

UST, GT Foundation, Inc. sign memorandum of agreement for turnover of Dr. George S.K Ty Hall



The Memorandum of Agreement is signed by Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy, O.P., (center), Metrobank Foundation President Mr. Sobrepeña (second from left), UST Vice-Rector for Finance Rev. Fr. Rolando M. Castro, O.P., (rightmost), GT Foundation Deputy Executive Director, Mr. Nicanor L. Torres, Jr. (fourth from left), and UST Secretary General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr. O.P. (leftmost)

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The University of Santo Tomas held a turnover ceremony for GT Foundation’s donation of the “Dr. George S.K Ty Hall” to the University on March 8, 2018 at the fourth floor of the Buenaventura Garcia Paredes O.P. Building, UST.

The Memorandum of Agreement was signed by UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, OP, representing UST and Metrobank Foundation President Mr. Aniceto Sobrepeña. The witnesses of the MOA signing were UST Vice Rector for Finance Rev. Fr. Rolando M. Castro, O.P., GT Foundation Deputy Executive Director, Mr. Nicanor L. Torres, Jr., and UST Secretary General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P.

The Dr. George S.K.Ty Hall, located at the fourth floor of the Paredes Building,



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. gives the welcome remarks.



Five Science programs granted Level IV re-accreditation status by PACUCOA

Five programs from the College of Science were officially re-accredited at the highest level by the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA) through the Federation of Accrediting Agencies of the Philippines (FAAP) as the certifying body.

Re-accredited for Level IV status were: Mathematics major in Actuarial Science, Biology, Chemistry, Microbiology and Psychology. According to College of Science Secretary Assoc. Prof. Mary C. Martin, upon receipt of this re-accredited status from PACUCOA in 2017, the five programs were then endorsed to FAAP, the umbrella organization of accreditation agencies, for official certification as Level IV. The status covers the period of November 2016 to November 2021.

With the Level IV status of a program comes full autonomy, which enables school administrators to offer new graduate programs and open learning or distance education and extension classes related to existing Level IV courses, without prior approval of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). A program may only apply for a Level IV accreditation only after five years of Level III re-accredited status.

In the accreditation process, the programs were evaluated according to sets of criteria and procedures, which encourage high maintenance of standards and education. The resulting certifications granted by the accrediting agency and the certifying body, recognizes that the programs meet the criteria set by PACUCOA and are comparable to similar programs in excellent foreign universities.

The University currently has 26 FAAP and PACUCOA-accredited Level IV programs and a total of 47 accredited programs.

The FAAP is the CHED-authorized network of accrediting agencies within the country that can certify accreditation levels of academic programs so as to grant benefits such as progressive deregulation, while its affiliate member PACUCOA is a private accrediting agency which gives formal recognition to an educational institution by attesting that its academic program maintains excellent standards in its educational operations, in the context of its aims and objectives.

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was named after Metrobank Founder and Group Chairman Dr. George Siao Kian Ty. Dr. Ty studied in UST and in 2014, he was conferred an honorary degree, Doctor of Humanities, by the University.

The GT Foundation, Inc. was established on October 7, 2009 to administer the philanthropic works of the Ty family which were focused on health, environment, legacy projects, and grants. The foundation incorporates the humanitarian activities of the Ty family and the different programs that are aimed at providing for the needs of the underprivileged members of different communities.

Metrobank
Foundation
President
Mr. Aniceto
Sobrepeña
delivers the
turnover speech.



UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., starts the ceremony with a prayer.



TEDxUST:

Illuminating path, detours of life



Rev. Fr. Miranda delivers the welcome remarks.



CEMEX Director for Corporate Communications and Public Affairs Mr. Chito Santos Maniago shares how communication can effect change.



ABS-CBN talent Robi Domingo urges participants to keep moving forward.

Successfully joining a world-renowned educational brand in its mission to elevate ideas worth spreading, the University of Santo Tomas held TEDxUST on March 10, 2018 at the Central Lab Auditorium, University of Santo Tomas.

"TEDxUST" is an independently-organized conference licensed from popular non-profit media organization TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) and was spearheaded by the University of Santo Tomas Central Student Council (UST-CSC), in coordination with the UST Medical Technology Society and the Office of Public Affairs.

TED's main conference series, commonly known as "TED Talks," refers to its Vancouver-based talks that are posted online for free distribution, while their TEDx initiative allows for independent organizers for cities, academic institutions, or other local communities and organizations to have their own licensed TED experience no matter where they are.

