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Ms. Thea Perez, Soprano, with the UST Symphony Orchestra



Maestro Ryan Cayabyab at the piano with the UST Symphony Orchestra



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**C**elebrated musician-composer Ryan Cayabyab performed with world-renowned UST Singers during the 14th edition of the yearly musical extravaganza, the UST Christmas Concert held on December 1, 2016 at the UST Chapel, 7 p.m.

Aside from performing two songs on the piano with the UST Singers, Cayabyab also played some of his notable compositions, including the famous Filipino Christmas classic *Kumukutikutitap*, with the all-student UST Symphony Orchestra and choral groups from the UST Conservatory of Music—Coro Tomasino and Liturgikon Ensemble.

The Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Rector, University of Santo Tomas delivered a message to open the much awaited UST Christmas Concert.

“Through the showcase of some of the finest Thomasian talents, the Christmas Concert is a way for the University to express its gratitude to its benefactors, friends, alumni, and the entire Thomasian community,” UST Museum Director and concert chair Fr. Isidro C. Abaña, O.P. said.

The UST High School Glee Club made its debut in this year’s Christmas Concert, performing Filipino carols with Emerson Hernandez as conductor. Spectators were serenaded by fresh voices from Thomasian soloists in the one-night event.

Multi-awarded conductor Prof. Herminigildo Ranera led the evening’s curtain-raiser with Victor Victorino performing on the pipe organ. It is a rare occasion that the chapel’s pipe organ is played, especially for the Christmas Concert.

“Every year, we make it a point to better song sets and line-up of performers so that people will feel that we are giving only the best and that we don’t settle for less,” Fr. Abaña said.

He added, “We are also dedicating this concert to St. Dominic de Guzman, the founder of the Dominican Order, in the 800th Jubilee of the Order.”

This year’s concert was in cooperation with DivinaLaw as major sponsor.

The campus-wide lighting ceremony held at 6 p.m. preceded the concert.

## UST hosts WIPO meeting to establish IP hubs and spoke in PH HEIs

A meeting was held at the University of Santo Tomas to discuss the critical needs and challenges faced by Spoke in terms of technology development, management, and commercialization in order to address these concerns in 2017 and beyond. The meeting, held on November 11, 2016 at the Rector's Hall, also discussed the past achievements of previous initiatives; and the readiness of the Spokes to commit to the IP Hub project. Leading the discussion was WIPO Director for Asia-Pacific Affairs Andrew Michael Ong.

This meeting was an offshoot of the February 29, 2016 workshop on the IP Hub and Spoke, to help World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP) identify which among the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) will be tapped for intensive training on the IP Hub and Spoke.

Represented were WIPO, IPOP, UST, Adamson University, Bataan Peninsula State University, Bicol University, Capiz State University, Negros Oriental State University, Palawan State University, University of the Philippines – Diliman, Manila, and Los Baños, University of San Carlos, and the University of Southeastern Philippines.

UST Innovation and Technology Support Office (ITSO) Manager Assoc. Prof. Michael Jorge N. Peralta, said that the meeting will provide a venue for stronger awareness about IP among Philippine HEIs. "This will help WIPO and IPOP establish greater connections with HEIs," Peralta added. OVRRI hosted the meeting.



Atty. Andrew Ong of WIPO talks about the IP Hub & Spoke Project

Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation Prof. Maribel G. Nonato, PhD, under whose office ITSO is housed, said that the establishment of an IP hub and Spoke in UST will "expand the functions and responsibilities of the office" in order to better deliver its services.

The IP hub is a mechanism by which IP practitioners can come together as a community and hasten the process of recognizing innovations and technologies and promote these later on to a wider audience.

## Benavides Library launches new reading facilities

In support of the library's mission of promoting interest in reading among the Thomasian community, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library launched its Gadget Corner and the Leisure Reading Area on November 8, 2016. These facilities provide an engaging reading ambiance and offer study spaces that are appropriate to the new learning styles of most library users.

The Gadget Corner, which is situated at the ground floor lobby adjacent to the Circulation section, consists of 10 computer tablets consisting of more than 250 electronic books from Gale Virtual Reference Library database. Access to other subscribed library electronic books, e-journals, databases and other resources can also be made using the gadgets. The facility was installed by the CE-Logic Company.

The Leisure Reading Area is designed for light reading in an informal setting. It is a cozy reading space where readers can sit comfortably and relax both their mind and body. Best-seller novels, pocket books and other easy reading materials are available for library users.



Gadget Corner



Leisure Reading Area

## UST CCC - NGF- DOH discuss PSYCH-K therapy approach to handle drug counseling cases



Dr. Marina Reimslagh (center) discusses PSYCH-K therapy approach

The Counseling and Career Center (CCC) hosted a collaborative meeting with the Natasha Goulbourn Foundation (NGF), in partnership with the Department of Health, which aimed at orienting helping professionals on a new technique that can help address the pressing concern of the country on substance abuse. The meeting was held on November 24, 2016 at the Counseling and Career Center Annex at the Quadricentennial Pavilion and was attended by counselors and mental health practitioners from the University led by CCC Director Prof. Lucila O. Bance, Ph.D., UST Department of Psychology Chair Assoc. Prof. Ma.

Claudette A. Agnes, Ph.D. Also present were NGF Founder Ms. Jean Goulbourn, and practitioners from the University of the East, Miriam College, and the Philippine Normal University. The officers of the Integrated Professional Counselors Association of the Philippines (IPCAP) and the Philippine Guidance and Counseling Association (PGCA)-Tarlac Chapter were also present.

The resource speaker from Belgium, Dr. Marina Reimslagh, introduced the Psychological Kinesiology or PSYCH-K therapy model as a new approach in handling drug counseling cases in the Philippines. The PSYCH-K approach taps the person's subconscious in eradicating the negative stressors related to the sensory signals received and felt by the individual, totally eliminating one's lingering distress. To further understand this approach, Reimslagh conducted a sample case demonstration with the participation of Ms. Mary Rachele Batanes from UE.

Reimslagh also presented her book on the said approach titled "No Stress Today with PSYCH-K." With good results and feedback from individuals who had undergone PSYCH-K, Reimslagh hopes to bring the approach here in the Philippines to help with the current mental health issues in society. With this in mind, an eight-day orientation and training had been scheduled for February 27 to March 6, 2017. The meeting ended with a discussion and a fruitful exchange of insights regarding the PSYCH-K process.

## UST Education-EdTech partner with UNESCO ICT Bangkok on teacher-training program development

The College of Education and the UST Educational Technology Center have forged a renewed partnership with UNESCO ICT Bangkok to develop a teacher-training program on ICT using Active Learning Approaches for future deployment among Asia Pacific countries through the UNESCO's Resource Distribution and Training Centers. The UST group composed of College of Education Dean Prof. Allan De Guzman, Ph.D., Educational Technology Center Director Asst. Prof. Anna Cherylle M. Ramos, and two e-Learning specialists from the College of Education, Ms. Maria Mercedes Buendia and Ms. Pri-Ann Tinipunan, conducted a preliminary workshop, "Learn to Engage, Engage to Learn in a Digital Environment" during the Regional Seminar for UNESCO Resource Distribution Training Centre (RDTC) held from November 23 to 25, 2016 at The Landmark, Bangkok, Thailand.

