



## UST researchers discover fourth *Mycetia* species in the country



Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P.



*Mycetia dagohoyana*



Dr. Grecebio Jonathan Alejandro

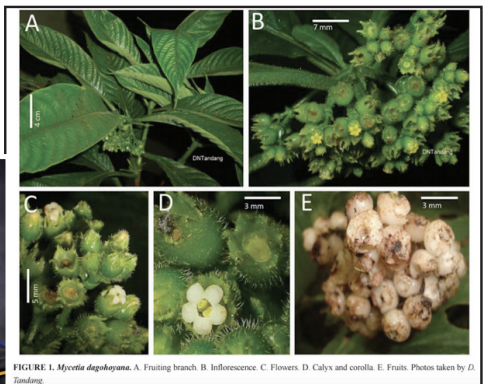


FIGURE 1. *Mycetia dagohoyana*. A. Fruiting branch. B. Inflorescence. C. Flowers. D. Calyx and corolla. E. Fruits. Photos taken by D. Zaidang.

The different parts of the newly-discovered plant "*Mycetia dagohoyana*"

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A new species of flowering and fruiting plant discovered by a team of University of Santo Tomas (UST) researchers becomes the fourth *Mycetia* species recognized in the Philippines.

According to a paper co-authored by multi-awarded researcher in biology Dr. Grecebio Jonathan Alejandro, the new species resembles *M. javanica*, but also revealed differences in the "leaf blade indumentum, stipule features, inflorescences indumentum, calyx and corolla features, and fruit size and shape."

Found thriving in the moist humus soils in open areas of Agusan del Norte, the species of Argostemmataeae, an endemic Philippine plant, was coined *Mycetia dagohoyana* in honor of the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Rector Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. by Dr. Alejandro and his team.

The idea of naming the new plant after the current UST Rector came about during Alejandro's talk on 'Newly discovered endemic Philippine plants and their conservation status' during a national conference in Bohol, where Fr. Dagohoy, O.P. was in the audience.

The specific epithet "dagohoyana" was termed from the Rector's surname Dagohoy, following the correct international botanical nomenclature.

The discovery of the *M. dagohoyana* is a result of a recent field survey in the Municipality of Remedios Romualdez in Agusan del Norte. Its distribution and habitat is located along the trail of Sak-a Falls heading to Mt. Hilong-hilong in elevations of 100 to 200 meters above sea level, growing on humus covered fertile and moist soils.

In 2015, Alejandro and his team named a rare flowering plant in Antique after Pope Francis (*Hedyotis papafranciscoi*) in time for his apostolic visit to the Philippines and his encounter with the youth in UST.

Alejandro, a 2015 recipient of the Gregorio Zara Achievement Award (Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology) and 2006 Outstanding Young Scientist in Biology (National Academy of Science and Technology), is the current director for the UST Office for Graduate

## UST confers honorary professor title to acclaimed scientists



Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Rector (fifth from left); From left: Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P., Regent of the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery; Rev. Fr. Filemon, I. dela Cruz, Jr., O.P., Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs; Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Vice-Rector; Prof. Geoffrey Cordell, Ph.D., Honorary Professor; Prof. Takahashi Okamoto, M.D., Honorary Professor; Prof. John Holdsworth, Honorary Professor; Rev. Fr. Franklin F. Beltran, O.P., Regent of the College of Science; Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda Jr., O.P., Secretary-General; and Rev. Fr. Florentino A. Bolo, Jr., O.P., Director of the Institute of Religion

The University of Santo Tomas (UST) conferred the title Honorary Professor upon three of the world's most reputable scientists in a special convocation held on February 27, 2017, at the UST Medicine Auditorium.

UST Rector Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., led the conferment ceremonies for American chemist Prof. Geoffrey Cordell, Ph.D., Japanese biomedical expert Prof. Takashi Okamoto, M.D., Ph.D., and Australian physicist Prof. John Holdsworth, Ph.D.

Cordell, who gave a professorial lecture during the program, has been elected a Fellow in various societies including the Royal Chemical Society, the Linnean Society of London, the American Society of Pharmacognosy, the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists, and the Alexander von Humboldt at the University of Munich. He authored about 600 research publications, book chapters, comprehensive reviews, and professional publications and served as editor of 37 books, including 29 volumes in the series "The Alkaloids: Chemistry and Biology." He has over 19,520 citations, an h-index of 63, and an i10-index of 404.

A member of the editorial advisory boards of 30 international scientific journals, Cordell has shared his expertise to *Acta Manilana*, the official journal of the UST Research Center for the Natural Science since 2002. His involvement has contributed to the journal's recognition as Category-A Research Journal of the Philippine Commission on Higher Education. He also played an important role in UST's continuing professional development program in the field of natural products chemistry from 1992 to 2010.

Okamoto, who specializes in clinical immunology of autoimmune diseases, conducted a pioneering study on retroviral involvement in human autoimmunity for his doctorate degree. He also pioneered a research on HIV-encoded Tat virus specific transcriptional activator.

