura Infectious Disease Institute; manipulation of high frequency therapy machines at the SLC PT Clinic. They felt that they were very blessed to be participants in welcoming



Physical Therapy Interns (in white uniform) participate in the St. Louis College Community Based Rehabilitation

Physical Therapy Interns at Saint Louis College, Thailand

Five physical therapy (PT) students from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences, namely, Andrea Joyce Ansong, Rosali Marie Dizon, Matthew Mondelo, Nina Jessica Pasno, and Gabriel Jose Reyes, accompanied by Assoc. Prof. Donald S. Lipardo, Ph.D., completed a month-long Global Internship Experience (GIE) Program at Saint Louis College (SLC), Bangkok, Thailand. The group was

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H.E. Vasin Ruangprateepsaeng (seventh from left) and UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., (eighth from left) with the Philatelic Forum speakers and representatives from PhilPost and ThaiPost

Embassy of Thailand holds Philatelic Forum in UST

The Embassy of the Kingdom of Thailand in the Philippines, in partnership with PhilPost, ThaiPost, and the University of Santo Tomas, held a Philatelic Forum on November 27, 2019 at the UST Paredes Ballroom.

Titled "Bridging Generations," the forum featured respected speakers from various fields, all linked by their shared love for the art and science of philately, or the study and collection of stamps.

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Philippines His Excellency Vasin Ruangprateepsaeng graced the event as a special guest.

Sharing their experiences were ABS-CBN Digital Media Division Creative Head Robert Joseph Torres, ABS-CBN News Reporter Willard Cheng, Thailand Post Vice President for Customer Service Wiboon Sereechaiporn, and Postcrosser and Philatelist Diane Abigail Ang.



Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Philippines His Excellency Vasin Ruangprateepsaeng addresses the participants.



ABS-CBN News Reporter, PhilPost Stamp Ambassador and philatelist Willard Cheng shows a piece from his collection.

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Religions for Peace is the world's largest and most representative multi-religious coalition that advances shared well-being through promoting positive peace, preventing, and transforming conflict, working for just and humane societies, advancing sustainable and integral human development, and protecting the earth.

(From left:) RIP-APIYN Co-moderator Takashi Hashimoto, RIP-APIYN Co-moderator Nivy Balachandran, RIP International Youth Committee (IYC) Chair Mr. Renz Christian Argao, RIP International Program Officer for Network Development and Coordination Christopher Zefting, RIP-APIYN Co-moderator Gasun Han, RIP IYC member Yusuke Saito, and UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D.

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Seton Hall University School of Health and Medical Sciences Dean Dr. Brian Shulman (third from left) with CRS Students (from left:) Samantha Megan Chan, Erika Danielle Nuñez (SLP Interns), Princess Madarang, and Kenneth Porlucas (OT Interns), accompanied by CRS faculty member Ms. Beatrice Aque (rightmost)

Pope Francis when His Holiness visited the Saint Louis Hospital as part of his Apostolic Visit to Thailand.

As a part of the GIE program, Assoc. Prof. Lipardo, who was designated as an exchange faculty, delivered two lectures to the SLP PT students and faculty members. The first lecture, titled "Filipino Perspective of Care for Older Adults," was about the current state of the geriatric population in the Philippines and the actions that must be taken to maintain their health and prevent fall incidence as the country transitions to become an ageing population like Thailand. In the second lecture, titled "Fall prevention and risk reduction with combined physical and cognitive training (PACT) in older adults with mild cognitive impairment," he shared the findings of his Ph.D. research mainly on the effectiveness of integrating cognitive training to physical exercise in reducing the risk of falling among older persons with mild cognitive impairment.

Physical Therapy interns at Nitte University, India

Two Physical Therapy (PT) Interns, namely, Anthony Laigo and Van Darrell Dela Cruz accompanied by Asst. Prof. Donald G. Manlapaz, Ph.D., were at Nitte University in Mangalore, India beginning November 11, 2019 for a one-month Global Internship Experience (GIE).

The CRS team was welcomed by Honorable Vice Chancellor Dr. Satheesh Kumar Bhanadary, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. M. S. Moodithaya, Registrar Dr. Alka Kulkarni and School of Physiotherapy Principal Dr. Dhanesh Kumar.

The one-month clinical experience involved actual patient care and evaluation through different areas of PT. The Nitte University is one of the international affiliations that offers actual exposure to postnatal care PT, brain surgery and joint arthroscopy. The Nitte University also established Obstetrics and Women's Health which are the emerging areas in the field.

Manlapaz also shared his teaching and research expertise among the postgraduate and undergraduate students of Nitte Institute of Physiotherapy in Deralakatte, Mangaluru India.