One thousand three hundred thirty-six applicants vied for a chance to be part of the Thomasian TED audience, with the exclusive event's two-week screening period ending with 100 chosen participants.

"TEDx is very much aligned with our mission as Thomasians and as a University," UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., mentioned in his welcome remarks, citing the engraved passage on

the wall of the Benavides library. It is a mission stated in Latin originating from the medallion of the Monument to Benavides at Plaza Santo Tomas in Intramuros, which was built in 1892. The English translation is, 'Darkness covers this land in a mental mist. This is the task of the University of Santo Tomas – to spread the light.'

Balancing the light of intellect and the light of hope, the talks aimed at illuminating minds and hearts. Fr. Miranda urged the students, "I hope you will always be surrounded with very good ideas... That is important because soon, you will be sharing light – the light that frees us from ignorance. And that all starts from ideas."

With the theme "Wavelength," defined as the distance between successive waves that move in continuous motion, a wavelength moves in a specific direction despite its dynamic motion in crests and troughs. TEDxUST, in adhering to its theme, highlighted the inevitability of ups and downs in life, along with innovative ideas and inspiration to continue moving forward.

CEMEX Philippines Director for Corporate Communications and Public Affairs Mr. Chito Maniago began the afternoon by sharing how using gift of gab responsibly allowed him to succeed in life

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Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla gives the closing remarks.



Bahrami-Hessari, a Thomasian educator, shares hard-earned lessons on self-confidence and acceptance.



UP EVP Dr. Teodoro J. Herbosa, MD, discusses how good politics can cause good health reforms.

Four UST programs receive AUN-QA recognition



UST administrative and academic officials with AUN-QA assessors during the AUN Quality assessment visit

Four academic programs of the University of Santo Tomas have been added to the list of degree programs granted certification and recognition by the ASEAN University Network-Quality Assurance Network (AUN-QA). Pharmacy, Medical Technology, Elementary Education, and Secondary Education were assessed by the AUN-QA in June 2017 and were issued certification that is valid from 2017 until 2022.

The four degree programs were certified by the AUN-QA because of their high local accreditation level, all the programs having been granted the PACUCOA Accreditation Level 4.

Prior to the newly certified programs, the AUN-QA also certified four programs in March 2017. These programs were: Accountancy, Biology, Chemistry, and Psychology. The programs were granted recognition from March 2017 until March 2022.

Four degree programs are also scheduled for the AUN Quality Assessment from April 23 to April 25, 2018. These programs are: Nursing, Biochemistry, Electronics Engineering, and Chemical Engineering.

UST became an associate member of the AUN-QA on January 13, 2016. This enabled the University to apply for the AUN Quality Assessment.

The AUN-QA network is a division of the ASEAN University Network, composed of Chief Quality Officers assigned by the AUN universities to ensure the improvement of the quality of education in higher education institutions for the benefit of the members of the ASEAN University Network.

Engineering honors Wilcon Depot founder, three other alumni with Hall of Fame award

Coinciding with the celebration of the one hundred and eleventh founding anniversary of the oldest Engineering school in the Philippines, the UST Faculty of Engineering honored four of its alumni by inducting them into the Engineering Hall of Fame. The awarding ceremonies were held on February 17, 2018 at the Paredes Building, UST.

The award, handed by Dean Philipina A. Marcelo, Ph.D., and Engineering Regent Rev. Fr. Roberto L. Luanzon, Jr., O.P., consisted of a plaque and a golden name plate with the awardee's name and award inscribed on it. The name plates are found in the Hall of Fame wall at the lobby of the Roque Ruaño, O.P. building, formerly called Engineering Building.

Awarded for Entrepreneurship was William T. Belo, founder and Chairman Emeritus of Wilcon Depot, Inc. Belo, who graduated with a degree in Electronics Engineering (EIE) in 1973, started his own hardware store in Quezon Avenue,

Quezon City. From the small Wilcon store, he has since expanded its operations and eventually established a name trusted by industry professionals, home enthusiasts and home owners nationwide. Wilcon Depot now carries a wide variety of local and international products and services. Aside from his business, Belo also put up Wilcon Foundation which provides educational assistance to under privileged children and individuals, and helps victims of calamities. The foundation also assists in the global efforts at saving the environment.