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Honorary Professor Takahashi Okamoto, M.D.



Honorary Professor John L. Holdsworth, Ph.D.



Honorary Professor Geoffrey Cordell, Ph.D.

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A member of the Science Council of Japan, Okamoto and his team identified seven novel interacting proteins in the course of their work on the multi-faceted features of NF-kappa B's action. It was published in over 200 leading scientific journals around the globe. Okamoto was instrumental in bringing Thomasian students and faculty members to Japan for research collaborations and internships.

Currently a level C senior lecturer of physics at the University of Newcastle in Australia, Holdsworth was a recipient of 28 research grants and authored and co-authored 28 articles published in reputable journals across continents. He has been working with 29 local and international research collaborators for studies on photonics, material science, and chemical physics.

Holdsworth is a regular member of the International Society of Optics and Photonics and served as treasurer of the *Samahang Pisika ng Pilipinas*. He assisted in the development of the BS Applied Physics major in Instrumentation program at UST that led to its offering in 2002.

Assisting the Rector in Awarding the Honorary Professor title were Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Clarita D. Carillo, Ph.D., Vice Rector for Research and Innovation Prof. Maribel G. Nonato, Ph.D., and College of Science Dean Prof. John Donnie A. Ramos, Ph.D. Regent Fr. Franklin F. Beltran, O.P., led the Invocation, while Assistant Dean Prof. Ma. Carlota B. Decena, Ph.D. read the citation for Prof. Holdsworth. UST Secretary General Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P. served as master of ceremonies.

Since 1974, UST has granted honorary professorships to persons, who are exceptional in their fields of expertise and who contributed knowledge to the academic community. Former recipients of the title include Nobel Prize in Literature winner Mario Vargas Llosa (2016), former Polish president and Nobel laureate Lech Walesa (2012), former Malaysian Prime Minister Tun Dr. Mahathir Mohamad (2012), and Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences chancellor Msgr. Marcelo Sanchez Sorondo (2011), among others.

## UST honors exemplary Thomasian engineers at 110th anniversary



Abadilla



Sy



Velasquez

In celebration of its 110th founding anniversary, the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Faculty of Engineering honored its outstanding graduates, led by three of the most accomplished engineers in the Asia-Pacific region.

Thomasians Engr. James Velasquez, Engr. Jose Sy, Engr. Ramon Abadilla were named Hall of Fame honorees during the 2017 Engineering Alumni Awards held during the grand alumni homecoming on February 18 at the UST Plaza Mayor.

Currently the director for Global Technology Services in Asia-Pacific, a 100-year-old multinational company, Velasquez acquired an electronics and communication engineering degree from UST. He formerly served as chairman of IBM Philippines and has held key local and regional executive positions in his professional career. He participated in the formulation of the National Innovation Strategy under the 'Filippinovation' initiative of the Philippine government.

Sy, a civil engineering graduate (Cum Laude), placed 11th in the 1979 national licensure exams. He is presently the president and CEO of Sy^+ Associates, Inc., one of the largest structural engineering firms in the country. He has earned fellowships from some of the most esteemed engineering groups and associations in the Philippines and abroad and was given the 2007 Centennial Award in Civil Engineering and the 2006 Jose Rizal Award for Science and Technology, among others.

Abadilla, meanwhile, is the managing director for Du Pont Far East, Inc.—Philippines, a global company that utilizes science and engineering in helping solve some of the world's biggest challenges in food, energy, and protection. He graduated with a degree in chemical engineering in 1978 and has since dealt with functional services in supporting business unit goals in the country level.

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Research and a faculty researcher/ project leader of the Research Center for the Natural and Applied Sciences (RCNAS).

The Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) recognizes the UST RCNAS as the Center for DNA Plant Barcoding in the Philippines which aims to create an online database and a medicinal guidebook for flora found in the Philippines with the help of DNA barcoding.

The celebration, which had for its theme "UST Engineering @ 110: Honoring a Glorious Past, Sustaining Excellence for a Challenging Future," highlighted the achievements of the faculty, its students and alumni in a weeklong festivities beginning February 13 the feast day of Bl. Jordan of Saxony, patron saint of Engineering. It opened with a Eucharistic celebration to be presided by Engineering Regent Fr. Roberto Luanzon, Jr., O.P. and concelebrated by the faculty's former regents.

Preceding the grand reunion was the Jubilarian Gala Night on February 17 at the Blessed Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P. Building. The jubilarians' (graduates in the years 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, and 1992) received their jubilarian medals from the UST Rector Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Engineering Dean Prof. Philipina Marcelo, Ph.D., Regent Fr. Luanzon, O.P., and Eng'g. Alumni Association President Engr. Jerenato B. Alfante.

The 110th foundation celebration was chaired by Prof. Alberto Laurito, former Engineering dean (1985-2000), and co-chaired by Engineering Regent Fr. Roberto Luanzon, Jr., O.P. Founded in 1907, the UST Engineering is the oldest engineering school in the Philippines.