The workshop focused on achieving active learning to keep students engaged for a successful learning outcome. Using the framework called "The Eclectic Model of Active Learning in a Digital Environment," it is a nexus of classical and emerging teaching and learning models. The module capitalizes on the centrality of Brain-based learning, as explanatory framework; the 6Es of inquiry-based instruction, the Engagement Pyramid and the Blooms 21, shall chart the sequencing, articulation and categorization aspects of the digital tools and learning activities, respectively.

The second part of the workshop was a walkthrough to a lesson integrating the salient components of the eclectic model. Real world and case-based scenarios shall be used to facilitate the development of the four superskills of the 21st century – collaboration, creativity, communication and

critical thinking. A prototype lesson was used as a discussion space for the participants to share their insights, observations and suggestions to enhance the training package prior to its final deployment.

The workshop posited that when learning is stimulated in a digital environment, teachers can satisfy the brain's hunger for discovery and challenge, therefore, engagement in learning increases which leads to building the essential skills of the 21st century.

The annual regional seminar's theme was "Sustainable Partnerships for Transformative Teaching" that was intended to support dialogue, discussion and research to promote diverse partnerships locally and globally in order to further strengthen the integration of ICT in teacher education.

## Ong, Maruquin attend QS-APPLE conference- exhibition in Malaysia

Quality Management Office (QMO) Assistant Director Nestor R. Ong, QMO ASEAN Engr., and QMO Auditor Eugene B. Maruquin II, participated in the three-day 12th QS-APPLE Conference and Exhibition, themed 'New Directions in Asia-Pacific Higher Education: Challenges and Opportunities,' held at the Putrajaya International Convention Centre in Putrajaya, Malaysia from November 22 to November 24, 2016.

The University of Santo Tomas (UST) had an exhibition booth, together with higher education institutions from the Philippines such as the Lyceum of the Philippines University, Mapúa Institute of Technology, De La Salle University, San Pedro College, University of Perpetual Help System - Biñan Campus, and University of Mindanao. The minister of higher education of Malaysia dropped by the UST booth and had a short talk with Engr. Ong about the university. Foreign delegates who visited the UST booth expressed their interest in developing partnerships with the University through a memorandum of understanding.

At the opening plenary, the 12th QS-APPLE Creative Awards ceremony was held. UST won the Silver Award for Most Creative Corporate Institution Video, now its second award. The first was the Bronze Award for Best International Website Page in the previous year's QS-APPLE event held in Melbourne, Australia. For this corporate video, QMO worked in collaboration with the Office for Admissions.

The conference convened over 700 academics from 232 institutions in 39 countries, which is said to be record-breaking. A total of 77 papers were presented during the plenary and parallel sessions; and 67 exhibitors showcased their respective university offerings at the QS Hub - Exhibition.

Countries represented at the conference were: Australia, Bahrain, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, China, Egypt, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lithuania, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Pakistan, Palestine, the Philippines, Poland,



Ong (Center) receives the Silver Award trophy at the 12th QS-APPLE Creative Awards ceremony from QS ASIA CEO Mandy Mok (left) and a chair of juror from AMITY University



Ong and Maruquin

Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Uzbekistan and Vietnam. The conference was supported by the Malaysian Ministry of Higher Education as well as the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and the Education Promotion Society for India (EPSI) as strategic partners of 12th QS-APPLE, which resulted in strong participation of educators from Malaysia and India.

As in the previous years, QS Stars certificates were awarded to dynamic universities that take their internationalization efforts seriously. The highlight of the 12th QS-APPLE event was the launch of QS's latest addition to its rankings portfolio: the QS University Graduate Employability Ranking, which was conducted during a 90-minute panel discussion featuring top-class speakers. There was also a session on the rankings of ASEAN universities, chaired by the head of QS Intelligence Unit.

The most sought-after activity in QS Asia conferences - QS Squared Debate - engaged the participants to discuss a

controversial topic: 'A university without global aspirations should not be classified as a university.' At the start of the session, 71% supported the motion and 29% were opposed. By the time the discussion had reached its end, the tables turned, the supporters of the motion shrank by almost half, and those who were opposed to the motion more than doubled, making the final poll stand at 36% for the supporters and 64% for the non-supporters.

Three special guests from Malaysia visited the 12th QS-APPLE: His Royal Highness Tuanku Syed Faizuddin Putra, crown prince of Perlis, Malaysia, who gave the welcome address during the opening plenary; Tan Sri Dr Noorul Ainur Mohd Nur, secretary general of the Ministry of Higher Education, who delivered the opening plenary keynote address; and YB Dato' Seri Idris Bin Jusoh, Ministry of Higher Education, who delivered the closing plenary keynote address.

The 13th QS-APPLE conference and exhibition will be held in Taichung, Taiwan in November 2017, in partnership with the China Medical University and Asia University.

## Bolaños of SHS delivers keynote speech on third day of O.P. Jubilee Year Colloquium in USA



(From left) Asst. Prof. Mary Erika N. Bolaños with the Master of the Order, Very Rev. Fr. Bruno Cadore, O.P., Ms. Omania and Rev. Fr. Clarence Victor Marquez, O.P.

UST Senior High School Assistant Principal for Student Formation Asst. Prof. Mary Erika N. Bolaños, Ph.D., delivered the Keynote Speech on the third day of the Global Colloquium of the Order of Preachers on the theme 'The Way of the Dominican Preacher: Go and Do Likewise.' It was held at St. Louis, Missouri, USA from October 10 to October 14, 2016.

The Global Colloquium was a collaboration of the Aquinas Institute of Theology with the Dominicans in Institute for Pastoral Homiletics in Germany and the Institute for Preaching in the Philippines. Sixty participants from various countries participated in the 800th year celebration of the establishment of the Ordo Praedicatorium (Order of Preachers). The Filipino delegates included Colegio de San Juan de Letran Manila Rector Fr. Clarence Victor Marquez, O.P., Bolaños and Ms. Carla Omania who was moderator for the third day. Bolaños and Omania are both lay preachers from the Institute of Preaching, Philippine Dominican Center of Institutional Studies.

Bolaños' presentation, titled 'Preaching Mission of a Dominican Lay Woman: A Personal Profession of Faith Life,' reflected the goals of the colloquium - to forge an international community in promoting preaching in the Roman Catholic Church.

## Phil delegation project for marginalized communities receives APIYN Grant

Ten Psychology students from the UST College of Science were part of the Philippine delegation composed of youth representatives from the UniHarmony Partners Manila that received the grant for their project proposal on addressing the challenges faced by the marginalized communities due to the effects of climate change. They received the Asia & the Pacific Interfaith Youth Network (APIYN) Grant for Outstanding Project Proposal during the 2016 Asia Religious Youth Peace Camp held at the Pope Pius XII Catholic Center, Manila from November 17 to 20, 2016.