Occupational Therapy, Speech- Language Pathology Interns at Seton Hall University, USA

Two Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) interns – Erika Danielle Nuñez and Samantha Megan Chan, and two Occupational Therapy (OT) interns – Kenneth Porlucas and Princess Madarang, accompanied by College of Rehabilitation Sciences Department of Speech Language Pathology faculty member Ms. Beatrice Aque, were in New Jersey from October 31 to November 26, 2019 for the Global Internship Experience (GIE) program in partnership with Seton Hall University (SHU), USA.

The GIE arranged with SHU allowed the interns to observe practices of SLP and OT professionals in different hospitals and clinic sites. The SLP interns were placed in a private school catering to differently-abled students from preschool age to 21 years old. The OT interns were given opportunities to observe OT sessions for pediatric, adult, and geriatric clients in different settings – schools, a therapy center, and a rehabilitation hospital.

The students also participated in a number of activities in the SHU Interprofessional Health Sciences Campus. They attended the Interprofessional Education event on November 4, 2019 wherein they collaborated with university students from different health allied programs to identify and enrich their understanding of the importance of interprofessional collaboration. Aside from this, they were also given a campus of the new campus building's facilities.

The SLP students attended audiology and aural rehabilitation, diagnostics and clinical principles and neuroscience classes in the university. Meanwhile, the OT students also attended therapeutic communication, evaluation for traumatic brain injury (TBI), neuroscience, health belief, anatomy, process and intervention, and adult intervention for cardiovascular accident (CVA) classes.

Pagalilauan of Arts and Letters undergoes language immersion program in Spain



Pagalilauan (in green) with her fellow grant recipients in Spain

Asst. Prof. Abigail T. Pagalilauan, a Spanish language professor from the Department of Foreign Languages under the Faculty of Arts and Letters received a grant from La Junta de Castilla León Spanish Government for a two week language immersion program participated in by Professors of Spanish Language from around the world.

Among the 100 applicants only six were chosen which included professors from Scotland, Italy, Greece and the Philippines, represented by Pagalilauan. They had 40 hours of training for two weeks and the grade they earned can be credited as six units under the Ph.D. program at the *Universidad de Salamanca* and *Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca* in Spain. Pagalilauan obtained a grade of *sobresaliente* in three graded tasks: writing, speaking and teaching demonstration. Aside from the two weeks of study program, cultural trips to Castilla Leon were included allowing the participants to visit the old town of Alberca, Peña de Francia, and a visit of the *Bodega de Vinos* in Valladolid.

LECTURES AND CONFERENCES

14th Washington SyCip Lecture focuses on global accounting profession

The development of an integrated professional quotient and uncompromising ethics as key factors in successfully responding to the emerging challenges faced by the accounting profession was emphasized by KPMG R.G. Manabat & Co. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Ms. Sharon G. Dayoan. She was this year's speaker in the 14th Washington SyCip Lecture held on November 6, 2019 at the UST Medicine Auditorium. The theme for the lecture was "Working Together for A Learned Global Accounting Profession."

After the main lecture, a panel composed of stakeholders of the profession delivered their reaction to the main lecture. Bank of Makati President Mr. Luis M. Chua, a faculty member who teaches Accounting courses, and Singapore Institute of Technology Accountancy Program Director Assoc. Prof. Sze Kee Koh, represented the accountants in the academe.

For the professional organizations, Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants President Ms. Evelyn S. Corpuz, and Institute of Management Accountant's Southeast Asia and Australasia Director Mr. Joshua Heniro, Ph.D., delivered their respective responses. Ms. Julia Dominique C. Ireneo responded to the lecture on behalf of the accounting students.

The lecture, which was part of the activities to mark the 15th foundation anniversary of the UST Alfredo M. Velayo College of Accountancy, was attended by faculty members and administrators from accounting schools in the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Cambodia. Named after an eminent figure in the Asian business landscape and a Thomasian, the annual lecture is conducted in memory of the late Mr. Washington SyCip, one of the founders of the accounting giant SGV which stands for SyCip, Gorres and Velayo.

Argentinian scholar discusses international trade at USTGS



Sebastián Sterzer

Sebastián Sterzer, an Argentinian scholar under the auspices of the Embassy of Argentina in Manila, delivered a special lecture titled "Argentina in the International Trade" during a forum held on November 22, 2019 at the Graduate School Boardroom, Thomas Aquinas Research Complex.

In his lecture, Sterzer underscored the role of Argentina in international trade and the prospect of strengthening its partnership with the Philippines. He also talked about his home institution and encouraged all Thomasian participants from the graduate and undergraduate departments taking up political science to visit Argentina either as exchange scholars or simply as academic tourists.