## UST Simbahayan holds prayer march against human trafficking

In celebration of the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking, the UST Simbahayan Community Development Office, in partnership with Talitha Kum Philippines held a Prayer-March on February 8, 2017 at the UST Arch of the Centuries and at the St. Anthony de Padua Parish in Bustillos, Manila.

The program was participated in by Thomasians, together with different institutions and sectors. It started with the opening prayer led by the Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs, Rev. Fr. Filemon I. dela Cruz, Jr., O.P., followed by the briefing by Sr. Cecilia Espinella, O.P., coordinator for Talitha Kum Philippines. A sharing on the issue of trafficking was given by organizations such as: 'Pope Francis on Human Trafficking' by Fr. Resty Ogsimer, CS (CBCP-ECMI), 'Elements of Trafficking' by Rev. Marie Sol Villalon (NCCP), 'Trafficking of Children' by Ms. Fe Foronda (PCEC), 'Migration and Trafficking' by Sr. Nympha Que MMS (CMC-AMRSP), and 'What can we do?' by Fiscal Rey Inciong.

A Eucharistic Celebration held at the St. Anthony de Padua Parish in Bustillos, officiated by Fr. Clemente Moreira, FdCC ended the Prayer-March from UST grounds to Bustillos. TKP is a global network of consecrated persons of the International Network of Consecrated Life Against Trafficking. This event coincides with the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, the Patron of Victims of Human Trafficking.



Rev. Fr. Filemon I. dela Cruz, Jr., O.P., Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs leads the opening prayer



Sr. Cecilia Espinella, O.P., coordinator for Talitha Kum Philippines



Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, Director of Simbahayan and Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao, Assistant Director of Simbahayan, together with the Thomasian community join the prayer march from UST to Bustillos.

Students participate in the prayer march.



## Istituto Marangoni representatives visit UST

Istituto Marangoni Asia Pacific Area Manager Mr. Roberto La lacona, and Istituto Marangoni Representative Office, Shanghai and Fashion Business Program Leader Ms. Sennait Ghebreab of the Istituto Marangoni School of Fashion, London visited the University of Santo Tomas on February 16, 2017, as an off-shoot of the benchmarking activities conducted by students and faculty members of the UST College of Fine Arts and Design (CFAD) at Istituto Marangoni School of Design and School of Fashion in Milan, Italy in July 2016.

The visitors, who were given a warm welcome by the UST Public Affairs Director Prof. Giovanna Fontanilla together with CFAD Dean Asst. Prof. Mary Christie Que, Assistant Dean Mr. Romeo Castro and CFAD International Relations Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Anna Marie Bautista at the Main Building. This was followed by a courtesy call and meeting with UST Office for International Relations Director Prof. Lilian Sison, Ph.D. In this meeting, both institutions discussed their internationalization thrusts and finalized the Memorandum of Understanding between UST and Istituto Marangoni.

A UST campus tour was given the visitors. A meeting between the Istituto Marangoni and the UST representatives ensued to discuss a possible collaboration with Istituto Marangoni representatives at their headquarters in Milan. The benchmarking activity in 2016 resulted in strengthening the

Student Mobility Program of CFAD, where Interior Design, Advertising Arts and Industrial Design students have signified their intent to enrol in a three-week short course program at Istituto Marangoni Milan Campus for the June to July 2017 summer intake.

This was followed by a lecture by Ms. Ghebreab on Fashion Marketing: Focus On Communications - Promotion Through Social Media/ E-Commerce at the Beato Angelico AVR. The lecture was attended by Advertising Arts students and faculty members. As a token of gratitude, the College gave Ms. Ghebreab and Mr. La lacona portraits done on the spot by Painting Program Chair Asst. Prof. Danilo Santiago.

After the lecture, an orientation was conducted by Mr. La lacona to the CFAD students who will enrol in the summer courses. He discussed registration and enrolment requirements, campus life, how to go around Milan, possible places to stay and visit, and expectations from the programs. The visit was capped with a closing meeting to formally jumpstart the academic collaboration. Aside from Dean Que, Asst. Dean Castro and Assoc. Prof. Bautista, also present in the meeting were CFAD Regent Rev. Fr. Edgardo Alaurin, O.P., College Secretary Ms. Adrienne Zacarias, Advertising Arts Program Chair Asst. Prof. Gigi Ocampo, Painting Program Chair Asst. Prof. Danilo Santiago, Industrial Design Program Chair and Mr. Romano Macaisa.



Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, UST Office of Public Affairs Director welcomes Mr. Roberto La lacona, Istituto Marangoni Asia Pacific Area Manager and Ms. Sennait Ghebreab, Istituto Marangoni representative, and Fashion Business Program Leader of the Istituto Marangoni School of Fashion, London.



Prof. Lilian Sison, (center) UST Office for International Relations Director holds a meeting with Mr. Roberto La lacona and Ms. Sennait Ghebreab. Also in attendance were Mr. Romeo Castro, College of Fine Arts and Design Assistant Dean, Asst. Prof. Mary Christie Que, College of Fine Arts and Design Dean, and Assoc. Prof. Anna Marie Bautista, College of Fine Arts and Design International Relations coordinator.

