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UST hosts Leadership Training for ASEACCU delegates



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. (front row, fifth from left) with participants of the ASEACCU Leadership Training Program

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The University of Santo Tomas hosted the second group of delegates for the Association of Southeast and East Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASEACCU) Executive Leadership Essentials training program held from January 22 to 25, 2019 at the UST Blessed Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P., Building.

In cooperation with the British Council Professional Development Centre, the program was made possible through the Office of the Rector, which concurrently serves as the ASEACCU Secretariat as the UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., is the Executive Secretary.

Twenty administrators and officials of Catholic universities across Southeast and East Asia joined the program titled “Executive Leadership Essentials” to enhance their skills in: engaging their employees, creating a climate of trust

among their teams, developing their ability to lead with credibility and confidence even in times of change, and strengthening their ability to connect with others. The first group of delegates for the leadership training program was hosted by UST in August 2018.

The participants were: Dr. Gregory Siy Ching, Prof. Yuan-Ho Huang, and Dr. Shi-Yun Fun (Fu Jen Catholic University, Taiwan), Mr. Jaka Mulyana, Dr. Lodovicus Lasdi, and Mr. Albert G. Godjaja (Widya Mandala Catholic University, Indonesia), Ms. Febrina Astria Verasvera, Ms. Maria Fransiska

Interreligious Dialogue from the Catholic Perspective

Prof. Lilian J. Sison, Ph.D.

Mindanao is a place ravaged by the complexity of cultures and religions. Unlike in other regions of the country, Islamic influence permeates in many parts of the island. Marawi, the country's lone Islamic City, is the most populous area in the ARMM. In the midst of this Islamic city stands the Cathedral of Maria Auxiliadora (St. Mary's Church) which houses the Vicariate of Marawi (established in 1976). Muslims and Christians lived a peaceful co-existence doing about their flourishing trade until the harrowing terrorist attack that devastated the whole city in May 2017. It was in this Islamic City where the seeds of interreligious dialogue, the dialogue of life and faith, were planted and nurtured.

Over in Zamboanga City, an Italian priest, Fr. Sebastian D'Ambra, PIME, touched by his experience of conflict between Muslims and Christians in Mindanao, started the Silsilah Dialogue Movement in 1984. Silsilah has continuously promoted harmony, solidarity and peace through formation on interreligious dialogue especially on issues related to Muslim-Christian understanding.

Muslim-Christian dialogue became imperative in Mindanao at the height of the armed struggle and the peace process. In 1996, the Bishop-Ulama Conference was formed with the vision that it could become a catalyst for sustainable peace by initiating dialogues aimed at improving understanding between Muslims and Christians. It was a significant link in the peace process until it lost its steam in 2010.

Interreligious dialogue at the National Capital Region is at its robust stage animated by the UNIHARMONY PARTNERS MANILA (UPM), a group of 22 religious communities and interfaith organizations. Established in 2012, UPM was formed to implement the United Nations General Assembly Resolution (UNGA) 65/5, proclaiming the celebration of the World Interfaith Harmony Week (WIHW) every first week of February. It aims to contribute in attaining a harmonious Philippine Society by advocating interreligious dialogue in its various forms as a mechanism for peace building. It also aims to promote dialogue to enhance mutual understanding,

harmony and cooperation among peoples of different faiths. Led by the Ministry for Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue of the Archdiocese of Manila, the weeklong celebration of WIHW starts with "Breakfast of the Cardinal" with the members of the Diplomatic Corps and representatives of the partner organizations of UPM. Other activities include Youth Camps, Dialogues on Religious and Cultural Experiences, Peace Education, formation seminars on shared values and Prayer services.

Why Interreligious Dialogue?

Pope Francis as the head of the Catholic Church fosters a spirit of dialogue that is held important in the whole of Catholic Tradition. He promotes a dialogue based on the teachings and practices clearly defined in the encyclical "Nostra Aetate" – "The Declaration on Nostra Aetate" – "The Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions" proclaimed by St. Pope Paul VI in 1965.

Nostra Aetate gives us three fundamental reasons why dialogue is essential in the life of the Church. First is the conviction that **We All belong to One Human Family** – a principle widely shared by religions all over the world. Dialogue is imperative in understanding the various spiritual and faith traditions. We must seek the common ground of shared values among diverse faiths to show that despite diversity we are one human family with the same fundamental aspirations for mutual respect, for acceptance and for living in peace.

