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UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. (center), with heads of UAAP member institutions (from left:) University of the East President Dr. Ester Garcia, University of the Philippines Chancellor Dr. Michael Tan, Far Eastern University President Dr. Michael Alba, and National University President Dr. Renato Ermita, Jr.

UAAP Season 82 Opens

University presidents of the eight member institutions of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) were presented during the Opening Ceremonies of the UAAP Season 82 on September 1, 2019 at the Mall of Asia in Pasay City. Among them was UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. The biggest and most-awaited student sports competition in the country, this season's host is the Ateneo de Manila University and its theme is "All for More." The activities of the opening ceremonies were described as a lighting spectacle that exuded its futuristic theme.

In Season 81, the University of Santo Tomas was proclaimed the overall champion in both the Juniors and Seniors Divisions. This was UST's third consecutive year to receive the overall championship award. UST has won 43

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A jubilant UST team joins Aboitiz Construction, Inc. Reputation Management and Sustainability Head and 7th Student Quill Awards Head Dave Devilles (front row, rightmost), and other International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) officers (front row, from left:) Joe Zaldarriaga, Ferdinand Bondoy, Ritzi Ronquillo and IABC Philippines President Belle Tiongco.

UST wins Quill ‘School of the Year’ award for 6th straight year

“**F**ormidable.” This was how the University of Santo Tomas was described by organizers of the country’s most prestigious communication excellence awards, after it won the coveted Philippine Student Quill “School of the Year” award for the sixth year in a row. Representatives from the University’s Communication and Journalism programs, as well as TOMCAT, Tiger TV, and campus publications *The Flame* and *The Varsitarian*, erupted in cheers as Dave Devilles, head of the Student Quill Awards, proclaimed UST as the winner in ceremonies held at the Marriott Grand Ballroom of Resorts World Manila on Aug. 30, 2019.

Undeniably, the competition is getting tougher each year. From among the 254 entries, only 74 were awarded, of which UST took home 26.

Of the 26, UST won nine Awards of Excellence, the most number among competing schools, and 17 Awards of

Merit, allowing the University to claim its sixth “School of the Year” title since the Philippine Student Quill Awards began in 2012.

The awards were given by the Philippine chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators, in recognition of excellence in communication skills, management and research.

UST Faculty of Arts and Letters Communication and Media Studies Chair Asst. Prof. Jose Arsenio Salandanan, said UST’s participation in the annual Quill awards gives students the opportunity to learn hands-on the process of crafting communication and business plans.

“This year, UST still won the most awards even if the threshold scores in the Student Quill Awards were raised to the levels followed in the professional category. This means our students can be as good as those already in the industry,” Salandanan said.

Of the total 26 awards bagged by UST,

10 were won by students from the Faculty of Arts and Letters. Communication entries “Our World, Our Turn,” an integrated marketing communications (IMC) campaign for Coca-Cola’s “World Without Waste” advocacy and Podcast Convention 6, which had “Upholding Media Credibility Amid the Age of Fake News” for its theme, won excellence awards, while two other IMC campaigns, namely Chihuahua cosmetics and “Juan Vision, One Big Step,” were given awards of merit.

“Dapitan: *Balat*,” a literary portfolio that features the body, specifically the skin and “A Resilient Daughter’s Silent Battle Cry,” a stirring narrative of a budding entrepreneur who sells her homemade sweets to pay for her mother’s medications won awards of excellence for *The Flame*, the student publication of the Faculty of

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Quill faculty mentors from the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters Department of Communication and Media Studies (from left:) Ms. Anna Cielo Perez, Communications Bureau Assistant Director for Broadcast Asst. Prof. Faye Abugan, Journalism Coordinator Mr. Felipe Salvosa II, and Communication and Media Studies Department Chair Asst. Prof. Jose Arsenio Salandanan with Quill trophies

Arts and Letters, while the website www.abtheflame.net received an award of merit. “*Magandang Tanghali Newscast*,” “*Ukit*” and “*Trash Traps: Solution to reviving dead Pasig River?*” earned awards of merit for the journalism program.

The *Varsitarian*, the official student publication of UST, collected three awards of excellence and six other Varsitarian entries, and *The Varsitarian* itself, were given awards of merit.

Video productions from student organization TOMCAT, titled “*Tunog Tomasino: Para Bukas*” and “*Saan aabot ang 100 pesos mo*” won excellence awards while “*This is TOMCAT: The TOMCAT-UST Rebranding Campaign*,” “*Balik USTe 2018*” video series and “*Paskong Tomasino: The 2018 Christmas Station ID*,” received awards of merit. Tiger TV’s “*Lifeline*” and “*Para kanino ka Naglalaro?* The 2018 UAAP video series” also won merit awards.

