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UST maintains four-star QS rating; advances in research, internationalization categories



The world's largest international higher education network, Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) has once again rated the University of Santo Tomas four stars, cementing UST's place as the highest-rated University in the Philippines for 2017.

In 2015, UST became the first and only institution in the Philippines to achieve such a four-star rating.

This year, according to UST Quality Management Office Director Joehanna K. Ngo, QS renewed UST's four-star rating, noting an improvement in two categories, Research and Internationalization, which increased by one star each.

Currently, the University holds five-star ratings in four out of eight categories: Facilities, or the quality of university infrastructure; Employability, which focuses on the work-readiness of graduates; Social Responsibility, or advocacies and community development such as charity work and disaster relief; and Inclusiveness, or the accessibility of the University to students who are differently abled or from low-income families.

UST also garners a four-star rating for the Teaching category, which assesses student feedback through an in-house Student Satisfaction Survey (SSS), which is open to all the tertiary level students, further study rate and student faculty ratio, and in the Internationalization category, which measures the proportion of international students and staff, the numbers of exchange students arriving and departing, the number of nationalities represented in

the student body, the number and strength of international partnerships with other universities.

For its Research category, the London-based consultancy also gave the University a three-star rating which assesses the number of papers published and the number of times the scholarly outputs are cited and awarded, and a one-star rating for this year's specialist criteria, the subject ranking and program strength in the field of "Hospitality and Leisure Management"

Its overall four-star rating, according to the Top Universities section of the QS website, indicates that the University of Santo Tomas is "highly international, demonstrating excellence in both research and teaching. The institution provides an excellent environment for students and faculty."

In the previously announced 2018 Top Asian University rankings, UST has surged to the 145th spot.

UST also became one of the nation's top two universities in terms of graduate employability by joining the 251 – 300 bracket of the 2018 QS employability rankings.

QS operates within the understanding that Universities have distinct strengths and caters to different student needs, and so universities are evaluated across multiple categories. The QS Stars system evaluates institutions based on their performance against set standards in specific areas, which is then averaged into its overall score.

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UST holds month-long Paskuhan festivities



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., (center) presides over the Eucharistic Celebration, which is concelebrated with Dominican priests including Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P. (right) and Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., (left).



Rev. Fr. Ang delivers the welcome remarks for the 2017 UST Christmas Concert.



Tenor Abdul Candao sings "O Holy Night."

The University of Santo Tomas held its month-long Paskuhan festivities which began with a Eucharistic Celebration, a Christmas Concert, and the lighting of the campus on December 1, with the theme of "King of Kings."

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., was the Main Presider of the Paskuhan Opening Mass concelebrated with Dominican priests.

As Advent is the season of waiting for Christ, Fr. Dagohoy urged the community to welcome the Lord with hope in their hearts.

Celebrating the Season of Light

A familiar sight to many, the UST campus is well-recognized for its classic and Hispanic façade, reminiscent of Spain's own Plaza Mayor. But for this occasion, the 406-year old institution of higher learning was transformed into a festive setting as it lit up while the UST Symphony Orchestra and the Coro Tomasino and Liturgikon Vocal Ensemble performed "O Come All Ye Faithful" as the concert's opening number of the 2017 UST Christmas Concert.

Capping off the campus lighting was a fireworks display.

For a festive twist, the historic Arch of the Centuries was reimagined into a bright Nativity scene, with huge figures of baby Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As the gateway to the University, the Arch display depicts the University's befitting welcoming of the Holy Family.

The lighting of the 70-foot Christmas tree in the University's athletic field also delighted participants and provided the attendees with an iconic and memorable place for their selfies and groupies.

Songs for the Community

The UST Christmas Concert this year was held at the Plaza Mayor. Performers were homegrown talents including a special international performer, tenor Abdul Candao, who is now based in Vienna, Austria. An additional new feature was the inclusion of two choirs whose members are children from the partner communities of UST in Tarlac, the PAVIC Children's Choir and the Sitio Buok Children's Choir. Some



Prof. Herminigildo Ranera (center) leads the choir and orchestra under his baton during the concert.



Two-time Choir of the World awardee UST Singers delight the crowd with their renditions of "Ave Maria" and "Hallelujah."



Singer Kean Cipriano interacts with fans during his performance.

members of the PAVIC Children's Choir University of Santo Tomas for the rehabilitation of Marawi. are visually impaired.