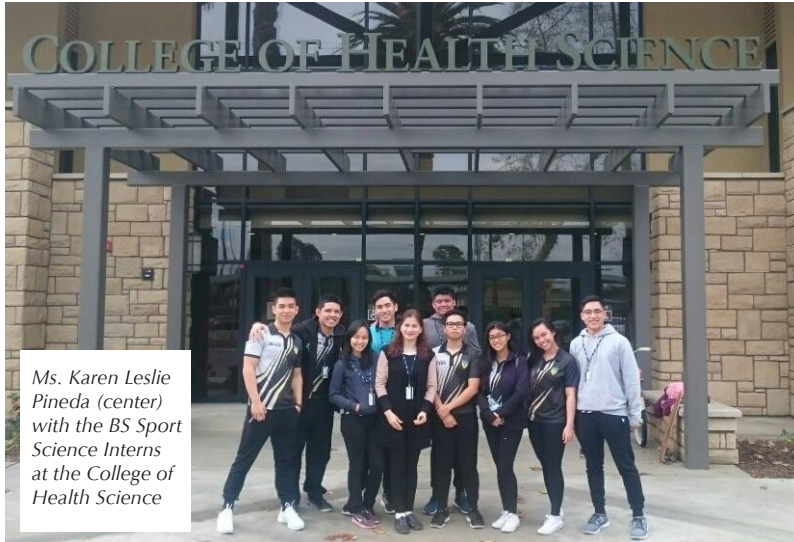


From left: Asst. Prof. Danilo Santiago, Painting Program chair; Ms. Sennait Ghebreab, Istituto Marangoni representative, and Fashion Business Program Leader of the Istituto Marangoni School of Fashion, London; Mr. Roberto La lacona, Istituto Marangoni Asia Pacific Area Manager; and Asst. Prof. Mary Christie Que, College of Fine Arts and Design Dean



College of Fine Arts and Design Administrators and students led by Asst. Prof. Mary Christie Que, Dean and Rev. Fr. Edgardo D. Alaurin, O.P., (7th and 8th from left, respectively) Regent with Mr. Roberto La lacona and Ms. Sennait Ghebreab

## Nine Sports Science students take internship at California Baptist University



Ms. Karen Leslie Pineda (center) with the BS Sport Science Interns at the College of Health Science

From February 1 to 28, 2017, nine BS Sports Science (SPS) interns namely, Pio Aquino, Miguel Aytona, Jasmine Cheng, Patricia David, Alice Cornejo, Stevie Lazo, Lance Mauleon, Gio Reyes and Abiater Tsai spent one month for their educational exposure trip at the California Baptist University (CBU) in Riverside, California, USA, as part of the Global Internship Experience (GIE) program of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences. Accompanied by the Department's Internship Supervisor, Karen Leslie L. Pineda, this is the second year that CRS sent interns to CBU.

The students attended lecture and laboratory classes in Sports Science courses, based on their interests, as follows: Exercise Physiology, Emergencies in Sports Medicine, Principles of Conditioning Athletes, Basic and Sports Nutrition, Medical Nutrition Therapy, Taping, Fitness Assessment and Exercise Prescription. Students had the opportunity to interact with CBU professors on issues and topics that are of interest to them.

Aside from the regular classes, students attended three core areas: Athletic Training Center (ATC), Athletic Performance Center (APC) and Kinesiology Laboratory, where they were able to observe workouts and training sessions, as well as share their own experiences during their internship and research undertakings. They likewise had the opportunity to watch sports competitions and gain access to the recreational center. The flexibility of the program allowed the students the distinct advantage of tailor-fitting their daily schedule of activities to their line of interest.

As part of the faculty mobility program of the CRS, Pineda had the privilege of taking part in academic discussions with the

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## CRS Interns join Seton Hall University Global Internship Experience Program



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Two occupational therapy (OT) interns Gabrielle Marie Yulo and Elmo Luis Nicolas, and two speech and language pathology (SLP) interns Ariana Marie Louise Uy and Andrea Marie Beatrice Uy, were chosen to participate in the Global Internship Experience (GIE) program of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) with Seton Hall University (SHU) in New Jersey, USA for the month of February 2017. Faculty member Carol Mae B. Gutay was designated as GIE leader. It is the first time for the Department of Occupational Therapy to send interns to SHU while it is the second run for the Department of Speech and Language Pathology.

The UST-CRS interns were able to get an insight of how rehabilitation professionals in the United States execute their service delivery. The interns participated in various learning activities which included classroom presentations, demonstrations, and group discussions. Interns also had the chance to explore technological innovations and advanced techniques in rehabilitation in the clinical sites that they were exposed to in the states of New Jersey and New York. Extensive opportunities for professional development were also obtained through the rehabilitation professionals whom they have worked with during their individual and group evaluation and intervention sessions, along with clinical documentation.