The student awardees were accompanied by their faculty mentors led by Salandanan, Journalism Coordinator Felipe Salvosa II, and Communication faculty members Anna Cielo Timbol-Perez and Asst. Prof. Faye Martel-Abugan, who is also the Communications Bureau Assistant Director for Broadcast.

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Members of the UST Badminton Men’s and Women’s teams with Asst. Coach Maria Chona Medina (front row, leftmost) wear the shirt with the number “43” corresponding to the overall championships obtained by the University. [Photo courtesy of Fotomasino]

seniors division overall championships in the 72 seasons that the title has been awarded, and won 20 juniors division overall championships out of the 24 seasons since the latter title has been established.

The UAAP members are: Adamson University, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University, Far Eastern University, National University, University of the East, University of the Philippines, and the University of Santo Tomas.

UST students interact with Taiwan Youth Ambassadors through songs, dances



Twenty-four Taiwan Youth Ambassadors visited the University of Santo Tomas on August 29, 2019 for a cultural encounter as part of the International Youth Ambassador Exchange (IYAE) Program organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) of the Republic of China (Taiwan). The visit included a campus tour, student interactions, and later that day, cultural performances for the “2019 Taiwan Night” at the UST Paredes Ballroom.

The youth ambassadors were accompanied by Delegation Head Ambassador James Chi-ping Chang from the MoFA Department of International Information Services, Deputy Head of Delegation Ms. Chieh Wong, and Delegation Secretary Ms. Chen Yu-Chih.

Gracing the event were Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines Representative Ambassador Michael Peiyung Hsu and his spouse Madame Charlotte Yu. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China (Taiwan) Non-government Organization International Affairs Department Director General Lai Ming-Chi, Philippine Tariff Commission Chairperson Marilou P. Mendoza,

Taiwanese Compatriots in the Philippines Honorary President Mr. Hsieh Shih-Ying, Taiwan Association Inc. President Mr. Chiang Fu-Long, TECO Press Division Director Mr. Jerry Chuang, and TECO Executive Assistant to the Representative Mr. Fernando R.F. Wu were also present.

After the welcome remarks delivered by UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., TECO Representative Ambassador Michael Peiyung Hsu, in his message, thanked the many people involved in making the third Taiwan Night in UST possible, especially the UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. The Delegation Head Ambassador James Chi-ping Chang gave more information on the IYAE Program in his message.

The University of Santo Tomas began its presentations with the performance of the 70-member UST Symphony Orchestra under the baton of Assoc. Prof. Renato B. Lucas, Ph.D. The Orchestra performed three songs by National Artists, namely, “*Mga Katutubong Awitin*” by Lucio San Pedro, “By the Hillside (Tone Poem)” by Antonino Buenaventura, and “*Mutya ng Pasig*” by Nicanor Abelardo.

The Taiwan Youth Ambassadors introduce the Lantern Festival through a dance number.



Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in the Philippines Representative Ambassador Michael Peiyung Hsu addresses the audience.

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(Front row, from left:) TECO Executive Assistant to the Representative Mr. Fernando R.F. Wu, Delegation Head Ambassador Chi-ping Chang, UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., and Deputy Head of Delegation Ms. Chieh Wong with the Taiwan Youth Ambassadors at the UST Arch of the Centuries.



Taiwan Youth Ambassadors interact with students from the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters (left photo) and with students from UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery (right photo).



Choir of the World Champions The UST Singers, led by Maestro Fidel Gener Calalang, Jr., sang “*Cantate Domino*” by Josu Elberdin Badiola, “*Tuwing Umuulan at Kapiling Ka*”, by Ryan Cayabyab, and “Come Alive (The Greatest Showman)” by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul.

The UST Salinggawi Dance Troupe performed “*Binasuan*” and “*Tinikling*.”

In turn, the Taiwan Youth Ambassadors staged a 40-minute four-act play titled “Taiwan: An Island of Vitality.” The first act, “Wishes Sent Skyward,” presented the traditional Taiwanese festivals, such as the Lantern, Dragon Boat, Mid-Autumn, and Lunar New Year Festivals, through dances.

The second act, “A Cure for What Ails,” detailed Taiwan’s thriving healthcare industry through a fast-paced *diabolo* (Chinese yoyo) and hip-hop performance interspersed with images of their medical care, which balances traditional Chinese medicine with Western medical practices.

The third act focused on Taiwan’s farm produce, textile, and technology industry and is named “Quality as an Art Form,”

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while the fourth and final act, “A Resplendent Island,” introduced Taiwanese folk music, tourist attractions, and cuisine through an energetic dance.