The graduating students who represented the College of Science were: Kenneth Roy Aranas, Megan Althena Alqueza, Gem Bernadette Bulaong, Aldrin Chester Cruz, Janssen Joquico, Jacqueline Mallari, Clariz Arah Mangaoang, Rose Aileen Nuñez, Mary Ronette Ortiz, and Sara Flocette Romano. The Philippine Chapter of the APIYN is headed by Renz Christian Argao, a faculty member from the UST College of Science and the Youth Coordinator of Religions for Peace Philippines.

On November 18, 2016, the second day of the Camp, UST hosted the Opening Ceremonies of the 2016 Asia Religious Youth Peace Camp held at the Benavides Auditorium. With the theme "Responding to the Marginalized Communities' Vulnerability to Climate Change: Strengthening Common Actions and Empowering Asia-Pacific Interfaith Youth Leaders," the Camp was participated in by 60 youth leaders from 12 countries from Asia and the Pacific Region.

The APIYN Grant is awarded by the Religions for Peace Asia (ACRP) to provide seed funding for projects that address the three global issues faced by the youth: violent religious extremism, refugee crisis, and climate change. The Philippine Chapter, together with the Project Proposal by the Mongolian Chapter, are the first recipients of the grant.

The APIYN is the regional body of the Religions for Peace Global Interfaith Youth Network, a coalition which harnesses the energy and commitment of religious youth leaders around the world to advance its mission of multi-religious cooperation for peace. Religions for Peace is the world's largest multi-religious coalition, representing all religions and faith traditions.



The delegates from the UST College of Science

## Ambassador of Iraq visits CRS for possible collaboration with Duhok University



H.E. Hazim Ahmed Al-Yousifi, Ambassador of Iraq to the Philippines (4th from left) with Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, Dean of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences (3rd from left) with Academic officials from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences

**H**is Excellency Hazim Al-Yousifi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Iraq to the Philippines, visited the College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) on November 10, 2016.

The Ambassador was particularly interested in UST's Physical Therapy program. He intends to explore potential collaborations between the University of Santo Tomas and Duhok University, Kurdistan, Iraq. The letter intends to offer a physical therapy program and is interested in sending faculty members to UST for training. The dean of the College of Health Sciences of Duhok University, it was reported, intends to visit UST in January 2017.

CRS Dean Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, received the Ambassador, together with CRS Acting Assistant Dean Asst. Prof. Ma. Georgina Mojica, CRS College Secretary Ma. Roxanne Fernandez, and Department Chair for Physical Therapy Assoc. Prof. Valentin Dones III, Ph.D.

## Alipao conducts CO training of Sugar Regulatory Administration staff

**U**ST Simbahayan Community Development Office Asst. Director Froilan A. Alipao, a faculty member under the Department of Sociology, conducted the Community Organizing (CO) Training of the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) on November 7 and 8, 2016 at the Luzon Agricultural Research and Extension Centre (LAREC) in Floridablanca, Pampanga.

To effectively start off with the project, participants are given CO Training to be able to form and handle groups, thus, Alipao was invited to train SRA staff. The training was in line with the implementation of the 2016 Sugar Industry Development Act (SIDA) project on Capacity Development for Sugarcane Farmers, the Extension Services Division to stage a re-tooling seminar for its personnel together with the newly-hired Block Farm Technical Officers.

The CO training included topics in facilitating and deepening the knowledge, skills and values of the participants on CO steps and processes, community leadership, community communication, community organizing and sustainability plan.



Asst. Prof. Alipao, MCD discusses the basics of community organizing.

## UST passes ISO 9001:2015 Stage 1 Audit, recommended for Stage 2 Audit



From left: Eugene Maruquin II, Vien Vic G. Flores, Engr. Charlie A. Marquez, PIE, Assoc. Prof. Joehanna K. Ngo, PIE, ASEAN Eng, Mr. Charlie G. Labrador, Engr. Nestor R. Ong, PIE, ASEAN Eng, and Jeremy C. Navarro



From left: Assoc. Prof. Fontanilla, Assoc. Prof. Ngo, Mr. Labrador, and Engr. Ong

**O**n the basis of a successful on-site Stage 1 Audit for ISO 9001:2015 certification, the University was recommended for Stage 2 Audit. This was announced during the Closing Meeting of the Audit held at the Paredes Bldg. on November 16, 2016 by the external lead auditor from TUV-SUD PSB Philippines Mr. Charlie G. Labrador from TUV-SUD PSB Philippines.

Prior to the actual audit was the Opening Meeting to orient the participants on the audit proper and introduced TUV SUD PSB Phil., Inc., an internationally recognized testing and inspection body.

During the Audit Proper, Labrador reviewed the University's existing documentation process to establish if it is in line with the requirements of ISO 9001:2015. Stage 1 was completed on-site to determine if the University's Quality Management System (QMS) has met the minimum requirements of the new ISO 9001 standard and is ready for a certification audit.

Various scrutinizing tasks were performed during the audit proper including: verification of information; review of the scope of the management system; procedure for the identification of proper risk; scope of the relevant legal and other requirements that must be observed; availability of procedures, planning and evidence for internal audits and management reviews, priorities for the planning of stage 2 audit and evaluation of the stage 1 audit results/action list.

Labrador pointed any areas of concern and potential opportunities for improvement of the QMS.

Ngo thanked the members of the Thomasian community who had been part of the preparation for the Stage 1 Audit that eventually led to a very satisfactory conclusion.

Ong further challenged the team for the second stage or the 4th Surveillance Audit, which is a 100% audit across the offices and faculties/institutes/schools of the university and encouraged the members to remain positive and optimistic.

## International body reaccredits UST Occupational Therapy Program

**T**he Education and Research Committee of the Philippine Academy of Occupational Therapists (PAOT) announced on November 11, 2016 that the Occupational Therapy program of the UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences has satisfactorily met the competencies required by the PAOT and the World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) thereby acquiring reaccreditation for a five-year period.

Based on the report of the committee that conducted the on-site visit in both the classroom and fieldwork settings from October 3 to 4, 2016, the physical facilities were excellent, and the learning materials were updated, relevant, and accessible. Learning activities were described to be appropriate to the course content and congruent with the intended learning outcomes. The committee commended the department's commitment to shift towards an occupation-based framework in both the classroom and fieldwork settings.

The Task Force praised the Occupational Therapy Department for the significant changes to the program and its continuous commitment to improve on it. The administrative support extended by the University to the College was likewise commended. The OT program is under the College of Rehabilitation Sciences.

# LECTURES & CONFERENCES

## Simbahayan, student orgs hold Lumad Advocacy Forum

An advocacy forum and exhibit on the Lumad was held in UST to discuss the concerns of these indigenous people of Mindanao.