The second reason - **We are all Gifted with a sense of Spirituality**. Every human being has a spiritual sense, a sense of the divine - expressed in different ways according to different faith traditions. Even Non-believers are gifted with this sense as evidenced by recent advances in neural and cognitive science which support the idea that the spiritual or the sacred is fundamental to human experience and flourishing. Spirituality is the entry point of dialogue and through interreligious dialogue, we could share stories on how our experiences on divine love, our spirituality, promotes attitudes that move us to action towards the attainment of shared values



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such as justice and lasting peace.

The third reason for Interreligious Dialogue is based on the universal principle that **We have a Shared Responsibility for the Common Good**. Pope Francis believes that our capacity to work together for the common good can come only through compassion and mercy and the ability to empathize with one another, especially those who are in need. So we ask ourselves, what have we done for the hungry and the poor; for the refugees and those internally displaced by conflict? What have we done for peace in the World; for Mother Earth, our common home?

We can see that there are plenty of activities where believers of different faiths can work together towards common goals, promote a different way of life and make a positive change in this world.

Interreligious Dialogue and the University of Santo Tomas

The University of Santo Tomas was founded by the Dominicans four centuries ago. Through the years, UST has been bestowed the titles "Pontifical" and "The Catholic University of the Philippines". As an Institution of Higher Learning, the University's culture of practice is deeply influenced by Dominican spirituality as it fulfills its mission of "...serving the Family, the Church and the Country."

The Dominicans' primary mission is teaching and preaching. Together with this, Justice and Peace becomes an integral part of its mission as preachers of the Kingdom of God. This can be gleaned



Dr. Sison (foreground, third from left, back to camera) with Pope Francis (center), during his visit to the University, as he meets with church leaders of different faiths.

from the following Dominican justice and peace mission statement. "How can we remain indifferent when confronted with the suffering of millions of human beings, suffering which is caused by wars, economic crises, or injustices of all kinds? In many provinces and congregations of the Dominican Order, sisters, friars and lay Dominicans live Dominican spirituality in a fraternal way, through preaching which is lived and enlivened by compassion and mercy. The reality and vitality of the fundamental option for justice and peace taken by the whole order is taken in this way."

UST's openness to Interreligious Dialogue is a consequence of the Dominican mission for justice and peace. The University is supportive of ecumenism and interreligious dialogue activities oftentimes initiated by its lay Faculty. Most of these activities fall under the category of Dialogue of Common Action, generally in partnership with international organizations such as Religions for Peace and Focolare. These pursuits include peace building through dialogues like those with the MILF Leaders; initiatives that keep us in solidarity with the poor and the oppressed, the victims of injustices (Advocacy against human trafficking), Child protection project; those internally displaced by the conflicts

in Mindanao through its Psychotrauma Clinic and care for Mother Earth (interfaith youth participation in the National Greening Program of the government).

UST is also featured in **milestone** gatherings of Ecumenical and Interreligious assemblies. In 2008, the General Assembly of the Asian Conference of Religions for Peace (ACRP) on the theme "Peacemaking in Asia" was convened at UST. The Assembly gathered 400 religious leaders of various faith traditions from 19 countries of Asia. In 2011, the Youth Assembly of the Asia-Europe Meeting on Interfaith Dialogue (ASEM) took place at UST.

In 2015, the University played host to the visit of Pope Francis and his interreligious encounter with Leaders of different Faiths. It is notable that the lone woman of faith received by the Pope, Dr. Lilian Sison, comes from UST.

The 2016 youth camp of the Asia-Pacific Youth Interfaith Network (APYIN) participated in by 80 youth leaders from 15 countries of Asia was hosted by the University. In 2017, the 500 years of Reformation was commemorated in the University with an Ecumenical Symposium. Several intellectual forums and symposia on Muslim-Christian Dialogue which brought in scholars from Iran and Turkey were also held at UST.

Given these achievements, UST, among educational institutions, is the most profoundly engaged in interreligious dialogue. Interreligious dialogue has become part of the University's culture of practice as it fulfills its mission of serving the Church.

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UST, Madonna University sign MOU for Health Science partnerships



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., (seated, right) and Madonna University President Dr. Michael Grandillo (seated, left) with (top row from left:) MU Vice President for Student Affairs and Missions Integration Dr. Connie Tingson-Gatuz, OIRP Director Prof. Lilian J. Sison, Ph.D., College of Nursing Dean Prof. Susan N. Maravilla, D.N.M., and College of Nursing Regent Rev. Fr. Julius Paul C. Factora, O.P.