In the morning of the same day, the Youth Ambassadors were given a tour of the University, led by Assoc. Prof. Fontanilla at the historic Arch of the Centuries, assisted by student leaders from the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters Asian Studies Society.

The Asian Studies students facilitated a tour of the University campus, with a UST Museum tour under the guidance of its Assistant Director Ar. Carlo Sayco. After lunch, student leaders from the UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery interacted with the Youth Ambassadors.

This year, 75 Taiwan Youth Ambassadors were sent to neighboring countries in three groups that visited two countries each, namely, the Philippines and Malaysia; Thailand and India; and Kiribati and the Solomon Islands, as part of the IYAE, with the theme “Youth Diplomacy Brings Taiwan to You.” The University of Santo Tomas has hosted and engaged with the youth ambassadors for the third consecutive year.



UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., delivers the welcome remarks.



Delegation Head Ambassador James Chi-ping Chang gives a message.



The Dragon Boat Festival is presented.



The UST Symphony Orchestra



The UST Salinggawi Dance Troupe presents the “Tinikling.”



The UST Singers performs “Come Alive.” [Photo courtesy of UST Singers]

Reyes of CRS heads Venues
Operations, Spectators Services
of 2019 Southeast Asian Games
Organizing Committee



Asst. Prof. Josephine Joy B. Reyes has been designated as Vice Director of Venues Operations and Head of the Spectators Services of the 2019 Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee (PHISGOC). Reyes is also one of the Invited Speakers during the official scientific conference on Sports Science jointly organized by the Philippine Sports Commission, the Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee Medical Commission, the Asian Council of Exercise and Sports Science, the College of Human Kinetics of the University of the Philippines, and the Asian Federation of Sports Science.

The scientific conference, with the theme “Stronger and Healthier ASEAN through Sports Science” will be held from November 22 to 24, 2019 at the Quest Plus Conference Center and Resort at Clark City in Pampanga. Reyes will talk about Tests and Measurements in Elite Athletes in a parallel session with Prof. Dr. Hans de

Asst. Prof. Josephine Reyes (third from left) with the PHISGOC Chief Operating Officer Ramon Suzara (fourth from left) and the members of the Venues Functional area

Ridder of South Africa and Prof. Dr. Erika Zemkova of Slovakia.

The 2019 Southeast Asian Games (SEAG), officially known as the 30th Southeast Asian Games will be the 30th edition of the Southeast Asian Games, a biennial regional multi-sport event which will be hosted by the Philippines from November 30 to December 11, 2019. There will be 56 sports, 530 events across 44 competition venues with an estimated 8,750 athletes and team officials; 2,050 technical officials, 1,500 press and media attendees; 12,000 volunteers; targeting more than 500 million viewers; synergizing, converging, cooperating for one sporting experience of a lifetime. The Games will be held at three clusters namely: Subic, Clark, and Metro Manila.

INTERNATIONALIZATION

UST Senior High School visits St. Francis Xavier's College, University of New Castle in Australia



(Front row, from left:) UST SHS Asst. Principal for Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Rodrigo Litao; SFX Asst. Principal and Dean of Studies Mr. Colin Mulhearn; Asst. Principal and Dean of Students Mrs. Julia Lederwasch; SFX Principal Br. Robert Sutton; UST SHS Principal Dr. Mary Erika Bolaños; Asst. Principal for Student Formation Ms. Jaezamie Ong; (Standing, from left:) Music, Arts and Design Strand Chair Mr. Juan Carlos Santos; Humanities and Social Sciences Strand Chair Dr. Rosaly Malate; UST SHS Regent Rev. Fr. Ermito de Sagun, O.P.; Accountancy and Business Management Strand Chair Mr. Zosimo Membrebe; Physical Education and Sports Strand Chair Mr. Raymund Anselmo; Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Strand Chair Mr. Louie Dasas; General Academics/Health Allied Strand Chair Ms. Hilda Santiago; and SHS Secretary Ms. Nerissa Adorna.

The UST Senior High School administrators and academic officials visited St. Francis Xavier's (SFX) College and the University of New Castle in Australia on July 3, 2019. The SHS group benchmarked its school practices alongside those being implemented in the said two prestigious educational institutions in terms of curriculum, instruction, student formation, facilities, innovations, and other matters affecting effective educational delivery systems.

