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“His direct contributions lie in job creation for thousands of employees in and around Asia, economic opportunities for countless suppliers and stakeholders, and distinct service to the millions of customers who regularly experience their brand of service around the world. No doubt, the distinguished symbol of the brightly colored, cheerful bee, quickly draws attention towards the now famous Philippine brand. And when people hear the name Jollibee, they remember the man who serves as its human face,” Dean Madrunio said.

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., in his address of concession, said: “As chairman and founder of Jollibee Foods Corporation, the largest food service company in Asia, Mr. Tony Tan Caktiong propelled his distinctly Filipino brand as one of the most trusted restaurants all over the world, an iconic brand recognized by every Filipino, children and adults alike. The loveable iconic bee is constantly associated with joy, love, and genuine family bonding. Their adverts display not only the products they offer, but more importantly they narrate stories of ordinary Filipinos, their struggles and victories, their hope, their faith and resiliency. So much so that when families think of patronizing a food brand and spending quality time together, the first thing that would come to mind is Jollibee,” the Rector said.

“Thus, we are conferring the honorary doctoral degree to Mr. Tony Tan Caktiong, not only because of his achievements with Jollibee Corporation but also for giving premium on education and for his invaluable contribution to nation building, for his leadership and corporate social responsibility as well as his strong commitment to excellence. Mr. Tony Tan Caktiong continues to provide Filipinos with that and more meaningful opportunities to progress, showing that he truly exemplifies the Thomasian values of competence, commitment and compassion,” Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy declared.

After the reading of the diploma by Faculty of Engineering Dean Prof. Philipina A. Marcelo, Ph.D. and the investiture and



Tan Caktiong (tenth from left) with members of the Academic Senate of the University of Santo Tomas



Tan Caktiong with his family

blessing of the Rector, the Chairman was presented to the audience as Dr. Tony Tan Caktiong, receiving a standing ovation before he delivered his message of acceptance.

“I probably would not be able to describe the happiness and sense of nostalgia I feel today, so let me begin by saying it feels good to be back here in UST,” Dr. Tan Caktiong said, earning cheers from the audience.

“In fact, a part of me feels as if I’ve never left [because] I never stopped being a student. My incessant thirst and love for learning continued on more than 40 years since I graduated from UST’s [Faculty] of Engineering,” he continued.

Crediting his education at the Faculty of Engineering for his drive to succeed, Dr. Tan Caktiong conveyed his appreciation to them for further sharpening his skills.

“The [Faculty] of Engineering nurtured my natural curiosity and helped develop

my analytical skills to approach problems with relative ease. I believe this proved to be instrumental in preparing me better for business and aided my aspirations to become an entrepreneur,” he claimed.

“One of the greatest ways to make a difference in society is through growing a very successful business. It enabled us to have a means to improve countless peoples’ lives. Through creating more employment, one can improve the lives not only of more people, but more people’s families as well,” said Tan Caktiong explaining his desire to give back to the community.

At the reception after the program, which was held at the Grand Ballroom of the Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P. Building, the two-time Choir of the World awardee and pride of the University, the UST Singers, performed.

Tan Caktiong’s family and business associates from the Jollibee Foods Corporation and Double Dragon Properties were present.

## UST holds 4th university-wide 3-day retreat; urges admin, faculty to journey with God



UST Central Seminary Rector Rev. Fr. Quirico T. Pedregosa, Jr., O.P., (leftmost); Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines and UST Vice-Chancellor Very Rev. Fr. Napoleon B. Sipalay, Jr., O.P., (center) and UST Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., (front row, rightmost) concelebrate the mass on the second day of the retreat.

The University of Santo Tomas organized a university-wide retreat for administrative and academic officials, faculty members, and support staff from February 7 to 9, 2018 at the Quadracentennial Pavilion, UST.

Now on the fourth in a series of university-wide retreats in preparation for the celebration of the 500th year of Christianity in the Philippines in 2021, the retreat had for its theme “*Ambag 2021: The Waze of Faith*.” ‘Ambag’ is the Filipino word for contribution while Waze refers to the navigational application used by travelers. Just as the Waze app aims to teach us the right path towards a destination, *Ambag* also has the goal of turning the participants towards the right direction in their journey to the kingdom of God.

During the retreat orientation, UST Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., explained that, “As we journey, we ask ourselves, ‘What can we share? What can we contribute?’ *Ano ngayon ang ating maiaambag? Abilidad, panahon, talino?* (What can we now give

back? Ability, time, intelligence?) What shall we do for *Ambag 2021*? The most important thing is for us to have a thankful heart to God, *isang pusong nagpapasalamat sa Diyos sapagkat iyong taong hindi marunong magpasalamat sa Diyos, mayaman man o pobre, hindi makukuntento sa buhay at walang maiaambag.* (a heart that thanks God, because someone that does not know how to thank the Lord, whether that person is rich or poor, will never be content, and will not have anything to give back).”

For the first talk, Professor Emeritus Rev. Fr. Enrico D. Gonzales, O.P., Ph.D., former Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, reminded the participants that throughout their lives, they must be careful to discern between the daily concerns as children of the Earth and the ultimate concern as children of God. Daily concerns are the minute matters of survival – what to wear, what to eat, salary worries, but the ultimate concern is the focus of life – they way back to the Lord. Both are necessary, but as Fr. Gonzales says, “Man does not only live to survive. The child of the Earth is also a child of God... Being a child of God is more important.”