The CRS plans to further strengthen its partnership with SHU through the continuation of its student and faculty mobility programs, adding the vision of expanding this endeavor to the other departments in the coming years. The interns expressed that the GIE program made them realize the unique contribution of culture and context in any service delivery. They also affirmed that the program augmented their knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed for entry-level practice.

## MA-THAI-YA: The UST-Mahidol Global Internship Experience

Aligned with its vision to be an internationally acknowledged educational institution of experts producing nationalistic and globally competitive Thomasian leaders in the field of rehabilitation sciences, the College of Rehabilitation Sciences sent four BS Physical Therapy (PT) interns namely, Jorella Altura, Robyn Corpuz, Mojah Galit and Ryan Lorenzo and eight Sports Science (SPS) interns namely, Jimm Humarang, Phillip Tuazon, Pauline Alviz, Joseph Villareal, Jared Nacino, Mike Sy, Bettina Gomez and Bea David to Mahidol University, one of Thailand's leading universities.

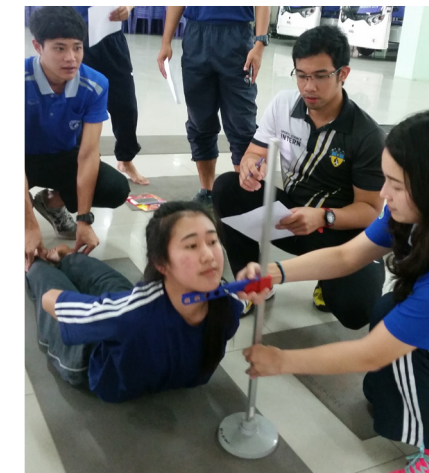
The program was led by Ms. Stephanie Claire L. Pagarigan, faculty member of the Department of Sports Science and Mr. Lemuel Lim, of the Department of Physical Therapy. As part of the faculty mobility program, Pagarigan and Lim provided lectures and helped facilitate student classes and activities, including those at the Master's and Doctorate levels. To further enhance and strengthen the programs of both universities, exchange ideas on research and academic programs were likewise conducted.

The PT interns were exposed to different areas of practice, including pediatric, musculoskeletal, acute neurologic, and community-based practices. They likewise participated in the Annual International Night in Mahidol University Salaya Campus, where they met students across the globe. They had the opportunity to appreciate the culture of other countries as they met other students from Japan and Denmark with whom they exchanged experiences.

The SPS interns had hands-on experience on different exercise modalities and programs, observed physiological testing equipment and protocols, and witnessed the training of some Thailand national teams as well as some Thailand University Games. Students were taken to the Sports Science Authority of Thailand where they learned the administration and data analysis of the different physiological testing equipment both for research use and program development. This center



College of Rehabilitation Sciences Physical Therapy students and Mr Lemuel Lim (in green) participate in community-based rehabilitation in the Thailand



Physio Testing of UST Sport Science Interns at Mahidol University, Thailand

of authority houses majority of Thailand's national teams, with the goal to provide quality training programs for performance enhancement of their athletes through its various units like Sports Physiology, Sports Nutrition, Sports Psychology, Sports Medicine and Strength and Conditioning.

The Sports Science program in Mahidol University is subdivided into four major fields: Sports Physiology, Sports Biomechanics, Sports Nutrition and Sports Medicine. The interns had the chance to work with both undergraduate and Master's students, participate in research and academic endeavors, as well as engage in their desired sport like swimming, basketball and volleyball where they had the chance to train with university athletes.

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Department Chair of Health Science, Dr. Sean Sullivan; the Department Chair of Public Health Science, Dr. Robert LaChausse, Vice President for Global Initiatives, Mr. Larry Linamen; the faculty-in-charge for student exchange program, Dr. Erik Salley; Program Director of Speech and Language Pathology, Dr. Candace Vickers; and Assistant Professor of Nutrition and Food Sciences and Nutrition Researcher, Dr. Shasha Zheng and other members of CBU Faculty. The discussions centered mainly on future programs and projects such as, possible externship program of speech and language pathology starting 2018, the tentative itinerary for CBU students who are coming to UST in July 2017, and possible collaborations in research.

Being an expert in nutrition, she presented the UST Internship program of CRS-SPS to some CBU faculty with emphasis on how the nutrition component of internship allows interns to apply their knowledge and skills on nutrition principles and strategies to UST athletes participating at the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP).

## First in PH: UST Grad Sch offers PhD in Architecture in partnership with University of Reading, UK

The University of Santo Tomas, through the Office for International Relations and Programs and the UST Graduate School, will open a program on PhD (by research) in Architecture starting AY 2018-2019. The program will be the first to be offered in the Philippines. This move is the offshoot of the efforts of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the British Council-Philippines on Transnational Education Programmes.

The CHED and the British Council identified ten higher education institutions in the country which will form part of Universities Philippines, aimed at prioritizing graduate education. It is a unique partnership between select higher education institutions in the Philippines, all working together to provide excellent programs in key educational areas and the universities working together to facilitate transitions and capacity building between institutions. All ten universities will open graduate programs either in the masters or doctoral level in partnership with select UK universities.