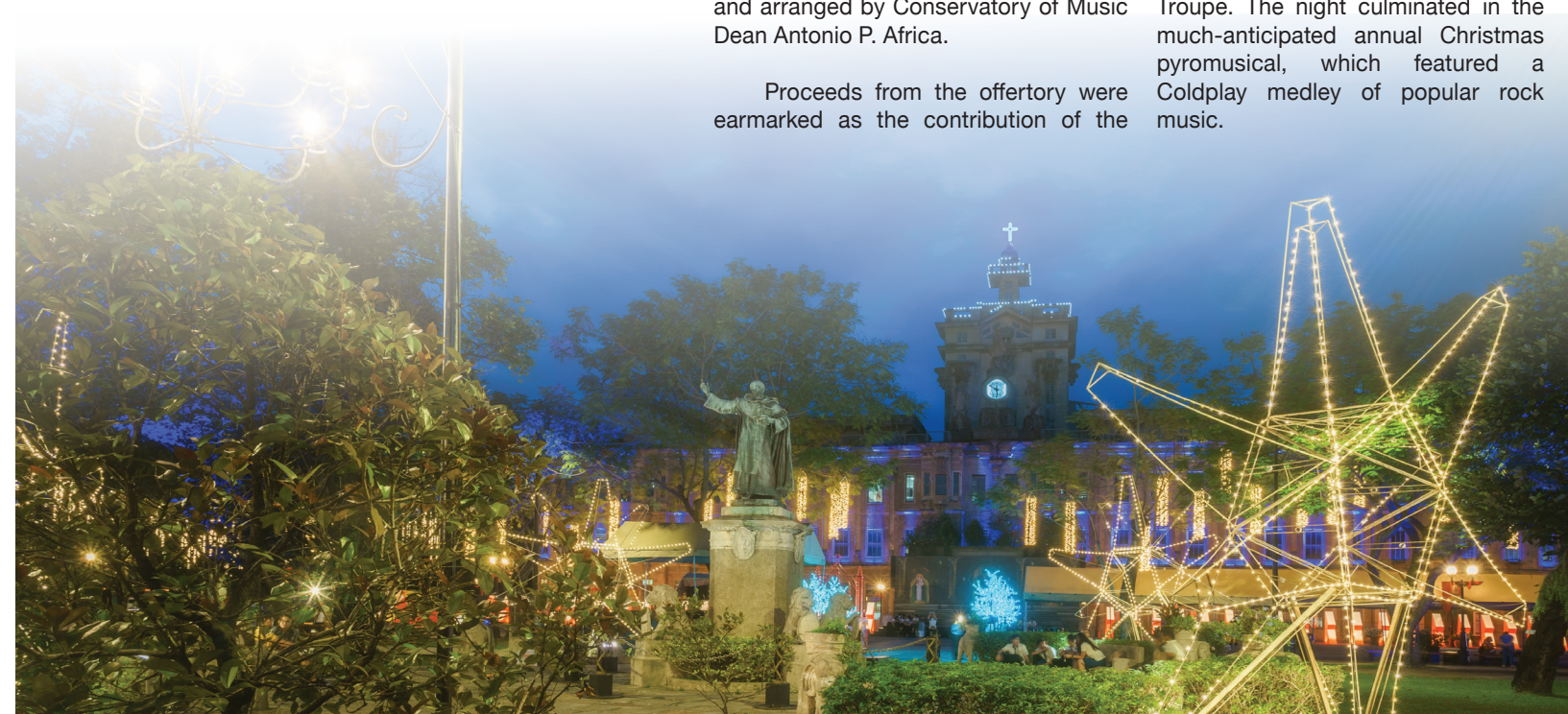
The Thomasian Christmas feast, also called Agape, gathered the Thomasians as one family as they shared traditional Filipino food, such as lechon, bibingka, puto-bumbong, and many others that filled the tables in a festive feast.

The concert that began with the campus lighting ended with an original song titled "Pasko sa UST" performed under the baton of internationally-renowned conductor Professor Herminigildo G. Ranera, and composed and arranged by Conservatory of Music Dean Antonio P. Africa.

Proceeds from the offertory were earmarked as the contribution of the

Christmas showcase

While the initial celebration on December 1 focused on the religious aspect of Christmas, the second celebration on December 20 provided the festivities that the Thomasian community has grown accustomed to. This gathering consisted of a concert with popular local bands alongside homegrown Thomasian groups. The program also highlighted a cosplay competition and a performance by the well-lauded UST Salinggawi Dance Troupe. The night culminated in the much-anticipated annual Christmas pyromusical, which featured a Coldplay medley of popular rock music.



Ong, Flores attend QS-APPLE Conference in Taiwan; Ong co-chairs session 5

ASEAN Engr. Nestor R. Ong, Assistant Director of the Quality Management Office and Mr. Vien Vic G. Flores, QMO Auditor, attended the three-day 13th QS-APPLE Conference and Exhibition as delegates of the University of Santo Tomas (UST). Ong was the sole IAAC (International Academic Advisory Committee) Member from the Philippines. He also acted as co-chair in Track 5: Building a Global University Brand.

In Track 5, the topics were: Session 5.1: Using World University Ranking to Build a Global Brand, Session 5.2: Building a Global Brand through Student Engagement, and Session 5.3: Innovative Approaches to Building a Global Brand, participated by presidents, CEOs, academic officials and administrators from different ASIA-Pacific universities including the presidents of three Philippine universities such as MAPÚA University, Lyceum of the Philippines University, and Southville International School and Colleges.

The annual QS-APPLE conference was prefaced by a welcome dinner where an opening folklore performance by student representatives of the various Taiwanese tribes and the Chio Tian drumming group were presented. This was followed by the delivery of welcome addresses and a keynote from Prof. Nigel Healey, Conference Programme Chair and Vice Chancellor of Fiji National University, Dr. Wen-Hwa Lee, Chancellor of China Medical University and Dr. K.S. Clifford Chao, Vice President of China Medical University.

This year's conference convened close to 400 academics from 143 institutions in 30 countries, with 69 papers presented during the plenary and parallel sessions. There were exhibitors from various universities around the world that showcased their universities' offerings to participants at the QS Hub - Exhibition. UST was one of the exhibitors whose foreign visitors expressed their interest in developing partnerships with the University through a memorandum of understanding.

There were 21 delegates from the Philippines representing seven universities: UST, Mapúa University, Malayan Colleges Laguna, Lyceum of the Philippines University, Southville International School & Colleges, University of Perpetual Help System Dalta, and University of the Philippines Diliman.

As part of the program activities, Ong was chosen to give a testimonial through video interview about the success of the conference. Ong said, "QS-APPLE is a good avenue to internationalize among ASIA-Pacific universities by providing valuable opportunities for networking, exchanging best practices, and debating the new development in higher education."

Ong was well-recognized among the Philippine delegates by his co-IAAC member, Prof. Liang-Yo Yang, Ph.D., Dean and Professor of the Office of Global Affairs at the China Medical



Ong co-chairs the fifth session



Ong and Flores

University Taiwan during the Campus Tour in their university. He likewise promised to visit UST in his future travel trip to the Philippines.

During one of the keynote addresses, Dr. Clifford Chao discussed "Artificial Intelligence in Medical Education" and pointed out the need for educators to identify with artificial intelligence (AI) and how this technology will alter the learning methods of future generations, and how (the academe will) prepare students for the ever-evolving medical service paradigm.

Prof. Ping-Cheng Yeh talked about Gamification + Peer-to-Peer (P2P) Teaching & Learning, where he addressed some of the most challenging issues faced by educators today and shared his solution in keeping students engaged in class and making them motivated

to learn. During his presentation, Prof. Yeh explained how his award-winning gamification scheme and other P2P schemes work for different courses and demonstrated the fascinating outcome from his students' coursework.