Sterzer is head of the International Relations Area, International Trade Observatory at the Universidad Nacional de Luján, Buenos Aires, Argentina. He obtained his Licentiate degree in International Trade at the National University of Lujan in 2011 and a Licentiate degree in Eastern Studies at the Universidad del Salvador in 2018.

The special lecture was spearheaded by the Political Science and Public Administration cluster of the Graduate School. Present at the lecture, apart from the Faculty of Arts and Letters undergraduate and USTGS students, were the academic officials of the Graduate School, namely, Dean Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D., Faculty Secretary Assoc. Prof. Alejandro S. Bernardo, Ph.D., and Program Lead for Political Science and Public Administration Prof. Belen L. Tangco, Ph.D.



USTCA delegation for International Forum for Architecture Thesis Design in Taiwan & Southeast Asia 2019: Ar. Vinson P. Serrano, Miguel Feliciano, Asst. Prof. Manuel Maximo DC Noche, College Dean Rodolfo P. Ventura, and Asst. Prof. Rino Domingo A. Fernandez

Dean Ventura of Architecture presents UST Architectural Pedagogy at Forum for thesis design in Taiwan

UST College of Architecture (USTCA) administrative officials, faculty members and alumnus participated in the International Forum for Architecture Thesis Design in Taiwan & Southeast Asia 2019 held at Shih Chien University, Taiwan from November 15 to 17, 2019. The delegation was headed by Dean Rodolfo P. Ventura who presented the Architectural Design Pedagogy of the UST College of Architecture.

Together with the Dean were College Secretary Ar. Vinson P. Serrano, Asst. Prof. Manuel Maximo DC Noche, and Asst. Prof. Rino Domingo A. Fernandez. Mr. Miguel

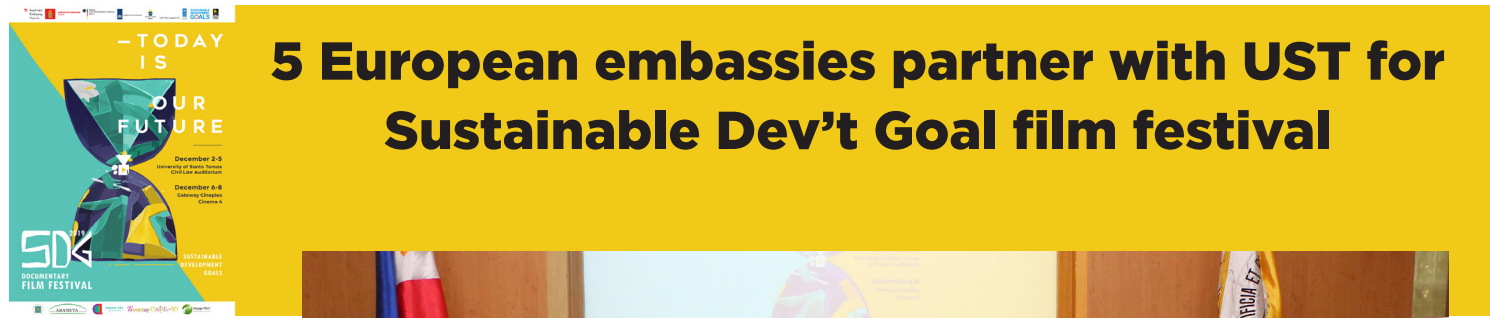
Feliciano, an alumnus of USTCA batch 2019 presented his architectural thesis titled: "Parametric Geometry in Damaged Heritage Fabric." The International Forum was organized by the Ministry of Education of Taiwan and the Alliance for Architectural Modernity.

With a conference title: "New Creative Grounds", the International Forum for Architecture Thesis Design in Taiwan & Southeast Asia 2019 aimed to explore and understand each other's position, milieu and characteristics through an exhibition of thesis design works, along with presentations and critiques of

thesis projects. It also aimed to deepen relationships, broaden perspectives through various design process, and encourage university collaboration in Southeast Asia. The Forum was participated in by five countries represented by 11 universities in Southeast Asia.

In addition, Asst. Prof. Noche took part as one of the students' reviewers during the thesis presentations, while Asst. Prof. Fernandez and College Secretary Serrano attended several meetings for possible institutional linkages and other future academic collaborations.

