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UST looks forward to Sta. Rosa Campus site development as kick-off event is held



UST Rector, Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. delivers his homily during the Eucharistic celebration.



Sacramentals are buried at the site of the Sta. Rosa campus.

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., was the Main Presider in the concelebrated Sunday Mass held on September 10, 2017 at the UST Sta. Rosa Campus, the newest campus of UST outside España, attended by members of the Thomasian community all wearing golden yellow, UST's color. After the Mass was the burying of the sacramentals placed in a box that consisted of a rosary, blessed salt, and medal of St. Benedict to symbolize the consecration of the campus to God. Dominican Fathers, administrators and student leaders took part in shoveling back the earth to cover the sacramentals as the Campus Ministry choir recited the invocation to all saints serving as a prayer accompanying the ceremony. The campus was dedicated to St. Rose of Lima, the same saint after whom the place, Sta. Rosa, is named.

A video of the campus was presented by the contractors showing an artist's perspective of the campus lay-out. It is projected that the first part of the construction in the 40-hectare land will be completed by the year 2020 to accommodate 5,000 students. Site development is expected to start soon.

The final part of the event was the tree-planting ceremony held outside of the fenced area where academic units have been clustered into the following: Ecclesiastical Faculties, Civil Law/ Graduate School/Graduate School of Law, Medicine/Pharmacy, Arts and Letters/Education, Commerce and Business Administration/

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The Rector, Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy, and the Secretary-General, Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P. lead faculty and college representatives in a symbolic tree planting ceremony.

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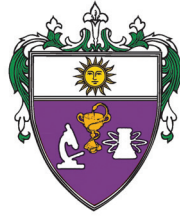
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RESEARCH

UST BioChem ProVe group gets 9M CHED grant; joins City University of New York, MSU-IIT on spider venom research



The Proteomics and Venomics (ProVe) Group of the Department of Biochemistry of the Faculty of Pharmacy was selected for the UST spider venom research program. ProVe's research program received a 9 million-peso grant from CHED through the grants-in-aid program.

The CHED-funded research, titled UST's "Spider Venom Project," is headed by Asst. Prof. Myla R. Santiago of the Department of Biochemistry, Faculty of Pharmacy. The said research project is a collaborative project between Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT) and the City University of New York (CUNY). The UST ProVe group is comprised of Prof. Librado A. Santiago, Ph.D.; Asst. Prof. Angelica Bernadette C. Crisostomo; Ms. Gladys I. Bathan; Mr. Leonardo A. Guevarra, Jr.; Asst. Prof. Gardee T. Peña; Asst. Prof. Ma. Irene D. Liu, of the Department of Biochemistry; Prof.

Olga Nuñez, Ph.D. from MSU-IIT; Research Associates Mr. Mark Kevin P. Devanadera and Ms. Anna Beatriz R. Mayor, and Prof. Sebastien Poget, Ph.D. from The City University of New York.

According to the proposal's initial abstract, the research program is intended to result in sustainable development strategies to identify pharmacologic diversity and potential of spider venoms; the improvement of transdisciplinary understanding of the importance of Philippine spiders in conserving the environmental richness of Philippines biodiversity; and identification of platforms for policy guidelines in terms of protection of pharmacological innovations, spider biodiversity, and conservation. Publications and possible patents may also be generated from spider bioactive peptides with novel therapeutic leads.

Papa of Science, Tordesillas of Senior High present papers on invasive species at Singapore conference



Papa presents his paper at a conference in Singapore.

faculty member of the UST Senior High School presented a paper titled "Measuring the effects of temperature and food concentration on *Arctodiaptomus dorsalis*: The importance of laboratory culture studies in invasive copepod research".

These papers were based on a research project they have been conducting in the RCNAS since 2011 which led to the discovery of the invasive zooplankton, *Arctodiaptomus dorsalis* in the Philippines as part of an effort to document the current state of inland water biodiversity by faculty and students of UST. These findings had been published in several international journals, such as *Biological Invasions*, *Plankton and Benthos Research*, *Inland Waters*, *International Journal of Philippine Science and Technology*, *Acta Manilana*, and the *Philippine Journal of Science*.

The visit also gave the Thomasian researchers an opportunity to explore future collaborative work on freshwater zooplankton in the Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum. Papa and Tordesillas were

able to conduct preliminary examinations of the CH Fernando zooplankton collection in the museum. The CH Fernando collection contains samples of freshwater zooplankton from many localities in the Philippines collected mainly during the 1970's. This was facilitated by Dr. Jose Christopher Mendoza of the LKCNHM-NUS.

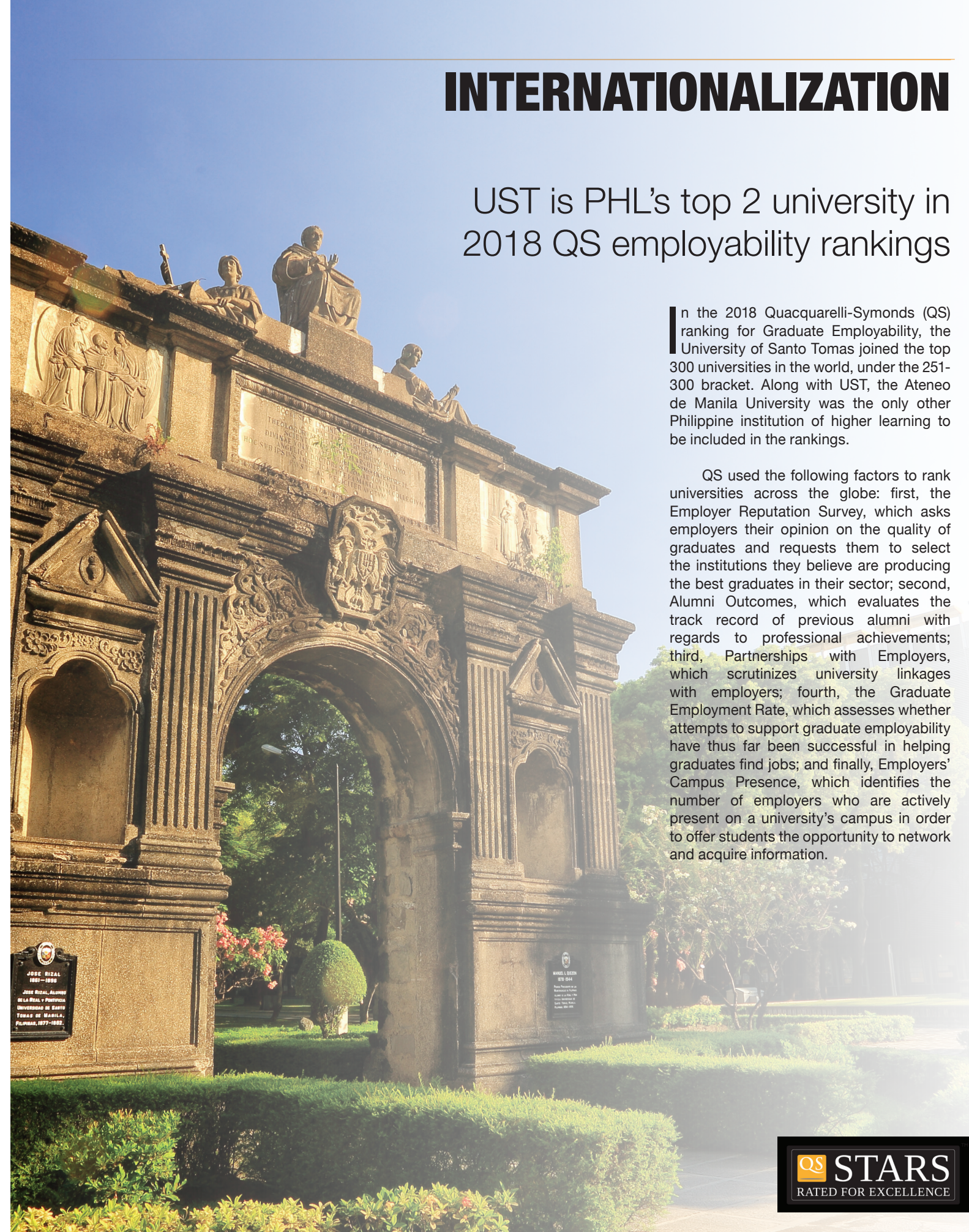
There were a total of 24 invited lectures and four plenary lectures all dealing with topics related to aquatic invasive species research. The invited lecturers were from ASEAN-member countries while plenary speakers came from the University of Hong Kong, Queens University (Belfast, N. Ireland), University of Windsor (Canada), and Murdoch University (Australia). This is the first meeting on aquatic invasive species in Southeast Asia. The meeting was organized by the Department of Biological Sciences and Lee Kong Chian Natural History Museum (LKCNHM) of the National University of Singapore spearheaded by Dr. Darren C. J. Yeo.