The University of Santo Tomas, through the College of Nursing, signed a memorandum of understanding with Madonna University, a Catholic university in Michigan, USA, for partnerships and exchanges in the field of Health Science on January 17, 2019 at the Rector's Hall, Main Building, UST.

The University of Santo Tomas was represented by its Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., and Madonna University was represented by its President Dr. Michael Grandillo.

On the part of UST, witnesses were: Office of International Relations and Programs (OIRP) Director Prof. Lilian J. Sison, Ph.D., OIRP Associate Director Prof. Karen S. Santiago, Ph.D., Office of Admissions Assistant Director Mr. Eric L. Dimar, College of Nursing Regent Rev. Fr. Julius Paul C. Factora, O.P., College of Nursing Dean Prof. Susan N. Maravilla, D.N.M., and College of Nursing International Relations Coordinator Asst. Prof. Elizabeth D. Cortez.

Witnesses for Madonna University were: Vice President for Student Affairs and Missions Integration Dr. Connie Tingson-Gatuz, Board of Trustees member and Thomasian alumna of Class 1968 Dr. Stella Evangelista, and Director of Undergraduate Admissions Mr. Mark Schroeder.

Prior to the signing, Fr. Dagohoy delivered the welcome remarks and Madonna University President Dr. Michael Grandillo delivered a message.

Established in 1937, Madonna University is a Catholic and Franciscan institution of higher learning with its main campus located in Livonia, Michigan.



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., (left) and Madonna University President Dr. Michael Grandillo sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

UST HOSTS LEADERSHIP TRAINING FROM PAGE 1



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. discusses the rationale of the ASEACCU Leadership Training Program.



Participants listen to a lecture by Ms. Thomas (standing).



Master Trainer Ms. Shalini Thomas (leftmost, with glasses) moderates a group activity.



Participants during a session on building trust among team members

Hanna, Ms. Monacella Ella Kosasih, and Ms. Veronica Afridita Khristiningrum (Parahyangan Catholic University, Indonesia), Mr. Beni Utomo (Sanata Dharma University, Indonesia), Dr. Nathaya Pupat (Assumption University, Thailand), Ms. Lenny Setyowati (Soegijapranata Catholic University, Indonesia), Dr. Marilyn Rubrica, Dr. Irene U. Dalog, and Ms. Criselda B. Espiritu (De La Salle Araneta University), Ms. Perlita Antonio and Dr. Belen De Jesus (Pasig Catholic College), Dr. Jackqui Moreno (San Beda University), and Dr. Jennifer Joy Olivar (St. Paul University - Manila).

Facilitating the training was Ms. Shalini Thomas, a master trainer from the British Council for business skills and intercultural competence in corporate organizations. She brings with her over 15 years of experience in the learning and development field. She has designed, developed, and delivered programs on a variety of topics to a wide range of audiences across industries, including sessions on teamwork and collaboration, creative problem-solving, leadership, diversity and inclusion, and working effectively in multicultural environments.

On the last day of the seminar, January 25, the participants had a historic tour of the Corregidor Island.

The Office of the Rector was assisted by the following offices for this conference: Office of the Secretary-General, the Office of Public Affairs, Facilities Management Office, and the College of Tourism and Hospitality Management.

DOT, OPA hold seminar-workshop on Filipino Brand of Service, Guiding Techniques for student ambassadors



The Department of Tourism (DOT), in partnership with the University of Santo Tomas through the Office of Public Affairs, held a seminar-workshop on 'The Filipino Brand of Service and Guiding Techniques' from February 6 to 8, 2019 at the George S.K. Ty Function Hall of the UST Paredes Building.

With more than 40 participants from the different faculties, colleges, and offices of the University, the three-day workshop served as the first workshop for the 'UST Tour Guide Capability Building Series for UST Student Ambassadors.' DOT-NCR Regional Office Operations Officer Ms. Ana Liza M. Lucas welcomed the participants and outlined the seminar-workshop mechanics.

"We are enjoined to be committed in promoting tourism in our country," said Lucas in her welcome remarks, explaining further that this kind of program is the first to be conducted by DOT in partnership with a higher education institution.

UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., spoke on the 'UST Brand,' saying, "The UST brand is not limited to its many symbols and icons, or the way we describe it. All our actions as Thomasians

- including those that are visual, written, or spoken - remain part of branding and reflect on the University, as well. With that said, this training now becomes a part of the collaborative efforts of Thomasians to not only strengthen the brand of the University of Santo Tomas as an institution of higher learning that is committed to excellence in academics, eminence in research, and exemplary community development, but also to inspire and challenge us to communicate it properly to our stakeholders."