ARTS AND CULTURE



5 European embassies partner with UST for Sustainable Dev't Goal film festival

Ambassador of Austria Her Excellency Bita Rasoulia (third from left), Ambassador of Sweden His Excellency Harald Fries (fifth from left), and UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., (center) with (from left:) Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Senior Policy Officer for Economic and Public Affairs Mr. Kevin Punzalan, Embassy of Germany Cultural Affairs Head Mr. Kai Tomzig, Embassy of Denmark Cultural Affairs and Visa Officer Angelo Cruz, and Film Development Council of the Philippines Representative Mr. Jo Andrew Torlao



The Embassies of Austria, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, and Sweden, in coordination with the University of Santo Tomas through the Office of Public Affairs, held "Today Is Our Future: The First Sustainable Development Goals Documentary Film Festival" from December 2 to 5, 2019 at the UST Civil Law Auditorium, Main Building.

A documentary film festival centered on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), "Today Is Our Future" featured thought-provoking films that inspired audiences, composed primarily of UST students from the Faculty of Arts and Letters, Faculty of Engineering, College of Education, College of Commerce, College of Tourism and Hospitality Management, College of Architecture, and Senior High School, to discuss the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to consider contemporary societal challenges. It was made possible with the support

of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP Philippines) and the Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP).

Present were the Ambassador of Sweden to the Philippines His Excellency Harald Fries, Ambassador of Austria to the Philippines Her Excellency Bita Rasoulia, Deputy Head of Mission and Economic Counselor of the Embassy of the Netherlands in the Philippines Mr. Pieter Terpstra, and Embassy of Germany Cultural Affairs Head Mr. Kai Tomzig.

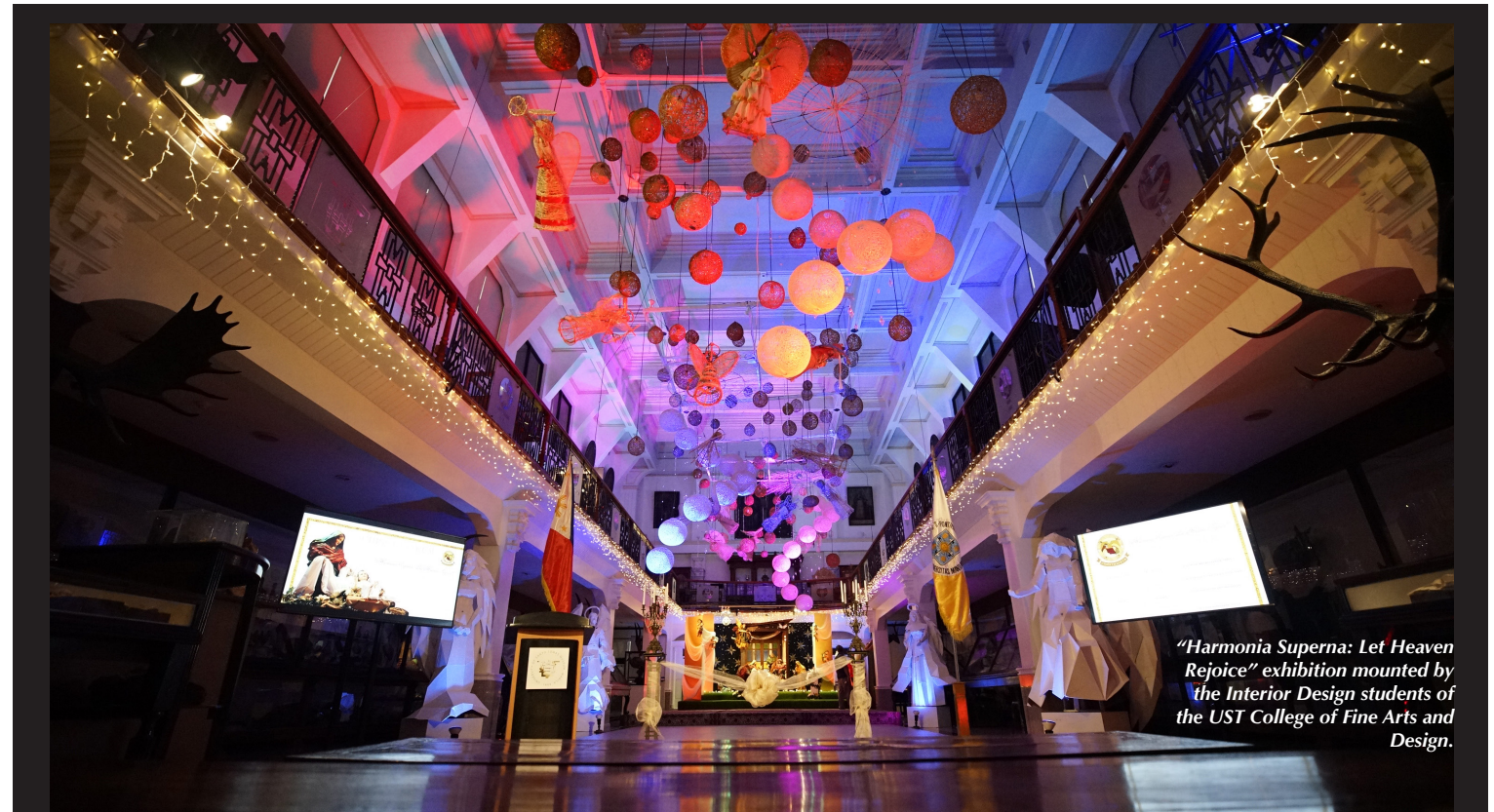
For SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, the Embassy of Austria presented the film "The Green Lie (2017)" directed by Werner Boote. For SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions, Andreas Dalsgaard and Obaidah Zytoon's "The War Show (2016)" was featured by the Embassy of Denmark.