The Philippine and UK universities involved in the project are the following:

Ateneo de Manila University and Queen Mary University of London, De La Salle University and Liverpool Hope University, University of the Philippines and the University of Reading, Saint Louis University and University of Derby, Silliman University and Newcastle University, Miriam College and Goldsmiths University of London, Bicol University and University of Liverpool, Central Luzon State University and Swansea University, University of San Carlos and Coventry University, and University of Santo Tomas and the University of Reading.

All ten Philippine universities will focus on different programs while UST will concentrate on the field of Architecture. Other programs to be opened by the other universities are PhD in Engineering by University of San Carlos and Coventry University, MSc in Data Science by De La Salle University and Liverpool Hope University, among others.

Spearheading this project are Office for International Relations Director Dr. Lilian J. Sison, and Graduate School Dean Dr. Marilu R. Madrunio.



Dr. Lilian J. Sison (4th from left) and Dr. Marilu R. Madrunio (2nd from left) with Dr. Fay Lauraya of the Commission on Higher Education (extreme left), Ms. Ashley Tilling (middle), the International Relations Manager of the University of Reading, UK, and Ms. Lotus Postrado (extreme right) of the British Council-Philippines.

## UST Senior High School wins awards in UP Speca Speech Cup

UST Senior High School students took home several awards during the UP Speca Speech Cup held on February 18, 2017 at the UPFI Film Institute. *Sinagtala*, in cooperation with *Tinig Tomasino*, finished first runner up in the *Sabayang Pagbigkas* Category and received the Gardenia, 'GBest' Award. Meanwhile, UST Senior High School student Juan Miguel Ramal placed second runner up in the Oral Interpretation and was the recipient of the Krators 'Defy the Day' Award.



UST Senior High School students at the UP Speca Speech Cup

## LECTURES & CONFERENCES

### Madrunio represents Philippines in TESOL Summit

UST Graduate School Dean Marilu Rañosa-Madrunio, Ph.D., was chosen recently by the Embassy of the United States of America to represent the Philippines in the Summit on the Future of the TESOL Profession. The summit was held in Athens, Greece on February 9 and 10, 2017. TESOL is short for "Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages."

Madrunio, who is also a faculty member of the Faculty of Arts and Letters, joined other country representatives from South Korea, Taiwan, and Japan. All four were selected by Ms. Whitney Mirts, the Regional English Language Officer (RELO) of Asia and the Pacific. The RELO is based at the US Embassy in Manila.

At the Summit, topics discussed were critical issues pertaining to language education on at least four areas: Futurology, English in Multiculturalism, Reimagining English Competence and The Profession as a Change Agent. Round-table discussions were also held.

The field of Future Studies covered a discussion of broad, holistic perspectives essential for understanding the English language profession at present and in the future. The area on English in Multiculturalism focused on English being the ruling language that may eradicate linguistic diversity. However, the TESOL profession, in its mission to teach English, embraces the opportunity to simultaneously support multilingualism. Reimagining English Competence challenges the argument that



Dr. Madrunio (extreme right) with country representatives from Tunisia, Sri Lanka, Georgia in Russia, South Korea, United Kingdom, Turkey and the US Embassy in Moscow.

English competence should be viewed in reference to a native or ideal speaker norm and in terms of the grammar of language. The profession as a change agent highlights the view that each member of the TESOL profession must be empowered to foster positive change within a risk-tolerant culture. The summit was held under the auspices of the US Department of State.

## CHRMS participates in University Research Fortnight 2017

The Center for Health Research and Movement Sciences, the research arm of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS-CHRMS), headed by its Research Supervisor, Prof. Consuelo G. Suarez, M.D., Ph.D., participated in various activities in celebration of the UST Research Fortnight 2017 organized by the Office of the Vice Rector for Research and Innovation.

Consistent with the University's theme for this year's celebration, "Thomsonian Research Excellence and Engagements", CHRMS held a Research Forum titled, "Moving toward Research Excellence" on February 15, 2017 at the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex (TARC) Auditorium. It highlighted faculty research presentations that aimed to provide new knowledge in the rehabilitation science professions, with focus on methods of research which may be used by other faculty and student researchers.

The faculty presenters for the forum included: Ms. Stephanie Ann Balid-Attwell who presented her research,

"Crossing borders, transcending cultural differences: Development of the Philippine implementation model for chronic pain management program; Ms. Paulin Grace Morato – Espino who discussed her research, "Teachers as therapeutic agents after Typhoon Haiyan: The effects of play therapy on trauma symptoms and child behavior"; and Ms. Jordan P. Nava who tackled her research, "Assessment tool development for a research-based community based rehabilitation program in Naga City."

CRS-CHRMS likewise collaborated with the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery and the College of Nursing in a Tripartite Research Poster Presentation in Health held at the Medicine Building lobby from February 21 to 25, 2017, showcasing various research studies of faculty members and students from these academic units. CRS-CHRMS also participated in the University's research poster presentations mounted at the Main Building from February 20 to 24, 2017.

