



UST honors Blessed Justus Takayama Ukon



Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., UST Secretary-General, leads the community in the rites of dedication and blessing of the Takayama marker.



Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, UST Office of Public Affairs director, offers palm leaves at the foot of Blessed Takayama's statue.



Prof. Marilu R. Madrunio, Ph.D., UST Graduate School Dean, reads the bionote of Blessed Justus Takayama Ukon.

A brief description of Blessed Takayama's valor as a Japanese warrior and fidelity to the Church, is inscribed in a marker installed on his statue, which stands at the entrance of the TARC, the home to the Lord Takayama Professorial Chair since 1989 and the UST Graduate School.

The Japanese Servant of God's beatification – a journey that took place almost 400 years before he was beatified in February 7, 2017.

In 1989, an annual memorial Mass for Blessed Takayama was started in UST, which has been the venue of commemorative Eucharistic Celebrations since then. Two international symposia on the Japanese Confessor of Christ were also held at the UST Graduate School—in 1990 and 1995—featuring historians from Asia, Europe, and the United States.

Tours for Japanese pilgrims, a walking excursion tracing the footsteps of Blessed Takayama in Manila, through the initiative of Dr. Ernesto de Pedro, the Managing Trustee of the Lord Takayama Ukon Jubilee Foundation, will be

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Following the beatification of Lord Justus Takayama Ukon last February, the University of Santo Tomas (UST), the center of the Philippine participation in his canonization process, held a special event dedicated to the Christian daimyo who is also known The Japanese "Servant of God," on March 28, 3 p.m., at the UST Thomas Aquinas Research Complex (TARC) in Manila. UST Secretary General Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., performed the rites of Dedication and Blessing of the Marker found at the foot of the Takayama statue.

Recognized as a pillar of early Catholic Church in Japan and "the epitome of the Japanese spirit," Blessed Takayama was a samurai, who converted to Christianity during the Sengoku Period. In Japan, he and his father were responsible for the conversion of people to the faith.

Blessed Takayama was one of the 148 Japanese Christians, who were banished to Manila after refusing to renounce their Catholic religion in 1614.

UST honors Alfredo Co, leading Asian philosopher with 'emeritus' title



(From left) Rev. Fr. Rodel E. Aligan, O.P., Regent of the Faculty of Arts and Letters; Prof. Clarita D.L. Carillo, Ph.D., Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs; Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Rector of the University of Santo Tomas; Professor Emeritus Alfredo P. Co, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus Fortunato Sevilla, Jr., Very Rev. Fr. Napoleon B. Sipalay, Jr., O.P., Prior Provincial of the Dominican Order and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Santo Tomas; Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Vice-Rector of the University of Santo Tomas; Prof. Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D., Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Letters; and Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., UST Secretary-General



Dr. Co kneels before the Rector as part of the conferment rites as Fr. Miranda, Jr. (left) and Dean Vasco (extreme right) look on.

For his prominence and influence that have been recognized across continents, the University of Santo Tomas (UST) lauded philosopher Prof. Alfredo P. Co, Ph.D., with a "professor emeritus" title on March 9, 9 a.m., at the UST Medicine Auditorium in Manila.

The title is the highest honor that the University accords upon its faculty members.

The foremost Sinologist in the Philippines and a leading philosopher in Southeast Asia, Co has discussed his research works before acclaimed academics in countries around the globe. He was the first Asian scholar to be invited as plenary speaker at the Conference Mondiale des Institutions Universitaires Catholiques de Philosophie (World Congress of Catholic University Institutions of Philosophy) in 2008.

In his over 40 years in the academe, Co has published more than 50 academic articles in anthologies, journals, and books like "Across the Ancient Philosophical World: Essays in Comparative Philosophy" (2009) and "La Notion de Yi Chez Kong Zi et la Conception de Liberte Chez Jean-Jacques Rousseau: La politique du devoir et la politique de droit" (1981).

Co served as chief editor in various publications, including ACTA: Proceedings of the Quadricentennial international Philosophy Congress, which focused on

"Thomism and Asian Cultures: Celebrating 400 Years of Dialogue Across Ancient Civilizations and Karunungan: A Journal of Philosophy, the official journal of the Philippine Academy of Philosophical Research. He was also a consultant to the academic publications—CULTURE and QUEST—of the University of Calcutta in India.