INTERNATIONALIZATION

UST is PHL's top 2 university in 2018 QS employability rankings

In the 2018 Quacquarelli-Symonds (QS) ranking for Graduate Employability, the University of Santo Tomas joined the top 300 universities in the world, under the 251-300 bracket. Along with UST, the Ateneo de Manila University was the only other Philippine institution of higher learning to be included in the rankings.

QS used the following factors to rank universities across the globe: first, the Employer Reputation Survey, which asks employers their opinion on the quality of graduates and requests them to select the institutions they believe are producing the best graduates in their sector; second, Alumni Outcomes, which evaluates the track record of previous alumni with regards to professional achievements; third, Partnerships with Employers, which scrutinizes university linkages with employers; fourth, the Graduate Employment Rate, which assesses whether attempts to support graduate employability have thus far been successful in helping graduates find jobs; and finally, Employers' Campus Presence, which identifies the number of employers who are actively present on a university's campus in order to offer students the opportunity to network and acquire information.





UST hosts third batch of EU-SHARE scholars

The third batch of scholars composed of 13 inbound exchange students from the European Union - Support for Higher Education in the ASEAN Region (EU-SHARE) student exchange program are now in campus. This is by far, the largest group of foreign scholars sent to UST. They hail from Indonesia, Myanmar, and Cambodia.

The UST degree programs they are enrolled in are: BSc Entrepreneurship, BSBA major in Marketing Management, BSc Food Technology, BSc Applied Physics major in Instrumentation, BSc Biology, BSc Chemistry, AB Asian Studies, AB Legal Management, and AB Political Science. They are set to take equivalent courses under the bachelor's degree programs of UST for one term. These courses will be credited to their own programs upon the scholars' return to their home universities.

UST Occupational Therapy students experience Global Internship in Thailand

Occupational Therapy (OT) interns Maria Daniella Custodio, Samantha Ladores, Tristan Pena, and Felipe Vilorio from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) Department of Occupational Therapy were selected to be part of the Global Internship Experience (GIE) from September 4 to 29, 2017 in Mahidol University, Thailand. The program aims to provide cross cultural experiences for the participants that can help them in their professional, academic, and personal advancement. Mr. Allan James T. Tan, a faculty member of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences Department of Occupational Therapy and a GIE leader, accompanied the students.

The OT interns joined small group discussions, listened to journal reporting and lectures, and participated in different occupational therapy laboratory sessions. In some of the classes they attended, evidenced-based practice in OT, environment modification, ergonomics, play, vocational rehabilitation and gait analysis were discussed.

GIE leader Tan also served as visiting professor and evaluator, where he gave constructive feedback and comments during the class. On September 06, 2017, the students visited Maha Sawatt Sub-district Health Promotion Hospital, the partner community of Mahidol University, Division of Occupational therapy where the students observed different intervention techniques. They had interaction with the locals in the sub-district and were able to understand how disability affected their lives. Students also assisted and observed occupational therapists during treatment sessions in the clinic within the Mahidol University Faculty of Physical Therapy.

21 Arts and Letters students, faculty members participate in internationalization activities at universities in Japan

In solidarity with the University's internationalization thrust, 16 students and five faculty members from the Faculty of Arts and Letters, participated in Collaborative Thematic Seminars, Academic Lectures and Conferences, Intensive Japanese Language and Culture Program, Industrial Plant and Cultural Visit, Academic meetings and Benchmarking Activities at Osaka University, Hijiya University in Hiroshima, the International Academic Forum at Kobe, the Mazda Industrial Plant, Hiroshima City Government, the Peace Memorial at Hiroshima and UNESCO heritage sites at Miyajima and Nara, Japan.

Students and faculty members attended the lectures given by two visiting Professors at Osaka University. Professor Ulrich Hilpert delivered a lecture titled: "Regional Innovation in a Globalized Environment: The Case of Germany in Comparison. While Professor Alain Marc Rieu delivered the lecture titled: "Regional Innovation: Bifurcation in Evolution. The lectures were followed by an open forum where faculty and students clarified some issues related to the case of Japan and the Philippines in the area of innovation.

In the class of International Public Policy and International Relations Dr. Haruko Satoh, a professor of International Public Policy at Osaka University, UST Department of History Chair Dr. Augusto de Viana, delivered a lecture titled "S. Nakashima and the Story of the Leading Japanese Pharmacy in Manila."

The orientation about Osaka University was given by its International Student Affairs Division Head Dr. Hiroko Tooyama, and Assoc. Prof. Kenichi Nishimura of the Center for International Education and Exchange. An academic meeting was also held between the UST faculty members and Osaka School of International Public Policy Associate Dean Prof. Akihisa Matsuno. Prof. Dr. Haruko Satoh and Assoc. Prof. Mitsuo Matsunomo are also from the same academic unit.

One of the highlights of the visit was the UST group's participation in the International Academic Forum (IAFOR) held at the Kobe Arts and Center, Kobe Japan. The group attended the keynote and plenary lectures of renowned scholars and academics abroad. The keynote lecture titled: "East Meets West" was delivered

by former Executive Vice President, Osaka University and a professor at the Osaka School Prof. Toshiya Hoshino, former Executive Vice President, Osaka University and a professor at the Osaka School of International Public Policy. The respondents to the said keynote lecture were Professor Dr. Haruko Satoh of Osaka University and Professor Dr. Michael Anthony Vasco, Dean of the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters. A featured presentation on: "Methodologies for the Collection of Comparative Community Level Public Health Data: Obtaining Powerful and Statistically Meaningful Findings for Small Populations" was given by Dr. James McNally, University of Michigan, followed by a Plenary Panel Presentation titled: "East Meets West-Healthy, Active and Beautiful Aging in Asia by Professor Dr. Hiroshi Ishida, University of Tokyo and again by Dr. James McNally, University of Michigan. A featured presentation titled: "Establishing a Value Mindset" was delivered by Dr. Philip Sugai, Doshisa Business School, Japan.

Two Spotlight Presentations were delivered, first on the topic: "Can Data Science Do Without the Field Survey? Developing Innovative Statistical and Cartographic Methodologies Involving Small and Big Data Analyses in Social Sciences" by Dr. Maxime Jaffre', Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Science Sociales (EHESS), France, second on the topic: "Xinhua News Agency's Coverage of the Kunming Railway Station Attack in the Context of Reshaping China's National Identity" by Dr. Guo-qiung Liu, Deakin University, Australia,

the group also attended the poster presentations of the various academics and researchers from various countries. There were about 200 international participants in the said IAFOR conference.