Organized by the UST Community Achievers Association (ComAch) and in partnership with the UST Rotaract Club Pharmacy Unit, UST UNICEF Volunteers, UST Musikat, Kabayanihan Youth, ComAch Local Units, Rural Missionaries of the Philippines, and Kadumahan, the UST Simbahayan Community Development Office held the forum and exhibit titled Dialogue of Life: Just Peace for All on October 27 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Engineering Conference Hall.

During the dialogue, Association of Community Educators in Mindanao Chair Miguel Ramil noted that the current administration is not addressing concerns of the Lumad, especially their right to education.

Ramil said that such presence of paramilitary forces in the Lumads' soil become a hindrance to the schools and learning centers, tagging the institutions as training grounds for rebellion. Due to this, the Lumads were driven to extend their education somewhere as an alternative.

National Union of Students of the Philippines representative Kevin Castro said that spreading awareness of the indigenous people's situation in the academe would pave the way for concerned parties to help them, especially the children.

The exhibit, which depicts the struggle of indigenous people in their right to life, was mounted at the Tan Yan Kee Student Center lobby.



(upper and lower photos) Lumad IPs as guest speakers and performers during the 'Dialogue of Life: Continuing Journey with the Anawim (Rural People)' advocacy forum

## Dean Peralta of CRS is plenary speaker at PPTA Convention 2016; faculty members present research papers

Faculty members, alumni and students of the Department of Physical Therapy of the UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences, participated in the recently concluded "Impetus 2016: The Annual Convention of the Philippine Physical Therapy Association, Inc." The Philippine Physical Therapy Association, Inc., (PPTA) is the accredited professional organization of physical therapists under the Professional Regulation Commission. This year's convention was held on December 10 and 11, 2016 at the Diamond Hotel, Manila, with the theme, "Dynamism...Change...Action."

CRS Dean Assoc. Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, was the Plenary Speaker, and discussed "Developing the New Wave of Filipino Physical Therapists." She likewise

served as resource speaker in plenary and parallel sessions, being the as Chair of the CHED Technical Committee for Physical Therapy Education and Member of the CPD Council for Physical Therapy under the PRC.

As panel discussant, Dean Peralta talked about "Understanding the New Policies on Continuing Professional Development" being a member of the CPD Council for Physical Therapy under the Professional Regulation Commission.

During the Parallel Session, Dean Peralta discussed the "Proposed Changes in the Philippine Curriculum for Physical Therapy" which she presented as Chair of the CHED Technical Committee for Physical Therapy Education.

The members of the CRS PT Department likewise presented their research outputs, led by its Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Valentin Dones III, Ph.D., who talked about "Diagnostic Value of Musculoskeletal Ultrasound in Acute and Chronic Lateral Epicondylalgia. Mr. Lemuel Lim discussed "Lived Experiences of Filipino Physical Therapists in Continuing Professional Development - a Focused Qualitative Study"; while Mr. Lyle Patrick Tanguangco expounded on the "Association of Lateral Epicondylalgia and Shoulder Rotatory Motion: A Cross-Sectional Case Control Study" and Mr. Christopher Cruz talked about "Preferred Learning Strategies of Physical Therapists

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## Dean Peralta of CRS, faculty members speak at TheraCon 2016



Faculty members of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences with the CAMP's Alumni Association President, Mr. Abelardo Apollo I. David, MOccThy, OTRP

Dean Cheryl R. Peralta of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences and two faculty members were resource speakers in TheraCon 2016 held on November 27, 2016 at the Bayanihan Center, Pasig City. With its theme "Strengthening Interprofessional Collaboration Toward Holistic Care," the

event was well attended by members of the academe, as well as practitioners of the rehabilitation profession. It was organized by the College of Allied Medical Professions Alumni Association of the University of the Philippines-Manila headed by its president, Mr. Abelardo Apollo I. David Jr., who also

teaches at the UST Graduate School under the Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program.

In the morning parallel session, Dean Peralta talked on "Utilizing Best Information in Decision Making" under the cluster "Utilizing and Building Knowledge in Clinical Practice." In the afternoon, Internship Supervisor for Occupational Therapy Asst. Prof. Karen S. Ongtango, gave a talk titled "Practical Opportunities to Integrate Occupational Therapy in the School Setting" under the cluster "Interprofessional Holistic Care: Mainstreaming a Child with Autism with Limited Verbalizations," while Ms. Arlene C. Chiong-Maya, gave a talk on "Spotlighting Upper Extremity Physical Therapy Management to Foster Participation in Activities of Daily Living" under the cluster "Interprofessional Holistic Care: Homecare for an Adult with Depression and Stroke." Speech and Language Pathology Department Chair Asst. Prof. Ma. Georgina D.

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Executive Assistant for Intellectual Property & Research and UST ITS Manager Assoc. Prof. Michael Jorge N. Peralta, was invited by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Negros Oriental Provincial Science and Technology Center to its first Dumaguete University Town Innovation Expo on November 28 and 29, 2016 at the Robinson's Place Dumaguete, Calindangan, Dumaguete City. The expo showcased research outputs of the different Universities in Negros Oriental, which likewise included an Innovation Seminar/Forum, where he was part of the resource speakers who discussed Intellectual Property (IP), Innovation, and the Academe.

In his discussion, Peralta emphasized the role of universities in knowledge generation and IP protection, which when transferred to industry, will be able to uplift the economy of the country. Parallel to the expo at Robinsons was an IP Policy Seminar-Workshop for University officials at the Silliman University College of Law, where he talked about the Overview of the Different IP Rights by citing real examples to illustrate the practical application of the IP Code. Peralta then went on to guide them on drafting their IP Policy that would hopefully lay down the rules and regulations that will govern technologies generated by their students and faculty. It is the goal of the ITS to increase IP awareness not only among the institutions of which they are members but also of other institutions to encourage and empower them to take advantage of the technologies that they generate and transfer them to industry for public good.

## Peralta of ITS talks of IP in academe at Dumaguete Innovation Expo



Peralta discusses about IP & the academe in the Expo.

## Litao, Lustanas share findings on political euphemisms in Philippine context at int'l confab on Language

Dr. Rodrigo Litao and Ma. Bridgette Lustanas, faculty members of the Faculty of Arts and Letters, and the former, also the Assistant Principal for Academics of the UST Senior High School, presented a paper on 'Categories and functions of political euphemisms in Philippine online news articles' during the 2nd LITU-CULI International conference with the theme "ELT (English Language Teaching) Unlimited." Organized by the Language Institute of Thammasat University (LITU) and Chulalongkorn University Language Institute (CULI), the conference was held on October 6 and 7 at The Ambassador Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.

Litao's and Lustanas' paper was about political euphemisms found in 90 online news articles from the three most leading newspaper publications in the Philippines. The goal was to disclose the categories and functions they serve for the Philippine context. Their research revealed that aside from the three classifications: greater deviation from its signified, more vague meanings, and strong characteristics of time using Zhao and Dong's typology, two more surfaced from the data outside of the aforementioned typology, namely: issue moderation and analogous association.

The last two mentioned categories occurred more frequently than the first three ones cited. This paper argues that the two newly identified categories could contribute to the existing literature on euphemisms, particularly in politically-related newswriting

in the Philippine context. It further argues that political euphemisms are employed both as a language of manipulation and mitigation.