For the first day of the workshop, DOT trainer and Pioneer Professional Academy of Asia Senior Training Officer Mr. Gil Regondola was the resource person. With almost 15 years of experience in training service front liners and tour guides in customer engagement, he facilitated four training sessions on "The Filipino Brand of Service Excellence," which he defined as 'consistently meeting and exceeding the needs of the guests

Tour-guides-in-training deliver commentary on sites of interest within the University, such as the Main Building's statues (above) and the Civil Law Lobby murals (below) as DOT Regional Operations Officer Ms. Ana Lucas (leftmost, in red) and DOT Accredited Trainer Ms. Yael Fernandez (with notepad) observes them..



or customers and providing them with memorable experiences,' "Understanding and Engaging Guests," which is anticipating and providing the needs of the various stakeholder groups, "Delivering Service Excellence," where he provided techniques to assist and satisfy the requests of guests,



DOT – NCR Regional Office Operations Officer Ms. Ana Liza M. Lucas welcomes seminar participants.



DOT trainer Mr. Gil Regondola discusses branded service.



DOT Accredited Tour Guide Ms. Yael Fernandez (standing) facilitates a group activity on tour script writing and highlighting the Top Visual Priorities (TVPs).

and "Service Recovery," which is responding courteously to complaints and resolving guest concerns.

For the second and the third days, DOT Accredited Tour Guide Ms. Yael Fernandez, demonstrated guiding techniques and facilitated training activities in preparing and presenting a guiding script and site commentary.

On the third day, Fernandez, a seasoned and respected trainer who brings with her 20 years of wide experience in guiding and training, included two sessions of 2-hour long Mock Tours around the UST Campus, which served as a practical test for the participants. Wearing their yellow UST tour guide caps on and sling bags for their tour paraphernalia, the UST Student Ambassadors took on the role of tour guides. During the mock tour, each presented a commentary on a significant site within the University.

Upon completing the requisites of the seminar-workshop, the participants took their oath as the new UST Tour led by Mr. John Riel Binay Suarez, a student from the Faculty of Engineering.

DOT-NCR Regional Office Officer-in-Charge Ms. Catherine C. Agustin gave recommendations to the new tour guides citing her 30 years of experience in the Tourism industry. "First, we have to know by heart and understand the importance of excellent customer service. As members of the tourism workforce, or if you want to pursue working in the tourism industry, let us not forget to put attention to the services that we provide. It's not enough that we have the facilities for MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conventions, Exhibitions), but we must also be competent in providing excellent, world-class service. Next, a



Participants take their oath to serve as tour guides and UST Student Ambassadors.



DOT-NCR Regional Office Officer-in-Charge Ms. Catherine C. Agustin (center) receives gifts of gratitude from UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D. (left) and Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Ms. Katherine Patrice Sibug.



DOT – NCR Regional Office Operations Officer Ms. Ana Liza M. Lucas (sixth from left) with UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., (center) Travel Management Department Chair Ms. Jane G. Devanadera, (second from left), Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Ms. Katherine Patrice Sibug (seventh from left), and the Office of Public Affairs Team.

place becomes interesting for tourists by the way the guide makes the history alive. So you have to be creative in delivering your commentary. It may have been your first time delivering a tour script today, but just practice. Know your craft, and know your history," she shared.

"Continue enhancing your skills, because you are the future front liners. Your

most important asset: one, your personality, and two, your huge energy for welcoming and assisting visitors. That's the Philippines' huge selling point," Agustin added.

Gifts of gratitude were exchanged between the Department of Tourism and the Office of Public Affairs.

RESEARCH

Oculoplastics specialist Reynaldo Javate lectures in different countries



Dr. Javate (right) during a press interview at the World Congress for Ophthalmologists and Otorhinolaryngologist in Russia

Dr. Reynaldo M. Javate, a renowned Ophthalmologist, subspecializing in the field of Lacrimal, Orbital and Oculoplastic surgeries, delivered extensive lectures on 'Revision of Transcanalicular Endoscopic Lacrimal Duct Recanalization (TELDR) and Lower Lid Blepharoplasty with Mini Midface Lift' at the 10th Conference of the Asia-Pacific Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (APSOPRS), which was held recently in conjunction with 30th Annual Scientific Meeting jointly held by The College of Ophthalmologists of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Ophthalmological Society at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Javate, a renowned eye doctor, is currently the chair of the USTH Eye Institute of the University of Santo Tomas Hospital. He is also a Professor of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery at the University of Santo Tomas, and is well known for his countless titles, awards and contributions to the field of Ophthalmology. His continued effort to conduct research and deliver lectures both locally and internationally allows him to inspire young ophthalmologists in the Philippines and around the globe.