In recognition of his achievements, Belo received the "Grand MVP Bossing Award", and the prestigious "Presidents Outstanding Filipino Retailer" award given by the Philippine Retailers Association in cooperation with the Department of Trade and Industry.

The President and Chief Executive Officer of Pointwest Technologies, Corporation, Engr. Maria Cristina Galang Coronel, who graduated with a degree

in Chemical Engineering in 1974, was recognized for Industry Leadership. Pointwest Technologies is a leading 100% Filipino-owned IT/BPM services company. Its accounts and projects are in the United States, New Zealand, Australia and Japan.

Coronel is currently the president and a member of the board of trustees of the Healthcare Information Management Association of the Philippines, an industry association that aspires to make the Philippines the global leader in healthcare information management services. She aspires to put the Philippines in the global map as a top destination for IT/BPM and healthcare information management services.

The former dean of the Faculty of Engineering who started a number of 'firsts' in the Faculty, including being the

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(From left) UST Faculty of Engineering Assistant Dean Asst. Prof. Rhoderick D. Asis, Engineering alumni officer, Dr. Lydia Tansinsin, APEC Engineer Engr. Fortunato C. Leynes, Wilcon Depot, Inc. founder and Chairman Emeritus William T. Belo, Pointwest Technologies Corporation President and Chief Executive Officer Engr. Maria Cristina Galang Coronel, former Dean of the UST Faculty of Engineering Prof. Alberto A. Laurito, Jollibee Foods Corporation founder Tony Tan Caktiong, UST Faculty of Engineering Regent Rev. Fr. Roberto L. Luanzon, Jr., O.P., UST Faculty of Engineering Dean Prof. Philipina A. Marcelo, Ph.D. and Engineering alumni officer

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first in the University to have its classrooms air-conditioned, Prof. Alberto A. Laurito, was recognized for his efforts under the category Engineering Education. Laurito who graduated with a degree in Chemical Engineering in 1973, served as Dean of the Faculty of Engineering from 1985 to 2000. He also served as Assistant to the Rector for Planning and Development from 2001 to 2007 and director of the UST Education Technology Center from 2002 to 2007.

Laurito conceptualized and initiated the e-Learning Access Program (e-LeAP) in 2002 using the Blackboard Learning Management System leading to the development and deployment of University-wide course websites. He was also responsible for conceptualizing the Outcomes Based Education (OBE) Framework and the supporting Program Assessment and Evaluation System using the e-LeAP for the Faculty of Engineering.

Currently, Laurito is a member of the technical panel for Engineering and Technology and chair for the Technical Committee on Chemical Engineering of the Commission on Higher Education.

It is in the area of Industry Leadership that Engr. Fortunato C. Leynes, a graduate of Electrical Engineering in 1979, was recognized. He was the first Thomasian who was named chair of the Professional Regulation Commission Board of Electrical Engineering, a position he served from 2009 to 2013. He was also the first Filipino Chief Executive of the largest of the 11 privatized distribution utilities in Nigeria, serving as managing director and Chief Executive Office of Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company. He also served as Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Clark Electric Distribution Corporation, a subsidiary of the Manila Electric Company.

Leynes is an APEC Engineer, an ASEAN Chartered Professional Engineer and a Fellow of the Institute of Integrated Electrical Engineers.

The first recipient of the Thomasian Engineer Hall of Fame award was Rev. Fr. Roque Ruaño, O.P., for Engineering Design. The award was given posthumously in 1996 in recognition of his numerous works as Civil Engineer, the most famous of which is the UST Main Building, now a National Cultural Treasure. The Main Building is the first earthquake - resistant building in the Philippines in its modern-day history.

From 1996 to date, 25 alumni of the Faculty of Engineering have been inducted to the Hall of Fame, including Jollibee founder Dr. Tony Tan Caktiong, who received his award in 2000 for Entrepreneurship. Other recipients include Francisco Eizmendi former president of San Miguel Corporation who was awarded for Industry Leadership in 1997, and James Velasquez, former president and country manager of IBM Philippines and currently CEO of PT&T who was awarded for Global Corporate Management in 2017.

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and eventually lifted his family from poverty. He taught the participants to communicate more effectively so they can be instruments of change.

Following Mr. Maniago was the University of the Philippines System Executive Vice President and Chairman of Physicians for Peace Dr. Teodoro J. Herbosa, who discussed his realization that health and politics are intertwining wavelengths – that good health reforms needed to solve health inequity will only be achieved with good politics.