Quoting Assoc. Prof. Dr. Porsiri Singhapreecha, director of the Language Institute Thammasat University, the recent conference provided "a venue for researchers to exchange research findings and collaborate on common theoretical interests. It was also a forum for ELT practitioners to reflect upon their methods and contributions within the teaching community."

Keynote speaker was Doris Wibunsin, who has been involved in language teaching and learning in Thailand for more than half a century and who was on the original committee that founded the Thai/TESOL.

Plenary speakers included prominent international language teaching practitioners: Professor Douglas Biber (Regents' Professor of English at Northern Arizona University) who talked about Complexity in academic writing: The development of phrasal discourse styles; Assoc. Prof. Willy Renandya (the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore) who shared his expertise on the topic ELT today: Building a closer link between theory and practice; Prof. Winnie Cheng (Associate Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Professor of English and Director of Research Centre for Professional Communication in English, Department of English, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University), who dealt with Data-driven approach to learning



Dr. Litao and Lustanas

and teaching reporting verbs in research articles; Dr. Suwichit Chaidaroon (Senior Lecturer, Department of Marketing and Business Strategy, Westminster Business School) elaborated on the topic, Beyond ELT Boundaries: Internationalizing tertiary instructions in Thailand in the ASEAN era.

The oral presentations and symposia that took place during the two-day conference consisted of nearly 60 abstracts, covering areas of innovation and second Language enhancement such as task and corpus-based approaches, online learning, language assessment, motivation, action research and curriculum design.

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in using Stroke Clinical Guidelines in Patients with Gait Deviations: A Mixed Method Design."

Some served as members of the Organizing Committee including, Executive Assistant for Research and Innovation Assoc. Prof. Michael Jorge Peralta, and member of the Board of Directors of PPTA; College Secretary Ms. Ma. Roxanne Fernandez and PPTA Secretary; and Ms. Catherine Joy Escuadra. Internship Supervisor for PT Mr. Christian Rey Rimando, and Ms. Arlene Chua-Chiong Maya served as moderators.

Elections for Board of Officers and Board of Directors for 2017-2019 were held during the Convention and among those elected to positions were Mr. Christian Rey Rimando, Vice-President for Internal Affairs and Assoc. Prof. Michael Jorge Peralta, Member of the Board of Directors.

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Mojica moderated the cluster on "Interprofessional Holistic Care: Fitness and Transition – Training a Teen with Obesity and Intellectual Disability."

Faculty members and alumni of the College also attended the event. The talks, followed by an open forum, provided new insights on contemporary and evolving rehabilitation trends that the practitioners can utilize in improving the delivery of health and rehabilitation services in the country. TheraCon is the first national conference for the rehabilitation sciences of the Philippines, presented by CAMPAA in partnership with UNILAB Foundation.

## Forum on Freedom Islands discusses effects of commercialization



Fr. John Leydon gives a theological perspective about the issue of the Freedom Islands and how the Church community responds to it.



Dr. Arlen Ancheta explains the academic perspective on the issue on the Reclamation of Freedom Islands and its possible solutions.

In partnership with the UST Sociological Society, the UST Simbahayan Community Development Office held an advocacy forum titled 'Free the Freedom Islands' on October 26, 2016 at the Audio Visual Room of the Beato Angelico building.

The speakers were Prof. Arlen Ancheta, Ph.D., Fr. John Leydon, M.S.S.C., and Ms. Glacy Macabale, Campaign Director of Save Freedom Island Movement. The speakers discussed the effects of commercialization and the threat

they pose to nature especially on the mangrove forest which holds nutrients for the organisms, and block the flood waters as well.

Ancheta said the livelihood of the fishermen in the area will also be compromised if the reclamation would push through. Macabale said the local government benefits from such projects and receives a small amount of commission; it would inflict harm on the local residents whose livelihood is fishing.

## Papers on OBE, service learning presented at Hong Kong confab



Dr. Abenir (extreme right) and Alipao (extreme left) with conference participants

Simbahayan Community Development Office Director Asst. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD, and Assistant Director Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao, together with Ms. Heiden Anorico, UST National Service Training Program (NSTP) Facilitator delivered papers at the Second International Conference on Service Learning (ICSL) Conference held on December 1 and 2, 2016 at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong.

Abenir delivered two papers: one on OBE and another on the application of service learning approach. The first paper was titled, "Complementing Outcomes-Based Education with Service Learning: The case of a Sociology Course in a Philippine University" where Abenir discussed if OBE and Service Learning could complement one another in a classroom setting. The second paper was titled, "A Case Study Applying Service Learning Approach:

Occupational Therapy in Community Health." It illustrated how Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) as a strategy is effective in achieving both student learning outcomes and community needs. The second study was co-authored with Asst. Prof. Karen Sagun-Ongtangco of the UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences.

Alipao delivered his paper titled, "Service Learning in BA Sociology Degree Program of University of Santo Tomas: A Case Study." The paper presented SLP of BA Major in Sociology Degree Program of University of Santo Tomas as effective and efficient in terms of its concept, handling of program, implementation, and output delivery.

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## UST administrators exchange views with Asia Pacific HIV/AIDS conference delegates



Bishop Cortes of the CBCP Episcopal Commission on Health Care (5th from left), Dr. Carillo, UST Vice Rector for Academic Affairs (6th from left), Dr. Bance, UST Counseling and Career Center Director (7th from left) and Myanmar Bishop Cho of the CBCM Commission for Health Care (8th from left) together with the participants

On November 16, 2016, international and local delegates who attended the 6th Catholic Asia-Pacific Coalition on HIV/AIDS (CAPCHA) Conference arrived in UST for a half-day exposure trip. The CAPCHA, a regional network in the Asia Pacific focusing on human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) and related issues, works for the awareness, prevention, care, treatment and support of individuals living with HIV.

This year's CAPCHA Conference was hosted by the Philippines and was held in Manila from November 13 to 17, 2016. As part of the conference program, exposure trips to educational institutions with HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention programs and HIV/AIDS treatment facilities and clinics had been scheduled and coordinated by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) Commission on Health Care, in collaboration with the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP). UST was one of the schools included in the exposure trip for the participants.

The delegates were welcomed at the Rector's Hall by UST Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Clarita D. Carillo,

Ph.D. and Counseling and Career Center (CCC) Director Prof. Lucila O. Bance, Ph.D. At the opening program, Dumaguete Bishop Julito Cortes of the CBCP Episcopal Commission on Health Care, together with Myanmar Bishop Alexander Cho of the CBCM Commission for Health Care, gave an introduction of the conference agenda. Institute of Religion Faculty Secretary Asst. Prof. Allan A. Basas, S.Th.D. shared with the participants the integration of HIV/AIDS in the Curricular and Co-Curricular activities of UST – that at present, there are steps being undertaken to revise the University's curriculum in Theology to improve on the approaches in the teaching of the concept of human sexuality, HIV/AIDS, and other related issues.