The SHS group was composed of Principal Dr. Mary Erika Bolanos, Regent Rev. Fr. Ermito de Sagon, O.P., Asst. Principal for Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Rodrigo Litao, Asst. Principal for Student Formation Ms. Jaezamie Ong, and School Secretary Ms. Nerissa Adorna. Also with them were Strand Chairs Mr. Juan Carlos Santos (Music, Arts and Design), Dr. Rosaly

Malate (Humanities and Social Sciences), Mr. Zosimo Membrebe (Accountancy and Business Management), Mr. Raymund Anselmo (Physical Education and Sports), Mr. Louie Dasas (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), Ms. Hilda Santiago (General Academics/Health Allied). They were warmly welcomed by the SFX College administrators supervising the implementation of Year 11 and Year 12.

The two groups held a meeting in which they exchanged ideas and insights about their respective best practices. This was followed by a tour of the campus and its facilities. SFX College is a "comprehensive, co-educational senior high school serving the people of greater Newcastle. The motto 'Christ My Light' animates the life of the

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Ten Indonesian student teachers undergo immersion program at College of Education



UST College of Education Dean Assoc. Prof. Pilar I. Romero, Ph.D., (seated, fourth from left), with (seated, from left:) Food Technology Program Chair Ms. Essence del Castillo, College Secretary Asst. Prof. Kashmer T. Cruz, Secondary Education Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Andres Julio V. Santiago, Jr., Ph.D., Education High School Principal Assoc. Prof. Marielyn C. Quintana, Ph.D., College of Education International Relations Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Zende Taruc, Ph.D., Elementary Education Department Chair Asst. Prof. Carmina S. Vicente, Ph.D., and Mr. Vincent Caparas, with the Indonesian pre-service teachers

Ten pre-service student teachers from three universities in Indonesia are currently in an immersion program at the UST College of Education. The student teachers were welcomed by College of Education Dean Assoc. Prof. Pilar I. Romero, Ph.D., and other academic officials on September 2, 2019 at the Lourdes J. Custodio ICD Room, St. Albertus Magnus Building.

The academic visit was part of the SEA Teacher Project or the "Pre-Service Student Teacher Exchange in Southeast Asia (SEA)," which provides opportunities for pre-service student teachers from universities in Southeast Asia to have their practicum in other schools within the SEA region.

The ten students were: Chrisna Purbaya and Kartilia Riavuningsih from the University of Bengkulu; Risky Supriati, Ika Safitri, and Misbahul Aslam from Tanjungpura University; Aulia Afani Zuifiana Sari and Muwafiqul Ihsani from Universitas PGRI Semarang; and Mayang Kencana, Kirey Kharisma Aulia, and Arsanti Satriani Salim from Indonesia University of Education. They will be in the University until September 27, 2019.

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NEWS

Escuadra of CRS is part of Programme Committee for 2021 World Confederation for PT Congress

For the 2021 World Confederation for Physical Therapy Congress that will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, College of Rehabilitation Sciences faculty member Ms. Catherine Joy Escuadra was one of the 11 physical therapists selected to form part of the Congress Programme Committee. As part of the committee, Escuadra will be one of the key persons assigned to shape an exciting, relevant and innovative scientific programme for Physical Therapists worldwide.

The World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) Congress, held once in every two years, is the leading international forum for exchange of physical therapy research and discussion of professional issues supporting the advancement of the profession in the interest of all WCPT member organizations worldwide.



Escuadra

Physical Therapy students undergo internship in Thailand

Four Physical Therapy interns, namely, Geonina Vanelyn Co, Nicene Mae Vidal, Kalayaan Tolentino and Mirel Lawrynn Galon, together with Department of Physical Therapy faculty member Ms. Archelle Jane C. Callejo, left on August 4, 2019 for a month-long clinical internship experience in Samut Prakan, Thailand. This internship was made possible in collaboration with the Srinakharinwirot University (SWU) and Thai Red Cross Society. The participants were assisted by SWU Physical Therapy Department Head Dr. Wanvisa Panichaporn, and Dr. Natthakorn, SWU faculty member upon arrival in Thailand.

The one-month clinical experience involved actual patient care and evaluation of Thai locals with conditions particularly of neurologic cases including stroke, spinal cord injuries and pediatric cases.

Thai Red Cross Society Chief Physical Therapist Ms. Jittima Charoenlimprasert, along with her staff ensured that the group was assisted and introduced to its state-of-the-art equipment such as Anti-gravity Treadmill and Exergaming tools for patients with balance impairment. The group also attended a short lecture about physical therapy strategies and management practiced in Thailand.

To add to the UST group's internationalization experience, they joined Thailand's Big Cleaning Day, a project by the country's Queen, which happens every two years.

Ms. Callejo conducted a mini-workshop about neurorehabilitation participated in by faculty members and post-graduate and undergraduate students of SWU.