At the inaugural "QS Forum: Focus on East Asia," Prof. Kingsley Bolton kicked off the session with discussion of the topic - the dynamic and high-performing higher education system in East Asia.

East Asian universities' enrollment rate are amongst the highest globally, and this is affected by the following factors: (1) investment in higher education driving rapid economic growth in the region (2) proactive government policies aimed at the enhancement of leading research institutions (3) an ageing population placing downward pressure on university enrollment (4) heightened interest by the higher education institutions within the region to increase international student numbers to fill the demographic gap. A second panel discussion on the state of higher education in East Asia will be organized at the 14th QS-APPLE conference to be held in 2018.

During the colloquium session, Prof. Nigel Healey led the discussion on "Leading a Young University to Success," participated in by representatives of some of the youngest and most dynamic universities in the Asia-Pacific. Participants shared their experiences and strategies to succeed in today's competitive environment within the higher education sector.

Towards the conclusion of the conference was the QS University Rankings Masterclass, a 90-minute panel discussion where participants learned about the latest edition of the QS Employability Rankings, its new methodology and the latest Scopus data presented by speakers such as Ben Sowter (QS), John O'Leary (Times Good Universities Guide) and Yoshiko Kakita (Elsevier). The outcome of QS BRICS University Rankings 2018 was also released during the 13th QS-APPLE conference.

The 14th QS-APPLE Conference and Exhibition will be held in Seoul, Korea in November 2018, in partnership with Chung-Ang University.

Miss Earth 2017 talks on environmental advocacies, Thomasian values at UST meet and greet



Miss Earth 2017 Karen Ibasco answers questions from student publication writers.

Newly-crowned Miss Earth 2017 Karen Ibasco shared her thoughts and advocacies on renewable energy and climate change in a meet and greet with Thomasian student journalists event held on December 1 at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Museum.

When asked about her advocacy on renewable energy and how she can make it attractive to the public, Ibasco, a Thomasian alumna who graduated from the College of Science with a degree in Applied Physics, cum Laude, and the UST Graduate School with a Master's degree in Applied Physics major in Medical Physics, cum Laude, and former College of Science faculty member mentioned the effects of global warming in the present time and how it would affect the future generations.

"The use of fossil fuels is the major factor why there are a lot of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere that cause the thickening (of the atmosphere). And when the sun hits it, the earth's temperature rises and now you're experiencing

global warming and climate change. You cannot turn a blind eye to it because it's being experienced all over the world. The Philippines is very much vulnerable to climate change," Ibasco said.

"If you don't act now, you're really going to prepare for a hotter world and more catastrophic effects and that's for sure. You're doing it for the next generation and not just for yourself," she added.

Ibasco was also asked on how she can incorporate her environmental advocacy with the Thomasian values that she had acquired in her stay in UST. The Miss Earth 2017 winner cited the three Thomasian core values in her answer.

"It may sound cliché, a lot of people will say that when you're a Thomasian you always say the

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Miss Earth 2017 (center) with the members of the different student publications, faculty members from the College of Science, UST Museum staff, and the members of the Office of Public Affairs.

three C's. but it's very true. Those are the things I actually brought with me while I was competing – competence, compassion and commitment," she said.

Ibasco talked on the importance of being true to one's self in a platform where she is looked up to and can influence a lot of people.

"Compassion in a way that it's important for you not just to be a good person in front of the camera but to be who you are even at the back of the camera."

The Thomasian beauty queen also mentioned the value of competence on reaching one's goal.

"It's one of the most important drives that will also help you to get the best goal or the best aim that you have," Ibasco stressed.

Finally, Ibasco stated the importance of consistency and commitment to establishing credibility on her advocacies.

"Consistency is the key that will help you achieve your commitment. At the same time it would help you to be credible as an advocate that people would look up to. So no matter what you say, people will actually listen because you're credible enough and you are committed to what you do," she said.

Prior to the meet and greet, Miss Earth 2017 Karen Ibasco paid a courtesy call on UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. at the Office of the Rector.

Ibasco also visited the UST College of Science before touring around the University in a motorcade to honor her Miss Earth win.



UST student journalists from the various student publications ask Ibasco questions on conservation and environmental awareness.

INTERNATIONALIZATION

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

Seven Physical Therapy (PT) students namely, Lisa Ann Edwin, Saylee Jadhav, Athira Elizabeth Sebastian, Madhura, Suhas Jamsandekar, Serrao Vaneesa, Aravind Srikumar and Solomon George Raju accompanied by Prof. Ajay Thakur from the Institute of Physiotherapy NITTE University, Mangalore, India participated in the Global Internship Experience (GIE) of the University of Santo Tomas - College of Rehabilitation Sciences (UST-CRS) Department of Physical Therapy from November 22 to December 12, 2017.

The Indian students were grouped into two and were assigned for three to four days in two UST-CRS affiliated rehabilitation centers, namely, Quality Life Discoveries (QLD) and UAAP Sports Center. Under the supervision of staff physical therapists of QLD and UAAP Sports Center, the Indian students observed the evaluation and treatment of musculoskeletal cases, sports - related injuries and pediatric cases in the Philippines.

Aside from clinical observations, there was also an exchange of current practices and knowledge between

UST – CRS and NITTE University. While in UST, NITTE University students attended regular classes at the Department of Physical Therapy where they participated in case discussions and return demonstrations, and interacted with other UST PT students.

Center for Health Research and Movement Science (CHRMS) Chair Assoc. Prof. Valentin Dones III, Ph.D., taught the students Biomechanical Taping, a technique that he himself developed. For his part, Prof. Thakur delivered a special lecture on the assessment of patients with amputee among 4th year PT students on November 29, 2017 as part of their Clinical Education I class.