Other plenary presenters include: Dr. Jane Singer, Kyoto University, Japan with the topic: "Applying a Rights-Based Approach in Investigating Repatriation of Fukushima's Nuclear Refugees" and Dr. Kamilah Majed, Howard University School of Social Work, U.S.A. with the topic: "Using Mindfulness Practices to Improve Mental Health and Address Unconscious Bias."

Dr. Augusto de Viana, Dr. Cornelio Bascara and Dean Prof. Dr. Michael Anthony Vasco also participated in a round table discussion of the International Academic Forum on their proposed multi-disciplinary project: "The Silk Road Research Project," underscoring the significance of the modern silk road and its impact to the global economy, geopolitics, international relations, and international public policy and trade relations among countries.

The group visited the Osaka Castle and later went to Nara the old capital of Japan and visited a UNESCO World Heritage site the Todaiji Temple the world's largest wooden structure, and the group went on a cultural visit of Miyajima Island, Itsukushina Shrine near Hiroshima, another UNESCO World Heritage site, famous for its giant Torii gate by the bay of the island and the various temples including the Daisho-in temple.



Dean Vasco (extreme right) answers questions with Dr. Satoh and Dr. Hoshino of Osaka University at an International Academic Forum.



Dr. De Viana lectures at Osaka University on "S. Nakashima and the Story of the Leading Japanese Pharmacy in Manila."

The students participated in their Japanese Language and Culture Program held at Hijiya University (HU). In between the said program, Collaborative thematic seminars and academic lectures and plant visit were also attended by the group. A joint seminar was held at Hijiya University, where its president, Dr. Shinji Ishi, delivered a lecture on: "Peace Education in Japan" followed by UST Department of History Chair Dr. Augusto De Viana, who delivered a lecture titled: "Ending Hatred and Start of Healing: President Elpidio Quirino's Pardoning of Japanese War Criminals in the Philippines and its Aftermath" and UST Department of English Chair Dr. Camilla Vizconde, who delivered a lecture titled: "Determining the Impact of the English Language programs to University Students in the Philippines." Cultural programs were also held at Hijiya University notably the Urasenke and Ueda Souke Tea Ceremonies.

An academic meeting was held between Hijiya University President Dr. Shinji Ishi, HU Vice President for Research Dr. Takehiro Hayashi, HU Professor Dr. Asai Yo, HU International Affairs Director Dr. Shigesako Kazumi, HU Faculty of Contemporary Culture Professor of Linguistics Dr. David Mosher, and the faculty members of the UST Arts and Letters. Discussions focused on the conduct of the future activities between Hijiya University and UST.

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Fulbright Food Safety Specialist from Utah State conducts seminar-workshop, delivers lectures; Eng'g proposes research on coco water

The Faculty of Engineering, through the Department of Chemical Engineering and the Department of Industrial Engineering, hosted Prof. Brian A. Nummer, Ph.D. of the Utah State University (USU) from July 24 to August 5, 2017. Prof. Nummer's visit was funded by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the Department of State of the United States of America through a Grant under Fulbright Specialists Program (FSP). The Grant was awarded to the Faculty of Engineering for an approved proposal submitted by the Faculty of Engineering Dean Prof. Philipina A. Marcelo, Ph.D., as the main proponent. The proposal was approved and endorsed to ECA by the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF) - the Fulbright Commission in the Philippines.

Nummer is a Food Safety Specialist with more than three decades of experience in various places in the world, including Indonesia and Hong Kong. Aside from teaching and research, he works as Extension Specialist in Food Safety under the Home, Family & Food Group of USU's Extension Program, guides food entrepreneurs to grow their enterprise with emphasis on Food Safety, and advise big corporations and restaurants on Food Safety.

In his visit to UST, Nummer guided faculty members of the Faculty of Engineering and Institute of Information and Computing Sciences in designing their Technopreneurship Course Plan in a two-day Seminar-Workshop. He also conducted a one-day Food Safety Seminar, with focus on the state of "Food Safety Knowledge for ASEAN countries and the Food Safety Modernization Act." This was attended by faculty members in the Faculty of Engineering and the Department of Food Technology of UST, and from other universities. It was also attended by Food Safety personnel from hospitals, the food industry and concerned government agencies.

Nummer also spent time with students in a campus tour and a seminar where he

introduced USU to Engineering students. He discussed various opportunities that are available to undergraduate students under USU's and UST's Student Mobility Programs, Graduate Studies opportunities, and joint research works between the two institutions.

Marcelo, whose field of specialization includes food engineering, together with Engr. Mark Emile H. Punzalan, of the Chemical Engineering Department, have been working on a research project involving food safety with focus on coconut water. They are working on the cold pasteurization of coconut water from young and mature coconut by microfiltration (MF).

The project involves the design of a pilot-scale MF system that can be easily and conveniently used on-site by farmers in coconut farms. MF is a membrane separation technique; a "gentle technology," which filters out spoilage bacteria from coconut water, rendering it to be microbially sterile without the application of heat. As such, the sensory quality of microfiltered coconut water is highly satisfactory. This project is part of the Faculty of Engineering's proposed Research-based Community Development Program, where they hope to use this as a model project under the Program, in collaboration with Nummer. This project and technopreneurship were the bases of Marcelo's FSP proposal.

A group was formed to ensure that the proposal will be properly carried out. Faculty of Engineering Assistant Dean Rhoderick Asis, Faculty Secretary Evangeline Deleña and UST Office for Planning and Development Director Charlie A. Marquez, joined the Chemical Engineering Department Chair Jhulimar A. Celedonio, and Industrial Engineering Department Chair Angelo Ildefonso Valte, III, in coordinating the activities. The Department of Food Technology of the College of Education, through its chair Elizabeth H. Arenas, Ph.D., and the Department of Entrepreneurship of the College of Commerce and Business Administration are also part of this team.

UST CRS student interns engage in interprofessional education in Niigata University, Japan

Aligned with the objective of the Global Internship Experience (GIE) which is to build international and intercultural knowledge and appreciation of healthcare systems and advancing knowledge and skills in the field of rehabilitation sciences, six University of Santo Tomas College of Rehabilitation Sciences interns accompanied by a faculty member were participants in an interprofessional education at the Niigata University of Health and Welfare (NUHW) in Niigata, Japan. The engagement was from September 1 to September 25, 2017.

The student interns were Kimberly Joy Cruz and Alfred Lawrence Tan of the Department of Physical Therapy; Jethro Karl Amancio and Bea Angelina Chiu of the Department of Occupational Therapy; Sameerah Jane Lacson of the Department of Sport Science; and Kathleen Dy from the Department of Speech and Language Pathology. They were accompanied by Ms. Zyra Mae F. Villamor, a faculty member of the Department of Physical Therapy and the GIE Leader for this group.

The UST- NUHW partnership is now on its ninth year. For this year, CRS students participated in the weeklong Interprofessional Education (IPE) Seminar, where the UST group learned about the healthcare system of Japan and how each profession can contribute to patient care. The group was also given a chance to use NUHW's state-of-the-art laboratories, attend physiology and biomechanics classes and visit nearby hospitals and communities. The CRS students were also invited by the Minimihata group of elderly people and led a group exercise activity participated in by the members of the organization during their barbeque party.