Using the analogy of the procession of the Black Nazarene, Fr. Gonzales expressed that life is long and difficult, but that people must not be afraid of difficulty. Eventually, like the Nazarene, people will eventually reach their rightful place.

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., was the main presider for the Mass on Day 1, which was concelebrated with Dominican priests. In his homily, he also likened the participants’ journey to God to the Black Nazarene procession by saying, “*Sana kagaya ng mga boyadores ng Quiapo, na nagdadala ng andas ng poon, sinisimulan din natin ang paggunita sa ating mga pinagdaanan, sa ating mga dinadanas at sa ating mga dinadamdam. Sabi ni Fr. Enrico, huwag kayong tumambay dito sa mundo. Hindi ito ang ating destino. Dumadaan tayo dito, dinadanas natin, dinadamdam natin, pero ang ating huling hantungan ay ang buhay na walang hanggan.*” (How I wish that like those who carry the Black Nazarene, we also start by thinking about our journey,

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3-DAY RETREAT FROM PAGE 3



Former Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy Professor Emeritus Rev. Fr. Enrico D. Gonzales, O.P., Ph.D., differentiates the “Children of the Earth” and the “Children of God” in his talk.

our experiences, and our feelings. As Fr. Enrico said do not be stagnant in this Earth. This is not our destination. We only pass through life. We experience it, we feel it, but our ultimate destination is eternal life.)

After the Eucharistic Celebration, the procession of the Black Nazarene within the pavilion by the Hijos de Nazareno of the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Quiapo who brought the image of Jesus to the stage.

On the second day of *Ambag*, the participants were urged to reconcile with the Lord through a Taize worship and holy hour which included confession. Bearing the theme of the day “*Magmalasakit at Makiramay*” (Care and empathize), participants had small group sharing session based on the day’s theme before lunch.

Novaliches Bishop Emeritus His Excellency Teodoro Bacani, D.D., explained that the Lord does not mind if one grows in knowledge and intelligence. However, Bishop Bacani underscored that what the Lord wants is for us to grow first in love. “As St. John of the Cross said, ‘In the evening of our lives, we shall be judged on love,’” the Bishop quoted.



Archbishop of Lingayen-Dagupan and Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines President Most Rev. Socrates B. Villegas, D.D. encourages Christians to stand up for the cross.

The talk was followed by a Eucharistic Celebration whose main presider was UST Vice Chancellor and Prior Provincial of the Order of Preachers Very Rev. Fr. Napoleon B. Sipalay, Jr., O.P.

Very Rev. Fr. Sipalay urged participants to listen closely because “It’s very important that in our perspective, this is an experience where we journey with God. Because honestly, we are teachers, and we are still teaching, and when we talk to students, we talk to their mind, but in this situation, [this retreat] is talking to your hearts.” To cap his homily, he left the audience with one question for them to reflect upon: “Where would you like to be led by God?”

The retreat also featured discussions with leaders of the UST partner communities from Rodriguez, Rizal and Antipolo. It was hosted by faculty members who are both in the field of sociology, Assoc. Prof. Josephine Placido and Assoc. Prof. Clarence Batan, Ph.D. Included in the discussion was the community development program and the initiatives taken by UST for the community and the efforts taken by the community members in response to the program.



Bishop of Marawi Most Rev. Edwin S. Dela Peña, D.D., delivers the homily.



Bishop-Emeritus of Novaliches Most Rev. Teodoro C. Bacani, Jr., D.D. emphasizes that love is what God looks for.

There was also sharing on the love story with God by the members of the panel that included former UST Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs Fr. Filemon I. dela Cruz, Jr., O.P., who is currently based in Surabaya, Indonesia; Sr. Ma. Lorenza S. Sajul, O.P., who is based in Manaoag; UST Graduate Student Sr. Helen Ann Palakay of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Infant Jesus; and Rev. Fr. Emmanuel E. del Rosario from the Diocese of Cubao.

His Excellency Edwin S. dela Peña, D.D., Bishop of Marawi presided over the final Eucharistic Celebration on the third day of the retreat. He urged the participants to have more meaningful encounters with the Lord and with people. “Human contact is not only important to us but it’s important to God as well,” he explained, adding



The University's donations for Marawi are turned over by Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy and Rev. Fr. Tiong to Most Rev. Dela Peña

that, “Jesus may no longer be present on earth physically, but he still wants to touch people. He wants to do it through us, this is especially important in our time, as we live in a world where human interaction seems to be decreasing everyday.”

“[*Ambag* 2021: The Waze of Faith] should have led you to a more intimate encounter with the living Jesus.”

Bishop dela Peña also narrated his account of the Marawi Siege. He relayed how the small Catholic community there initiated a movement known as Duyog Marawi, a movement to “accompany” the Maranaos from their temporarily evacuation sites in Mindanao back home to Marawi once it is rebuilt. He mentioned that he is thankful for the trust us that the people of Marawi have given them (Christians). He said that the Siege of Marawi has brought about the best in Muslims and Christians and made them realize that they the same predicament, going through the same

difficulties of having to evacuate to other places, and to go through the exodus that took hours to get to safety.