For the year 2018, Javate delivered lectures in the various parts of the world from February to December covering China, the United States, Russia, Austria, Romania, and Spain.

In Wenzhou, China, Javate shared his expertise on Integrating Balloon Dacryoplasty in TELDR and on Microendoscopic-guided Canalicular Trephination during the 6th Chinese Ophthalmic Endoscopic Surgery Symposium (COESS) and the 2nd Annual Conference of Cross-strait Ophthalmic Endoscopic Surgery (ACCOES). This was held from November 22 to 25, 2018, during the 4th International Conference of Ophthalmic Endoscopic Surgery (ICOES).

At the Annual meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology held from October 27 to 30, 2018 at McCormick Place, Chicago, Javate gave a lengthy Instructional Course on Endoscopic Transluminal Recanalization.

Javate shared with the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery during the 49th Annual Fall Scientific

Symposium at the Hilton Chicago that was held from October 25 to 26, 2018, an in-depth video presentation on Secondary Repair of Upper Eyelid Laceration with Canalicular Laceration.

At the World Congress for Ophthalmologists and Otorhinolaryngologist that took place in Kazan, Russia from September 27 to 29, 2018, Javate delivered a lecture on Instrumentation, Principles and Technique in doing Transcanalicular Endoscopic Lacrimal Duct Recanalization and another lecture regarding Integration of Balloon Dacryoplasty in TELDR and Microendoscopic Canalicular Trephination. He also performed a Live Cadaveric Session on TELDR.

As a follow through of his previous presentations made in the previous year regarding the newest updates in Lacrimal Stents, Javate spoke at the FCI Distributors' meeting of the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery meeting held in Vienna, Austria, on September 22, 2018

Sharing his uniqueness and generosity, the famed Filipino eye doctor shared his own technique and ways on how to be efficient in doing the Transcanalicular Endoscopic Lacrimal Duct Recanalization. This was conducted at the European Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery meeting during the Karl Storz Lunch Symposium in Bucharest, Romania that was held in September 2018.

It was in Barcelona, Spain that Javate presented Endocanalicular Operation /External Dacryocystorhinostomy and Integration of Balloon Dacryoplasty in Transcanalicular Endoscopic Lacrimal Duct Recanalization at the World Ophthalmology Congress that was held in June.

At the National Training Course that took place in Wuhan, China in March, Javate delivered interesting presentations on Periocular Rejuvenation and Radiosurgery, capitalizing on his 30-year experience on the latter.

In February, at the 33rd Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology Congress held in Hong Kong, he delivered a paper on Transcanalicular Endoscopic Lacrimal Duct Recanalization.

INTERNATIONALIZATION

Physical Therapy students take Global Internship Experience at two Thai universities

St. Louis College, Bangkok

In line with its vision to be an internationally acknowledged educational institution of experts producing nationalistic and globally competitive Thomasian leaders in the field of rehabilitation sciences, the College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) Department of Physical Therapy sent four Physical Therapy students who are in their 5th year, namely, Bianca Catherine Bongco, Rheine Christine Canlas, Zacharie Fuentes and Micah Tobia held for almost a month towards the end of 2018. They were accompanied by faculty member Mr. Christopher G. Cruz to St. Louis College (SLC), Thailand.

Various educational and recreational activities that included lecture series, community and clinical practice and cultural immersion activities were provided to the group. One of its highlights is the Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program of SLC which helped the students, under the guidance of their faculty members, to develop their clinical reasoning as well as their creativity in diagnosing and treating patients who cannot seek medical consultation due to financial and transportation issues. A referral system was developed so that students can transfer

patients to other healthcare professionals when the problem of the patient was beyond the scope of physical therapy practice. The experience allowed the group of Thomasian physical therapy students to further understand their roles in the communities.

The interns also obtained additional insights through lectures and demonstration by SLC faculty members specializing in their respective fields like the Voltja practice in pediatric rehabilitation, Schroth techniques in scoliotic patients and lymphatic drainage technique in patient suffering with edema. In return, Mr. Cruz also shared his expertise in the field of cardiopulmonary physical therapy to the students of SLC.