The Embassy of Germany showed "Thinking Like A Mountain (2018)"

directed by Alexander Hick for SDG 13: Climate Action, and the Embassy of The Netherlands feaued the documentary "Why We Cycle (2012)," directed by Arne Gielen and Gertjan Hulster, for SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Viktor Nordenskiöld's "The Feminister (2018)" was shown for SDG 5: Gender Equality, and the Philippines' entry was Sunday Beauty Queen (2016), directed by Baby Ruth Villarama, for SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth.

"The SDGs and the documentaries that show them are not part of a grim doomsday prediction. I hope that after you watch [the films] you will realize that they are, in fact, expressions of hope, tenacity and resilience--of the capability and will of mankind to choose the right path for the greater common good," remarked Ambassador of Austria Her Excellency Bita Rasoulia at the screening of Austrian entry "The Green Lie."



"Harmonia Superna: Let Heaven Rejoice" exhibition mounted by the Interior Design students of the UST College of Fine Arts and Design.

Christmaseum Year 3: UST Museum celebrates Yuletide season with exhibition, concert

For this year's Christmas season exhibition, the University of Santo Tomas Museum, in partnership with the College of Fine Arts and Design, opened the "Harmonia Superna: Let Heaven Rejoice" exhibition at the Main Gallery of the Museum on November 25, 2019.

The classes of 1IND1, 1IND2, and 1IND3 (Materials Design Class); and 2IND1, 2IND2, and 2IND3 (Model Construction Class), under the supervision of Industrial Design Department Chair Mr. Romano Macaísa, created the moving heavenly bodies and angels that hung above the Nativity scene of the Main Gallery.

A Belen exhibition featuring more than a hundred Nativity Scenes in various sizes, shapes and materials,



UST Museum Director Rev. Fr. Isidro D. Abañó, O.P. (fifth from left) and UST College of Fine Arts and Design Dean Mary Christie D. Que (third from left), with (from left:) Executive Secretary to the Rector Prof. Augusto Antonio Aguila, Ph.D., Industrial Design Department Chair Mr. Romano Macaísa, Belen collection owner Rev. Fr. Genaro Diwa, and Prefect of Libraries Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P.

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from the different parts of the world, was also opened on the same day at the Main Building lobby. They were from the collection of Rev. Fr. Genaro O. Diwa.

The exhibitions can be viewed until January 3, 2020.

As part of the same celebration, the Museum also held a concert on November 28, 2019, in its Main Gallery. Titled “*Laetitia Juventutis: Let the Youth Be Joyful in the Lord,*” it featured The UST Junior High School Glee Club, under the batons of Mr. Nicanor Infante and Ms. Maria Lulu P. Orlina, and the Kolisko Waldorf School Haraya String Ensemble under the direction of Mr. Ford Pundamiera. The partnership between the Museum and the UST Junior High School is now on its third year.



UST Museum Director Rev. Fr. Isidro D. Abaño, O.P., delivers the welcome remarks.



Pieces from the Belen collection of Rev. Fr. Genaro Diwa



The Kolisko Waldorf School Haraya String Ensemble



The UST Junior High School Glee Club

UST CCWLS International Writers, Scholars Series features Robin Hemley



Students from the YALE-NUS College Writers' Centre, Writer-in-Residence Prof. Robin Hemley (front row, third from left), and International Programmes Senior Associate Director Ms. Lindsay Allen (front row, fourth from left), accompanied by UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies Assistant Director Assoc. Prof. Ralph Galán (front row, leftmost) during their visit to the University of Santo Tomas on October 1, 2019. They were welcomed by the UST Office of Public Affairs, led by its Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., A.P.R. (front row, second from left), assisted by Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Ms. Katherine Patrice B. Sibug (front row, fifth from left), and Assistant to the Director for Publication Asst. Prof. Virginia A. Sembrano (second row, leftmost).

The UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies (UST CCWLS) hosted the International Writers and Scholars Series held recently at the Conference Hall of the Benavides Library with Prof. Robin Hemley as guest speaker. Accompanying Prof. Hemley were International Programmes Senior Associate Director Ms. Lindsay T. Allen, and 18 students under the Creative Writing program of the Yale-National University of Singapore (NUS) College, Singapore.

During his lecture titled “Travel Tales with Robin Hemley,” Hemley read excerpts from his forthcoming book “Borderline Citizen: Dispatches from the Outskirts of

Nationhood.” The lecture was attended by the CCWLS Resident Fellows, UST faculty members and students who are under the Creative Writing program. After the lecture, the students from Yale-NUS College interacted with students from UST, and went on a campus tour, facilitated by the Office of Public Affairs.

A prolific writer, Hemley, who is director of the Writing Program and the Writer-in-Residence of the Yale-NUS College, Singapore, has published more than a dozen books of nonfiction and fiction, including the novel “The Last Studebaker”; “Nola: A Memoir of Faith, Art, and Madness”; “Invented Eden, The Elusive,

Disputed History of the Tasaday” which deals with the purported anthropological hoax, among others.

Hemley is a multi-awarded writer and the founder and past president of NonfictionNOW, the leading international conference for literary nonfiction. Some of his awards are the Nelson Algren Award for Fiction from The Chicago Tribune, the George Garrett Award for Fiction from Willow Springs, three Pushcart Prizes, among others.

The International Writers and Scholars Series was organized by UST CCWLS Assistant Director Ralph Semino Galán, who also served as emcee during the event.

UST Conservatory of Music honors Thomasian composers



Rev. Fr. Manuel Maramba, O.S.B. (front row, standing, center), receives his plaque of recognition from Conservatory of Music Dean Antonio Africa, Ph.D. (front row, standing, right) and Regent Rev. Fr. Jose Ma. B. Tinoko, O.P. [Photo courtesy of the UST Conservatory of Music Facebook page]

For the second concert of the UST Symphony Orchestra for the year, the group held a recital to honor Thomasian composers on November 17, 2019 at the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) Main Theater. Presented annually, the UST Conservatory of Music staged for this year its “Tribute to the Thomasians: *Pasasalamat sa mga Tomasinong Kompositor.*”

The concert featured the works of Thomasian composers from the early beginnings of the Conservatory, from the late 1940s up to the 1950s, namely, Conservatory directors Julio Esteban Anguita, Bernardino Custodio, and Alfredo Buenaventura; former faculty members Eduardo Parungao and National Artist Ernani Cuenco; recently retired faculty member Fr. Manuel P. Maramba, O.S.B.; present dean of the Conservatory Assoc. Prof. Antonio Africa, Ph.D.; and current faculty members Assoc. Prof. Herminigildo Ranera, Ph.D., and Asst. Prof. Leo Nilo Mangussad. It would be remembered that Dean Julio Esteban Anguita composed the music of the UST Hymn and it was orchestrated by Fr. Manuel P. Maramba, O.S.B.

The entire concert was especially dedicated to Fr. Maramba who has served the University for more than three decades, for his important role in the artistic development of the Conservatory, and for his lifetime achievement as concert pianist, composer and pedagogue. Before the final number of the concert was played, he was given a plaque of recognition by Dean Africa, and the Regent Rev. Father Jose Maria Tinoko, O.P., J.C.D..

The UST Symphony Orchestra performed classical music under the baton of Assoc. Prof. Herminigildo Ranera, Ph.D. and Mr. Reynato Resureccion, Jr. The Orchestra gave life to the timeless compositions of Austrian composer Franz Joseph Haydn: Sonata in C major, Hob. XVI: 50, Polish composer Frederic Francois Chopin: Polonaise in A flat, Opus 53, and French composer Claude Debussy: Etude No. 11.

The Symphony, being a resident orchestra of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, is required to hold two concerts per year at the Main Theater CCP, according to Conservatory of Music Faculty Secretary Asst. Prof. Peter John Porticos, Ph.D. The first concert was held in March of this year. “We call one or both concerts ‘Tribute to the Thomasian,’” Porticos added.