Aside from the academic experience, the students also participated in the Niigata Soh Odori (dance festival), one of the Niigata Prefecture festivals. The students were taught the dance and even performed the traditional dance in the streets of Bandai City in Niigata. Their Japanese counterpart meanwhile, participated in the English camps for students and faculty members to help them practice the English language. CRS interns also gladly introduced their own university to the student participants in the IPE Seminar who come from different countries by showing a video clip about the University of Santo Tomas and teaching UST cheers to the participants. The experience allowed the group to not only experience the rich culture of the Japanese people but also to share with them the Filipino culture and school spirit through these different activities.

Through the efforts of Prof. Masayoshi Kubo of NUHW, Ms. Villamor, met with the chief secretary of the Niigata Disaster Rehabilitation Relief Liaison Council and Hospital Professor, Shinji Kimura, MD, Ph.D., and learned how the physical therapists, occupational therapists and physiatrists participate in disaster relief operations of Japan. The discussion centered on how each country prepares for disasters and how rehabilitation professionals can play a huge role in every phase of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM).

LECTURES & CONFERENCES

VP Robredo talks about selflessness in service at Commerce forum



Vice President Robredo (second from left) is flanked by College of Commerce and Business Administration Dean Leonardo M. Canoy, Jr. and Assistant Dean Maureen Gelle, during the 84th founding anniversary convocation of the College, along with Assoc. Prof. Anthony Altarejos (fourth from left), International Relations Coordinator of the College and Mr. Patrick Lozano, a student.

Philippine Vice-President Maria Leonor "Leni" Gerona-Robredo spoke on the importance of selfless service for a sustainable country at a convocation held on September 20, 2017 at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Medicine Auditorium.

In her speech, Robredo challenged Thomasians to ensure the sustainable future of the country through servant leadership and selfless service. "If, as Thomasians, you wish to pave the way for a sustainable future for our country, there is a need to look inwards and set our hearts towards servant leadership and selfless service- old-fashioned values that can save our modern troubles," she said.

The Vice-President also proposed empathy as the "inner transformation that will heal society," citing the Office of the Vice-President's ongoing program named "Angat Buhay," which is being conducted with partner public and private agencies, as an example.

"We devote at least two to three days every week to visit the poorest places and communities in the country," Robredo said, showing community engagements with areas like Siayan, Zamboanga del Norte;

Agutaya, Palawan; and Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte. She revealed that support given to the communities included educational programs, livelihood and entrepreneurship programs, as well as health-related activities.

Meanwhile, acknowledging UST's laurels and recognitions, Robredo said that UST's consistent prominence in local rankings and its entry into the world's top 1000 universities list, as certified by Quacquarelli-Symonds (QS), comes "with consistent daily commitment to do away with mediocrity." The Vice-President encouraged the students to ensure they "turn the best work in," to develop a work ethic that is "critical for survival"

"This kind of work ethic will be critical for your survival. You see, the world has changed tremendously in the last two decades. Technology has redefined the way we live and work. Young people like you will not just be competing with professionals from other countries and other continents - you will be competing with machines that

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US Ambassador Kim visits UST for Town Hall Session with student leaders; pays courtesy call on UST Rector



His Excellency Sung Y. Kim (fifth from left), accompanied by US Embassy Cultural Affairs Officer Mr. Matt T. Keener (extreme left), pays a courtesy call upon the UST Rector, Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy (fourth from left) and meets with top University officials.

United States Ambassador to the Philippines Sung Y. Kim, spent the afternoon interacting with Thomasian student leaders in a Town Hall session held at the Paredes Grand Ballroom on September 14, 2017. Prior to the Town Hall session, the Ambassador paid a courtesy call upon the Rector, Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. Also present at the Rector's Hall were Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P.; Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P.; Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH; Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation Prof. Maribel G. Nonato, Ph.D.; and the Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P.

At the Town Hall, Ambassador Kim delivered a speech and answered questions during the open forum about bridging relations between the Philippines and the United States.

In his speech, the Ambassador tackled the US-PH alliance, affirming that the US greatly admires the accomplishments of the Philippines and the South East Asian nations, and that they remain committed

to assisting in the stabilization and rehabilitation of Marawi. He also discussed his respect for and continued dedication to government service, stating that, "There is no greater reward than helping the public."

Student leaders posed questions to Ambassador Kim during the open forum on vital topics such as climate change, immigration, the West Philippine Sea, the Philippines' burgeoning independent foreign policy, and on his life in foreign service.

On combating climate change

Ambassador Kim said that withdrawing from the Paris Climate Change has not in anyway lessened USA's commitment to doing what they, the American people, can for the environment. He cited that their scientists have shown that it is possible to both reduce harm to the environment without handicapping economic success, and so there is no reason not to do so.

He also stated that for increased efficiency in eco-friendly efforts, increased cooperation between the Philippines and the US is necessary, which can take form

in "robust academic exchanges between our countries so that scientifically, our researchers and Filipino researchers can come up with smarter solutions in protecting the environment."

Extant laws

The Ambassador maintained that no change has been seen in the volume of visa applications processed at the US Embassy, and that the United States remains welcoming for more Filipinos to come to the US, "whether for travel, for study, for work, and even immigration."

Mitigating concerns regarding the new policies, Ambassador Kim said that the US is simply enforcing extant laws for the safety of both citizens and any foreign guests.

On the West Philippine Sea
Ambassador Kim emphasized that the US remains to be a non-claimant state to the West Philippine Sea and reaffirmed his call for peaceful solutions and adherence to international laws and practices. He likewise affirmed that the US remains keenly interested in taking action to protect



Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy presents a token to the Ambassador.



Assoc. Prof. Fontanilla, Director of Public Affairs, introduces the Ambassador.



Ambassador Kim addresses the student leaders.



Student leaders take turns in asking the Ambassador questions.



Ambassador Kim interacts with the Rector and University officials during the courtesy call.

international rights such as freedom of navigation.

On Philippine independent foreign policy and closer ties with China

"We never had a problem with China being a global power, nor have we had a problem with the Philippines aiming for better relations with China," stated Ambassador Kim. He explained that there remains much potential for growth in the Asia-Pacific region, and it is to the world's benefit if this growth will be harnessed through positive and cordial relations.

On US-Philippine relations

"History between US and Philippines is very special," he stated. The Ambassador also acknowledged painful episodes and resentment about past incidents, "But if you look at what our two countries have done together, it's really impressive."

The US and the Philippines remain to be the oldest military alliance in the Asia-Pacific region, according to Ambassador Kim. Continuing efforts to improve employment, education, and exportation partnerships between the two countries have also persisted.

"Diplomacy is more than government to government relations," he added. "And I do quite a bit to reach out to broader audiences - for example today. I think this is a tremendous opportunity to exchange views with bright young Filipinos, who frankly are the future of the Philippines, so I want you guys to have an understanding of what's happening between our two countries."

Life in foreign service

Ambassador Kim expressed that he has "always had a calling for public service, and after many happy years as a lawyer,

I became interested in the challenge of foreign service and diplomacy."

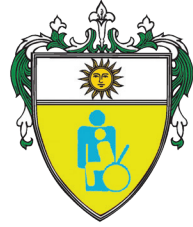
Beginning his career as a public prosecutor in the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office before working in the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs in Washington, DC, Ambassador Kim was sent to serve in the United States Embassy in Seoul, and then to Tokyo, Kuala Lumpur, and Hong Kong, before being appointed Special Envoy for the Six-Party Talks. Following that post, he was nominated to be the US Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, and in 2016, Ambassador Kim was sworn in as US Ambassador to the Philippines.

The Ambassador said he is glad for all the opportunities and experiences his life in foreign service has afforded him. He mentioned that he continues to enjoy his post in the Philippines as much as his previous post to his home country, South Korea.