Mahidol University, Thailand

Four UST students in their fifth year under the Physical Therapy program went on a month-long internship called the Global Internship Experience (GIE) that commenced on January 6, 2019 at the Mahidol University, Thailand.

The students, namely, Lia Carmella Silvestre, Gian Karlo Reyes, Diana Liezel Mosqueda, and Margaret Damatac, were accompanied by the College of Rehabilitation Sciences Internship Supervisor Ms. Fe Therese Chavez.

After the orientation and campus tour at the Salaya Campus of Mahidol University facilitated by faculty member Ms. Mind Pimpawee, the UST CRS students were given the opportunity to observe and learn the practice of physical therapy in various disciplines including Pulmonary Rehabilitation at Sriraj Hospital, Bangkok, Community Based Rehabilitation with Prof. Sasithorn and Prof. Thanwarat. They also learned to use the Biodex Isokinetic machine and Evaltech, as well as the Gait Analysis system, in a physical therapy clinic in Mahidol's Pinklao Campus with Prof. Yoswasin and Prof. Komsak.

In the community, the group had the chance to observe a house designed with innovations done for the patient using current available materials in order to maximize its function.

During the second week, the interns were divided into two teams and rotated to different fields and observed cases on orthopedic, neurologic and pediatric cases. The UST students also learned about hydrotherapy, fitness, and scoliosis.

CRS faculty member Chavez, was able to observe the different technologies that post-graduate students use for research. She was also able to observe the in-patient department and stroke unit at Sriraj Hospital.

The participants consider the Thai GIE as a wonderful experience being exposed to the practice of Physical Therapy in Thailand. They also observed that the set-up in the two countries were different, since they had direct access for Physical Therapy. They also realized that Filipinos should be more proactive in terms of their profession and be able to do much more for the Filipino community in improving the profession.



Fifth year PT students at Mahidol University Faculty of Physical Therapy

NITTE University students take part in UST – CRS Global Internship Experience Program

Ten students and one faculty member from the Institute of Physiotherapy, NITTE University, Mangalore, India participated in the Global Internship Experience (GIE) Program of the University of Santo Tomas College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) Department of Physical Therapy.

The ten Physical Therapy (PT) students, namely, Sayunktha Suresh Anchanc, Amulya Jaya Poojary, Shruthi R, Deekshitha Salian, Anunshka Suresh Shetty, Diana Miranda, Sgar Raman Shetty, Pratiksha hedge, Maithili Milindi Bijoor and Hritika Milindi Bijoor, accompanied by Prof. Subash Chandra Rai, were at the University from January 6 to 30, 2019.

The Indian students were grouped into two and were assigned from three to four days in different UST-CRS affiliated rehabilitation centers Quality Life Discoveries (QLD), REACH, and UAAP sports center. Under the supervision of a licensed physical therapy staff of the three affiliation centers, the Indian students were given an opportunity to observe the evaluation and treatment of musculoskeletal, sports injury and pediatric cases in the Philippines.

Prof. Subach Chandra Rai, for his part, delivered a special lecture titled 'Post rehabilitation of shoulder surgery' attended by students in their 4th year under the Physical Therapy program.

Aside from the clinical observation, the students from NITTE also received special lectures from different CRS faculty members on the topics of musculoskeletal ultrasound, biomechanical taping, shock wave therapy, and sports injury. The Indian students also had the opportunity to experience Filipino culture



Students of NITTE University with (seated, from left) College of Rehabilitation Sciences Asst. Dean Ma. Georgina Mojica, Dean Anne Marie C. Aseron, Dean Dhanesh Kumar and Dr. Subash Chandra Rai.

through sight- seeing activities in Manila, engaging in Filipino classes and by trying the different modes of transportation in the country facilitated by the different UST-CRS student organizations.

This clinical observation program was spearheaded by the chair of the Internationalization Committee Ms. Arlene Chiong Maya, GIE faculty Mr. Lyle Patrick Tangcuangco, Internship Supervisor of the Physical Therapy Department Ms. Fe Therese Chavez, and Chair of the Department of Physical Therapy Ms. Jocel M. Regino.

LECTURES&CONFERENCES

CRS conducts Evidence-Based Functional Tests for geriatric population seminar participants

The College of Rehabilitation Sciences conducted a seminar titled "Evidence-Based Functional Tests" held recently at the St. Martin de Porres Building, UST. The resource speaker was CRS alumnus Mr. Paul Christian Rivera, who is currently affiliated with Suncrest Home Health, an Almost Family Company working as Physical Therapist specializing in Geriatrics. Thirteen licensed physical therapists attended the seminar and learned the basic principles of functional tests and how to use the current and evidence-based functional assessment tools in geriatric population.