UST Architecture- Instituto Cervantes hold interactive lecture on Fil-Hispanic Architecture



(From left:) College of Architecture Secretary Ar. Vinson P. Serrano, Dean Rodolfo P. Ventura, Embassy of Spain First Secretary on Administrative and Cultural Affairs Ms. Pilar Cuadra, Ambassador of Spain to the Philippines H.E. Jorge Moragas Sanchez, Instituto Cervantes Director Ar. Jovier Galvan Guijo, and College of Architecture Assistant Dean Atty. Marlon M. Cariño [Photo courtesy of Thomas Intal of Arkitrato]



Instituto Cervantes Director Javier Galvan discusses Fil-Hispanic Architecture. [Photo courtesy of Eunice Francisco of Arkitrato]

As a reflection of the strong linkage between the University of Santo Tomas and the Embassy of Spain in Manila together with the Instituto Cervantes, an interactive lecture titled “Essentials on Fil-Hispanic Architecture from Twenty Tweets” was held at UST College of Architecture last November 21, 2019. Speaker was Instituto Cervantes Director Javier Galvan.

Also present were Ambassador of Spain to the Philippines His Excellency Jorge Moragas Sánchez; Deputy Head of Mission Ms. Amaya Fuentes-Milani, and First Secretary on Administrative and Cultural Affairs Ms. Pilar Cuadra.

Galvan’s lecture discussed the relationship of Filipino and Hispanic Architecture throughout the 333 years of colonization. It began with the introduction and development of the *bahay na bato*, to other architecture types with Hispanic roots such as the *conventos*, *cementerio*, *puente*, *parola*, and the like. It talked about how the local architecture transitioned and evolved to a more localized aesthetics and design. The discussion ended with the idea that the architecture (of a place) identifies a nation and the history of the people. The details and design that is now Filipino are products that are affected by its historic roots – a part that is for the longest time Spanish. However, the true and the intangible aspects of the nation eventually surface and is reflected on its architecture and the details that are specifically found only in the Philippines, include the forms, the trial and error development of earthquake-proof architecture, among others. All of these matter through experience, time, and effort.

In the afternoon of the same day, the Spanish Ambassador and his party paid a Courtesy Call upon the Rector of the University Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. They also met with UST Prefect of Libraries Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P., who gave them a tour of the Miguel de Benavides Library.

Thomasians remember persecuted Christians worldwide on Red Wednesday



UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., addresses the participants.

Philippines joined in this campaign and sought the solidarity of various parishes and Catholic schools and universities which includes the University of Santo Tomas.

Now on its third year, the commemoration of Red Wednesday in UST commenced with the opening of exhibit headed by SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office Director Prof. Arvin D. Eballo, Ed.D., at the lobby of Tan Yan Kee Student Center Building. It featured a glimpse of persecuted Christians from Mexico, Haiti, Yemen, Pakistan, Nigeria, and the Philippines. This was immediately followed by fora held at the AMV College of Accountancy Multi-purpose Hall with around 380 students who attended the morning and afternoon sessions.

UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong,

O.P., in his message, urged everyone to be committed Christians albeit in the face of persecution. He also emphasized that wearing red signifies that we must continue to pray for peace and harmony.

Bro. Reynaldo Barnido, one of the resource speakers and the Executive Director of Duyog Marawi pointed out that Christian persecution by extremists is not just caused by religion but also affected by the political-economic system.

The event concluded with a Eucharistic celebration presided by Manila Auxiliary Bishop Broderick Pabillo, D.D. In his homily, he stressed that we must pray for the persecuted as well as the persecutors. A candle-lighting ceremony at UST Carillon followed the mass.

This year's initiative was spearheaded by the Office of the Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs, SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office, and Center for Campus Ministry.

According to World Watch List, as of 2018, there are 245 million Christians situated in places with high risks of persecution, 4,305 Christians killed for their faith, 1,847 Churches and other Christian buildings attacked and 3,150 Christian believers detained without due process. In remembrance of them, the Thomasian community wore red in solidarity with the Aid to the Church in Need – Philippines (ACN – Philippines) during the Red Wednesday Campaign: #WeRemember on November 27, 2019. ACN is a Pontifical Foundation devoted to the service of Christians around the world who were persecuted, oppressed or suffering from material need.

Red Wednesday was started in the year 2016 by ACN in the United Kingdom through lighting up in red, the color of martyrdom, some of their well-known monuments such as the Palace and Cathedral of Westminster. In 2017, the



UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office Director Prof. Arvin D. Eballo, Ed.D. (second from left) and ACN-Philippines National Director Mr. Jonathan Luciano (rightmost) with officials from ACN and SIMBAHAYAN open the exhibition

Thomasian alumni association in Brunei Darussalam celebrates chapter anniversary; new officers inducted into office

The UST Alumni Association in Brunei Darussalam (UST AAB) celebrated its 4th anniversary in The Capital Residence Suites located at Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei on October 26, 2019. The event was attended by His Excellency Christopher B. Montero, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Philippines to Brunei Darussalam. This also coincided with the induction into office of the incoming officers of the UST AAB by the Ambassador in the presence of UST Alumni Relations Director Asst. Prof. Fredeswindo R. Medina.