The third speaker was instructor and supervising teacher at the UST College of Education Ms. Eleanor Bahrami-Hessari, who motivated students and future educators to step out of one's comfort zone and be confident in one's identity no matter the challenge.



Oncologist Dr. Kelly Siy Salvador, MD, shares how a doctor heals a person's physical illness and also his spiritual being.

The other speakers included oncologist and trustee of the Philippine Cancer Society Dr. Kelly Salvador. He inspired future Thomasian doctors to be both competent and compassionate healers who treat each life as valuable. In his impassioned speech, he emphasized that those who are determined to be good physicians, must also have compassion. An empathetic doctor's task is not just to heal the illness, but to strengthen the heart and spirit of the afflicted persons and their families.



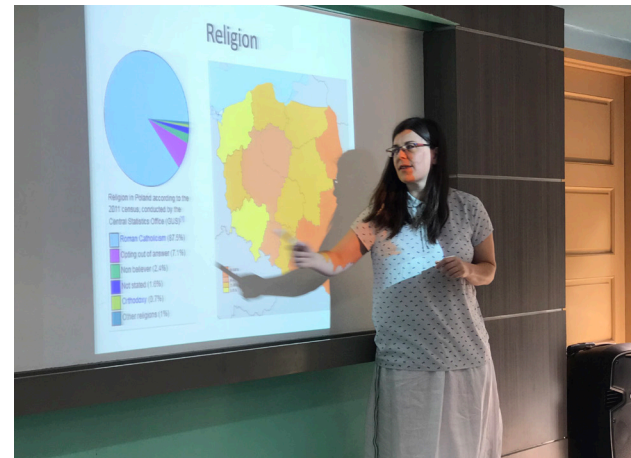
Ms. Jocelyn Socao-Alumno, a Thomasian medical tourism advocate, emphasizes the importance of unconditionally helping people even while struggling to navigate the detours of life.

Following Dr. Salvador was the founder and current president of HealthCore and advocate of Medical Tourism Ms. Jocelyn Socao-Alumno. She shared that the hard roads and detours of life are worth the journey, as it will allow the tough ones to forge themselves to be better and help more people along the way.

The final speaker of the day was ABS-CBN talent Mr. Robi Domingo, who encouraged the audience to see the crests of life instead of the troughs and to never remain stagnant, but rather keep moving forward, as life is a journey of continuous learning.

INTERNATIONALIZATION

The UST AB - WKSIM Poland faculty exchange program: media education transcending boundaries



Dr. Szetela delivers her lecture at the UST Graduate School.



Dr. Szetela (sixth from left), with Fr. Bartolomiej Sobierajski of the Archdiocese of Warmia (center), Mr. Felipe Salvoza (leftmost), Coordinator for Journalism and Asst. Prof. Christian Esguerra (seventh from left) with Journalism students of the Faculty of Arts and Letters

The UST Faculty of Arts and Letters and the College of Social and Media Culture (Wyższa Szkoła Kultury Społecznej i Medialnej) of Toruń, Poland have completed the first round of journalism faculty exchanges under a multi-year academic and research cooperation agreement funded by the Erasmus+ Program of the European Union.

The UST- WKSIM exchange program

Under the first inter-institutional agreement between the two schools, is the exchange of faculty members who will deliver lectures before the students of the two institutions. Asst. Prof. Christian V. Esguerra, a faculty member under the UST Journalism program was at the WKSIM to deliver lectures from November 27 to December 1, 2017. As the WKSIM counterpart, the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters hosted Dr. Monika Szetela of WKSIM from March 2 to 7, 2018, for a series of lectures delivered before undergraduate students of the Faculty of Arts and Letters and graduate students of the UST Graduate School.

The Memorandum of Understanding on Academic and Research Cooperation between UST and WKSIM was signed on December 16, 2016 by UST Rector Very

Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., and WKSIM Rector Rev. Fr. Zdzislaw Klafka, CSsR.

Arts and Letters Dean Prof. Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D., said the initial success of the exchange program compelled UST and WKSIM, both Catholic institutions, to renew and even expand the academic and research partnership.

Under a new agreement already in the works, its scope will be expanded to journalism and communication, political science and culture studies, which means that at least three faculty members from Arts and Letters could possibly teach at WKSIM.