The Global International Experience program was spearheaded by CRS Internationalization Committee Chair Ms. Paulin Grace Morato-Espino, Asst. Prof. Christian Rey Rimando, committee member, Internship Supervisor Ms. Fe Therese Chavez, and Department of Physical Therapy Chair Ms. Jocel M. Regino.



PACUCOA recognizes UST for highest number of accredited programs

UST is once again recognized by the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA) as the top university in the Philippines in terms of academic program quality assurance in an awarding ceremony held on December 1, 2017 at the Conrad Hotel in Pasay City during its 28th general assembly.

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

UST's tourism program was also the first in the program to be granted an accreditation under the Level IV status.

The University also garnered special citations for producing graduates who obtained the highest rating in their respective licensure exams, specifically the Pharmacy, Nutrition and Dietetics, and Library Licensure Examinations for 2017.

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

UST CRS- Seton Hall University expand Global Internship Experience to Sports Science Dept.



Thomasian participants of the GIE program at Seton Hall University

As part of the Global Internship Experience (GIE) agreement between the University of Santo Tomas-College of Rehabilitation Sciences (UST-CRS) and the Seton Hall University (SHU), four interns from CRS were at the SHU for the entire month of November 2017.

Speech Language Program (SLP) students Marielle Longno and Camille Marcelino together with Sports Science (SpS) students Alliana Mijares and Alexander Villa went to SHU clinical and training facilities in New Jersey and New York, USA, accompanied by CRS Assistant Dean Ma. Georgina Mojica.

Also in November, the interns from the Sports Science Department commenced its affiliation with SHU. Mijares and Villa observed and shadowed the SHU Athletic Trainers in the huge and state-of-the-art sports facilities of SHU. Similar to the SLP and Occupational Therapy (OT) interns, the SpS interns also observed the cases under the Masters in Athletic Training program of SHU. The expansion of partnership aims to produce globally competitive professionals.

This GIE program between the two institutions has been ongoing since January 2015. Two interns from SHU SLP went to Manila for a month to observe the UST-CRS clinical affiliation sites including the community-based rehabilitation service in Abucay, Bataan. This was followed by another set of SHU interns who came in January 2016. By February 2016, the first UST-CRS interns from the SLP program went to SHU for a month to observe clinics, schools and a hospital facility. Aside from the clinical sites, the interns joined the SLP masters class where they had the opportunity to interact with students from SHU. Following a successful pilot run of the GIE both inbound and outbound, it was the turn of the students from the Occupational Therapy Department to engage in the program in November 2017.

LECTURES & CONFERENCES

2018 PALT Int'l Conference tackles language education in Asia



Assoc. Prof. Ahmar Mahboob (fifth from left), Dr. Anne Pakir (sixth from left), Prof. Ee Ling Low of Nanyang Technological University (eighth from left), Assoc. Prof. Sterling Plata, the PALT Secretary (eleventh from left), Assoc. Prof. Shirley Dita of De La Salle University (twelfth from left) with the organizers and presenters of the 2018 PALT International Conference, and UST Department of English Chair Prof. Camilla Vizconde (seventh from left), and UST Graduate School Dean and PALT President Prof. Marilu Madrunio (ninth from left).

The University of Santo Tomas Department of English and the Philippine Association for Language Teaching, Inc. (PALT) co-sponsored the 2017 International Conference with the theme "Language Education in Asia in the Context of ASEAN" held at the Thomas Aquinas Research Center, UST, from December 7 to 9, 2017.

Presenters and speakers tackled issues in language education in relation to the ASEAN experience in various parallel session strands and plenary speeches, such as language policies, English Language Teaching research, teacher beliefs and practices, learner autonomy, teacher preparation, language learning, language assessment, and curriculum development, among others.

As a result of the ASEAN integration, there have been shifts in policies and curricula that have inevitable ripple effects in the field of language teaching. The need to review these effects, infer what they could mean for the stakeholders, and update professionals on current trends has therefore arisen.

Over 150 language teaching professionals and enthusiasts from different countries participated over the course of the three-day international professional gathering, which was held for the first time at the University of Santo Tomas.

"Well, this is really the first time that the PALT [International] Conference went out of its home base," UST Graduate School Dean Marilu R. Madrunio, Ph.D., who is also the incumbent president of PALT, explained. Since the Association's first international conference in 2001, it has normally been held in hotels, such as the Manila Hotel.

Madrunio added that PALT, which was established 57 years ago, is the oldest, professional language teaching organization in the Philippines with whom she and many Filipino English language teachers have spent many active years developing professionally.

PALT has affiliations with other multi-national language teaching organizations such as the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), and the Pan-Asian Consortium for Language Teaching (PAC). The association is also known to have for its members well-known researchers, a number of whom were its plenary speakers in the three-day conference.

The first plenary speaker was Prof. Maria Cynthia Rose B. Bautista, Vice President for Academic Affairs of the University of the Philippines – Diliman, who discussed the Philippines' changing language education practices in the context of ASEAN.

Dr. Anne Pakir, the National University of Singapore's Director for International Relations talked about "English-knowing Bilingualism", a term primarily applicable in Singapore where the largely Asian population communicates internationally and nationally in English while maintaining usage of their ethnic mother tongues.

For the third plenary speech delivered on the third day of the conference, Assoc. Prof. Ahmar Mahboob of the University of Sydney focused on the role that language plays in education across different pedagogic contexts and tackled the question of whether school-level language textbooks actually prepare students for their future careers.

The other speakers were Mr. Matt Keener, the Cultural Affairs Officer of the US Embassy in the Philippines, Ms. Leonie Overbeek, a language researcher and teacher trainer for Korea -Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (KoTESOL), and Associate Professor Shirley M. Ando of the Otemae University in Japan. The conference also had over 50 parallel sessions for the different research paper presentations.

Mr. Keener, who tackled the topic of "Maintaining the Philippines' competitive advantage in English," admitted that he is not an expert in English or education in the Philippines.

"I am a diplomat," Keener explained. "If I may be so bold so as to call myself an expert in anything, it would be in using English as a tool for achieving the US State Department's diplomacy goals overseas," he added.