The donations given by the Thomasian community during the Paskuhan Mass in December were then turned over by Fr. Dagohoy to Bishop dela Peña.

As a final blessing, the participants were given the chance to be blessed by Our Lady of Peñafrancia, the Patroness of the Bicol, through the traditional “*Pagmamanto*”, in which the mantles that once adorned the miraculous image were draped over the faithful one by one.

The retreat was spearheaded by the UST Office of the Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs, under Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., in coordination with the Ecclesiastical Faculties, Santísimo Rosario Parish Church, Institute of Religion, Center for Campus Ministry, Social Media Bureau, and Santo Tomas e-Service Providers.



Central Seminary Rector Rev. Fr. Pedregosa drapes the mantle of the image of Our Lady of Peñafrancia on a retreat participant for the traditional “*Pagmamanto*”



UST Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., leads the prayer for the image of the Santo Entierro.



The image of Mater Dolorosa is carried to the stage by seminarians.



The image of the Black Nazarene during the procession inside the Quadracentennial Pavilion



## Pharmacy inaugurates pharmaceutical care laboratory donated by Mercury Drug Corp.



Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy (in habit) blesses the pharmaceutical care lab. (From left) Executive Secretary to the Rector Prof. Augusto Antonio A. Aguila, Ph.D., Ms. Vivian Que-Azcona, Ms. Alice Lumanog, and Dean Aleth Dacanay.



The deed of donation is signed by (from left, seated) Ms. Fuentes, Mr. Que-Azcona, and Dean Dacanay, with Ms. Que-Azcona and Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy as witnesses.

The UST Faculty of Pharmacy inaugurated and blessed a pharmaceutical care laboratory that simulates an actual drug store, and a county bus for the community development activities of Pharmacy. Both were donated by the Mercury Drug Corporation, through its President and UST alumna of Class 1977 Ms. Vivian Que-Azcona.

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., blessed the laboratory, while Pharmacy Regent Rev. Fr. Pompeyo F. de Mesa, O.P., blessed the county bus at the Plaza Mayor. A program was held at the Civil Law lobby for the official turn-over rites.

Rev. Fr. Dagohoy and Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Aleth Therese L. Dacanay, Ph.D., received a symbolic key from the Mercury Drug Corporation group represented by Ms. Azcona, her son and member of the Board of Trustees Mr. Steven Que-Azcona, Vice President Ms. Alice Lumanog, and Executive Director Ms. Annie Fuentes. The deed of donation was signed by Mr. Azcona, Ms. Fuentes, and Dean Dacanay.

In her message, Ms. Vivian Que-Azcona said that the drug store simulation laboratory and vehicle are intended for the use of the Faculty in academic enhancement and in pursuit of community service.

"Just as it has been for the spirit of service that we have made these donations, it is our ardent wish that these will be utilized by you in the same spirit," Ms. Que-Azcona expressed.

"We hope that the laboratory will stimulate the students to play a vital role in community health, to be right at the center of interacting with patients needing information on drugs and counsel

on their safe use. We trust that with your easy pursuit of community services, your students will be imbued with the spirit of service and compassion for others," she said.

In response, Dean Dacanay expressed her gratitude and said, "[UST and Mercury Drug] have always been partners in the promotion of excellence in pharmaceutical education and care. That is why I can say that this partnership is both ideal and long lasting."

"This kind gesture is an authentic testimony of Mercury Drug's commitment to work side by side with the academe. May the collaboration between Mercury Drug Corporation and the UST Faculty of Pharmacy continue to flourish as we continue to provide the best education to our students," Dean Dacanay said.



The county bus donated by Mercury Drug Corporation

## The University of Santo Tomas launches UNITAS as online journal



UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., takes the audience on a journey to revisit the maiden issue of Unitas during his welcome remarks.



Prof. Michael Anthony Vasco, Ph.D., Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Letters, delivers the closing remarks.



Prof. Maria Luisa Reyes, Ph.D., Editor-in-Chief of UNITAS, highlights the journal's history of scholarly excellence.

reaching and topical comprehensiveness, UNITAS has long been known for its tradition of publishing outstanding scholarly works.

The reinvigoration of UNITAS was made possible through the various offices of UST that include the Office of the Rector, Office of the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, Office of the Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation, Research Center for Culture, Arts, and Humanities, Office of the Secretary-General, the Faculty of Arts and Letters, and the Office of the Scholar-in-Residence.

UST Faculty of Arts and Letters Dean Prof. Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D., stressed in his closing remarks, "We hope that, through the revival of UNITAS, more scholars would be given the opportunity to publish their research and make it more accessible to the wider public, this time through UNITAS as an online journal."

The members of the International Editorial Board include University of Chicago Professor of Comparative Literature Loren Kruger, Philippine National Artist Bienvenido Lumbera, Edge Hill University Professor of Performing Arts Victor Merriman, Professor Emeritus of Economics at Sciences Po Paris Patrick A. Messerlin, National Institute of Education Assistant Professor T. Ruanni F. Tupas, University of Warwick Professor of Comparative Literary Studies Stephen Shapiro, among others.

Prof. Maria Luisa Torres Reyes, Ph.D., UST Scholar-in-Residence, is the Editor-in-Chief of UNITAS. It is hosted by the UST Department of Literature under the Faculty of Arts and Letters.