In 2010, UST recognized Co's achievements with the University's first-ever seven-volume festschrift titled "Across the Philosophical Silk Road: A Festschrift in Honor of Alfredo P. Co," which delves on the east-west dialogue in Philosophy.

Co obtained his bachelor, master's, and doctorate degrees in Philosophy from the University of Santo Tomas before pursuing two post-doctorates on Classical Chinese Philosophy at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and on Comparative Philosophy at the Sorbonne (Université de Paris III and Université de Paris IV) as scholar of the French government.

Fondly called by his students as "venerable master," Co was previously recognized with the St. Thomas Aquinas Professorial Chair for the Humanities (UST Graduate School) and the Oscar Picazo Professorial Chair for the Social Sciences and Humanities (UST Faculty of Arts and Letters).



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



Professor Emeritus Alfredo P. Co, Ph.D.

AB Political Science juniors join 2017 UN Winter Youth Assembly

Kiezlle Cayne D. Manalili and Maria Francesca C. Mangahas, Political Science students from the Faculty of Arts and Letters, participated in the 2017 Winter Youth Assembly held from February 1 to 3, 2017 at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City.

The Winter Youth Assembly (WYA) is held twice a year and serves as a platform for the participation and increased cooperation among the youth working in the front lines against various global problems. The 2017 conference gathered over a thousand delegates from across the world, especially those who were working towards the achievement of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) pioneered by the United Nations in combating contemporary issues and providing solutions to them.

Manalili joined in one of the most important panel discussions which tackled the first SDG - alleviating the

problem of Child Poverty. As an advocate for children's rights being a member of the UST chapter of UNICEF, Manalili presented her perspectives and programs of action to alleviate poverty through education and livelihood programs that have direct impact on the Filipino children.

Mangahas, meanwhile was involved in Quality Education, her main SDG. In the panel discussion, Mangahas discoursed on policy making directed to the five elements of quality education: learner's outside experiences, learning environment, content of education, learning processes, and education outcomes.

The 2017 Winter Youth Assembly featured the ambassadors from Australia and Denmark as plenary speakers. Her Excellency Gillian Bird of Australia and



Mangahas



Manalili

His Excellency Ib Petersen of Denmark encouraged the youth to be actively involved in addressing the SDGs. Responding to this challenge, Antonio Franco Garcia, a Child Poverty panelist from UNICEF expressed the need for the collaboration of UNICEF with other organizations, such as Childfundall, equity4children, SOS advocacy, and WorldVision in order to help end child poverty.

UST Junior High School Glee Club holds first major concert

The University of Santo Tomas Junior High School (UST-JHS) Glee Club will hold its first major concert on March 22, 6 p.m. at the UST Museum featuring songs from some of Disney's well-loved animated films and the Broadway musical "Wicked," among others.

The concert, according to UST-JHS principal Dr. Marishirl P. Tropicales, titled "The UST Junior High School Gives Back: a night of songs filled with faith, life, and love" headed by its choirmaster Mr. Emerson Hernandez, showcased renditions of "How Far I'll Go" from Disney's animated film "Moana" and "Defying Gravity" from the famous Broadway musical "Wicked" and other songs from various genres including sacred, inspirational, folk, and love songs.

The UST-JHS Glee Club also featured the Nightingale Strings Manila and Mr. L.A. Santos, a UST Junior High School student who has performed as a front act for the Manila concerts of "The Stylistics" in 2016 and "Air Supply" in 2017.

The "Gives Back" concert was the glee club's first major concert after being established in 2009. Formerly known as the UST High School Music Society, the group began as the UST-JHS school's show choir for school and club programs.

The UST-JHS Glee Club joined the annual UST Christmas Concert featuring Ryan Cayabyab last December. Rev. Fr. Jannel Abogado, O.P., is the choir adviser and Regent of the UST-JHS.

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conducted. The UST Chapel where the annual Takayama Memorial Masses are held and the UST Graduate School garden where the Takayama sanctuary is found are also included in the itinerary.

Blessed Takayama, who died 40 days after his arrival in Manila, is considered a great symbol of the Japanese people Asia, especially in the Philippines. His exile to Manila is also regarded as representative of the start of a "heart-to-heart relationship" between the Filipino and Japanese peoples.

After Pope Francis' approval of the decree for Blessed Takayama's beatification, there remains one more step before he is declared a saint. This final step requires a miracle manifested through his intercession as proof of God's caring grace.