The US invests millions every year in teaching English to other countries in the hope of developing stronger ties with many nations. For some time, the undeniable English proficiency in the Philippines made it one of the world's top providers of voice outsourcing for IT-BPO services, one of the top tourist spots, and the leading preference of English as a Second Language for learners from all over the world. However, Keener also urged curriculum developers and other stakeholders to prioritize English teaching in its education system, as the Philippines cannot simply continue relying on its historical use of English as a primary language.

Participants and guests also had a tour of the UST Museum.

Fernandez, Chavez present papers on lower extremity kinematics of UST athletes at South Korea conference on Kinesiology



Fernandez during the case presentation

At the 8th Asia Conference on Kinesiology, two faculty members from the University of Santo Tomas College of Rehabilitation Sciences presented papers on lower extremity kinematics.

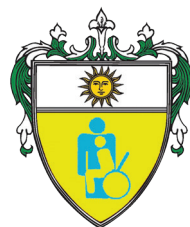
CRS College Secretary Ma. Roxanne L. Fernandez, presented the study titled "The Effect of Shoe Inserts on Lower Extremity Kinematics on Running among UST UAAP Track and Field Team A Long Distance Runners" for the oral presentation while Internship Supervisor Ms. Fe Therese M. Chavez presented the study "The Effects of Gibney's Closed Basket Weave with Heel Lock and Figure of Eight Technique on the kinematics of the Lower Extremity during the landing phase of vertical jumping among UST UAAP Female Volleyball Players."

The conference was held from November 30 to December 4, 2017 at the Seongseo Campus, Keimyung University, Daegu, South Korea. It was organized by the Asian Society of Kinesiology.

Professor Masayoshi Kubo of Niigata University of Health and Welfare (NUHW), Niigata, Japan, one of the visiting professors of CRS was also a participant. Fernandez and Chavez discussed with Prof. Kubo a potential research collaboration with regarding biomechanics of the human movement.

Attended by students and professors from Thailand, Malaysia, Japan, Singapore, Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, the Philippines and South Korea, the conference was an opportunity for the delegates to share and present their studies in the field of Kinesiology.

Through the conference, participants were able to obtain more ideas and discuss possible research collaborations within Asia. The conference also had workshops, lectures, and symposiums about Human Movement, the theme of this year's conference. The campus tours and a banquet allowed the students and professors socialize with participants from different Asian universities.



Occupational Therapy mentors serve as speakers at PAOT Annual Convention

Three faculty members from the Occupational Therapy (OT) Department of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences were speakers during the 52nd Annual Convention of the Philippine Academy of Occupational Therapists, Inc. (PAOT) held from November 29 to 30, 2017 at the Century Park Hotel, Manila. There were also parallel sessions and oral research presentations on emerging practice areas. The topics were anchored on this year's theme, "Pagbabago: Towards Transformative Practice."

Asst. Prof. Karen Ongtangco talked about "Inclusive Education and the Role of the OT," while, Mr. Kim Gerald Medallon presented a topic titled, "Outcome-based Clinical Education in OT." Mr. Charles Bermejo presented "The Revisions of the UST NSTP Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Module towards Disability Inclusiveness from the Perspectives of Stakeholders and Experts," together with Ms. Renelle Villareal.

The event paved the way for the ratification of the academy's position statement on institution and governance of chapters and occupational therapy aide positions. Awards were given to professionals for their exemplary contribution in the field of education and research, and extension service.



Fernandez and Chavez with Prof. Kubo at the Conference

Mojica delivers lecture on status of Speech Language Pathology in PH at Columbia University

College of Rehabilitation Sciences Assistant Dean Ma. Georgina D. Mojica delivered a lecture on the "Status of Speech Language Pathology (SLP) in the Philippines" on November 16, 2017 to the students of the Masters in Communication Science and Disorders program of the Teachers College-Columbia University (TC-CU) in New York, USA. This was upon the invitation of Dr. Catherine Crowley, Professor of Practice and Director of the Bilingual Extension Institute at the Teachers College-Columbia University in New York, USA.

As one of the early graduates and practitioners of SLP in the Philippines, Mojica provided the participants with a brief history of SLP in the country, highlighting the establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Speech Language Pathology academic program at the University of Santo Tomas in 2009. She emphasized the ratio of practitioners to the Filipino people with disability needing SLP services, and how in 2014, after UST produced its first graduates and thereafter, the Thomasian SLPs have been steadily providing language pathology services in various work settings locally.

In the facilitated discussion, the students of Columbia University were able to see another perspective of how SLP services are provided considering socio-cultural and economic differences between the US and the Philippines.

Mojica and Crowley first met in March 2017 in Manila when Crowley, a renowned educator, conducted a trainors' training for cleft lip and palate patients. Since then, both have been planning for possible collaboration in this area.



Mojica delivers her lecture.



Mojica (second row, standing with eyeglasses) and some participants

CRS seminar tackles Optimising Upper Limb Functions in Stroke Rehabilitation

Jeric Uy, Ph.D., a Physical Therapy academic and clinical instructor at the University of South Australia specializing in neurologic rehabilitation, was the resource speaker in the seminar titled "Optimising Upper Limb Functions in Stroke Rehabilitations" held in November. The seminar was organized by the Continuing Professional Development Committee of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS).

Discussed in the seminar was the current and evidence-based assessment and treatment in upper extremity rehabilitation among stroke patients. This includes non-standardized and standardized assessment such as postural assessment, upper extremity range of motion, mobility, muscle strength and the use of outcome measure tools. Moreover, the seminar also tackled research-based treatment that participants can use to manage their patients. The speaker, who is a CRS alumnus and former faculty member, used several teaching methodologies to ensure learning among participants like didactics, demonstration and return demonstration. It was attended by 51 licensed physical therapists, three licensed occupational therapists, and two physical therapy interns.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Red Wednesday campaign:
UST in solidarity with persecuted Christians worldwide



The Thomasians and UST Chapel parishioners light up red candles during the Eucharistic Celebration in support of the Red Wednesday Campaign.