Future issues include a special edition on Philippine Literature in Spanish, guest edited by Dr. Jorge Mojaró Romero, from the Instituto Cervantes de Manila and the University of Santo Tomas, as well as another special edition on Film Criticism in the Philippines, co-guest edited by Prof. Joel David of Inha University, South Korea, and Prof. Joyce Arriola of UST. More recently, UNITAS has also launched a book-length study of Nick Joaquin's works by E. San Juan, Jr.

The 2017 issues of UNITAS may both be accessed through <http://unitasust.net>.

UNITAS, which was established in 1922 and one of the oldest extant academic journals in the Philippines, has been reinvigorated and launched as an online journal.

UNITAS is an international online peer-reviewed journal of advanced research in literature, culture, and society. It is published bi-annually by the University of Santo Tomas. Having come out in May and November 2017, UNITAS is also available in hard copies as printed on demand or in a limited edition.

During the formal launch of the UNITAS online held recently at the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex Auditorium, UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., expressed his pride in the

long legacy of the journal, tracing its multi-disciplinary roots and multilingual history in his welcome remarks. He pointed out that it was first published monthly in Spanish when UST was still in its first campus in Intramuros, as the construction of the Main Building in the Sampaloc campus was underway. It eventually became a bilingual publication, utilizing Spanish and English, and then English and Filipino. Recently, it has published articles in local languages, such as Kapampangan.

In almost a century of being at the forefront of knowledge generation and dissemination, UNITAS is known for being the venue of academic discussion and research as it expands the theoretical grounds of the various fields and disciplines. For its wide-



## College of Science receives genetic sequencing equipment from Philab



Academic officials of the UST College of Science led by Dean John Donnie Ramos, Ph.D., with Philab Industries CEO and GINA founder Mr. Hector Thomas Navasero

Among those who attended the signing of the deed of donation were Philab Industries CEO and GINA founder Mr. Hector Thomas Navasero, College of Science Dean John Donnie A. Ramos, Ph.D., and Department of Biological Science Chair Prof. Rey Donne S. Papa, Ph.D.

In an interview with Prof. Papa, he said that "Philab was actually looking at strengthening its partnership with the academe and looked to UST as one of the potential recipients of the sequencer because Philab has seen how

much progress we (in UST) are actually making in terms of strengthening our molecular biology capabilities."

DNA sequencing gives the breakdown of a certain genetic sequence that is expressed by a living organism. These sequences express codes for protein which also express different characteristics such as the color of an individual's hair. "The sequencer can code for diseases and certain abnormalities. Therefore, if you know the DNA sequence from a certain cell or a certain set of tissues that express a given characteristic, then that means we would know what is happening and we

would know why a person is prone to cancer," Papa said.

Prior to acquiring the sequencing equipment, students and researchers of the Department of Biology sent the DNA samples abroad for sequencing, leaving them unaware of the process of DNA sequencing. Through receiving the sequencers, they would now know how to operate the machines themselves. "This will help improve the research and learning experience on the part of the students of the department and also the graduate school, [those] who will be exposed to work on research projects using the new sequencers," Papa further explained.

The DNA sequencing equipment, Ion Personal Genome Machine and the Ion OneTouch 2 System, are products of next-generation sequencing technology which allow faster sequencing of DNA samples.

According to Papa, the Biology Department will revise its program offerings for next academic year, which will include new courses such as Major in Medical Biology, Major in Environmental Biology and Major in Industrial Biology. He added that the DNA sequencers are intended to be used heavily for research purposes and mainly as a teaching tool. He adds that through using the DNA sequencers, the College of Science will be able to give its students the holistic view of how molecular biology is being done in this day and age.

## Ramos of EdTech gets scholarship grant in Belgium

UST Educational Technology Center Director Asst. Prof. Anna Cherylle M. Ramos and College of Education faculty member, has been named one of the 12 university scholars for the Audiovisual Learning Materials - Management, Production and Activities (AVLM) International Training Programme (ITP) by the Flemish Interuniversity Council for University Development Cooperation (VLIR-UOS).

Ramos was chosen among over 150 applications. She will study in KU Leuven, Belgium, which is recognized as Europe's

most innovative university and the only non-American University that ranks fifth in the world.

The AVLM training course will run from February 5 until March 30, 2018. It is an intensive program held at the KU Leuven's Institute for Media and Learning /Instituut voor Media en Leren (LIMEL) intended to enhance the skills and competencies of educational support units of universities under the field of new educational technologies and the production and integration of interactive learning materials. It also aims to place competent leaders

at different universities that have the following qualities: a clear vision on policy development, with competencies to manage and create interactive learning materials, and has the ability to organize and develop new learning activities by skillfully using appropriate technological tools.

The scholarship was awarded by VLIR-UOS, a public institution that was founded by the Flemish Interuniversity Council which supports partnerships between universities and university colleges, in Flanders and in the South, looking for innovative responses to global and local challenges.

## UST Publishing House launches Hidalgo's "The Thing with Feathers", Parfan's "Tilt Me and I Bend"

**T**he Thing with Feathers: My Book of Memories,' the latest collection of memoirs by essayist-fictionist and UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies Director Prof. Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo, Ph.D., was launched on February 21, 2018 at the Tanghalang Teresita Quirino, Benavides Bldg., UST.