The speaker introduced and demonstrated several functional tests to the participants such as the four- square step test, Montreal cognitive assessment,

30-second chair stand test, two-minute step in place and many more. These tests measured balance, gait speed, cognition and strength of an individual. To ensure that the participants learned, the speaker asked the participants to administer the tests themselves and let them watch several videos on how to use those tests.

The seminar participants who were mostly practicing physical therapists, learned the importance of a more objective and measurable way of assessing geriatric patients with different types of impairments. Moreover, the seminar gave them the knowledge and skills in using evidence-based functional tests among geriatric patients which can lead to the improvement of the practice.

Tarrayo of AB uncovers potential pedagogical uses of Filipino flash fiction at Thai confab

Faculty of Arts and Letters Asst. Prof. Veronico N. Tarrayo, Ph.D., presented a paper on Filipino flash fiction at the 39th Thailand TESOL International Conference held from January 18 to 19, 2019 at The Ambassador Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand.

With the theme "Changes and Chances in English Language teaching (ELT)," the conference tackled papers from several ELT field including linguistics, literacy, literature, culture and intercultural issues, and other related fields.

As one of the 55 paper presenters from Asia, Europe, and North America, Tarrayo, who is a member of the English department, presented his paper titled "Exploring the Coalescence of Language and Literature through a Stylistic Analysis of a Filipino-authored Flash Fiction." Flash fiction is a story characterized by being very short, typically consisting of only a few hundred words despite offering plot and character development.

In his presentation, Tarrayo explained that language and literature should team up for their mutual benefit in interpreting literary pieces since linguistics is indispensable in understanding the structure and the effects of a given literary piece. Through a stylistic

analysis of the flash fiction piece "Earth-bound" written by renowned Filipino author Cyan Abad-Jugo in the anthology "Fast Food Fiction Delivery," edited by Noelle Q. De Jesus and Mookie Katigbak-Lacuesta, Tarrayo was able to delve into the link between linguistics and literature.

By deciphering the language code of the text in terms of lexical and grammatical categories as textual features, the study concluded that flash fiction's core brevity is not a limitation, but a strength. The short length can, according to Tarrayo, "not only hook the readers but may propel them to concentrate on the power of language, association, and inference. Likewise, the symbolic weight carried by flash fiction drives the narrative forward, and the gaps within and around the story become big ideas in a small space."

To examine the textual features and linguistic cues used in the flash fiction piece on different levels, language structure at the semantic, syntactic, phonological, and pragmatic levels had to be taken into account. This meant scouring the entirety of the text for all possible linguistic features that complement specific literary insights. The analysis included a description of the formal features of the text and its functions in relation to the literary interpretation, Tarrayo discussed through an e-mail interview.

One of the pedagogical implications of the research work is that critical reading and appreciation of flash fiction pieces can be developed in students by literature and language teachers alike through engaging them in activities that utilize stylistics as an approach to literary interpretation. Tarrayo gave some examples, "By using a flash fiction piece, a teacher can assist the students in identifying foregrounded ideas out of words that can grouped under specific semantic fields; in this manner, the students operate on the associative language of flash fiction and develop their ability to surmise what is beyond the power of denotative meanings."

Introducing students to analyzing varied sentence types and the mixture of long embedded sentences with terse short ones, or statements with incomplete or elliptical statements can challenge the students to make inferences about the character(s) and the mood of a narrative, Tarrayo added.

Through the stylistic approach of stimulating their sensitivity to recognizing



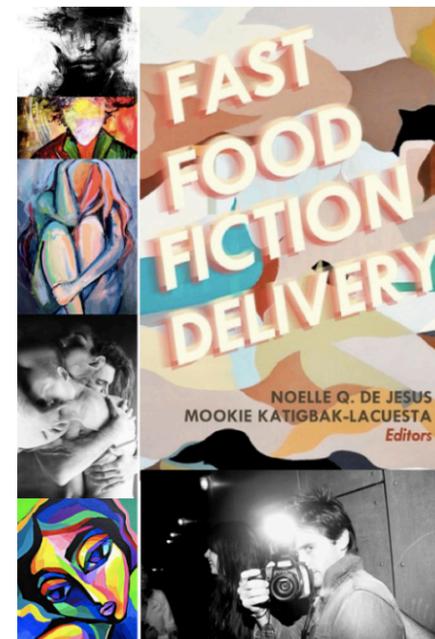
Tarrayo presents his research on flash fiction.

language features and techniques in writing flash fiction, "the students are placed in the context of 'reading like a writer,' which can perhaps make them realize that although flash fiction is about brevity and quickness, it is so demanding a form, and writing one can only be attained through a long process of elimination, selection, and concentration," Tarrayo reasoned out.