Tangco of USTGS designated official delegate to UN operations

The World Union of Catholic Teachers (WUCT) or Union Mondiale Des Enseignants Catholiques (UMEC) announced that Dr. Belen Tangco, O.P., a faculty member of the UST Graduate School, is the official representative and delegate of the said organization to the United Nations and in all other world organizations for the years 2017 to 2018. This declaration was signed and promulgated by the WUCT-UMEC with concurrence from the Congregation of Catholic Education, the Council of Laymen. These groups have been actively involved in the initiatives to help the Catholic teachers across different countries and continents in their professional and spiritual growth.

Since 1995, Tangco, the dean of the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters from 2003 to 2006, has been connected with the International Council of UMEC-WUCT and has been its representative in many international fora. She was the convenor and organizer of the International Congress for Catholic Educators in Bangkok, Thailand in 2002.

Aside from her commitment to the cause of Catholic educators worldwide, Tangco has been engaged in many academic pursuits. She serves as Program Lead of the Political Science and Public Administration program of the UST Graduate School.



Dr. Belen Tangco

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Dr. Crowley delivers lecture on the Updates of Cleft Lip and Palate habilitation.



Dr. Catherine Crowley, Director of the Bilingual Extension Institute of the Teachers College Columbia University and Ms. Kimmy Flaviano, Smile Train Country Manager (center) with faculty members of the SLP Department.

UST participates in d'Catch 2017 in Indonesia



Thomasian delegates represent Team Philippines in 2017 d'CATCH Video Exchange Program

Thirteen students and two faculty members Dr. Gwenetha Pusta and Asst. Prof. Faye Abugan from the Department of Mass Media Studies of the Faculty of Arts and Letters joined the 2017 d'Catch (decentralized Asian Transnational Challenges) Video Exchange Program held at Universitas Pembanga Nasional (UPN) "Veteran" Yogyakarta, Indonesia from February 4 to 13, 2017. They were part of the 98 delegates from five Asian countries namely, the Philippines, Japan, China, Indonesia, and Thailand, who were welcomed by the Department of Communication Science of UPN "Veteran" Yogyakarta Head Dr. Subhan Afifi.

Started in 2004, d'CATCH has been a "workshop style activity mainly for Asian university students to encourage their media literacies and cross cultural understanding." In the opening ceremony of the 2017 d'Catch, Prof. Dr. IR Sari Bahagiarti, Rector of UPN "Veteran" Yogyakarta delivered the opening remarks and acknowledged the importance of d'CATCH as an "event to discuss the truth and beauty, diversity, technology and education, while celebrating the global friendships." It has been a practice to hold the video exchange program in three phases: Making (local

videos), Workshop (showing and reconfigure), and Screening/Symposium.

This year's "workshop" was held in the second campus of UPN "Veteran" Yogyakarta. Each country had five groups that produced their videos in their respective countries based on the theme 'NOW' which describes the spirit, energy of the new generation in an Asian country. The delegates watched a total of five videos each day produced by the participating country. A discussion followed to clarify the issues presented in the videos. This was the first step in multi-cultural understanding. The culminating activity for all participants was a video production which was shot in Yogyakarta landmarks allowing them to interact with the locals and experience the culture of Java, Indonesia.

UST has been consistently involved in d'CATCH since 2004. Through UST, the Philippines has been yearly represented in this video exchange program.

Speech pathologist and professor Catherine Crowley, J.D., Ph.D. and director of the Bilingual Extension Institute of the Teachers College Columbia University in New York City, USA was at the Department of Speech Language Pathology (SLP) of the UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences on March 8, 2016. Dr. Crowley met with CRS Dean Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, Assistant Dean Assoc. Prof. Anne Marie C. Aseron, SLP Department Chair Asst. Prof. Ma. Georgina D. Mojica, and SLP faculty members, to explore possible areas of collaboration in the research and practice of Cleft Lip and Palate Rehabilitation. Aside from the faculty meet, Crowley also delivered a lecture and conducted a small group discussion with third year SLP students.

Spanish and English for parents and professionals on strategies to address cleft palate speech. In addition, she and her graduate students have created a series of children's books in Spanish and Mandarin that are distributed freely to provide parents and professionals with engaging therapy materials to address specific consonant sounds most affected by cleft palate. Crowley has published numerous studies in the areas of cleft palate habilitation, bilingual issues and education.