Christian Esguerra lectures at WKSIM

Asst. Prof. Christian Esguerra lectured on the Philippine independence movement in the "Catholics and Independence" Polish National Conference at WKSIM. Esguerra delivered four lectures before students at WKSIM – "Media Under Siege," "Catholic Journalism," "Catholic Journalism in the Philippines" and "Journalism Education in the Philippines."

Esguerra also appeared in the television program "Unfinished Conversations," broadcast nationally in Poland, and

answered a number of questions from Polish viewers on the situation in the Philippines under President Rodrigo Duterte.

Monika Szetela of WKSIM lectures in UST

Dr. Monika Szetela of WKSIM conducted a series of lectures delivered before Journalism students and Master of Arts in Communication students. Szetela, a journalist and journalism educator who heads the Journalism and Social Communication Department of WKSIM, talked extensively about the history of Poland as well as trends in European and Polish journalism.

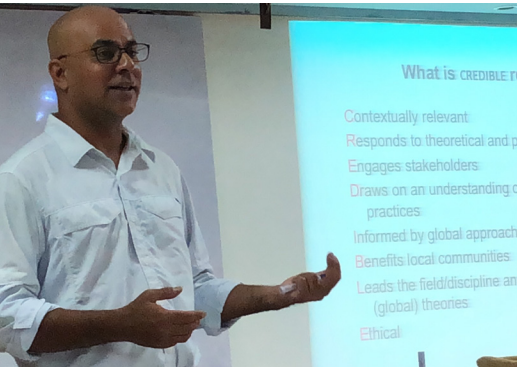
Szetela, who also has training in political science, career counselling and theology, is the editor-in- chief of a monthly youth magazine. She lectured on "Polish Media after the Transformation," "Media in the Post-Soviet World" and "Media in Central Europe towards the Media in the World."

At the 2nd John Jefferson Siler Memorial Forum held on March 5, 2018 at the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex

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Dr. Ahmar Mahboob of University of Sydney
lectures on CREDIBLE Research



Dr. Mahboob lectures on language research methodology improvements.

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Auditorium, Szetela discussed “Online Journalism and ‘Fake News’ in the EU.”

In the public lecture, which was organized by the Journalism Program and the UST Journalism Society, Szetela urged Thomasians to counter fake news and historical revisionism in media by having a solid grasp of history and other important fields of knowledge. “Instead of reading [on] Facebook and reading [on] the internet, read a book because in those books there is a great knowledge ... and you will be able to distinguish what fake news [are] by reading good books,” she said.

Dr. Beyan Hagos of the UST Graduate School MA Communication Program, a reactor in the Siler Forum, said the challenge for journalism and communication students was to “catch the fish” from the swollen river of rubbish on the internet, particularly on social media.

Szetela and Fr. Bartolomiej Sobierajski of the Archdiocese of Warmia, who was also in the country together with the lady speaker, were given a tour of the University Archives as well as the UST Antonio Vivencio del Rosario Heritage Library, which has preserved as priceless copy of “De Revolutionibus orbium coelestium” (“On the Revolutions of the Heavenly Spheres”) written by Copernicus, who hails from Toruń, Poland.



Mahboob (center, back row, in white) with faculty members of the Department of English, UST Graduate School Dean Prof. Madrunio (rightmost, in white), and Linguistics Society of the Philippines President Assoc. Prof. Shirley N. Dita, Ph.D., of De La Salle University (back row, rightmost)

Ahmar Mahboob, Associate Professor of Linguistics at the University of Sydney, delivered a talk before the Department of English faculty, titled “Planning research that matters: CREDIBLE research and how to develop it” held on February 26, 2018 at the Thomas Aquinas Research Center.

Starting the lecture with the idea of research as actually accomplishing a project, Dr. Mahboob asserted that the present research context takes Western theories and concepts then applies theories to the local context; hence the output may not change or improve the society. He further mentioned that researchers need to identify the needs to be improved then investigate them, hence implement change. For him, this is done by transforming implications to something practical and concrete.

With his primary research interest being examination of policies, practices, and implications of language variation in local and global contexts, Mahboob provided examples of research projects designed with keeping the stated principles in mind. Such principles,

he discussed, may involve various fields of study since such research studies address the holistic welfare of stakeholders.