Rev. Fr. Roberto L. Luanzon, Jr., O.P., SThL-MA, delivers the homily during the Eucharistic celebration.

The Office of the Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs, the UST Simbahayan Community Development Office, the Center for Campus Ministry and the Institute of Religion along with the UST Sociological Society, The Bosconian Thomasian Youth Movement, Marian Evangelization Community and TomasinoWeb, led the activities of the Red Wednesday Campaign on November 22, 2017 held at the UST Grounds.

Through the initiative of Aid to the Church in Need Philippines (ACN), Red Wednesday aimed to create awareness among Filipino Christians about the severity of Christian persecution. Red is the color of martyrdom in the Christian faith, and the Red Wednesday campaign was a way to shine a light on religious persecution and honor all Christians who suffered and died for Christ.

In support of the campaign, UST organized several activities. An advocacy forum and photo exhibit were held at the Central Laboratory Auditorium from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. while a Eucharistic celebration and candle-lighting ceremony was held at the Santissimo Rosario Parish from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Simultaneously after the praying of the Angelus, the UST Main Building, the Benavides Garden, the Carillon Bells and the Buenaventura G. Paredes, OP Building were lit with red light as the University's way of expressing solidarity with persecuted Christians all-over the world who shed their blood to defend their faith.

Abelardo of Simbahayan presents consequences of distance ed at Int'l confab on culture-based education

UST Simbahayan Community Development Officer Abegail Martha S. Abelardo, presented her paper titled "Mediations and Social Consequences of a Distance Education Program among Aytas of Bambang, Tarlac" during the First Bantula: International Conference on Culture-based Education in the Context of ASEAN Integration held at the La Consolacion University of the Philippines – Malolos City, Bulacan from December 1 to 3, 2017.

Abelardo's paper discussed the social impact of mediations and social consequences on the Ayta learners of the University of Santo Tomas Distance Education Program (UST DEP). It likewise investigated how the program served as an instrument in the transformation of its learners' literacy practices. It also revealed the mediating factors which influenced their learning processes. The interconnection between the components of the UST Distance Education Program was also discussed.

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ARTS&CULTURE

Parol, Christmas carols featured
at UST Museum holiday exhibition



UST Museum Director Rev. Fr. Isidro C. Abaño, O.P., welcomes the participants and guests.



The parol displays are hung at the ceiling of the UST Museum for the duration of the exhibit.



The UST Junior High School Glee Club

The festive Christmas vibe is very much alive at the UST Museum. Lanterns that adorn the Museum and a musical presentation give the place a Christmassy ambience. The "CHRISTMASEUM" feature collaborative projects among the Museum, the UST High School Glee Club and the Interior Design Department of the UST College of Fine Arts and Design.

Christmaseum features two major activities: "Kumukuti-kutitap, Bumubusi-busilak: A Christmas Exhibition" by UST College of Fine Arts and Design Interior

Design Department showcasing the Filipino Christmas Lantern or "parol." This marks the first time that a ceiling-mounted Christmas installation is done inside the halls. The exhibit runs from November 28, 2017 to January 19, 2018.

"Joyful Carols: A Musical Presentation by the UST Junior High School Glee Club" was staged on November 29, 2017. Festive singing echoed inside the halls of the UST Museum as the UST High School Glee Club under the baton of Prof. Emerson Hernandez masterfully interpreted popular yuletide songs.

The UST Museum is now into collaborations with academic units not just for the holiday season but for the rest of the year, in its thrust to promote awareness in the Thomasian community through meaningful museum activities and exhibits.

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Aberlarado

The Bantula conference provided a venue for stakeholders in cultural education – institutional leaders and policymakers, academics, artists, and cultural workers, local government officials, culture bearers and cultural advocates, students, community leaders, and organizers to present and discuss the rules and challenges of culture-based education. Cultural Education as catalyst for regional cooperation, facilitate socio-cultural mobility by promoting partnership – respect and understanding – among members of ASEAN Region, whose national lives and cultures are intertwined and interconnected through shared histories and common traditions. A responsive and relevant culture-based education ensures the creation, promotion, and preservation of a peaceable environment conducive to productive collaboration, creative interaction, and meaningful cooperation.

UST Miguel de Benavides Library mounts Belén exhibit



The 17 sets of Belén lent by Mrs. Ocampo for the "Tara! Pasko na!" exhibit



Originating from Japan, this Nativity scene is made of wood and cloth.



The nesting Belén set with Angel Picaso is from the USA.



This wood carving of Ifugao origins is a unique take on the traditional Nativity scene.

The University of Santo Tomas Miguel de Benavides Library mounted a month-long exhibit of unique Belén sets or Nativity displays at the viewing area, found at the ground floor of the Miguel de Benavides Library. The display, which opened on November 21, featured small nativity sets from the collection of Mrs. Gloria Ocampo-Reyes, a known collector of *Belén* sets and a benefactor of the Benavides Library for years.

Featuring Nativity designs from Italy, Japan, China, the Ifugao region, and various provenances, the 17 sets of *Belén* are made of different materials such as resin, wood, metal, and even Pinatubo ashes, express the oneness that Christmas brings to people all over the world.

Belén, which originates from the Spanish word for Bethlehem, refers to a tableau which represents the Nativity scene after the birth of Christ.

The exhibit was titled "Tara! Pasko na!" (Come! It's Christmas) as an invitation to the (Thomasian) community to experience the sacred moment of the season, the birth of Jesus on Earth. The exhibit closed on December 20.

For the past years, the UST Library has organized exhibits of Nativity scenes from around the globe. This year's display is the third time that the Library has featured items from Mrs. Reyes' collection. The previous exhibits which included Mrs. Reyes' collection were: "Misteryo: Ikaw at ang Pasko" in 2012 and "Belénes del Mundo" in 2016.

USTPH titles shortlisted for Madrigal-Gonzalez Best First Book award

Three UST Publishing House titles were named finalists in the 17th Madrigal-Gonzalez Best First Book Award (MGBFBA).