Smile Train, an international organization dedicated to providing a comprehensive cleft care program for individuals with cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial abnormalities, made Crowley's visit to UST possible through the UST Hospital, being one of the partners of Smile Train where free reconstructive surgery for patients with cleft lip and palate are done. Smile Train was represented by Ms. Kimmy Flaviano, the country manager of Smile Train in the Philippines.

Crowley has developed the Cleft Palate Speech Training Project which provides workshops for parents and colleagues who work with children with repaired cleft palates. She likewise developed videos in

UST e-Learning specialists present papers on using technology in the classroom at ECH Phils. Confab

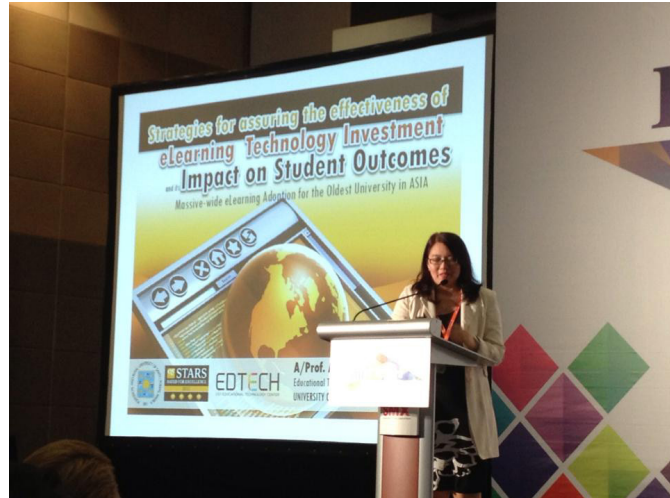
The EduTECH Asia Philippines held its first annual conference and exhibition on February 21 and 22 at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City. The event centered on 21st century education for all in the Philippines which featured the best in class content and network and collaboration opportunities with educators, policymakers and technologists.

During the first day of the convention, Educational Technology (Edtech) Center Director Asst. Prof. Anna Cherylle M. Ramos, was one of the panelists on the topic, "How can educators best be prepared and encouraged to embrace technology-driven teaching methodologists?" The panel covered the importance of comprehensive training to teach confidence in teacher technology use, overcoming generational differences to achieve a common level of technology application, a guide to demonstrating the clear value and time saving opportunities presented by technology and how to move from a compulsory to a collaborative approach to technology implementation strategy.

Ramos also gave a talk on the K-12 ED Leaders Track on "Strategies for the effectiveness of eLearning technology investment and its impact on student outcomes." She talked about the effective implementation of eLearning strategies in an institution with little existing technology integration, assessing the role of teachers in an eLearning classroom environment, analyzing back end data from eLearning solutions to better track and feedback on student performance and achievement and the quest for personalized learning; how can eLearning solutions help teachers target learning weaknesses.

eLearning specialists share testimony on eLearning Application

Among the eLearning Specialists who took part was Ms. Marie Christy Iguid who talked about Utilizing Google slides in a Grade 10 Math Solving Lesson. She presented sample student outputs and the use of Blackboard as Learning Management System to efficiently deploy the aforementioned activity.



Ramos, UST EdTech Director, delivers a talk on Strategies for the effectiveness of eLearning technology investment and its impact on student outcomes



The eLearning Specialists of the Educational Technology Center

College of Nursing eLearning Specialist Ms. April Gascon discussed "In-classroom and research use of technology for student learning." Anchored on Edgar Dale's Cone of Experience, Gascon involved her students to use higher order thinking skills in learning activities assisted by technology to achieve better learning outcomes. In one of her lessons that discussed signs and symptoms of respiratory conditions affecting pediatric patients, students were asked to recall and describe how they felt during the illness.

The students were asked to narrate what their parents did to relieve the symptoms in an attempt to build on their prior knowledge. All their answers were posted on Padlet, a bulletin-board like online platform can be used to collaborate in collecting ideas, brainstorming, and more. She also gamified formative assessments to engage learners and let them connect with fellow learners through Kahoot! - a game-based classroom response system. Gascon also enhanced efficiency through Google's Realtime Board for brainstorming purposes but this all-in-one-app is also able to save ideas/reminders/activities/etc. in just one view. Moreover, for efficiency in data processing and management, students were taught to use Google docs to organize information.