"There are many interesting places to visit [here in the Philippines] and the food is great." Much to the delight of the crowd, the Ambassador joked that, "I choose my assignments based on food, because I love Asian food."

After the town hall, two-time Choir of the World winner UST Singers, under the baton of Prof. Fidel Calalang, Jr., then entertained the ambassador with their stellar mixed rendition of Happy Days Are Here Again (Happy) before the event was capped with the group photo opportunity.

After the event, the Ambassador shared his thoughts on his visit to UST with a tweet: "Had a super visit @UST1611official--inspiring discussion with school officials and terrific exchange with dynamic Tomasinos."



Coach Tim Morrill holds Performance Seminar-Workshop for CRS at UST

Internationally-renowned performance coach Tim Morrill conducted a Morrill Performance Seminar - Workshop on September 16 and 17, 2017 at the Badminton Court of the UST Quadracentennial Pavillion. The seminar was organized by the Department of Sports Science of the UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences in partnership with Gatorade Philippines and Ensayo Gym Equipment, Inc.

As a Strength and Conditioning Coach-Educator, Coach Tim Morrill shared his experience and knowledge focusing on training athletes and clients holistically. He related it to the four pillars of peak performance, namely: Nutrition, Lifestyle, Sports Specific Training, and Functional

Performance Training (FPT). However, more emphasis was placed on the 4th Pillar which is FPT. Coach Morrill emphasized on understanding the "big picture" and the concept that "rehab is training and training is rehab."

The two day seminar and workshop was attended by total of 29 professionals consisting of fitness professionals, strength and conditioning coaches and Sports Science alumni and 35 interns. The participants were able to experience both theoretical and practical side of the eight constituents of the MP-FPT's functional training model. This consisted of self-myofascial release, static stretching, mobility/corrective exercises, locomotion/cone to cone patterning, linear speed,

agility, strength and power, and energy systems development.

Coach Morrill worked as a Division 1 Strength and Conditioning Coach, as well as a lecturer and curriculum developer from 2009 to 2011. He then worked at Mike Boyle Strength and Conditioning (MBCS) in Boston, one of the top performance centers in the United States of America, from 2011 to 2013. In April 2013, Morrill Performance published a book titled "The Foundation," which is a comprehensive review of top strength and conditioning literature. He continued to have speaking engagements in different places, and in his philosophy and training system was organized and made available to the community in 2014.

Loy Lising of Macquarie University lectures on multilingualism research



Dr. Lising provides a comprehensive view of research on multilingualism for faculty members and students.

The Department of English, Faculty of Arts and Letters together with the UST Graduate School sponsored a special lecture titled "Multilingualism Research: from attitudes to practices," as part of the professional development program for faculty members under the English Department. The resource speaker, Dr. Jenifer Loy Lising, a lecturer in the Department of Linguistics at Macquarie University, Sydney Australia, convenes and lectures units in Sociolinguistics and Second Language Teaching. She is also the program convener for the department's new postgraduate program, Master of Accessible Communication (MAC), which commences in 2018.

The study, as she discussed in her lecture, examined the use of multiple languages such as English,

Filipino, and other languages, in different contexts such as the home, at the university, in social media, and in transactional settings. Findings of Lising's study suggest that the choice of languages across these contexts is determined to a certain degree by the current institutional language policies and different socio-cultural factors. The survey was participated in by a group of 40 private university students. The special lecture held on September 18, 2017 at the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex (TARC), proceeded with an open forum. Dr. Lourdes Bautista, one of the luminaries of Philippine linguistics attended the lecture together with former colleagues of Dr. Lising. Faculty members of the English Department and students from the English Language Studies also participated in the activity.

VP ROBREDO TALKS ABOUT
SELFLESSNESS FROM PAGE 7



VP Robredo delivers her talk on the importance of selfless service for a sustainable country



VP Robredo (second from left) answers questions during the forum

are able to do deep learning. You will be living in a world where risk is ever-present and ever-changing, and will thus require critical thinking," she said.

Robredo also said that the biggest task of the modern generation is to address "global inequality," which is causing an ever-growing divide between the "rich and the poor." "This is causing massive unrest in different parts of the world as well as on social media, where everything is noisier and more chaotic," the Vice-President said, lamenting that "the divide is breaking societies and challenging liberties."

The Vice-President called on Thomasians to imbibe unshakable values that will insulate them from the allure of success, fame, and power, which can blur the lines of right and wrong.

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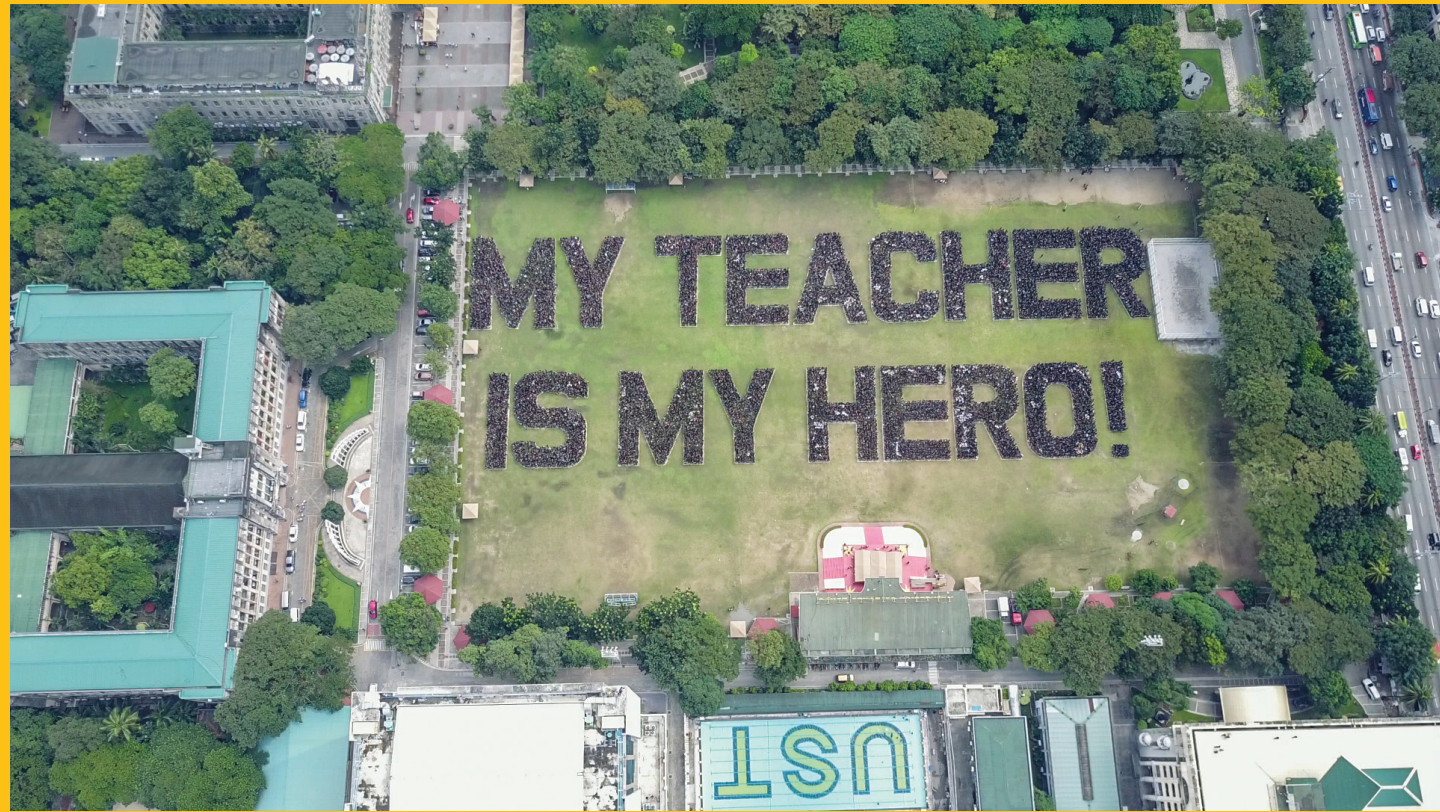
The Hiroshima Plant of Mazda was visited, and so was the Hiroshima Peace Memorial. The historical visit to the latter was highlighted by a lecture of a Hibakusha, a survivor of the Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945. Ms. Keiko Ogura, now 79 years old, was only seven years old at the time of the bombing. She recalled her experiences as a child during and after the bombing of the city. Now, she promotes her advocacy for Peace Education and dissemination of the lessons of the War and the Atomic Bombing of 1945 as director of Hiroshima Interpreters for Peace.