Ambassador Montero said in his speech that he looks at Thomasians with high regard because of the accomplishments they have achieved in Brunei and for the Philippines. The members of UST AAB may have dwindled in numbers but it is not the value that matters, it is the value and passion and the unity of purpose towards achieving goals as an organization.

As the ambassador of the Philippines, Montero also raised an issue that every Overseas Filipino Workers like him and the Thomasians before him face.

“Why did you have to leave the Philippines?” he asked. “And in the process applied the quality Catholic education you learned and imparted to the Thomasian core values of competence, commitment, and compassion in another country and not in our



Alumni Relations Director Asst. Prof. Medina (left) and UST AAB newly-elected president Cordova (right) present the Plaque of Appreciation and Token to H.E. Ambassador Moreno.

motherland?” he continued. “Because of the global network we have now, helping the country is no longer confined in its borders.”

OFWs contributed an immense \$34B in 2018 alone to the Philippines. The significant amount was earned and raised to uplift the lives of millions of Filipino families. Ambassador Moreno encouraged the Thomasians to continue spreading their wings for their fair share in the economy with their image as a Filipino Catholic in the global stage.

Newly-elected UST AAB President Ms. Teresa Cordova presented her plans for the organization for the year 2019-2020.

“The things that we love tell us what we are,” said Cordova when she read a quote of St. Thomas Aquinas that inspired her to draw up UST AAB’s incoming

activities. A series of workshops, get-togethers, and fundraising activities was presented to the community. “We love ‘Adopt a Tiger,’” she continued. Cordova wanted to revive the said program to offer assistance to student athletes of the university. She encouraged her fellow compassionate Thomasians to unite and help the students who bring home pride and glory back to the University. “We love Bethany House, as well,” she added. Cordova urged everyone to join their outreach program in Bethany House, a home for senior citizens in Brunei.

Cordova hopes that the members of the organization will be able to discover a new passion, leadership, and friendships in their 4th year as an alumni chapter.

PHOTO FEATURE

Museum Collections



“SAGRADA FAMILIA”

Artist: OCAMPO, Galo B.

Medium: Oil on canvas

Date: 1941

Property No.: UST-H-00188

A painting of the Holy Family in Filipino motif

The child is at the center with arms spread to the side while the father and mother stand behind him, right and left, respectively. The child is wrapped in a green printed garment. He is surrounded by a light radiating from the back. The mother is wearing a red bandana, yellow blouse and blue skirt, all printed. The father is wearing a barong tagalog and a pointed gourd salakot. The foreground is filled with white (easter lilies). A flower-like halo composed of leaf patterns radiates behind each figure.

Note: 1941 UST Painting Contest entry; 2nd prize winner, Religious category, entry no. 85.

UNIVERSITY VISITORS

Ambassador of Spain to the Philippines



His Excellency Jorge Moragas Sanchez (left) receives the “400@800” coffee table book during his courtesy call on UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., on November 21, 2019.

Secretary of the Department of Finance



Mr. Carlos Dominguez III (left) signs the guest book upon his arrival at the University of Santo Tomas on November 29, 2019, with UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D.

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November 2019

UST Passing Rate (First-time examinees): 100%

UST Passing Rate (Overall): 100%

National Passing Rate: 55.20%



3rd – 88.40%
Jarvin Vincent Chua Lumaig



4th – 88.20%
Jana Aryn Orozco Apolinar



4th – 88.20%
Phil Justine Corpuz Soriano



5th – 88.00%
Bennette Gabriel Salazar



5th – 88.00%
Sheline Nisperos Tumaliuan



6th – 87.80%
John Reynel Gonzales Tamayo



9th – 87.20%
Maria-Jayne Barrozo Lerma



9th – 87.20%
Yannah Mae Fojas Loyola



9th – 87.20%
Jireh Li Melchor Piñol



10th – 87.00%
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10th – 87.00%
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10th – 87.00%
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10th – 87.00%
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10th – 87.00%
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10th – 87.00%
Marie Abigail Accad Turingan



Licensure Examination for Teachers (Elementary)

September 2019

UST Passing Rate (First-time examinees): 90.09%

UST Passing Rate (Overall): 88.60%

National Passing Rate: 31.34%



10th – 89.80%
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