Using the acronym CREDIBLE to explain his point, Mahboob presented what each letter stands for in Research: C – contextually relevant; R – responds to theoretical and practical needs; E – engages stakeholders; D – draws on an understanding of local knowledge and practices; I – informed by global approaches and experiences; B – benefits local communities; L – leads the field / discipline and contributes to the larger global theories; E – ethical.

Mahboob emphasized that the application and benefit of research to the stakeholders is most important; thus he raised the concept of ‘Appliable Research,’ an area in linguistics that considers everyday real-life language-related problems in various professional and social contexts as the starting point, with the goal of contributing to a theoretical language model that responds to and is ‘appliable’ in the context.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

SIMBAHAYAN, OSA hold mid-year forum on community development projects for university-wide student organizations



Thomasian representatives during the USO mid-year forum



A faculty adviser raises a point during the open forum.

Forty student organizations participated in the University-Wide Student Organizations (USO) Midyear Forum spearheaded by the SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office and the Office for Student Affairs held at the Tan Yan Kee Student Center, Audio Visual Room, UST. The forum was a follow-up on the call for the recognized university-wide student organizations to implement a community development project.

UST SIMBAHAYAN Director Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD, gave the update on the number of student organizations with submitted proposals as of the first semester including the budget requested for the project. He also asked the officers of the organizations about the difficulties that led them not to submit their proposals. He also answered some questions coming from the students and their faculty advisers, as well.

Ms. Mary Coleen Anne Nicolas, an alumna from the Faculty of Arts and Letters, discussed the impact of student organizations in the lives of the University’s partner community. Particularly cited was the BUTIL program of the Becarios de Santo Tomas.

Four organizations that implemented their projects in the first semester, namely, Becarios de Santo Tomas and its ‘BUTIL Scholarship Program’ that was started almost a decade ago; Kabayanihan Youth whose ‘Bridge Bulaklak ng Pag-asa’ is a project tasked to address the lack of income and resources while focusing on parent empowerment; ROTARACT Central with its ‘Panitik at Pagkapilipino,’ a seminar-workshop about Philippine Literature focusing on educating the children about Filipino heritage, sports and culture; and the Central Student Council (CSC) with its advocacy projects.

These projects, according to SIMBAHAYAN are aligned to the Program Areas of the University’s community development office which are: Education, Livelihood, and Heritage, Culture, and Sports and Development.

However, the advocacy projects presented by the Central Student Council are based on the strategic plans submitted by the organization upon recognition. The projects were approved because of their benefits to UST students.



University-Wide Student Organizations student leaders and advisers

Makibata 2018 brings joy to 150 children



UST SIMBAHAYAN Director Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir (leftmost), UST OSA Assistant Director and UST SOCC Adviser Asst. Prof. Ana Ruby M. Paez (third from left), and Asst. Prof. Melanie DP Turingan (rightmost) with the adult companion of Makibata children



Members of the UST International Students' Association play with the children at the Tan Yan Kee Student Center.



Makibata children at the painting workshop

One hundred and fifty children from the partner communities of the University of Santo Tomas in Bambang, Tarlac; Marilao, Bulacan; Antipolo, Rizal; and Montalban, Rizal took part in the 2018 celebration of *Makibata*. They were accompanied by their community leaders.

The *Makibata 2018: Pusong Tomasino* activity is an annual community development project of the UST Student Organization Coordinating Council (SOCC) in coordination with the Office for Student Affairs (OSA) and the UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office (SCDO) where recognized student organizations actively participate in the various activities of the children. This is conducted for the children to experience the love of the Thomasian community.

In this year's *Makibata*, a three-phased project that started in February 13 and ended on February 15, 2018, was conducted. For Phase One, the children showcased their talents in singing and dancing to present their cultural traditions as they visited the different offices of the University. Partner student organizations and departments for their part, provided different workshops like Arnis tutorial, drawing, children's painting classes, and reading workshop.

In the Second Phase, the children had an educational tour of the Museo Pambata. The children also visited and toured around Manila Ocean Park, a marine theme park. At the Plaza Mayor of the University, other partner student organizations prepared booths, set-up inflatable playing equipment, gave freebies, and provided activities for the children. Student organizations were assisted by volunteers and sponsors.