UST Graduate School eLearning Specialist Asst. Prof. Rachelle B. Lintao, Ph.D., talked about "Research Mentoring in the Age of Digital Technology." Her presentation highlighted the maximized use of technology in guiding her students as they write their research studies. Some of the technological essentials she shared include: the Insert-comments and Track-changes features in Word, the Grammarly app, and an anti-plagiarism checker. As conducting research is a highly cognitive and a very demanding task, the use of these technological tools can help teachers in monitoring the progress of students' research works in order for them to produce quality studies worthy of presentation and publication.

College of Science eLearning Specialist Asst. Prof. Josefino R. Castillo, who handles courses in Cell and Molecular Biology; General Animal Physiology, presented his paper "An Assessment of Student Performance in a Web-Enhanced Course in Cell and Molecular Biology." In his paper, senior BS Biology students enrolled in traditional and web-enhanced course in Cell and Molecular Biology were compared in terms of scores in the examinations and perception on the manner the course was taught. Web-enhanced courses were given lessons through the University's Learning Management System (Blackboard®) paired with a content market partner,

WileyPlus®. There is no difference in their perception of how much they learned from the course. However, there is a significant increase ($p = .04$) in the examination scores of those who were given web-enhanced lessons compared to face-to-face instruction. Some of the former believed that "the course came out as a challenge, but [we] were able to survive it with the aid of educational technology," while the latter commented that "they could have done better if only educational technology was provided to them."

Asst. Prof. Jose Tolentino D. Olivar II who is teaching Biological, Earth, Environmental, and Physical Sciences presented a topic on Google Calendar collaboration. In his presentation, the intended syllabus was planned and using the Google Calendar, learning activities were migrated for collaboration with the students. During the implementation of the learning plan that contained learning activities, the Google calendar was used to collaborate other learning plans that may get in the way. Hence, this collaboration tool provides the venue for the teacher to innovate and include learning technologies and online activities that will facilitate implementation and achievement of what has been intended. Olivar postulated that successful learning happens when the teacher collaborates and plans with the students.

Sagut of Ecclesiastical Faculty speaks on *Rerum Novarum* at Commerce Pope Leo XIII Lecture



From left: Assoc. Prof. Leonardo Canoy, Ph.D., Dean of the College of Commerce and Business Administration; Asst. Prof. Joel C. Sagut, Ph.D., Faculty Secretary of the Ecclesiastical Faculties; Rev. Fr. Senen R. Ecleo, O.P., Regent of the College of Commerce and Business Administration; and Asst. Prof. Maureen T. Gelle, Assistant Dean of the College of Commerce and Business Administration

The College of Commerce and Business Administration held the 23rd Pope Leo XIII Lecture with the theme "The Social Teachings of the Church and Thomasian Business Leadership Across Borders and Cultures" on March 23, 2017, at the Medicine Auditorium. Guest speaker was Asst. Prof. Joel C. Sagut, Ph.D., Faculty Secretary of the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties, who discussed Pope Leo XIII and his 1891-promulgated encyclical letter *Rerum Novarum*.

Sagut contextualized his discussion on the historical conditions of the late 19th century in order to better explain the issues upon which the encyclical letter was anchored. He related the pressing social issues during the time of Pope Leo XIII to the issues and trends prevalent in today's society. He explained the Commodity- Money- Commodity model and how it has evolved into the Money- Commodity- Money model. Such a societal transformation and changing perspective has contributed to the need for the development of the Church's social philosophy.

The lecture was elaborated and contextualized in business and practical applications by a panel of reactors composed of Human Resource Management Department Chair Asst. Prof. Robert U. Lao, and Commerce and Business Administration Student Council President Justine Christian R. Nate.

Sagut reminded the students that being a Thomasian business leader is not just a career, it is a vocation. The students were made to see that one's profession is a way to serve others. "Our work must be seen in the light of sharing with the mission of Christ," Sagut said. "It is important to understand one's reason for becoming a business professional, that will hopefully give meaningful direction to one's future pursuits," he added.

Msgr. Konštanc Adam Miroslav, O.P. of Roman Rota speaks in UST on Matrimonial Courts



Msgr. Konštanc Adam Miroslav, O.P., (center, front row) Judge in Vatican's Apostolic Tribunal of the Roman Rota with the UST Faculty of Canon Law.