The Global International Experience does not only involve enriching the students' academic and clinical experience but also includes exploring the culture and treasures of the host community or country. This helps provide a vast opportunity to the participants especially in understanding and appreciating cultural differences and competencies.



Ms. Archelle Jane C. Callejo (seated, center) with SWU faculty members and students



UST CRS student participants with faculty member Ms. Archelle Jane C. Callejo (center) at the Thai Red Cross

LECTURES AND CONFERENCES

Seryeng Panayam Manuel L. Quezon 2019 features studies on preservation of indigenous languages



The paper presenters from the Department of English with College of Education Dean Assoc. Prof. Pilar I. Romero, Ph.D. (leftmost) and Department of Filipino Chair Asst. Prof. Alvin Ringgo C. Reyes (rightmost)

In celebration of the *Buwan ng Wika* 2019 (National Language Month) with the theme, “*Wikang Katutubo: Tungo sa Bansa Filipino*” (Indigenous Language: Towards a Filipino Nation), the UST Department of Filipino held the *Seryeng Panayam* Manuel L. Quezon 2019 on August 29, 2019 at the Lourdes J. Custodio ICD Room, Albertus Magnus Building. For this year, four faculty researchers from the Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSEd) working on the documentation and preservation of indigenous languages Mag-antsi (Central Luzon) and Asi (Romblon) presented their papers.

Assoc. Prof. Rosalyn G. Mirasol, Ph.D., who is affiliated with the Department of English, presented her paper “*Salobin sa Pagbasa: Sarbey ng mga Mag-aaral sa Baitang 4 Hanggang 6 ng Tatlong Mababang Paaralan sa Tarlac*” (Attitude towards Reading: A Survey of Grades 4 to 6 Pupils of Three Elementary Schools in Tarlac). Her research aimed at identifying the significant difference between interest in academic reading and interest in leisure reading vis-à-vis gender, age and grade level among the Grades 4 to 6 pupils of the target schools in Tarlac. Her study concluded

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College, which is committed to providing a curriculum that caters to the diversity of student needs, one that is Catholic and imbued with gospel values.”

After the meeting and tour at SFX College, the UST SHS group proceeded to the University of New Castle (UNC) to observe its Chemistry and Physics laboratories. The group likewise observed the best practices in using and supervising the science laboratories in anticipation of the new laboratories at the Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, O.P. Building which now houses the Senior High School students.

UNC Associate Professor of School of Mathematical and Physical Sciences John Holdsworth, Ph.D., who was named honorary professor of the UST College of Science in 2017, facilitated the tour of the laboratory facilities. Holdsworth, who was instrumental in creating the MOU of academic collaboration between UST and the UNC, also facilitated the coordination between UST SHS and SFX College for the benchmarking visit.

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Sentro ng Salin at Araling Salin Coordinator Asst. Prof. Fajilan presents her paper on the Asi-Simaranhon language.



(From left:) Asst. Prof. Jimenez, Assoc. Prof. Mirasol, and Asst. Prof. Abiog respond to questions during the open forum

that as the pupils progressed in their grade levels, their positive attitude toward reading decreased. With the premise that reading is a key to learning their own language, intervention must be done to build a positive attitude towards reading among the Aeta pupils. As part of service learning, the elementary education students from the College of Education were encouraged to produce learning materials in Mag-antsi in their course ‘Teaching of the Mother Tongue’ to assist in the teaching of the indigenous language among the Aeta pupils.

In her paper “Ang Pormulang Etnolingguwistiko sa Pagsusuri ng Kalidad ng Pagbasa: Kaso ng mga Kuwentong Mag-antsi” (The Ethnolinguistic Formula in the Assessment of Reading Quality: The Case of Mag-antsi Stories), Asst. Prof. Evalyn B. Abiog, Ph.D., aimed to document Mag-antsi stories that reflect the beliefs and traditions of the Aeta Mag-antsi, construct an ethnolinguistic formula that would analyze the “readability” of the said stories, and measure the Mag-antsi stories using the ethnolinguistic formula. Abiog, who teaches with the Department of English, was able to document ten Mag-antsi stories and in the process, identify the common themes of such stories in relation to the beliefs and traditions of the Aeta community. She was also able to assess each story using the ethnolinguistic formula, and was able to identify the grade level for which each story is most appropriate. This formula may

be used to assess other text types of the Mag-antsi literature.

The accuracy, clarity and acceptability of Mag-antsi oral narratives from Bamban, Tarlac translated from Mag-antsi to Filipino were assessed by Asst. Prof. Racquel R. Jimenez of the Department of English, in her paper “*Kalidad ng Salin ng mga Pasalitang Salaysay ng Mag-antsi*” (Quality of Mag-antsi Oral Narratives). Her study concluded that the existing translated oral narratives of the community are lacking in the qualities of a good translation.