Of the four titles shortlisted for the award, three were from the UST Publishing House. The three titles are: "The Reddest Herring" by Francisco Guevara (poetry), "Writing Naked: A Memoir" by Arnie Quibranza Mejia (creative nonfiction), and "Mariposa Gang and Other Stories" by Catherine Torres (fiction).

The Madrigal-Gonzalez Award is a literary award project by the UP Institute of Creative Writing. It is given to the best first book by a Filipino writer, and alternates each year between books written in Filipino and in English. This year, the award is open to first books in English published between 2015 and 2016.

In the awarding ceremony held on December 1, 2017 at the University of the Philippines, adjudged winner was "All my Lonely Islands" by VJ Campilan, a novel in English printed by Anvil Publishing.



The UST Publishing House is represented by author Arnie Quibranza Mejia (front row, leftmost), Anna Maria Ferreria-Guevara who received the certificate on behalf of her late son Francisco Guevara (second from right), and Ma. Ailil B. Alvarez (rightmost), USTPH Director. On the second row are (from left) 2017 MGBFBA board of judges Randy David and Gemino Abad, along with UP Institute of Creative Writing Director Roland Tolentino and Anvil Publishing Director Andrea Pasion-Flores.

UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies launches 5-volume anniversary issue



UST CCWLS Director Prof. Cristina Pantoja-Hidalgo (inner row, seated second from right) and the attendees of the anniversary issue launch

To celebrate its 5th anniversary since its revival in 2012, the UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies (CCWLS) launched its special five-volume issue of the "Tomás" literary journal on December 12, 2017 at the CCWLS Conference Room, UST Benavides Bldg.

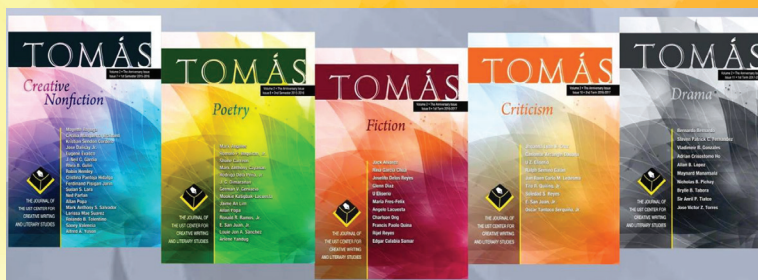
The five-volume set which contains works from five literary genres, namely Poetry, Fiction, Drama, and Criticism, features the literary pieces of Thomasian writers who are either faculty members, graduate students or alumni, as well as reputable non-Thomasian authors. Prof. Emerita Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo, Ph.D., renowned writer and Director of the UST CCWLS, is the Editor-in-Chief of the series.

The other editors of the literary journal are: John Jack G. Wigley, Issue Editor and Dawn Laurente Marfil, Managing Editor (Creative Nonfiction); Joselito D. Delos Reyes, Issue Editor and Ned Parfan, Managing Editor (Poetry); Augusto Antonio

Aguila, Issue Editor and Chuckberry J. Pascual, Managing Editor (Fiction); Joyce Arriola, Issue Editor and Ma. Ailil B. Alvarez, Managing Editor (Criticism); and Joselito B. Zulueta, Issue Editor and Ralph Semino Galán, Managing Editor (Drama).

During the program proper, the contributors were handed the ceremonial first copies of the respective issues that featured their works. University officials likewise received the complete five-volume set.

To entice the reading public to read all five volumes, excerpts from selections were read by selected authors. For creative nonfiction, the reader was Mayette Bayuga, prize-winning author published by the UST Publishing House (USTPH); for poetry, Jaime An Lim, former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of FEU and recipient of the Gawad Balagtas; and for fiction, U.Z. Eliserio of UP Diliman, also an author of the USTPH.

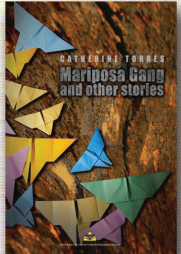


The five-volume anniversary issue set of "Tomás" literary journal

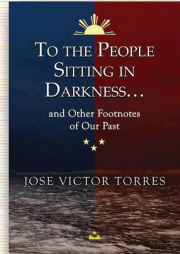
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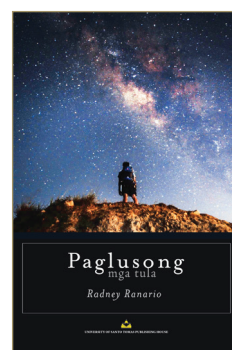
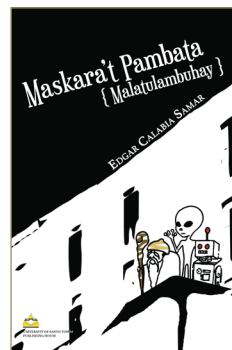


*To the People Sitting in Darkness...
and Other Footnotes of Our Past*
Jose Victor Torres
Best Book of Essays

Congratulations to our authors!

Maskara't Pambata: Malatulanbuhay
Edgar Samar

May mga alaalang higit pa sa alaala, may mga kritisismong hindi naman talaga kritisismo, at may mga tulang malatulanbuhay na hinaharap ang mga ito bilang mga maskarang nagpapakilala bilang dayuhan sa sariling bayan, o bilang pambatang sentimyentong gaya ng sumasabog na pag-ibig sa gitna ng mga digmaan. Mga tula ito ng paninibugho sa sariling nagdaan na hindi na mababalikan. O hindi na ibig balikan sapagkat ayaw na muling iwan.