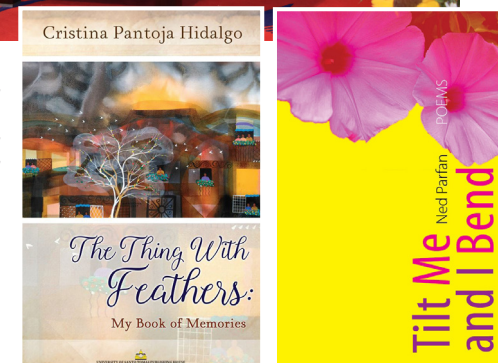
Hidalgo, an academic and a prolific writer with more than 30 titles to her name, including the novel 'Recuerdo' that won for her a Palanca award in 1996, has once again come up with a collection of memoirs, but this time, it is about the writing life. Presented at the eighth installment of the UST Authors Series, the book launch titled MASKARA, was a joint activity of the UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies and the UST Publishing House. The book, published by the UST Publishing House, has more than 300 pages.

Also launched was Ned Parfan's latest poetry collection, 'Tilt Me and I Bend' (University of the Philippines Press). Parfan, a young poet, is the author of a collection of poems 'The Murmur Asylum' published by the UP Press and is a Resident Fellow of the CCWLS. Hidalgo teaches at the UST Graduate School and Parfan teaches at the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters.

The UST Authors Series is a showcase of new books by the CCWLS' resident fellows, as well as a venue for the authors to launch and talk about their new works.



Mr. Chuckberry J. Pascual, Ph.D., moderates the panel discussion with Prof. Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo, Ph.D., and Mr. Benedict B. Parfan during the launch



Authors Prof. Hidalgo (sixth from left) and Mr. Parfan (fifth from left) with members of the UST Publishing House and UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies, UST PH Director Asst. Prof. Ma. Ailil B. Alvarez (eighth from left), UST CCWLS Assistant Director Ralph S. Galan (seventh from left), and Office of the Rector Executive Secretary and CCWLS Resident Fellow, Prof. Augusto Antonio A. Aguila, Ph.D. (third from left)



## Apostolic Nuncio celebrates mass at UST Alumni Priests homecoming



Archbishop Gabriele Giordano Caccia, D.D., the Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines, delivers the homily during the Eucharistic Celebration.



Rev. Fr. Pedregosa delivers the welcome remarks.



Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy gives the opening remarks during the dinner program.

Thomasian priests from all over the country attended the 83rd University of Santo Tomas Alumni Priests' Association Homecoming held on February 20 and 21, 2018 at the Ballroom of the Paredes Building. This year's homecoming event was hosted by the UST Faculty of Sacred Theology Batch 1993.

With the theme, "Thomasian Priests: Renewed Servant-Leaders for the New Evangelization," the celebration was an opportunity for the alumni to get together and reflect.

The opening Mass was celebrated at the Santísimo Rosario Parish by Archbishop Gabriele Giordano Caccia, D.D., the Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines. This was followed by a dinner program held at the Grand Ballroom of the Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P. Building. The opening remarks were delivered by UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., while UST Central Seminary Rector Rev. Fr. Quirico T. Pedregosa, Jr., O.P., gave the welcome remarks. Certificates of recognition were given to thirty-one jubilarians and two new Bishops, Most Rev. Mel Rey Uy, D.D., the Bishop of the Diocese of Lucena and Most Rev. Danilo Ulep, D.D., Bishop of Batanes. The awarding ceremony was followed by an acceptance speech delivered by Most Rev. Dennis C. Villarojo, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Cebu, on behalf of the awardees. The Catacomb Band and the UST Singers performed.

On February 21, 2018, a conference talk that centered on the theme was delivered by Rev. Fr. Cielito Almazan, OFM, Minister Provincial of the Franciscan Province of San Pedro Bautista, at the Central Seminary Gymnasium. The closing Mass celebrated at the Central Seminary Chapel by Most Rev. Mel Rey Uy, D.D., the Bishop of the Diocese of Lucena. The jubilarians were treated to a lunch at the Central Seminary Gymnasium, followed by the oath-taking of the newly ordained priests. To cap the two-day event, Rev. Fr. Winston Cabading, O.P. gave the closing remarks and words of gratitude.



Rev. Fr. Cielito Almazan, OFM during the conference talk at the Central Seminary Gymnasium



Most Rev. Mel Rey Uy, D.D., the Bishop of the Diocese of Lucena delivers the homily during the closing Mass.



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., (sixth from left) and UST Central Seminary Rector Rev. Fr. Quirico T. Pedregosa, Jr., O.P., (seventh from left) with the Jubilarians.

## Ramos of EdTech distinguished at EduTECH Asia Awards for training 11,000 volunteers for Papal Visit

Educational Technology Center Director Asst. Prof. Anna Cherylle M. Ramos won the "Greatest Individual Contribution to Education Inclusion" award at the EduTECH Asia Awards 2017 at a ceremony held in Singapore. Ramos bested representatives from other Asian countries such as the United Arab Emirates and India during the final screening which ended in public voting.