In her paper “*Asanrokan Kita: Mga Ambag ng Wikang Asi sa Bansang Filipino*” (Asanrokan Kita: The Contributions of the Asi Language to the Filipino Nation), Asst. Prof. Wennielyn F. Fajilan, Ph.D., of the Department of Filipino, provided a comprehensive documentation of terminologies and phrases elucidating the concept of “*kapuwa*” in the Asi-Simaranhon language of Romblon. Her study focused on seven constructs of *kapuwa* in the Asi-Simaranhon language, which include *kapuwa* as a form of relationship, *kapuwa* in the core of different levels of *bayanihan*, and *kapuwa* in relation to food. Under each construct, the type, etymology, meaning and use of each sample word were explained. The paper concluded that Filipino as a national language is enriched by words contributed by the local languages, such as Asi.

Seryeng Panayam Manuel L. Quezon is an annual lecture series featuring

Thomasian researchers who present their papers in the national language with the aim of contributing to the intellectualization of the Filipino language. Inaugurated in 2018, the colloquy is held in honor of former Philippine President Manuel L. Quezon, a prominent Thomasian, and the Father of the Filipino Language, whose birthday, August 19, is the reason for the observance of the National Language Month every August.

The *seryeng panayam*, which was attended by an estimated 100 participants, was open to UST faculty members who teach the mother tongue, and those who teach the English language, while the student participants were primarily from the College of Education.

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In the welcome program, UST College of Education International Relations Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Zendel Taruc, Ph.D., delivered the welcome remarks, while UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., presented the institutional video “The University of Santo Tomas: A Legacy of Excellence and Endurance.” Office for Student Affairs Staff-in-Charge for Student Formation Ms. Thelma Maraña discussed “Student Life in UST.”

Lectures on “Brain-based Teaching and Learning” was delivered by UST Junior High School Principal Assoc. Prof. Marishirl



Prof. Yew Kee Ho during the lecture

P. Tropicales, Ph.D., while “Assessment and Evaluation” was discussed by UST Junior High School Mathematics Department Faculty Member Mr. Vincent Caparas.

UST College of Education Dean Assoc. Prof. Pilar I. Romero, Ph.D., delivered the closing remarks.

The program is spearheaded by Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO), a regional intergovernmental organization established in 1965 among governments of Southeast Asian countries to promote regional cooperation in education, science and culture within the region. The Philippines is one of its eleven member nations.

Accountancy Visiting Professor Yew Kee Ho
discusses global trends in accounting,
business research



Prof. Yew Kee Ho (seated, left), with UST-AMV College of Accountancy (COA) Dean Prof. Patricia Empleo, Ph.D. (seated, right), UST AMV-COA Assistant Dean Christine Aldea (standing, second row, in yellow blouse), UST-AMV COA Secretary Francisco Caliwan, Jr. (standing, second row, tenth from left)

UST-Alfredo M. Velayo College of Accountancy (UST-AMV COA) visiting faculty Prof. Yew Kee Ho from the Singapore Institute of Technology conducted a research training for the AMV COA faculty members, where he discussed current global trends in accounting and business research. The training, which was held from August 27 to 30, 2019, was divided into four subtopics, aimed to continuously upgrade the research competency and productivity of the faculty members of the College, particularly those under the areas of accounting and business education.

Prof. Ho discussed the current global trends in accounting and business research during the August 27 session. He started his discussion by posing the question “Relevance lost, relevance regained:

What is one most important discovery in accounting or finance research in the last 30 years?”

In his discussion, he enumerated the top global accounting and finance journals, gave samples of top caliber and significant accounting research studies, and rankings of analytical, archival and experimental accounting research studies in the world. He also discussed the importance of research in the areas of accounting information systems, audit, financial and

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Thomasians plant 100 narra, coffee seedlings at Ipo watershed



Thomasian administrators, faculty, support staff, alumni, and DENR staff during the Community Service Day

A total of 50 volunteers participated in the biannual Community Service Day organized by the UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office (SIMBAHAYAN) in coordination with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Central Office (DENR) held on August 24, 2019. Planted at the Ipo Watershed in Brgy. San Mateo, Norzagaray, Bulacan, were 100 seedlings of narra and coffee in the one-hectare area prepared by the Bantay Gubat and staff of DENR.