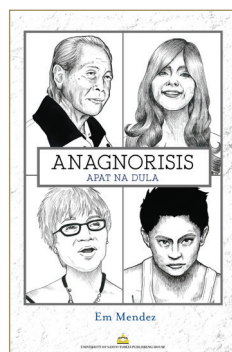
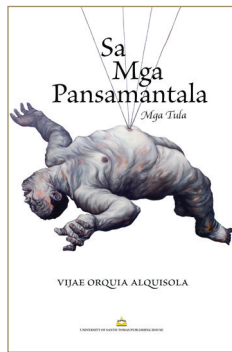


Paglusong: Mga Tula
Radney Ranario

Mula sa manunulat na si Noel P. Tuazon: "Matahom ang mga pananalinhaga ni Radney Ranario. Ang bawat paglusong sa kanyang mga tula, personal man o politikal, ay ang pagdamang muli sa mga likidong damdamin na umaaliw-iw sa ating haraya hanggang sila'y sumanib sa ating buto't laman."

Sa Mga Pansamantala
Vijae Orquia Alquisola

Mula sa kilalang makatang si Allan Popa: "Ang halina ng mga tula ni Vijae Alquisola [sa koleksiyong ito] ay nasa pambihirang kakayahan nitong iparahas ang karunungan ng isang bata sa kabila ng kasalatan ng kaalaman ng isang bata. Ito rin ang karunungan ng tula sa kabila ng kasalatan [...] isang mahirap na sining na natatanging mga makata lamang ang nakagagawa."



Anagnorisis: Apat na Dula
Em Mendez

From historian and playwright José Victor Torres: "Em Mendez's plays are slices of lives that range from the dark humor and pathos of reality to the funny and absurd side of fantasy and imagination. It is the vision of a new playwright who can still find and write about facets in our society for the stage and screen."

Kissing through a Handkerchief
Alice Sun-Cua

Prizewinning author Marjorie Evasco describes this recent travel collection as Cua's marvelous "retriev[al], not the merely adventurous or challenging, but more importantly the quiet, indelible moments when authentic, albeit oftentimes passing, human contact in friendship and compassion is achieved and celebrated."



Hush Harbor: Poems
Mookie Katigbak-Lacuesta

Lacuesta's recent poetry collection, according to Poet Laureate of Vancouver Rachel Rose, "investigates the fraught love and power dynamics between men and women, colonizer and colonized, as well as the contradictions of the feminine path in both ancient and modern literary plots." The poems "make their own captivating music, dirge and praise, internal rhyme, and surprising turns of phrase."



Coral Cove and Other Stories
Angelo R. Lacuesta

This fourth collection by widely-acclaimed fictionist Angelo "Sarge" Lacuesta gathers stories that take place in the clouded past, the urgent present, and the dark future—yet all seem to happen in the same timeframe and state of mind. Lacuesta "thrives in the unconnected and the undone—in any one story, two or more plotlines can coexist; characters and their histories remain disjointed and unconnected except in the minds of his protagonists and anti-heroes."



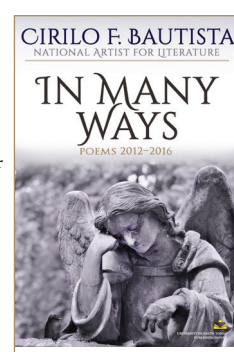
That Thing With Feathers: My Book of Memories
Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo

From the Preface: These narratives/essays are mementos of an ordinary life—tales of love and loss, reflections on coming of age and confronting the decline, on joys hard won and deep abiding sorrows, fragments of dreams forgotten, forsaken, retrieved, honored... The title is a curtesy to the poet Emily Dickinson's feathery creature, her singing metaphor for hope. For, to me, both reading and writing are acts of hope. One reads in the hope of finding answers to life's troubling questions, or perhaps finding better questions. And one writes, guided by the same hope.



In Many Ways: Poems 2012-2016
Cirilo F. Bautista

This is National Artist for Literature Cirilo F. Bautista's 13th book of poems, written from 2012 to 2016 in an inspired stretch of imagination. They are narrative transcriptions of social and personal experiences that have affected his views of humanity—suffering, pain, hunger, war, love—they are here, interpreted as only Bautista could.



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The well-attended literary launch also served as a gathering of respected names in the literary world. Present were: two-time Gawad Urian winner Bernardo Bernardo who teaches literature at communication arts courses in the UST Graduate School; DLSU's Bienvenido N. Santos Creative Writing Center Director Ronald Baytan; UP Press Director J. Neil C. Garcia, former UP Institute of Creative Writing (UP ICW) Deputy Director Luna Sicut-Cleto; publisher and CEO of Precious Pages and Lampara Books Segundo Matias, Jr.; prolific prize-winning fictionist Charlson Ong; Palanca of Hall of Fame awardee Eugene Evasco; and veteran journalist Nestor Cuartero who teaches Journalism subjects at the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters.

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Participants of the 2018 International Conference of the Philippine Association for Language Teaching



Mr. Harold Samuels (first row, fourth from left), Regional Language Officer of the US Department of State, Ms. Leonie Overbeek (fourth row, third from left), researcher and teacher trainer from KoreaTESOL, and participants and guests of the 2018 International Conference of the Philippine Association for Language Teaching (PALT) with Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Director of Public Affairs during their tour on the first day of the conference.



UST Administrators Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, APR, Director of Office of Public Affairs (first from left), Asst. Prof. Mariñe V. Narcida, Director of Academic Programs-Quality Assurance Office (second from left), Assoc. Prof. Joehanna K. Ngo, Director of Quality Management Office (fifteenth from left, in the yellow coat), and Engr. Nestor R. Ong, Assistant Director of Quality Management Office (rightmost, in yellow shirt) with the delegates of Asean Young Quality Assurance Officers Network (AYON) in yellow sunvisors.

ASEAN Young Quality Assurance Officers Network

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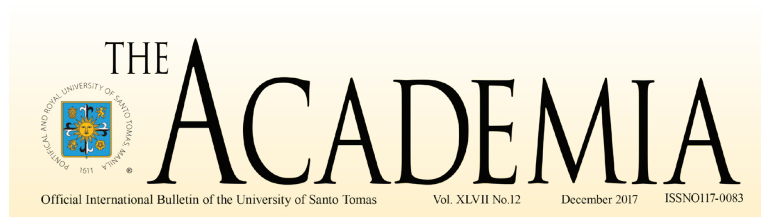


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