EdTech's winning entry highlighted the massive online course deployment to train 11,000 Thomasian volunteers for the visit of Pope Francis to the University of Santo Tomas for his Encounter with the Youth of the Philippines in 2015.

EduTECH Asia is the largest international education conference and exhibition that brings together the entire education sector in the Asian region

to learn, inspire and exchange ideas particularly in digital instruction. For the first time in 2017, Terrapin, its organizing agency, launched the EduTECH Asia Awards with the theme "Inspiring the Next Generation." The search gave recognition to some of the inspirational, innovative and successful stories and key players who are transforming and lifting the region's higher education system to greater heights in the Asian educational technology spectrum.

Although it was the first time that Terrapin established the EduTECH Asia Awards, the organizers already recognized Ramos in 2013 during the Digital Education Show Asia through an online publication titled "14 Influential Higher Education Tech Leaders in Southeast Asia" featuring the must-know "icons" who have made significant efforts and contributions to the education landscape in Southeast Asia.



Asst. Prof. Ramos



## Thai PT students attend Jan-Feb global internship experience at CRS

Four students in their fourth year under the Physical Therapy program of the St. Louis College, Thailand, accompanied by a faculty member, attended the global internship experience at the UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences from January 10 to February 1, 2018.

The group, composed of Asst. Prof. Sarayoot Mongkol, and students Ms. Atitiya Raethai, Ms. Ansaya Rittirong, Ms. Orranee Panoom, and Mr. Nitipat Pirayanon, observed the similarities and differences of physical therapy practices in the Philippines and Thailand, which include clinical, sports, pediatric, and community settings. The students were expected to have gained insights that will benefit physical therapy education and practice in Thailand and in the Philippines.

Asst. Prof. Mongkol delivered a lecture on neurologic evaluation for the fourth year Physical Therapy students of UST CRS. Meanwhile, the Thai students immersed themselves in learning activities that involved collaborating with clinical staff, interns, and UST students. Learning activities took place in the different CRS affiliation centers and in the actual classes in the University.

One activity was a special lecture facilitated by Assoc. Prof. Valentin Dones III, where he discussed and demonstrated Biomechanical taping, an innovative technique developed by experts to promote pain relief and improve movement. Other activities included observing and practicing in UST's sports facilities, in Abucay, Bataan which is a partner community of CRS, and other affiliated clinics and hospitals.

The Thai students' participation in the almost month-long learning activities in UST was part of the SLC-UST global internship experience in line with the University's thrust for internationalization, which aims to enrich partnerships that enhance and develop student mobility, research collaborations, and other academic activities.



(From left) Ms. Orranee Panoom, Mr. Nitipat Pirayanon, Asst. Prof. Sarayoot Mongkol, Ms. Atitiya Raethai and Ms. Ansaya Rittirong at the Arch of the Centuries during the campus tour



(From left) Ms. Jocel M. Regino, Department Chair of Physical Therapy, Assoc. Prof. Anne Marie C. Aseron, MSPT, Dean of the UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences, Asst. Prof. Mongkol, and students from St. Louis College, Bangkok.



Assoc. Prof. Valentin Dones III demonstrates Biomechanical taping to the students from St. Louis College, Bangkok, Thailand

## 13 Graduate students participate in 2018 Japan Academic Visit



UST delegates with faculty and students from YNU. Seated at the front row from left: Prof. Kotaro Yonemura, Prof. Takaaki Kobayashi, Prof. Ichiro Araki, UST Graduate School Dean Dr. Marilu Madrunio, UST GS Faculty Secretary Dr. Alejandro Bernardo, and Dr. Hiromi Kabashima

Thirteen students from the various Social Science programs of the UST Graduate School together with Graduate School Dean Dr. Marilu R. Madrunio and Graduate School Faculty Secretary Dr. Alejandro S. Bernardo took part in the academic visit to Yokohama National University (YNU) and Ferris University, Yokohama. The visit ran from January 26 to February 3, 2018.

UST and YNU renewed the memorandum of agreement first signed 12 years ago, and

part of the revised agreement is the conduct of academic visits, faculty and student exchange, and research collaboration.

The students include: (Business Administration) Richard Canapi, Baby Nina Alfonso, Clarice Ann David, Kristine Palmero, and Mary Abigail Alegre; (Psychology) Patricia Mae Abinoja, and Kristianni Bance; (Human Resource Management) Deverna Briones; (Development Studies) Mary Jane Najarila; (Public Administration) Marlon Mallari;

(Management Engineering) Ma. Cristina Carmela Manocan, Joanne Managbanag, and Edna Gomera.

At the joint session between YNU and UST held on January 30, Prof. Berry Brian of YNU delivered a lecture on the *hafu* (biracial or ethnically half Japanese) in Japan, and UST Graduate students Mary Jane Najarila, Patricia Mae Abinoja, and Kristianni Bance presented papers. The UST group was met by YNU Department of Law Dean Prof. Ichiro Araki.

The UST delegates visited Ferris University on January 29, 2018 where JASSO scholarship grants were awarded to the 13 graduate students. Prof. Akio Takayanagi of Ferris University also delivered a lecture on civil society.

As part of the cultural exposure aspect of the visit, the delegates visited the Imperial Palace, the Tokyo Stock Exchange and the National Diet. Prof. Hiromi Kabashima of the YNU Graduate School of International Sciences organized the program of activities for the 2018 academic visit. Delegates from Japan visited UST on February 24, 2018.