During the visit to the City Government of Hiroshima, the group was welcomed by International Promotion Department of the City Government of Hiroshima Manager Mr. Hiroshi Tsumura, while the lecture on the "Planning and Development of the City of Hiroshima after the 1945 Atomic Bombing" was delivered by Mr. Kota Hashimoto of the City Planning Division, City Government of Hiroshima.

The 16 student participants were Fatima Zahra Abdullah, Katrina Kate Calalo, Ma. Pauline Carpio, James Jared Casaje, Allison Datu, Matthew Dominic Dimapawi, Jozza Krizia Melle Landicho, Maria Francesca Mangahas, Celine Jazmin Mhae Mendez, Carl Anthony Mercado, Maxine Moreno, Angelika Ortega, William Charles Reyes, Arvhie Santos, Maria Carmelle Angela Soliman, Josielyn Verde, while the five faculty participants were Dean Vasco, Dr. Vizconde, Dr. de Viana, UST Department of Foreign Languages Dr. Cornelio Bascara, and Arts and Letters Faculty Secretary Dr. Luciana Urquiola.

The activities held in 11 days consisting of 20 hours of Intensive Japanese Language and Culture Classes, eight hours of Collaborative Thematic Seminars, eight hours of Plenary lectures and seminars, 20 hours of cultural, historical and plant visits, eight hours of special lectures and ten hours of academic meetings and benchmarking activities or a total of 74 contact hours of academic activities.

Thomasians go for Guinness to pay tribute to teachers



UST LOOKS FORWARD TO STA. ROSA
FROM PAGE 1

Accountancy, Science/Engineering/Information and Computing Sciences, Architecture/ Fine Arts and Design, Nursing/ Rehabilitation Sciences/Physical Education and Athletics, Music/Tourism and Hospitality Management, and Senior High School/Junior High School/Education High School.



UST Rector, Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. (center), UST Vice Rector, Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P. (right of Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy), UST Vice Rector for Finance, Rev. Fr. Rolando M. Castro, O.P. (behind the Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy) with UST administrative and academic officials at the UST Sta. Rosa Kick-Off ceremony

As part of its celebration of the National Teachers' month, the University of Santo Tomas (UST) attempted to enter the Guinness World Records with the formation of the "Largest Human Sentence" to honor teachers on September 27, 2017 at the UST Athletic Field and Open Spaces.

The Guinness World Records attempt, through the initiative of the UST College of Education Dean Dr. Allan B. de Guzman, Ph.D., gathered 17,011 students from all faculties and colleges of the University to form the sentence "My Teacher is My Hero!" as a symbolic tribute to teachers from all over the world.

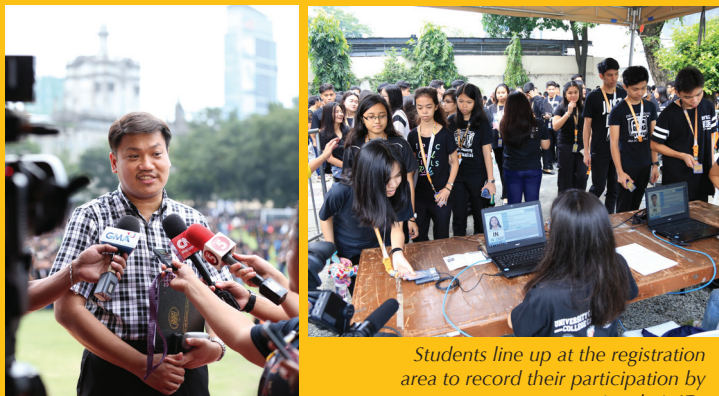
UST's "My Teacher is My Hero!" human formation is expected to break India's record for the Largest Human Sentence in 2016 where 16,550 participants from the Rotary International District 3000, Rotary Club of Perambalur New Gen, and Roever Group of Institutions in Perambalur, India formed the sentence "You can you will" in celebration of the International Youth Day.

Established in 1955, the Guinness World of Records is the primary authority for verifying and authenticating attempts at World Records. Guinness had previously recognized UST's entry in 2011 where 13,266 participants formed the world's largest human cross, specifically, the Dominican cross, as part of the University's quadricentennial celebration.

The National Teachers' Month with the theme "Gurong Pilipino: Kaakbay sa Progreso" for this year, is celebrated annually from September 5 to October 5. Presidential Proclamation no. 242 declares September 5 to October 5 of every year as National Teachers' Month and Republic Act no. 10743, declares October 5 as the National Teacher's Day.



Participants gather at the UST Field for the formation of the Largest Human Sentence



Dean De Guzman speaks to the members of the media on the Largest Human Sentence record-breaking attempt



Students line up at the registration area to record their participation by tapping their IDs



Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy leads the Eucharistic celebration concelebrated with Rev. Fr. Ang and Rev. Fr. Miranda



UST Health Service Director Dr. Ma. Rhodora de Leon leads the Prayers of the Faithful during the Eucharistic celebration for the UST Sta. Rosa Kick-Off ceremony.



Executive Assistant, Office of the Secretary General, Assoc. Prof. Imelda A. Dakis, M.D., reads from the Scriptures.



Director of Public Affairs Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla is the Master of Ceremonies for the post-mass activities.



Student leaders join the Eucharistic celebration at the Kick-off ceremony



Ar. Barbie Acosta of Casas+Architects presents the UST Sta. Rosa Master Plan



Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Regent Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., and Dean Ma. Lourdes Maglinao during the tree planting activity



Facilities Management Director Rev. Fr. Dexter A. Austria, O.P. (center) with students from the Ecclesiastical Faculties participate in the tree planting activity.

UST now in Legazpi with Aquinas University name change

The University of Santo Tomas family continues to grow, with the formal name change of Aquinas University of Legazpi to University of Santo Tomas (UST) - Legazpi, Inc. The Certificate of Filing of Amended Articles of Incorporation by UST-Legazpi was signed on September 12, 2017 by Director Marylou Duka Castillo of the Legazpi Extension Office of the Pasay-based Securities and Exchange Commission.

The former Aquinas University of Legazpi is the Dominican University in Bicol. The move to rename it was based on Acta (resolutions) from the 2012 Provincial Chapter of the Dominican Province of the Philippines, which mandated that two educational systems be formed: the UST system and the Letrán system.

In an interview with the Rector of UST Manila, Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., he said that the close collaboration between the two universities has been there even before the integration. UST supervises some of UST-Legazpi's Master's degree programs, including Pharmacy and Law. "The collaboration will continue and will include other disciplines. It will depend on UST-Legazpi [to determine] what programs to follow."