Tarrayo's interest in analyzing such works stemmed from its potential to "contribute to the fields of literary and language studies by offering possible ways on how to examine the "baffling" language code of Filipino flash fiction brought about by its brevity as a unique quality and its unconventional techniques of narration.

The required minimalism of the flash fiction genre forces a compression of words and space on a page and demands urgency and profundity among readers. Moreover, flash fiction is about ambiguity; it is a genre that best works via understatement, purposeful ambiguity, implication, and evocative or suggestive language. Unlocking such a baffling language code can be done through looking into stylistic features that lend themselves well in describing flash fiction's linguistic choices and interpretability," he explained.

Tarrayo currently serves as the Editor in Chief of the Asian Journal of English Language Studies, the official peer-reviewed, open-access, annual academic journal of the UST Department of English. He also handles classes in the Faculty of Arts and Letters and the UST Graduate School.



The anthology that contains 'Earth-bound' that was examined in Tarrayo's research.

ARTS&CULTURE



Dr. Amit Weiner

Renowned Israeli composer Amit Weiner holds master class in Contemporary Composition at UST

Renowned Israeli composer and pianist Amit Weiner held a master class in “Contemporary Composition – Film Music vs. Concert Music” on January 25, 2019 at the Recital Hall 2 of the Conservatory of Music, at the Albertus Magnus Building, University of Santo Tomas in Manila.

The master class was a collaboration between the Embassy of Israel in the Philippines and the University of Santo Tomas in coordination with the Office of Public Affairs. The program was attended by the Embassy of Israel to the Philippines Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Yulia Rachinsky-Spivakov who delivered a message.

Weiner, who is currently a senior staff lecturer at the Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance, is the head of The Cross-Disciplinary Composition Division, and teaches composition, theory classes, and directing ensembles. He holds a Ph.D. in Composition from the Bar Ilan University.

The music of Weiner focuses on intermingling traditional Jewish melodies and contemporary compositional techniques. These compositions have had over two hundred performances worldwide, including at New York’s Carnegie Hall and across the USA, the UK, Russia, Canada, China, Japan, Ukraine, Italy, Ireland, Malaysia, Nepal, Vietnam, Myanmar, Thailand, and Israel.

As a composer, Weiner is active in the fields of concert music, music for film, and popular music. His oeuvre includes over 40 chamber and orchestral works,



UST Conservatory of Music Dean Assoc. Prof. Antonio P. Africa, Ph.D., gives the welcome remarks.



UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D. (standing, in aqua dress) introduces Dr. Weiner to the students.

among them two concertos for piano and orchestra, a number of orchestral works, chamber music, songs, and works for piano. In addition, he composed music for three full-length films, and composed for Rai-TV Italy, and music libraries in London.

For his music, Weiner has won many international competitions and awards, among them recently the 2nd Prize at the Alfred Schnittke International Composers Forum and Competition 2016, in Lviv, Ukraine, The Asian Composers League “15-Minutes-of-Fame” competition, The America Israel Cultural Foundation, and more.

According to UST Conservatory of Music Dean Assoc. Prof. Antonio P. Africa, Ph.D., the master class was attended by students from the Music Technology and Composition departments.



Embassy of Israel Deputy Chief of Mission Ms. Yulia Rachinsky-Spivakov delivers a message.

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Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Secretary-General



Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands Secretary-General Fr. Giorgio Licini (right) signs the guestbook during his visit to the University of Santo Tomas on February 12, 2019. He was met by UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D.

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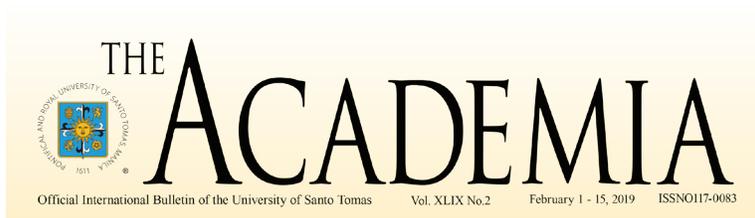
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