## CA students participate in d' CATCH Video Exchange Program Thailand; produce videos on modern Filipino life

Fourteen student delegates from the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters participated in the 15th d'CATCH Video Exchange Program hosted by the Faculty of Communication of the Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand held from January 21 to 25, 2018. This is the first time that the Philippine delegation to the prestigious annual video exchange program was exclusively composed of students under the Communication Arts program. The students were accompanied by UST EdTech Center Communication and Media Broadcast Unit Head Asst. Prof. Faye Martel Abugan and Asst. Prof. Gwenetha Pusta, who both teach at the Faculty of Arts and Letters.

The workshop, held at Chulalongkorn University, was participated in by 68 student delegates and nine faculty members from Thailand, Indonesia, China, Philippines and Japan. The intercultural groups met for the first time and screened their videos followed by discussions about each country's video. The next days were then spent on conceptualizing and producing a collaborative video made up of each of the country's video. The event culminated with the Video Screening and symposium on January 25, 2018.



UST student participants at the d'CATCH Video Exchange Program

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## St. Antoninus of Florence Professorial Lecture focuses on practices, standards of Philippine doctoral education in global knowledge economy



Prof. Allan B.I. Bernardo, Ph.D. delivers his lecture.

**“W**hat kind of future does the UST Graduate School see for our country? What role will UST PhD graduates play in shaping and realizing that future?” These were the two important questions raised by Prof. Allan B.I. Bernardo, PhD, an academican of the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) and a professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Macau, this year’s St. Antoninus of Florence Professorial Lecturer of the UST Graduate School. The lecture was held on February 10, 2018 at the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex Auditorium, UST, Manila.

Attended by Graduate School faculty and students, Bernardo’s lecture delved into the topic: “Evolving practices and standards in PhD education in the global knowledge economy: Inputs for reflection on doctoral education in the Philippines.” The lecture centered on three key arguments: (1) PhD education is crucial for economic, social, and cultural growth of nations, (2) the PhD degree is (and has to be) an international degree; (3) many countries are moving towards common standards for quality assurance of PhD programs. Bernardo

emphasized that doctoral degree programs play a particular role in developing human resources for innovation and for dealing with complex problems and opportunities that face countries.

Bernardo has published over 200 articles in psychology, education and other social and medical sciences. He is the current editor of Asian Journal of Social Psychology, an SSCI and Scopus listed journal published by Wiley.

The St. Antoninus Professorial Lecture is an annual event held as a way of honoring the Graduate School’s patron saint, St. Antoninus of Florence. Previous lecturers include, among others, H.E. Diosdado Macapagal (1991), Hon. Chief Justice Andres R. Narvasa (1998), Hon. Marvic Mario Victor F. Leonen (2014), H.E. Alicia Dela Rosa Bala (2015), Dr. Justo A. Ortiz (2016) and Dr. Margarita R. Cojuangco (2017). This year’s lecture by Prof. Bernardo was made more significant because it is one of the activities outlined for the 80th founding anniversary of the Graduate School.

### INTERNATIONALIZATION

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Asst. Prof. Abugan receives a certificate from Ms. Senja Yustitia at the Universitas Pembangunan Nasional Veteran, Yogyakarta, Indonesia

The theme for this year’s program was “Next” which actually means the manifestation of ‘What’s next for media, relationships, alternative, food and lifestyle.’ The participants, who represented the Universitas Pembangunan Nasional Veteran, Yogyakarta, Indonesia; Communication University of China, Nanjing, China; Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand; and the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines, were divided into groups of five with four members each. For the UST participants, the Arts and Letters students worked on their videos on a three-month production and a two-week post-production schedule.

UST’s entries were: Media (Double Check), Relationship (Balikbayan), Alternative (Indie go), Food (#Foodstagram), and Lifestyle (Pasahero). The entries delved on topics such as fake news, the use of technology to connect families of OFWs, the message of indie films to their viewers, how social media changes the way restaurateurs sell their food, and the hectic life of the Filipino commuter.

The UST student participants were: Third Year students Ysobela Abugan, Antoine Kyle Balo, Eunice Batanes, Stephanie Laine Bendero, Danah Famela Narrido, Larissa Rose Olimpo, Rico Immanuel Pineda, Jhudiell Clare Sosa, and Candace Umbay. The Fourth Year students were: Jasmine Culianan, Danica Fernando, Patricia Mendoza, and Ayla-Rhey Salapera.

D’CATCH, which stands for deCentralized Asian Transnational Challenges, is a practical international media literacy project among the students of the participating countries. The first phase is done in the country of the participating group, as project proponents recruit participants and produce videos following the prescribed theme and topics for the year.

## UST SIMBAHAYAN co-organizes 5th Asia-Pacific Regional ComDev Confab; Abenir elected CDSP Chair



UST Simbahayan Director and re-elected CDSP Chair Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD gives the opening remarks



Assoc. Prof. Abenir awards the plaque of appreciation to Conference Keynote Speaker Prof. Michael L. Tan, Ph.D.