This collaboration will eventually lead to more programs being supervised by UST Manila to re-align UST-Legazpi program standards to those applied in Manila.



Earlier this year, on July 29, 2016, a similar event took place, when UST Manila signed the memorandum of agreement with Angelicum College of Quezon City. This MoA stipulated that Angelicum will be renamed UST-Angelicum College, with UST's Rector as the latter's own Rector and Chief Executive Officer. However, the UST-Legazpi linkage takes a different form, according to Fr. Dagohoy: "UST-Legazpi will remain an independent university from UST Manila [and will retain] its own Board of Trustees... I will just be an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees of UST Legazpi."

APR title conferred by PRSP on UST Public Affairs director

UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, has been granted the title of "APR" or "Accredited in Public Relations" by the Public Relations Society of the Philippines (PRSP) Board of Accreditation. The ceremony held on September 28, 2017 at the Shangri-La in the Fort, Bonifacio Global City, in Taguig, coincided with PRSP's 24th National Public Congress, "The Board Room 2017."

For this year, PRSP inducted five topnotch PR practitioners: UST Office of Public Affairs Director Giovanna Fontanilla, ABS-CBN Corporate Communications Head Kane Errol Choa, CEMEX Corporate Communications and Public Affairs Director Chito S. Maniago, Ripple 8 Inc. of DDB Group Managing Partner Cherie Mijares, and Millennium Challenge Communications Director Andy Saracho.

The new APR members received the "APR" title that is appended to their name, the green beca and the pin that signify their professional expertise and ethics in the field of public relations (PR). It is conferred to a

nominated public relations practitioner only after exceeding expectations in a thorough evaluation of qualifications, in written and oral examinations, as well as in interviews by the Board of Accreditation.

To be nominated, a candidate for APR must have at least five years of professional practice in PR, or in teaching PR in a recognized university; a body of work that displays a high degree of competence and understanding of the responsibility of a PR practitioner; ethical practice of PR that has earned the respect of both superiors and peers; and extensive experience in managing a team of specialists.

Fontanilla, who has led the Office of Public Affairs for years, considers the title to signify her inspiration "to join the voice of leaders for broader, deeply engaging and truthful communication;" her gratitude to those who believe in her, especially to the University of Santo Tomas and in particular, the Office of Public Affairs team; and her commitment "to purposeful communication and elevated discourse that produce sparks and eventually torches of knowledge and enlightenment for more discerning and perceptive understanding and implementation of public relations programs."



Assoc. Prof. Fontanilla, as a newly conferred APR, delivers her acceptance speech.



Assoc. Prof. Fontanilla (second from left) swears the oath to uphold the ideals and values of a responsible public relations professional with fellow APR conferees of 2017.

Regala of CFAD wins IPA Philippines 'Deeper Perspective Photographer of the Year' award



Regala's winning piece titled "Hunger"



Mr. John Evan Dominic D. Regala, a faculty member of the Department of Advertising Arts of the College of Fine Arts and Design (CFAD) was hailed by a jury of renowned photographers as the "Deeper Perspective Photographer of the Year" at the 2017 International Photography Awards (IPA) Philippines.

In his winning piece, titled "Hunger", Regala depicted the living conditions of a thirteen-year-old boy from a small barangay in Lucena City, Quezon and presented hunger as one of the biggest global challenges faced in the Philippines today.

According to a Facebook post of IPA-Philippines, "an international jury of renowned photography experts" vetted the entries, and the winners will have their works submitted as finalists for the top IPA prize, to be presented at the Lucie Awards on October 29, 2017 at Zankel Hall at Carnegie Hall in New York.

The International Photography Awards is an annual competition for professional, non-professional, and student photographers on a global scale, creating one of the most ambitious and comprehensive competitions in the photography world today.

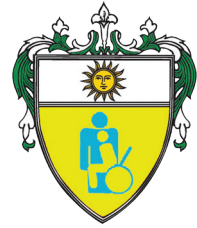
CRS Ethics Review Committee re-accredited to Level 2 status by Research Ethics Board

The College of Rehabilitation Sciences Ethics Review Committee (CRS-ERC) was re-accredited as one of the 18 Level 2 research ethics committees in the country by the Philippine Health Research Ethics Board (PHREB). This was announced on August 24, 2017 during the Philippine National Health Research System week.

Founded in 2008, the CRS - ERC headed by medical doctor Assoc. Prof. Anna Lea Enriquez, was one of the first ethics review committees accredited by PHREB in 2016. Level 2 accreditation is awarded only to research ethics committees that demonstrate sufficient competency and efficiency in ethical review, adhere to a set of appropriate standard operating procedures, show systematic filing and have an adequate administrative support as shown by an assigned office with at least a part time dedicated support staff, a budget that supports honoraria and training of the committee members, and a functional database. As Level 2, the CRS-ERC reviews all types of research studies that may entail more than minimal risk to participants and post-marketing studies.



The College of Rehabilitation Sciences Ethics Review Committee receives re-accreditation on Level 2 status by PHREB



Niigata University students participate in UST CRS clinical observation program

Seven students, six under the Physical Therapy program and one under the Prosthetics Orthotics program from the Niigata University Health and Welfare (NUHW) in Japan participated in the clinical observation program of the University of Santo Tomas College of Rehabilitation Sciences (UST-CRS) Department of Physical Therapy from August 16 to September 13, 2017. The six Physical Therapy (PT) students were Yuta Kimura, Shuta Kojima, Tomonobu Nakamura, Shiina Takasawa, Mai Hasegawa, Mayumi Moribayashi, while the lone Prosthetics Orthotics and Assistive Technology (POAT) student was Tomoka Yokota. They were accompanied by Prof. Hideaki Takahashi and Prof. Masayoshi Kubo.

The Japanese students were grouped into three groups and were assigned for three to four days in different UST-CRS affiliated rehabilitation centers that include the Philippine Cerebral Palsy Institute (PCPI) in Makati, Apolinario Mabini Rehabilitation Center of University of Santo Tomas Hospital and the Abucay

Rural Health Center in Bataan. Under the supervision of a licensed physical therapy staff of the three affiliation centers, the Japanese students observed the evaluation and treatment of musculoskeletal, neurological, pediatric cases and community based rehabilitation in the Philippines.

Aside from clinical observation, the Japanese visitors experienced a taste of Filipino culture through sight-seeing activities in Manila and Batangas, engaging them in Filipino classes and by letting them ride different modes of transportation. These activities were arranged with the assistance of the different student organizations and physical therapy students.

The clinical observation program was spearheaded by the chair of the CRS Internationalization Committee Ms. Paulin Grace Morato-Espino, together with the Internship Supervisor of the Physical Therapy Department Ms. Fe Therese Chavez, and the chair of the Department of Physical Therapy Ms. Jocel M. Regino.

ARTS&CULTURE

Thomasian architect designs award-winning 'pop-up library' for Book Stop project

William Ti, Jr., who obtained his Architecture degree from the University in 2002 and master's degree in Urban Design from the National University of Singapore in 2012, began his so-called Book Stop Project on April 23 last year. This was his way of building a community of Filipino readers by designing a mobile and unconfined "pop-up library."

Book Stop Project, an urban initiative project of WTA Architecture and Design Studio, is a pop-up public library of about 12 square meters built in steel and wood where passersby can borrow and exchange academic and literary books.

This Book Stop Project was among the winners of 2017 Architizer A+ Awards, an international awards program that annually recognizes best architectural projects and products.

Fascinated by numerous pop-up libraries during his trip in Moscow, Ti, who is also an avid reader of fantasy novels, together with his architecture team launched the project in line with the celebration of World Book Day and National Literature Month.