Headed by SIMBAHAYAN Director Prof. Arvin Eballo, Ph.D., the volunteers were composed of administrators, faculty members, support staff, and alumni. The tree-planting activity was conducted in commemoration of National Heroes Day that was celebrated nationwide on August 26. Participants were from the UST-AMV College of Accountancy, College of Architecture, Faculty of Arts and Letters, College of Education, Faculty of Engineering, Institute of Information and Computing Sciences, College of Nursing, Institute of Physical

Education and Athletics, Institute of Religion, College of Science, College of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Junior High School, and UST Health Service.

The tree planting and growing activity site is a vital part of the Angat-Umiray-Ipo watershed system that supplies around 97 percent of the water needs of Metro Manila. With the recent water shortage exacerbated by the illegal activities such as illegal logging and charcoal making in Bulacan watershed, the planting activity validated the importance of communities, such as the Thomasian community, in joining activities on reforestation and protection of forests.

Before the actual seedlings were planted, an orientation on the program was given and reminders were explained by the Training and Community Engagement Officer of SIMBAHAYAN, Asst. Prof. Evalyn Abiog, Ph.D. Before the actual tree planting, Mr. Dexter Villa and Mr. Donny from Bantay Gubat, staff from DENR Strategic Communication and Initiatives Service, demonstrated the proper method of planting the seedlings.



Mr. Donny from Bantay Gubat gives an orientation on how to plant the seedlings.

CRS screens 1,415 grade school pupils of Nueva Ecija for Scoliosis



A Thomasian volunteer examines a student from one of the partner schools in Talavera, Nueva Ecija

A total of 20 volunteer Thomasian Physical Therapists composed of College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) administrators, faculty members and alumni visited several schools in the municipality of Talavera, Nueva Ecija to screen 1,415 Grade 5 and Grade 6 students from Talavera Central School, Talavera North Elementary School, Talavera South Elementary School and Schola Christi, Inc.

In partnership with the Nueva Ecija Medical Society (NEMS) and the local government of Talavera, Nueva Ecija, CRS and the UST CRS Alumni Association recently conducted a community service extension titled "Watch your Back, A Scoliosis Screening Community Extension Service Activity." The activity provided a screening examination among the grade school students for the early detection and prevention of scoliosis.

This is the first collaboration between the UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences and the Municipality of Talavera headed by Mayor Nerivi Santos Martinez, an alumnus of CRS. The project was spearheaded by Asst. Prof. Jocel M. Regino, and Assoc. Prof. Rosalynn D. Papa, M.D.

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managerial accounting, taxation, and finance.

On the second day of the four-day research training, Ho discoursed on the guidelines for the preparation of publishable research paper. His talk was divided into two main areas: preparing for publication and the structured approach to publication.

As part of one's preparation for publication, Ho gave some advice such as reading the financial press and other accounting research conducted in other countries, talking with industry practitioners, and realizing one's interest as a research subject matter. He also talked about the Pitching Research Framework, a structured approach to publication popularized by his mentor, Prof. Robert Faff of University of Queensland Business School. The framework provided the key characteristics of a research: structured, brief, simple, methodical, clear and focused.

Ho critiqued some papers presented by students and faculty members including

the paper presented by Asst. Prof. Christine S.M. Alday which she co-authored with students, titled 'Impact of Corporate Social Responsibility on Financial Performance of Top Philippine Banks.' Student research papers presented were on selected business combinations in the Philippines, corporate social responsibility, financial reporting treatment of Cryptocurrency Transactions.

During the third day, the UST-AMV COA faculty members were joined by teachers from different accounting and business schools in the country for the training on researchers, panelists, advisers and teachers. Ho discussed the concept of a scholastic university and faculty. He emphasized the Knowledge-Skills-Digital Technology Framework for universities, how to balance academic rigor and industry relevance, the big data and data analytics roadmap and knowledge matrix, and funding matters for research, which for him, are the relevant information that a researcher, and research adviser/teacher should always consider.

After his lecture, two student groups

presented their research papers which were critiqued by a panel. After the critiquing, Prof. Ho gave his comments on both the presenters and the panelists.

The last day of the four-day training was designed for a special dialogue between Prof. Yew Kee Ho and the UST-AMV COA administrators where he shared some best practices on research capacity building, enhancing competency, and increasing research productivity of accounting faculty members. He also shared some strategies for administrators in designing programs for its faculty members in terms of research efficiency.

Prof. Yew Kee Ho is a visiting professor of UST-AMV COA for the Academic Year 2019-2020. He currently serves as the Associate Provost, Skills Future and Staff Development of Singapore Institute of Technology. He is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Fellow Certified Practising Accountant (FCPA) of the CPA Australia, a Fellow Chartered Accountant (CA) of the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants, and Chartered Financial Analysts (CFA), CFA Institute.