Peralta gives capacity building talk at Laoag IP symposia



Assoc. Prof. Peralta (fourth from left) receives the certificate of appreciation from Dr. Ma. Lourdes K. Odayza, Medical Center Chief of MMMH&MC

UST ITSO Manager and Executive Assistant for Intellectual Property & Research Assoc. Prof. Michael Jorge Peralta was a resource speaker in the seminar series that was part of the 50th anniversary celebration of the Mariano Marcos Memorial Hospital and Medical Center (MMM&MC) in Batac, Ilocos Norte on February 21, 2018.

The seminar's objective was to build the capacity of the medical staff in matters pertaining to public service in the medical field. Topics discussed included Medico-legal basic, Rights of Patients, Forensics, Financial Empowerment and Intellectual Property. Capacity building is one of the objectives of the Innovation and Technology Support Office (ITSO). The ITSO offers Intellectual Property (IP) awareness campaigns such as basic IP training sessions, patent search, patent drafting, and fundamentals of technology transfer.

Ms. Kristine Dianne M. Marders, over-all chair of the organizing committee, spearheaded the Seminar Series Research.

Thomasians participate in coastal clean-up community service day

Now on its second year, the UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office, together with the UST Human Resource Department organized the Community Service Day that consisted of a Coastal Clean-Up and Nature Walk Activity held at the Las Piñas - Parañaque Critical Habitat and Ecotourism Area (LPPCHEA). Attended by 50 participants, the activity was a proactive response to Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* and in support of the University's goal of involving the administrators, faculty members, support staff and alumni.

Before embarking on the actual clean-up, a brief introduction about the area was given by UST SIMBAHAYAN Director Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, DSD, as a way of formally starting the program. Asst. Prof. Melanie D. Turingan, Ph.D., gave the participants some reminders in order to carry out a successful coastal clean-up.

The group comprised of administrators, faculty members and support staff were able to gather 75 sacks of garbage after the clean-up activity. A nature-walk activity followed, in which the participants were able to see the Philippines' sixth wetland of international importance but is at present under the threat of reclamation and environmental degradation.



Thomasians work together during the coastal clean-up

SIMBAHAYAN's *Dunong Tomas* 2018 calls on youth to proactive nation-building



A UST student (in white) assists youth leaders from partner communities as they try out the exhibit item on information technology.



Mr. Quiel Mariano of the UST Senior High School speaks on how the youth can help others in concrete ways.

Dunong Tomas Cluster Head Mr. Caesar Anthony Yoma conducts an evaluation workshop with the participants.

The University's SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office, through its Community Development Coordinating Council Education cluster, held the annual *Dunong Tomas* Advocacy Program, with the theme "Pagpapahalaga at Pagpapalago sa Galing ng Kabataang Mamumuno sa Kinabukasan ng Bayan." It was held from January 29 to 31, 2018 at different venues in and outside the University of Santo Tomas, organized jointly by the College of Education, Institute of Information & Computing Sciences, Senior High School, and Junior High School.

The program aimed to promote the concept of equitable and inclusive education as a viable point of meaningful engagement and positive influence among members of the youth sector. The activities for the three-day initiative were participated in by selected youth leaders and students from UST partner communities and institutions.

The *Dunong Tomas* Advocacy included a two-day fora on Youth Leadership and Empowerment held at the Junior High School Benavides Auditorium, attended by the youth

representatives, and more than 500 students and faculty members of the University.

Each forum featured youth leaders, advocates, and motivational speakers, who discussed the role of the youth towards proactive nation-building and the need for the youth to champion genuine public service and social responsibility. The participants also took part in parallel learning enhancement sessions that focused on leadership capability-building and training on the effective utilization of technology as a means for personal growth. The last day of the program was designated for an educational exposure tour.

The youth participants visited the Bantayog Museum and the AFP Military Museum, where they learned about the important issues and events that shaped the history and identity of the country. The program ended with a send-off ceremony where the youth participants had the opportunity to reflect upon their meaningful experiences and to share their insights on what they can contribute for the betterment of the society. The program also highlighted the different social and environmental advocacies of UST through a gallery exhibit prepared by the colleges and departments under the education cluster.

ARTS&CULTURE

Francisco Mañosa works on exhibit at UST Museum



Arch. Mañosa meets (seated) UST College of Architecture Dean Rodolfo P. Ventura (partly hidden), UST Museum Assistant Director Arch. John Carlo L. Sayco (in black), and UST Museum Director Rev. Fr. Isidro C. Abaño, O.P. (rightmost)

In celebration of the prolific life and career of renowned Thomasian architect Francisco "Bobby" T. Mañosa, an exhibit is currently on-going at the UST Museum Gallery which opened on February 27, 2018 titled "The Visionary Comes Home: A Mañosa Beyond Architecture."