The UST Faculty of Canon Law sponsored a lecture on the "Emerging Challenges to Family Life in the Perspective of Canon Law" as part of its 2017 Canon Law Week celebration. The lecture was held on February 10, 2017 at the Paredes Building, and featured an eminent scholar of Canon Law, Msgr. Konštanc Adam Miroslav, O.P., former Rector of

Angelicum, Rome and presently, is Judge in Vatican's Apostolic Tribunal of the Roman Rota.

The lecture was focused on the developments in the Ecclesiastical Courts, particularly in the Matrimonial Courts, in response to Pope Francis' *Motu Proprio Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus* that spelled out the reformed process for Canon causes of the declaration of nullity of marriage in the Code of Canon Law. The lecture provided the audience with a perspective of an expert who is immersed in the daily routine of the Roman Rota. The open forum was particularly enriching as it dealt with practical concerns arising from the reformed process.

Msgr. Adam emphasized the pastoral contribution of the reformed process, and invited Canon Law experts and Faculties to continue conducting courses outside the regular classroom instruction in order to provide venue for discussions especially on emerging concerns related to Ecclesiastical Laws. He also delivered the Keynote Lectures during the annual Convention of the Canon Law Society of the Philippines (CLSP) held in Bicol last February.

Edward Schillebeeckx Lecture 2017 speaker tackles challenges of digital age

The UST Theological Society and the Faculty of Sacred Theology held the Edward Schillebeeckx 2017 Lecture on March 24, 2017 at the Benavides Auditorium, UST Junior High School Building, University of Santo Tomas. This year's Lecture was on "The Christology of Edward Schillebeeckx: Christ and the Challenges of the Digital Age" delivered by Rev. Fr. Emmanuel I. Cruz, S.Th.D., Rector of the Immaculate Conception Major Seminary, Bulacan.

In the lecture, Fr. Cruz emphasized that in the Christology of Schillebeeckx, Jesus is presented as the bestowal of God. Christ is a sign, a sacrament - the first sacrament. Moreover, Christ has embraced humanity as he is also fully human.

The speaker further discussed that "the humanity of Christ provides us with a framework for a critique to the directions that the digital age is providing us. The proliferation of technology and the new means for social communication must not lead us to forget the beauty of our humanity. Christian communities must be the first to preserve the value of our personal encounters that are now increasingly being rendered obsolete and unimportant by modern technology."

Fr. Cruz ended his lecture with an important challenge to the future ministers of the Church. He reiterated that the priest is configured to Christ: he both represents God before



Rev. Fr. Emmanuel I. Cruz, Rector of the Immaculate Conception Major Seminary speaks on "The Christology of Edward Schillebeeckx: Christ and the Challenges of the Digital Age"

humanity and represents humanity before God. The priest himself is a sacrament, and he must therefore be Christ-like at all times. Priests must not forget that their ministry invites them to carry the prayers of their people, and not their own. Priests ought to remember always that they are called to forget themselves, and instead pray to God on behalf of the needs and heartaches of God's people.

Tingting Cojuangco delivers 2017 St. Antoninus of Florence Professorial Lecture

Dr. Margarita "Tingting" R. Cojuangco delivered the 2017 St. Antoninus of Florence Professorial Lecture at the UST Graduate School, Thomas Aquinas Research Complex on March 11, 2017. The Professorial Lecture is staged annually to honor St. Antoninus of Florence, patron saint of the UST Graduate School.

Cojuangco's lecture centered on the massacre at Mamasapano on January 25, 2015 where 44 elite PNP Special Action Forces commandos perished in a battle which placed the government troops on a law enforcement mission at a disadvantage given the superiority in number and armaments of their Muslim adversaries.

The lecture was attended by graduate school faculty members and selected students. The lecture followed the general faculty assembly presided over by Graduate School Dean Prof. Marilu R. Madrunio, Ph.D.



Cojuangco is a graduate of the master's and doctoral programs in History of the UST Graduate School. She is the 25th St. Antoninus of Florence professorial lecturer since its inception in 1989.

From left: Ms. Collette Lee, English Language Fellow of USTGS, Dr. Alejandro S. Bernardo, Faculty Secretary, Rev. Fr. Jose Antonio E. Aureada, O.P., Regent, Dr. Margarita R. Cojuangco, Dr. Marilu R. Madrunio, Dean, and Dr. Grecebio Jonathan D. Alejandro, OGR Director

Bicol of Edtech discusses sound design at UP BroadConvention

Educational Technology Center Audio Specialist Rico Bicol was speaker on sound design for television and film at BroadConvention: Breaking Borders organized by the University of the Philippines College of Mass Communication Student Council held from February 22 to 24, 2017 at the UP CMC Auditorium.