**Dominican Permanent Delegate to UN
Rev. Fr. Michael Deeb holds meeting with
SIMBAHAYAN, other organizations**



Director and Permanent Delegate of the Dominican Order to the United Nations, and General Promoter of Justice and Peace Rev. Fr. Michael Deeb, O.P. (second from left), Promoter of the Commission on Justice, Peace, and Care for Creation of the Filipino Dominicans Fr. Victor Calvo, O.P., (fourth from left) and Program Coordinator Ms. Laurence Blattner (third from left), with UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., (leftmost), faculty members from the Institute of Religion and members of the SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office

Director and Permanent Delegate of the Dominican Order to the United Nations, and General Promoter of Justice and Peace Rev. Fr. Michael Deeb, O.P., met with University of Santo Tomas Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., faculty members from the Institute of Religion and representatives of the UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office and various organizations on August 23, 2019 at the Tan Yan Kee Student Center.

Fr. Deeb was accompanied by the Promoter of the Commission on Justice, Peace, and Care for Creation of the Filipino Dominicans Fr. Victor Calvo, O.P., and Program Coordinator Ms. Laurence Blattner.

The meeting took place between Fr. Deeb and Fr. Tiong, together with the faculty members from Institute of Religion, SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office and its Community Development Coordinators from the different Faculties, Colleges, and Institutes, National Service Training Program (CWTS/LTS), Center for Campus Ministry, and representatives from Pax Romana.

Fr. Deeb's visit to the University centered on promoting the Salamanca Process, a concept initiated way back when Dominican friars in the likes of Pedro de Cordoba, Antonio de Montesinos, Bartolome de las Casas, and Francisco de Vitoria engaged with the injustices and oppressions experience among the indigenous people in Latin America during the 16th century. This grassroots methodology starts in listening to the stories of the people from the ground and act in response to their issues guided by theological reflection. It is a two-way dialogue with an emphasis on learning from the people and not disparate to see, judge, act process. To wrap up, he opened the venue for collaboration and determined how the Delegation can support programs of the University dealing with human rights.

Fr. Deeb was in the Philippines for the Training-Workshop on Human Rights and United Nations Mechanisms which took place at the Holy Rosary Prayer and Reflection Center, Molo, Iloilo, City from August 26 to 30, 2019. Representatives of the University in the training-workshop were: Rev. Fr. Tiong; SIMBAHAYAN Director

Prof. Arvin Eballo, Ph.D., SIMBAHAYAN Assistant Director Asst. Prof. Froilan Alipao, Samahang Kamanlalakbay President Ms. Merlita de Guzman, and Fellowship for the Care of Creation Association Inc. Executive Director Ms. Mylene Saluta.

As the representative of the Dominican Order to the United Nations, the office of Fr. Deeb works with the marginalized and oppressed people around the world suffering from human rights violation through their advocacy and training program. They provide workshops to strengthen the capacity of Dominicans and its partner communities/ organizations on how to utilize the United Nation mechanism. Also, the delegation's priorities which are divided into two main approaches are the thematic and country approach. Their thematic approach targets the environmental destruction, climate change, and human rights while their country priorities are Colombia, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ivory Coast, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia-West Papua.

Order of Preachers Secretary of Postulation



Order of Preachers Secretary of Postulation Rev. Fr. Llewellyn Muscat, O.P. (center) is welcomed by the Dominican Province of the Philippines Promoter of Beatification and Canonization Causes and the UST College of Science Regent Rev. Fr. Louie Coronel, O.P. (right), and Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Ms. Katherine Patrice B. Sibug on September 5, 2019.



Promoter General for the Priestly Fraternities of the Order of Preachers and UST Institute of Religion Director Rev. Fr. Florentino Bolo, Jr., O.P., J.C.D., (left) accompanies Fr. Muscat on a campus tour that includes the UST Museum.

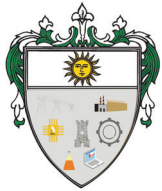
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Affairs Department Director General Lai Ming-Chi
(third from left) is introduced to UST Office of Public
Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla,
Ph.D. (leftmost) by TECO Executive Assistant to the
Representative Mr. Fernando R.F. Wu (second from left).

Director General Lai Ming-Chi (left)
signs the University guest book, as
witnessed by Dr. Fontanilla.

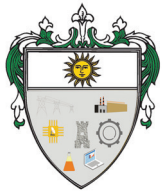


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UST Passing Rate (Overall): 97.92%
National Passing Rate: 67.16%



3rd – 91.85%
Derrick Munar Ramos



Mechanical Engineer Licensure Examination August 2019

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National Passing Rate: 70.65%



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