Mañosa, who is renowned as a pioneer in the development of vernacular Filipino architecture, tends to feature the Filipino identity and its tropical context as the foci of his work.

With a career spanning over 60 years of architectural experience, the veteran architect is a proud alumnus of the University of Santo Tomas College of Architecture where he graduated in 1953. He is also a pianist and a Papal Knight.

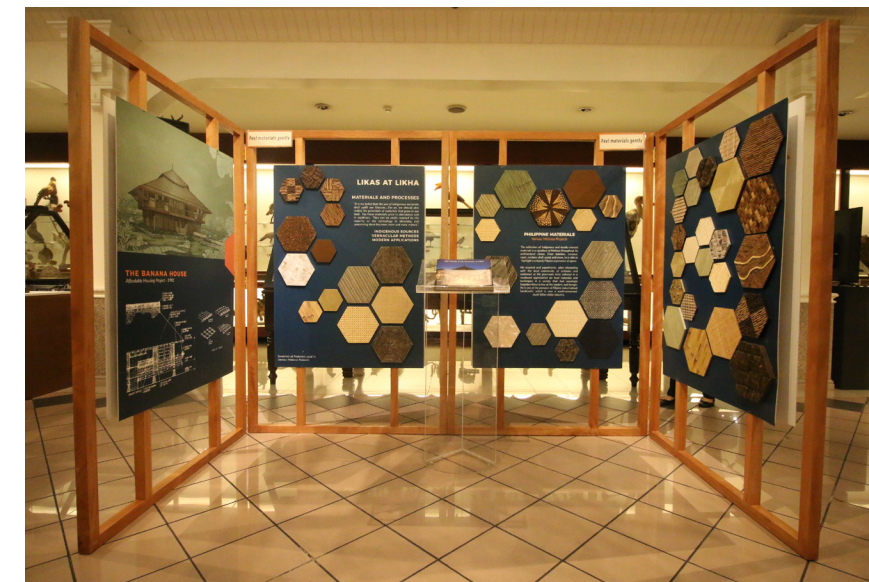
The exhibit in his honor featured swatches of his preferred locally-sourced indigenous materials, favored design elements, and photographs, models, and renderings of his various landmark and flagship projects since the 1950s.

Some of Mañosa's highly recognized works are the Coconut Palace at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Complex, the Shrine of Our Lady of Peace in EDSA, the Mary Immaculate Parish in Las Piñas, and the San Miguel Corporation Building in Ortigas.

The two-floor traveling exhibit, mounted in partnership with the UST College of Architecture, the Heritage Conservation Society, Mañosa and Co., Inc., and Tukod: A Mañosa Group Foundation, was available for viewing at the UST Museum until April 6, 2018.



The ceremonial ribbon cutting. (From left:) Ms. Isabel Mañosa, UST Museum Director Rev. Fr. Isidro C. Abaño, O.P., Arch. Bobby Mañosa with sons Francisco Jr. and Angelo assisting him, UST College of Architecture Dean Rodolfo P. Ventura, and College of Architecture Regent Rev. Fr. Manuel F. Roux, O.P.



Swatches of favored indigenous materials such as bamboo, rattan, coco lumber, anahaw, and shells at the exhibit

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Thai student delegates (with lei) after the cultural exchange program with the UST Junior High School Principal Assoc. Prof. Marishirl P. Tropicales, Ph.D., (sixteenth from left) UST Junior High School Regent Rev. Fr. Rodel S. Cansancio, O.P., (in Roman collar) and other academic officials, faculty members, and students of the UST Junior High School

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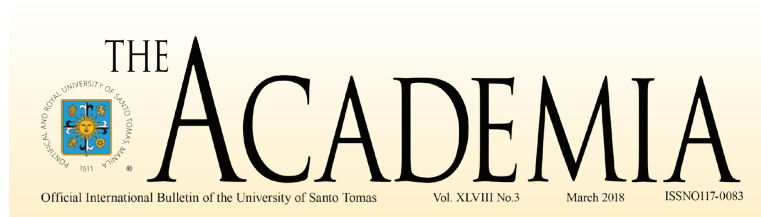


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