## Miss Universe Germany's 'castle' recipient turns-over headdress to UST Museum



Ms. Ma. Consolacion "Sol" Albar, the interior designer who received Miss Universe Germany Johanna Acs' headdress and Rev. Fr. Isidro Abaño, O.P., Director of the UST Museum sign the deed of Donation for the turn-over of Miss Germany's headpiece,



Ms. Ma. Consolacion "Sol" Albar, and Rev. Fr. Isidro Abaño, O.P., Director of the UST Museum unveil the headdress of Miss Universe Germany Johanna Acs.

Miss Universe Germany's headpiece found its new home at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) as it was formally turned-over to the UST Museum on February 13, 2017, two weeks after the conclusion of the Philippine hosted Miss Universe 2016 pageant.

The fairy-tale themed headdress which was part of Miss Universe Germany Johanna Acs' national costume during the pageant was donated to the UST Museum, the oldest existing school-based museum in the Philippines by Ms. Maria Consolacion "Sol" Albar, an interior designer, who received it from Ms. Acs herself one day after the pageant.

Albar, who graduated from the UST College of Fine Arts and Design in 1987, facilitated the donation of the 2-kilogram castle headpiece of Miss Germany. It was received by UST Museum Director Rev. Fr. Isidro Abaño, O.P., in a turn-over ceremony that was attended by Goethe Institut Philippinen Director and Head of Cultural Programs, Dr. Ulrich Nowak, UST officials, and students of Fine Arts.

Albar said that it was Acs' decision to donate the castle headdress to a school.

"She wants to keep the history of the headdress and to show her appreciation of the Filipino people. Also, it will allow the future generations to see it," she said.

The miniature castle headpiece of Miss Germany which was based on the literary fairytale collection of two German authors, brothers Jacob

and Wilhelm Grimm, is a headpiece made of Paper Mache with LED lights that frame the top of the castle.

Also featured at the exhibit is the personal doll collection of UST Educational Technology Center Director Asst. Prof. Anna Cherylle M. Ramos, consisting of 28 dolls dressed up as the 2016 Miss Universe candidates, including Miss Universe 2015 Pia Wurtzbach in her famous blue gown.

### A friendly encounter

Albar considers the opportunity of receiving Miss Germany's headpiece as part of "God's plan and graces" as she did not expect to be chosen as the recipient of the castle headdress by Mr. Frederick Lobaton, Johanna Acs' personal advisor.

"It was Mr. Frederick who approached me at the socialization for those who will watch the Miss Universe pageant. I had no idea that Mr. Lobaton was part of Miss Germany's team. That's why I said, it is God's grace," Albar said.

It was Lobaton who asked Albar to help Miss Germany find a school to donate her headdress. Albar suggested that the headpiece be donated to UST, and Lobaton and Miss Germany agreed.

"It belongs to UST," Albar said.

The headpiece designed by Los Angeles-based Mexican-American designer Mr. Christian Pelayo, will be on exhibit at the UST Museum until February 24.

## Goethe Insitut, UST stage classical-electro concert



The 12-member group Ensemble Resonanz with Asst. Prof. Antonio P. Africa, UST Conservatory of Music Dean, ( 8th from left), Asst. Prof. Mary Christie Que, UST College of Fine Arts and Design Dean, Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, UST Office of Public Affairs Director, and Asst. Prof. Peter Porticos, UST Conservatory of Music Secretary (in white shirt)

As part of its thrust to advance the evolving styles in music among students of various cultures, the Goethe Institut Philippinen partnered with the University of Santo Tomas (UST) in presenting a musical spectacle featuring young artists from Germany on February 9, 2017 at the UST Benavides Auditorium in Manila.

Titled "Classical x Electro: A Unique Cross-Genre Experience," the Hamburg-based string orchestra called Ensemble Resonanz offered an exciting interplay between classical orchestra music and contemporary electronic music to "discover the unknown."

Known for its commitment to new music, Ensemble Resonanz, dubbed as the "orchestra of the future," fascinated the audience with a passionate presentation of art-inspired tracks. Spectators include students of music, arts, and architecture from UST and other Manila-based universities.

Founded in 1994, Ensemble Resonanz is one of the world's

leading chamber orchestras, whose 12 members dedicate their talent to innovation and versatility. An ensemble-in-residence at Laeishalle-Musikhalle Hamburg in Germany, the group has played in renowned concert halls and festivals around the world.

Worldwide, the group is known for its interpretative approach to classical music. In 2014, the group established a monthly concert series called "Urban String," which combines classical and new music with a unique club atmosphere.

In 2016, international professional forum for classical art and music Classical: NEXT awarded Ensemble Resonanz with the Innovation Award for Urban String.

Performances were in collaboration with "similarobjects," a Filipino musical artist who has become a permanent fixture in local electronic music scene. He incorporates art and poetry in creating well-thought tracks, musical concepts, and futuristic beats all through his computer.