BroadConvention was created to ultimately expose broadcasting students and enthusiasts to the different and unique fields in media. In his presentation, Bicol discussed the different elements in Film Sound as well as the technical and creative approach as to achieve professional sound for any video or film productions.

Aside from Bicol the other speakers of the three-day event were Cherry Pie Picache (acting), Janeena Chan (hosting), Cathy Yang (business reporting), Angelo Palmones (science reporting), Luis Teodoro (alternative media), JP Habac (directing), and Ronan Capili (photography).



Bicol, talks on sound design



Bicol (4th from left) with students from the University of the Philippines

SIMBAHAYAN, NSTP donate to Caloocan fire victims



UST SIMBAHAYAN signs Memorandum of Understanding with the Diocese of Caloocan MUP



Rev. Fr. Hiwatig, OP, (fourth from left) of the MUP-Diocese of Caloocan receives cash donation check and hygiene kits from UST SIMBAHAYAN Director Asst. Prof. Abenir, DSD (third from left) and NSTP Moderator Assoc. Prof. Origenes

The UST Simbahayan Community Development Office turned over its donation to the Diocese of Caloocan Ministry of Urban Poor (MUP) amounting to P250, 000.00 for the victims of a fire at the Navotas fishport last January 10 that resulted in the loss of homes for more than 600 families. The turn-over ceremony was held on March 13, 2017 at the Office for Student Affairs Conference Room, Tan Yan Kee Student Center, UST.

These families who lost their homes and properties sought refuge in evacuation centers. Damage to property was estimated at P750, 000.00.

Simbahayan Director Asst. Prof. Mark Anthony Abenir, DSD, and Fr. Patricio Hiwatig, OP, of the MUP-Diocese of Caloocan and San Lorenzo Ruiz Parish signed the memorandum of agreement while Simbahayan Assistant Director Froilan Alipao, and Mr. Noli Madeja served as witnesses.

“As a partner of the Church, the UST Simbahayan Community Development Office continues with this service to the poor,” Abenir said. “We hope that this small amount of donation will be used for major projects that in a way would benefit everyone would benefit.”

Aside from the cash donation that will support the victims’ livelihood projects, the National Service Training Program Office distributed 400 hygiene bags. “As a part of our advocacy, we collect hygiene kits at the start of the semester. These bags are easily distributed to the partner communities especially those that were affected by fire and most especially in times of calamities,” NSTP Moderator Asst. Prof. Jose Ricarte Origenes stated.

Simbahayan, NSTP turn over donation proceeds from fun run for Zamboanga del Sur classroom

The UST Simbahayan Community Development Office turned over the cash donation amounting to P378,000.00 to the Save Our Schools (SOS) Network-Mindanao and Mindanao Interfaith Services Foundation Inc. (MISFI Academy). The turn-over ceremony was held on February 28, 2017 at the Office for Student Affairs Conference Room, Tan Yan Kee Student Center. The proceeds of the NSTP event ‘Unending Race Fun Run’ held on April 10, 2016, made possible the construction of a classroom in Barangay Lipatan, Josephina Town, Zamboanga del Sur for the benefit of the Subanen Tribe.

Signing the memorandum of agreement on behalf of UST were Simbahayan Director Asst. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD and NSTP Moderator Assoc. Prof. Jose Ricarte B. Origenes and their counterparts were the SOS Network-Mindanao Convenor Mercedes Arleen Perez-Alonzo and MISFI Academy Executive Director Ms. Percenita Sanchez. The signing was witnessed by Simbahayan Assistant Director Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao, NSTP Facilitators, and student representatives, who participated in the fundraising activity.

“The Unending Race Fun Run is not only for requirement purposes, but we can see that our contribution has a value and it has a long way for our Lumad brothers and sisters,” Abenir said. “Education has many keys in life that so that other people cannot take advantage of you,” he added.