A fruitful discussion and sharing of experiences took place among the participants during the presentation of best practices in the University and open forum facilitated by Bance. The forum highlighted the programs, modules, activities, and research endeavors by the CCC in collaboration with the UST Health Service regarding the awareness and prevention of HIV/AIDS. There was also an exchange of ideas on how to diminish the stigma in seeking the help of mental health professionals in general. After the



(From left, seated) Dr. Bance, Bishop Cortes and Dr. Carillo

conference, the delegates were given a University tour to conclude their exposure trip.

UST was one of the CEAP member-schools that underwent the Pastoral Training on "Mainstreaming HIV and AIDS in Life Skills Education for the Youth" sponsored by the Philippine Catholic HIV/AIDS Network (PHILCHAN) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in 2011.

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Both Abenir and Alipao teach at the Department of Sociology of the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters.

Meanwhile, Anorico's paper, "College Students' Evaluation of Service-Learning Program in Geriatric Institution: A Mixed Method Approach" which was co-authored with Mr. Les Paul Valdez of the UST College of Nursing, ascertained the positive cognitive and affective perspective of college students to service-learning in a geriatric institution.

The conference was organized by the University Social Responsibility and Office of Service-Learning of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and was attended by an estimate of 300 participants.

## Science holds int'l confab on Interdisciplinary, Collaborative Research



Dean Ramos

The College of Science organized the 3rd International Symposium on Molecular Science (ISMS) which was held on December 1 and 2, 2016 at the Benavides Auditorium, with ten local and ten foreign experts as speakers. The two-day symposium had four sessions in the areas of: Biophysics and Analytical Sciences, Biodiversity and Environment, Materials Science and Nanotechnology, and Health and Biomedicine.

The 3rd ISMS, which coincided with the celebration of the 90th year of foundation of the college, served as a platform for research dissemination and academic discourse, provided a venue for research collaboration, fostered international cooperation through academic and research partnership, and promoted the Sciences to young Filipinos. Notably, the importance of interdisciplinary and collaborative research was epitomized as non-Thomasians were invited to interact with the presenters and to look for possible future research collaborations. High school students were invited to promote the sciences as a possible future career option. To emphasize, Dean John Donnie A. Ramos, Ph.D., invited the participants and guests to "listen, interact, and forge collaborations with the speakers." Nagoya City University Vice President Prof. Yuji Imaizumi, Ph.D., was guest.

Moreover, the strive for excellence by the College of Science resonated in this year's theme, "Interdisciplinary and Collaborative Research towards Intellectualization" as stated by Office of

International Relations and Program Director Prof. Lillian J. Sison, Ph.D., in her opening remarks. This symposium gave opportunity to researchers to share one's techniques and ideas in solving scientific problems – providing an environment that allows different researchers to collaborate. Furthermore, this provided research opportunities for students to contribute in the solution of regional and global concerns. Beyond this, however, the symposium provided means to deepen relationship and appreciation of one another's culture.

Lecturers were from the partner universities abroad, along with the researchers of the different departments of the UST College of Science. The speakers from the Chung-Yuan Christian University, Taiwan were: Prof. Danny Wen-Yaw Chung, Ph.D., Department of Electronics Engineering; Prof. Hsi-Ya Huang, Ph.D., Department of Chemistry; and Dr. Fang Sheng Tsai, M.D., Ph.D. Director, Urology Department and Vice Superintendent of Academic Affairs, Ten-Chan Hospital; Biomedical Engineering Department.

From the National Dong-Hwa University, Taiwan the speakers were: Prof. Yuan-Ron Ma, Ph.D. Head, Department of Physics and Prof. Yen-Peng Ho, Ph.D. Department of Chemistry, College of Science and Engineering.

Lecturers from partner universities in Japan were (Nagoya City University) Prof. Hidehiko Nakagawa, Ph.D., from the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences

and Prof. Kazunobu Sawamoto, Ph.D., of the Graduate School of Medical Sciences. From the University of Shiga Prefecture, the lecturers were Prof. Shuhei Ban, Ph.D., of the Department of Ecosystem Studies, School of Environmental Science, while from Hiroshima University, the speakers were Prof. Tsunehiro Aki, Ph.D., and Prof. Yoshiko Okamura, Ph.D., from the Department of Molecular Biotechnology, Graduate School of Advanced Sciences of Matter.

Experts from the four different departments of the UST College of Science who shared their research studies along the line of identified categories were Assoc. Prof. Cecilia I. Banag, Ph.D., Asst. Prof. Richard Thomas B. Pavia, Jr., Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. Pia Marie S.P. Albano, Ph.D., and Asst. Prof. Loida Medina of the Department of Biological Sciences; Asst. Prof. Glenda D.L.R. Delos Reyes, Ph.D. and Ms. Michelle Inciong, M.S., of the Department of Mathematics and Physics; Assoc. Prof. Karen S. Santiago, Ph.D., Associate Director, Office of International Relations and Programs, Asst. Prof. Oliver Villaflores, Ph.D., and Asst. Prof. Dharmatov Rahula B. Albano, Ph.D., of the Department of Chemistry; and Engr. Angelito A. Silverio, Ph.D., of the Department of Electronics and Communications Engineering, Faculty of Engineering.

The symposium, which was chaired by Prof. Ma. Carlota B. Decena, Ph.D., was attended by more than 200 participants composed of researchers, faculty members, and students from UST and from other schools.

## Lintao of AB discusses 'Plain Writing' at Clarity 2016 Conference in New Zealand

**A**sst. Prof. Rachele B. Lintao, Ph.D., a faculty member of the Faculty of Arts and Letters and a research associate of the Research Center for Culture, Education and Social Issues, presented her study on 'Plain writing in the Philippines: Accomplishments, opportunities and challenges' during the Clarity 2016 Conference in Wellington, New Zealand held from November 3 to 5, 2016.

Lintao, whose research interest has been translated into an advocacy in promoting the plain language movement, showcased in her paper, the development of the continuing effort that she is pursuing, which is the presentation of the document's simplified version to the legal department of the company and strategizing for lobbying the Plain Language Bill at the Philippine Congress.

Clarity is a worldwide organization of lawyers, academics, linguists, information design specialists and other professionals who advocate the use of plain language in documents. Lintao serves as Clarity's Country Representative to the Philippines.

This seventh biennial conference titled, 'The business of clarity: A plain language conference for law, government and business', gathered over 200 participants from all over the world. The event brought together world leaders such as Western Michigan University- Cooley Law School Distinguished Professor Emeritus Joseph Kimble; United Nations High Level Panel on Health Technology Innovation and Access Hon. Michael Kirby, also a former judge of the High Court of Australia; and New Zealand Solicitor-General Una Jagose.