UST Simbahayan Assistant Director and former CDSP Chair Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao during the plenary session

**T**he UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office co-organized the 5th Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Community Development with the theme “Reflexive Community Development Practice Amidst Complex Realities and Alternative Movements” held from January 22 to 23, 2018 at the School of Design and Arts (SDA) De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde, Manila.

The conference was organized in collaboration with the Community Development Society of the Philippines (CDSP) and jointly organized with the Academic Extension Program of the Department of Student Life of De La Salle - College of Saint Benilde, conference host; College of Social Work and Community Development (CSWCD)-Department of Community Development (DCD) of the University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman; Center for Asian Mission for the Poor, Inc. (CAMP); the International Association for Community Development (IACD), and UST.

The two-day conference aimed to see how the practice of community development remains reflexive, that is, how community development workers recognize the forces of change happening in the world today and respond to such changes by altering social structures yet maintaining people’s collective action and conscientized participation. UP Diliman Chancellor Prof. Michael L. Tan, Ph.D., delivered the Keynote Speech addressing the challenges of community development practice amidst the backdrop of a world now riddled with complex realities and alternative movements.

UST SIMBAHAYAN Assistant Director Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao, former CDSP chair, was a plenary speaker. He co-presented with UP Diliman CSWCD-DCD

professors Devralin T. Lagos and Lenore Polotan-Dela Cruz the topic, “Reflective Community Development.” Other speakers during the plenary sessions were UP Diliman Sociologist Prof. Randolph S. David who gave a lecture on “Populism and People’s Critical Participation;” DLSU College of Law Dean Atty. Jose Manuel I. Diokno, “Human Rights and Peace;” CAMP President Rev. Chulyong Lee, ASEAN’s Neoliberal Framework, Solidarity Economy and Community Enterprises; and Ateneo De Manila University Research Scientist Dr. Mary Racelis, “Urbanization and (Dis)placement.”

In the parallel sessions, faculty members, students, and alumni from UST presented their research papers: Melanie D. Turingan (Climate Justice and Disaster Resilience); Marielyn C. Quintana, Froilan A. Alipao, and Christian G. Catinguil (Populism and Critical Peoples’ Participation); Mark Anthony D. Abenir and Mary Coleen Anne P. Nicolas (Human Rights and Peace); Lee Jairus B. Lacaba (ASEAN’S Neoliberal Framework, Solidarity Economy and Community Enterprises); and Denysse Xerxes L. Salazar, Alexandra T. Azul, Megan G. Tapawan, and Margarethe Angela O. Gutierrez (Community Development Education and Extension Services.)

The conference was concluded with the election of new set of officers of CDSP with UST SIMBAHAYAN Director Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD elected as the CSPD Chair, while UST SIMBAHAYAN Training and Community Engagement Officer Asst. Prof. Melanie DP. Turingan, Ph.D., was elected Secretary.

CDSP is a professional organization of Filipino community development practitioners in the Philippines and in other countries.





UST Alumni Priests Association (ALPA)

Most Rev. Mel Rey Uy, D.D, Bishop of the Diocese of Lucena (center) joins the member priests of ALPA and executive officials of UST and the Central Seminary: Most Rev. Dennis C. Villarojo, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Cebu (third from left, front row); Rev. Fr. Winston F. Cabading, O.P., Regent of the College of Education (third from left, back row); Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Rector of the University of Santo Tomas (seventh from left, back row); Rev. Fr. Quirico T. Pedregosa, Jr., O.P., Rector of the UST Central Seminary (sixth from left, back row.)



Ar. Francisco “Bobby” T. Mañosa

Ar. Francisco “Bobby” T. Mañosa signs the UST guest book during the exhibit celebrating his life and career.



Ms. Ritzi Ronquillo, Ms. Olen Hare, Ms. Marilyn Tebb

Ms. Ritzi Ronquillo, member of the Program Advisory Committee of the 2018 Montreal World conference, International Association of Business Communicators Philippines (fourth from left); Ms. Olen Hare (second from left) and Ms. Marilyn Tebb (third from left) with Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Director of the UST Office of Public Affairs (rightmost) and Ms. Michaela O. Lagniton, Office Assistant for Media, Events and Special Visits (leftmost)

Ms. Yulia Rachinsky-Spivakov

Ms. Yulia Rachinsky-Spivakov, Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Israel in the Philippines signs the University Guestbook. She was welcomed by Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, APR, Director of the UST Office of Public Affairs.





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January 2018  
UST passing rate: 85.71%  
National Passing Rate: 57.60%



1st – 85.40%  
Marc Henrich Wee Eng Go



7th - 83.10%  
Paolo Ricci R. Bambico



8th – 82.90%  
Melissa T. Gregorio



## Occupational Therapy Licensure Exam

February 2018  
UST Passing rate: 91.67%  
National Passing Rate: 65.57%

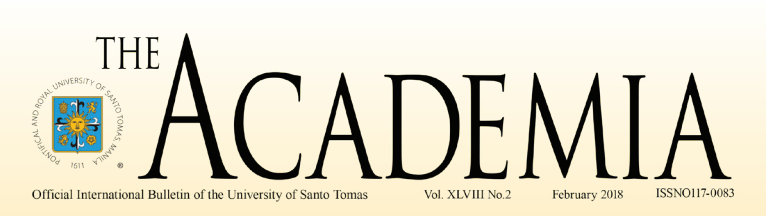


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