The NSTP Facilitator and Unending Race Committee Chair Mr. Paul Castillo stated that, despite the physical distance between Manila and Zamboanga del Sur, this amount of this donation is a way of reaching out to the Lumads, making possible the building of structures in their homeland. The MISFI has built 25 campuses that have a community-based education in which the Simbahayan is pursuing with its partner communities especially the Aetas in Tarlac.

CRS Alumni Association to incorporate organization

The College of Rehabilitation Science Alumni Association (CRS-AA) looks forward to a busy year ahead with the incorporation of the organization as its priority, while it strengthens its membership. It will also conduct continuing professional development programs for its alumni in collaboration with the College, as it facilitates the connections between the college and its alumni and the connection among its alumni. Part of its plan is to organize alumni homecoming activities to encourage alumni to come back and pay it forward.

During the Alumni General Assembly held at the AMV Multi-purpose Hall on March 7, 2017, CRS Dean Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, presented the status of the College and invited the alumni to intensify their involvement in CRS-spearheaded activities that include teaching, research, community development, and internationalization efforts. This will continuously contribute to the advancement and promotion of the four programs in the College.

Alumni from the physical therapy, occupational therapy, sports science and speech-language pathology programs attended the event. They were updated on the activities of

CRS and the CRS Alumni Association, and the key issues in professional practice. The new board members were elected during the assembly. A career exposition was also held to allow the alumni to explore job opportunities offered by identified employers.

Outgoing President, Mr. Charles Bermejo, a faculty member of CRS and one of the pioneer graduates of OT in CRS, presented to the members the undertakings of the previous board since its reestablishment in 2014. The CRS-AA is an active member of the UST Alumni Association, Inc. (UST-AAI), with Bermejo having served as Member of the previous Board of Trustees, and currently the chair of the Sports Committee.

Elected to the CRS-AA Board were: Dexter Aseron (PT, 1996), Arthur King (PT, 2003), Paulin Grace Morato-Espino (OT, 2003), Maria Teresita Dalusong (PT, 2004), Stephanie Pagarigan (SpS, 2010), Ryan dela Paz (PT, 2011), Christopher Cruz (PT, 2012), Kenneth Charles Mutia (PT, 2013), Jonathan Gerona (SLP, Pioneer, 2014), and Madelyn Gabries (PT, 2015). Bermejo and Dean Peralta will remain on the Board as Ex-officio and Adviser, respectively.

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Dr. Arianna Malavasi (right), official representative and liaison officer of the Universita di Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano of Italy, with UST Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla.

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Bishop Vincentius Sutikno Wisaksono (left) of the Diocese of Surabaya, Indonesia pays a courtesy call on UST Rector Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. last March 29, 2017.

University of Notre Dame, Australia



Prof. Peta Sanderson, ASEACCU board member and pro-vice chancellor international of the University of Notre Dame in Australia (center), with UST Rector Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. (right) and UST Secretary General Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P. (left).

BOARD TOP NOTCHERS



Physical Therapist Licensure Examination

February
UST Passing Rate - 92.86%
National Passing Rate - 59.81%



2nd - 88.30%
Alyssa Caitlin
Ting



5th - 86.95%
Mathieu Joseph
Moulic



Nutritionist- Dietitian Licensure Examination

March
UST Passing Rate - 100%
National Passing Rate - 72.11%



1st - 87.95%
Pauline Catrina
Vizcarra



2nd - 87.85%
Cherubim Barranda



8th - 86.75%
Anavrin Faye
Mejia



10th - 86.55%
Kimberly Lucas



Physician Licensure Examination

March
UST Passing Rate - 88.89%
National Passing Rate - 61.73%



7th - 86.17%
Kevin Arao



Pharmacist Licensure Examination

March
UST Passing Rate - 94.15%
National Passing Rate - 65.01%



1st - 94.73%
Rhys Jansen
Pavon

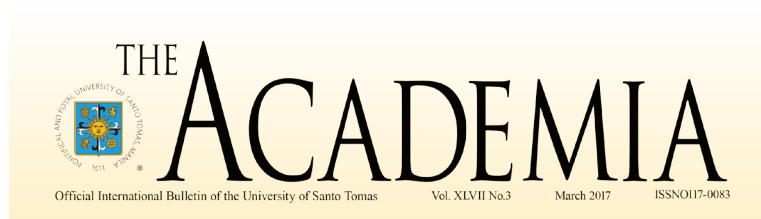


2nd - 93.70%
Ser Loisse
Mortel



9th - 92.38%
Deric Vengua

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