Asst. Prof. Lintao

## AB Pol Sci students present paper on Security and Peace at Int'l Relations conference in Indonesia

**C**arla Michaela B. Taguinod and Mariel Encar H. Uy, both fourth year Political Science students from the Faculty of Arts and Letters, presented their paper during the International Conference on International Relations held on October 27, 2016 at Mercure Hotel, Bandung, West Java, Indonesia. The conference, whose theme was "Human Security: Safeguarding and Empowering People", was a professional and academic gathering of participants who represented organizations and institutions from different countries and delivered their paper on issues involving human security in connection with the Cold War. This international congress aimed to discuss and contribute to the innovation of the idea behind human security.

Taguinod and Uy were the only undergraduate students among the paper presenters under the theme 'Regional and Global Initiatives.' Their paper titled "Nuclear Arsenal: Building Security, Threatening Peace" discussed the contemporary stand of Australia on the Austrian-led nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation treaty.

It has been reported that for the past years, Australia has supported advocacies regarding nuclear ban. However, with the Vienna Conference that was held on December 2014, Australia failed to show its support to the NPT initiative. Taguinod's and Uy's paper analyzed the reasons for Australia's decision to take a different path on this nuclear issue and how its change of course affects their domestic and international relations with those countries that possess nuclear weapons. The paper also revisited the history of nuclear weapons and its role in the international arena, the past involvement of Australia regarding NPTs and the state's nuclear capability.

The study explored the condition of Australia's international relations especially with countries that possess nuclear arsenals such as the United States of America and India. It also analysed the variables that make Australia a significant figure in cases associated with nuclear covenants such as the country's supply of Uranium and bases built for nuclear facilities. The nuclear interdependence of Australia is a

model that was used in their research to fully comprehend the state's stand on the Austrian-led humanitarian pledge.

The keynote speakers were Lt. Gen. (Ret) Agus Widjojo, the governor of the National Resilience; Luc Haas, head of the International Committee of the Red Cross Regional Delegation for Indonesia and Timor Leste; and Mark Getchel, chief of Mission IOM Indonesia.

The second plenary session was initiated by Prof. Bob Sugeng Hadiwinata from the International Relations Department of Parahyangan Catholic University. He was followed by Professor Brendan Howe, the associate Dean at the graduate school of the International Studies Ewha Womans University, South Korea and also the current president of the Asian Political and International Studies. The session was concluded by Professor Alan Collins from the department of Political and Cultural Studies Swansea University, United Kingdom.

## Arriola delivers Marcello Casillan research project output

**U**ST Department of Literature and Humanities Chair Prof. Joyce L. Arriola, Ph.D., delivered the Marcello Casillan Research Project Output on November 29, 2016 at the Ballroom of the Paredes Bldg., UST.

Arriola's paper titled "Philosophy, Letters and the Liberal Arts in UST, 1898-1941: Classical AB through the American Way" traced the history of liberal education in UST covering the beginnings of the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters or Philets which was established in 1896 and became the College of Liberal Arts in 1926 focusing on its classical European model and subsequently the changes made in adherence to American pragmatic model of education. The discourse catalogs the impact and influences of American colonial education policy on Philets and Liberal Arts, and the university in general.

The research paper presentation was part of the celebration of the 120th foundation anniversary of the Faculty of Arts and Letters that commenced with a Eucharistic celebration presided by AB Regent Fr. Rodel E. Aligan, O.P. The celebration was attended

by former AB deans, retired faculty members, and alumni.

Anchored on the theme "AB@120: The Story of a Nation Becoming," the celebration highlighted the role of liberal arts education of UST in nation building, particularly in the democratic participation of its students and graduates in defining the nation's identity.

Also present were two former deans of the Faculty of Arts and Letters: Dean Emeritus Magdalena Villaba, Ph.D., who was dean from 1987 to 1996, and Prof. Belen Tangco, Ph.D., who served as dean from 2003 to 2006. Former faculty members also attended were: Prof. Jose David Lapuz, Prof. Irene Lising, Atty. Reynaldo Lopez, and Ms. Elena Rocco. TOTAL Awardees for 2016 Gov. Aurelio Umali, Jr. for Public Service and Mr. Chester Ocampo for Visual Arts were recognized during the program.



Dean Michael Anthony Vasco (center) together with former Dean Belen Tangco (2nd from the right) and former Dean Magdalena Villaba (center, seated) joined by retired faculty members, administrators, and alumni attend the Marcello Casillan research project output.

## De Viana of AB presents paper at confab in Japan on Quirino's pardoning of POWs

**U**ST History Department Chair Associate Professor Augusto V. de Viana, Ph.D., presented his paper at the joint conferences of the Pacific Conference on Security (APSEC) 2016, Asia Pacific International Studies Association (APISA) held on December 8 and 9, 2016 at the University of Osaka Nakanoshima Center.

In his paper titled "Ending Hatred and the Start of Healing: President Elpidio Quirino's Pardoning of Japanese War Prisoners in July 1953 and its Effects," de Viana discussed the personal and political dilemma faced by President Quirino when he issued an executive clemency allowing the last remaining Japanese war criminals in the Philippines to return to Japan. The executive clemency freed 32 prisoners, reduced the death sentences of 27 Japanese convicts facing the death penalty to life imprisonment and 56 others were to serve definite sentences in Japan. De Viana said that the pardon was greatly appreciated by the Japanese government and people who urged other countries to follow the example of the Philippines. While Quirino lost his bid to be reelected as President of the Philippines in 1953, his selfless act played an important role in the reestablishment of Philippine-Japanese diplomatic relations and more than 70 years after the end of World War II both countries were the closest of allies in political and economic matters.

The joint conference, which discussed security and diplomatic issues in the Asia-Pacific region, was organized by the International Academic Forum (IAFOR) and co-sponsored by the University of Osaka, Japan.



Dr. de Viana (left) with Dr. Joseph Haldane, President of IAFOR, one of the co-convenors of the conference



## Peralta of CRS presents paper on challenges in health research ethics at PHREN Scientific Assembly

College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) faculty member, Assoc. Prof. Michael Jorge Peralta, presented a paper during the Philippine Health Research Ethics Network (PHREN) 2nd Scientific Assembly on “Controversies and Challenges in Health Research Ethics” held on October 25 and 26, 2016 at the UNILAB Bayanihan Center, Pasig. He discussed the common issues in undergraduate student research studies and their possible solutions, and proposed that research studies be faculty-led in order to achieve good quality.

The members of the CRS Ethics Review Committee headed by its chair, Assoc. Prof. Anna Leah Enriquez, likewise attended the said conference as part of their capacity-building activities. The CRS Ethics Review Committee is accredited Level II by the Philippine Health Research Ethics Board (PHREB). Peralta is the Executive Assistant for Intellectual Property and Research in the office for Research and Innovation.



From left: Dr. Roy Cuison, Dr. Jacinto Mantaring (PHREN Vice Chair), Mr. Michael Jorge Peralta, along with fellow speakers, Dr. Lucila Perez, Dr. Beverly Ho, and Dr. Saturnino Javier (PHREN Chair).

From left: Dr. Roy Cuison facilitates question and answer portion to speakers Mr. Michael Jorge Peralta, Dr. Lucila Perez and Dr. Beverly Ho.