A duo from Ensemble Resonanz plays a cross-genre piece of classical music and contemporary electronic music using the cello



Three artists perform using various string instruments



Assoc. Prof. Giovanna Fontanilla, Director of the UST Office of Public Affairs; Dr. Ulrich Nowak, Director and Head of Cultural Programs of the Goethe Institut Philippinen; and Rev. Fr. Isidro Abaño, O.P., Director of the UST Museum check out some of the memorabilia Miss Universe Germany Johanna Acs gave to Ms. Albar.

## USTPH title 'Navel' launched by National Bookstore



USTPH Director John Jack G. Wigley at the launch of Rica Bolipata-Santos' *Navel*.

The University of Santo Tomas Publishing House (USTPH) launched on February 12 one of its recently published titles, "Navel n. the central point of a place" by Rica Bolipata-Santos at National Bookstore in Glorietta 1, Makati City.

The book is a memoir—and one that colorfully narrates intimate tidbits of Bolipata-Santos' childhood, marriage and family life, and her blossoming as a writer. With unflinching honesty, she tells tales from home and the academe.

Present at the launch were USTPH Director John Jack G. Wigley, PhD., and USTPH Deputy Director Ma. Ailil B. Alvarez.

"Rica pushes readers to face real life head on. She writes of the seemingly mundane and turns it into her own brand of extraordinary," said Wigley in his introductory speech before officially handing over the books' first copies to the author.

Friends and family of Bolipata-Santos read excerpts from the book to give audiences a taste of the author's distinct storytelling. Among those who participated in the reading was the author's husband, Dino Santos, who readers will come to know more about in *Navel*.

"Armed with words and an elephant's memory, Rica is unyielding; she can be both beauty and beast. She is damsel in distress one minute and heroine the next. She is mother, daughter, wife, sister, teacher, writer, woman, master of her craft. She is also strikingly tender and raw and powerfully insightful. No doubt her genuineness bleeds through paper until she and the page are one and the same—her writing effective and affective," Wigley said.

"Swing" was featured as the book's cover.

"Navel" is divided into four parts: "All Things Mother," "Teodoro Essays," "On Becoming Woman," and "On Family."

According to author Cyan Abad-Jugo, who is also a professor at the Ateneo de Manila University, through *Navel*, "Bolipata-Santos carves a path one might follow, into the whorls of the navel and out to the world beyond, if one were only as brave or as bold."

"Here is a collection of essays that come to a point, to an eye, that can stare within at a self at the same time that it watches, unblinkingly, the world," Abad-Jugo said in a blurb that appeared in the book.

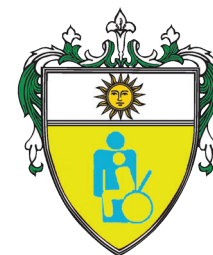
Before ending the event with words of thanks, Bolipata-Santos held a book signing session, where fans had the opportunity to meet and greet the author.



Rica Bolipata-Santos with her newest book, *Navel n. the central point of a place*

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Mandaluyong recognizes CRS contribution to rehabilitation program



The College of Rehabilitation Sciences received recognition from the City of Mandaluyong, together with other partners of this local government unit that have contributed to their programs and projects. The Plaque of Appreciation stated that the City Government of Mandaluyong recognizes the "generous and constant support extended by the College and the University in the implementation of the various pioneer initiatives and development advocacies of the City Government." It is said to "complement the inspirations of this administration for every Mandaleño and for the city's sustainable progress."

CRS sends physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech-language pathology interns to the Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program of the City of Mandaluyong through the Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Adults and Children with Handicap (REACH) Foundation, Inc. The center primarily advocates early intervention to promote optimum functioning of the child and provides services geared towards promoting independence and improving the child's quality of life.

### UNIVERSITY VISITORS



### ABS-CBN, UST sign MOA

From left: Dr. Clarita D.L. Carillo, Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, UST; Ms. Charo Santos-Concio, Chief Content Officer of ABS-CBN Corporation and President of ABS-CBN University; Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Rector of the University of Santo Tomas; and Mr. Gabriel Orendain, Head of ABS-CBN University at the Rector's Hall of UST during the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between UST and ABS-CBN for the ABS-CBN University.



Ms. Charo Santos-Concio, Chief Content Officer of ABS-CBN Corporation and President of ABS-CBN University with Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Rector of the University of Santo Tomas.

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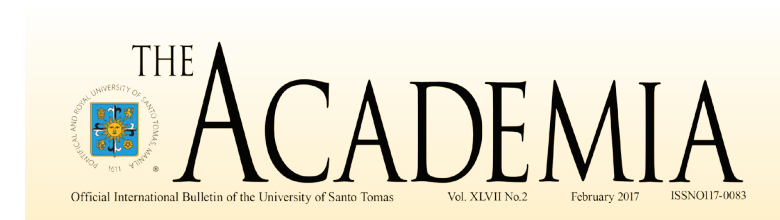


H.E. Carlos C. Salinas, Philippine Ambassador to Spain receives token from Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, UST Rector during his courtesy call to the UST Rector.



H.E. Carlos C. Salinas, Philippine Ambassador to Spain with Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Director of the UST Office of Public Affairs

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