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## Simbahayan assists Archdiocese of Tuguegarao with Tulong Tomasino campaign for Lawin victims



Beneficiaries from Nag-Uma, Sto. Niño, Cagayan, carry the Tulong Tomasino relief boxes they received.



Members of the community beneficiaries from Nag-Uma, Sto. Niño, Cagayan, help in the transfer of the Tulong Tomasino relief boxes.



Representatives from Simbahayan, Director Asst. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, Assistant Director Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao, and Program Development Officer Ms. Abigail Martha S. Abelardo) render a courtesy call on Most. Rev. Archbishop Sergio L. Utleg, DD of the Archdiocese of Tuguegarao, and are joined by Sisters from the Franciscan Apostolic Sisters and Leonardo Doniego, an Agta leader.

When Typhoon Lawin hit provinces in Northern Luzon last October, Thomasians launched a Tulong Tomasino campaign to collect donation of relief goods and cash donations to aid those who were affected by the typhoon. Guided by the Tulong Tomasino Disaster Response Protocol, the University of Santo Tomas community pulled resources together to come up with financial and material contributions.

As a result of these concerted efforts from the Thomasian community, the UST Simbahayan Community Development Office, in close coordination with the Archdiocese of Tuguegarao, personally delivered the cash donations and relief boxes for the victims of Typhoon Lawin on December 7 and 8, 2016. A total of PhP 350,000.00 in cash was turned over to fund the construction of ten new typhoon-resilient but culturally-friendly houses for the Agta Community being supported by the Franciscan Apostolic Sisters (FAS) in Sta. Ana, Cagayan. The UST Simbahayan was also able to distribute 122 boxes of relief goods, three sacks of National Service Training Program (NSTP) hygiene kits, and one box of medicines to the residents of Brgy. Nag-Uma, Sto. Niño, Cagayan. The community beneficiaries were referred by the Social Action Center of the Archdiocese of Tuguegarao as a result of its survey and needs assessment pertaining to the extent of damage the typhoon caused the community.

During the courtesy call of the UST Simbahayan team on Archbishop Sergio L. Utleg, DD, of the Archdiocese of Tuguegarao, he personally relayed his appreciation and recognition for UST and the Thomasians who generously shared their resources and efforts to be able to assist the victims of Typhoon Lawin in his locale. Through its Social Action Center, the Archdiocese of Tuguegarao will remain in close coordination with Simbahayan for the monitoring of the rehabilitation efforts in the affected communities.

## Usapang Business: Simbahayan conducts business enhancement activity for Pistang Tomas participants

The UST Simbahayan Community Development Office, in collaboration with College of Tourism and Hospitality Management, College of Accountancy, College of Commerce and College of Fine Arts and Design, conducted “Usapang Business: Maikling Kurso sa Pamamahala ng Negosyo.” The two-day business enhancement project that aimed to equip participants with the necessary knowledge and skills in micro enterprise development and management was held on November 18 at 19, 2016 at the CTHM Foodlab Demo Room and CFAD Workshop.

Community partners from Bataan, Nueva Ecija, Bulacan, Tarlac, Pampanga, Laguna, Rizal, and NCR completed a four-course business enhancement program that included Food Safety and Sanitation, Marketing Principles, Bookkeeping and Packaging Design.

The participants learned the importance of temperature and proper handling and storage of food products, basic marketing strategies, basic bookkeeping and accounting, and cost effective and practical packaging designs using indigenous and local raw materials.

The two-day short course had for a culminating activity a “Go Negosyo Tour” at Gawad Kalinga Enchanted Farm in Bulacan on November 20, 2016 that exposed participants to social enterprising.

The Usapang Business program is a Pre-Pistang Tomas event. The Pistang Tomas, an annual Simbahayan activity, will be held from February 13 to 16, 2017 at the UST Quadricentennial Square.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## UST Interior Design holds pre-Christmas art camp in Nagcarlan, Laguna

The Interior Design Department of the College of Fine Arts and Design: conducted the UST CFAD Interior Design Department Extension Project 1: Creative Enhancement on the Community ID. Sa inyo Tayo Ngayong Pasko sa Nagcarlan, Laguna. It was sponsored by Pacific Paint Philippines (BOYSEN). The participants were eight to ten year-olds and residents of Barangay Buenavista, Nagcarlan. Who were taught how to make greeting cards from the art kits given by Boysen Paints. Faculty members from the Interior Design Department together with UST Interior Design alumni, Simbahayan representatives, CFAD support staff and Barangay Buenavista local officials engaged in the pre-Christmas art camp held on November 27, 2016 which fueled the children’s festive spirit.



CFAD faculty members and the children who participated in the art camp

# UNIVERSITY VISITORS

## Nobel Laureate Mario Vargas Llosa



Nobel Laureate Mario Vargas Llosa receives a Certificate of Honorary Professor title handed over by UST Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P. in the presence of (from left) Dean Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D. of the Faculty of Arts and Letters UST Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Dr. Clarita DL. Carillo, Amb. Luis Calvo of Spain, and Instituto Cervantes Director Dr. Carlos Madrid.



Nobel Laureate Mario Vargas Llosa delivers a lecture following his conferment of an Honorary Professor title

## Ambassador of Iraq to the Philippines



H.E. Hazim Ahmed Al-Yousifi, Ambassador of Iraq to the Philippines receives a copy of the *Lumina Pandit* from Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, Dean of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences.

## President of Shu-Te University



Dr. Ining Y.H. Chu, President of Shu-Te University with Asst. Prof. Mary Christie D. Que, Dean of the College of Fine Arts and Design, Assoc. Prof. Giovanna Fontanilla, Director of the Office of Public Affairs, and Assoc. Prof. Anna Marie H. Bautista, Assistant Director of the UST Museum.

## Senior Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines



Hon. Antonio T. Carpio, Senior Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines (center), with Atty. Nilo Divina, Dean of the Faculty of Civil Law, Rev. Fr. Isidro C. Abano, O.P., Regent of the Faculty of Civil Law, and the Civil Law faculty members.

## Founder of Catholic Voice, U.K.



Mr. Jack Valero, (4th from left) Founder of Catholic Voice, U.K. receives the coffeetable book on the visit of Pope Francis to the University of Santo Tomas from Assoc. Prof. Giovanna Fontanilla, Director of the Office of Public Affairs.

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November 2016

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National Passing Rate - 58.17%



6th - 81.00%  
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9th - 80.70%  
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## Interior Designer Licensure Examination

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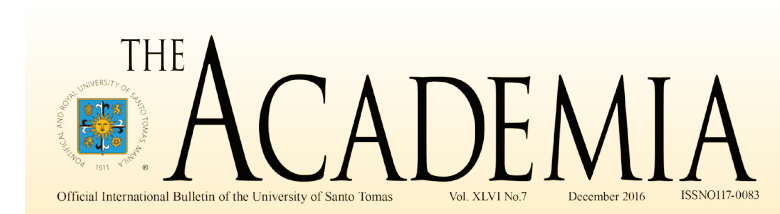
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