Aiming to bring the books closer to people, Ti thought of building an "accessible and barrier-free" library where readers can interact and share their ideas about the books.

"Our perception of libraries is school work. We want to change that and make them realize that library can actually be a fun place," he said.

At the Philippine Children's Book Summit held at the Toyota-GT Asian Center in University of the Philippines-Diliman, Ti discussed his project and emphasized how the Book Stop Project provides a reading community, especially for street children.

Ti considers the lack of support from the government as the biggest challenge in improving the Book Stop Project. He said that he has talked to different government agencies but all that he gets is congratulatory remark for the project. This he finds disappointing.

Book Stop Project also serves as a venue of different literary events such as the gathering of spoken word poetry enthusiasts, exchanging of books, storytelling for children and talks from different authors.

Book Stop Project has been set up on a number of locations such as Plaza Roma in front of Manila Cathedral, Plaza del Carmen in front of San Sebastian Church, Ayala Triangle Gardens in Makati and Quezon Memorial Circle in Quezon City.

ARTS&CULTURE

Marian images, icons featured at UST Museum exhibit

A Marian exhibit was showcased in an exhibit at the UST Museum's Main Gallery in celebration of the birth month of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the 75th anniversary celebration of the Santísimo Rosario Parish also known as the UST Chapel on September 15, 2017.

The exhibit, which features the image of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary as the centerpiece, combines images, icons, and other religious works of art with infographics showing the history of the Parish and its succession of priests. It also contains information on the Parish, in particular, its present ministries and its supporting organizations.

Sponsored by the UST Museum, Santísimo Rosario Parish, Young Thomasian Professionals, and the Marian Evangelization Community, the month-long exhibit features religious art pieces from private collections, as well as the St. Thomas Priory's and the Museum's own in-house collections.



Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary



Immaculate Conception



Rev. Fr. Isidro Abaño, O.P., Rev. Fr. Louie Coronel, O.P., and Assoc. Prof. Pazcoquin during the ribbon cutting ceremony



Religious memorabilia given out during fiestas are also showcased at the exhibit

Taiwan Youth Ambassadors Leader pays courtesy call on Fr. Rector; Taiwan Youth Ambassadors perform in UST



Dr. Gary Song-Huann Lin, TECO representative, together with two Taiwan Youth Ambassadors, pays a courtesy call on UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy at the Office of the Rector.



Very Rev. Fr. Dagohoy (right) gives a token to Dr. Lin during the courtesy call.

The University of Santo Tomas (UST) students were once again treated to a cultural experience, as youth delegates from Taiwan showcased their talents and culture through performances during the “Taiwan Night” held on September 5, 2017 at the Ballroom of the UST Paredes Building.

Through this year’s Taiwan Youth Ambassadors Program whose theme was “New Taiwan Generation, New Southbound Vision,” the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in the Philippines brought 26 youth Ambassadors to the University to participate in an international cultural exchange with Asian Studies students from the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters. TECO Executive Officer, Mr. Peter Pan coordinated with the Office of Public Affairs to bring the youth ambassadors to UST.

The interaction between the UST students and the Taiwanese Youth Ambassadors took place at the St. Raymund Peñafort building. Faculty of Arts and Letters officials led by Dean Michael

Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D., welcomed the students. Also present were Asst. Dean Nancy Tabirara, Asian Studies Department Chair Lino Baron, Ph.D., and Internationalization Program Coordinator Arlen Ancheta, Ph.D.

The delegates, composed of students from different universities in Taiwan, treated the UST community to a night of performances such as traditional dances which they described as “a mix of folk dance, martial arts, and traditional instruments,” modern dances which incorporates baseball - their national sport, and their rendition of Freddie Aguilar’s famous song “Anak.” A sky lantern dance presentation signifying “forever friendship between Taiwan and the Philippines” was the highlight of their cultural performance.

The youth ambassadors’ performance was capped with a video presentation on Taiwan’s culture. Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, also attended the event. The youth ambassadors’ performance was capped

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A Chinese calligraphy banner which states “Good Luck and all the best” was presented to Vice Rector for Research and Innovation, Prof. Maribel Nonato, Ph.D. for the University.

Meanwhile, UST students also showcased their talents with a musical performance from the UST Wind Orchestra, under the baton of Prof. Herminigildo Ranera, Ph.D., and The UST Singers led by its conductor Prof. Fidel G. Calalang, Jr.

Prior to Taiwan Night, Taipei Economic and Cultural Office (TECO) in the Philippines representative, Dr. Gary Song-Huann Lin, TECO Executive Officer Mr. Peter Pan, 2017 Taiwan Youth Ambassadors Leader Chi-Chia Chen, and Deputy Leader Shu-Chuan Chen paid a courtesy call upon UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. at the Office of the Rector.



Taiwan Youth Ambassadors perform during the Taiwan Night.



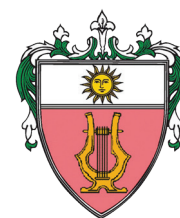
The delegates sing Freddie Aguilar’s ‘Anak’.



Taiwan Youth Ambassadors showcase Taiwanese culture using traditional instruments.

The Youth Ambassadors were in the country as part of their itinerary for the Youth Ambassadors program. In 2016, UST also hosted the visit of the Taiwan Youth Ambassadors where the students gave UST students a cultural experience through a program held at the Medicine Auditorium.

This year, the delegates visited six countries including India, Singapore, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand, and Malaysia from August 28 to September 6 where the group held performances, interactions, and volunteer works, promoting the Taiwanese culture.



Pianist Darren Matias collaborates with Yasa Poleteava in ‘Contrast Duo’

Conservatory of Music alumnus Darren Matias and Russian prodigy Yasa Poleteava combines classical and contemporary music in an intimate concert titled “Contrast Duo” held at the UST Museum on August 24, 2017.

Matias, who is described by the Florida Weekly as “a pianist who performs with passion and virtuosity leaving the audience breathless,” has performed with Poleteava in ‘Contrast Duo’ in various countries such as the United States, Russia and Finland.

The UST concert opened with German composer Ludwig van Beethoven’s “Sonata No. 1, Op. 12,” rendered in different layers of allegro or fast tempo. The audience was then treated to an original arrangement of “Scent of a Woman” composed by Thomas Newman.

The duo shifted to a smoother, more soulful rhythm with their rendition of American composer John Williams’ “Schindler’s List,” the score for the Spielberg film about a German businessman who saved Polish-Jewish refugees from the Holocaust. Matias and Poleteava capped the concert with “Libertango” by Astor Piazzolla.

Matias has received grants and awards including scholarship grants. He earned his Master of Music degree and Performance Certificate at Lynn University Conservatory of Music, Florida, USA.

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ALUMNI

Artlets grad receives 2017 British Council IELTS Prize

Rappler sports journalist Jane Bracher, who graduated from the Communication Arts program of the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters in 2011, is one of the three recipients of the 2017 British Council International English Language Teaching System (IELTS) Prize. Receiving an award of PhP 140,000.00 for post-graduate studies abroad, Bracher will study, according to Rappler.com, Masters in Multimedia Journalism (Print and Online Pathway) at the University of Westminster in London, where she also received a university scholarship in addition to her IELTS prize. The awarding ceremony took place on August 5, 2017.

Bracher, who has been with Rappler since 2013, covers the sports beat that includes the UAAP, PBA and Gilas Pilipinas.

The two other Filipino recipients were Yla Paras and Joseph Talampas out of the 36 awardees from East Asia. The three will pursue studies either in the United States or United Kingdom. The British Council IELTS Prize started in 2011 and has helped fund the post-graduate education of 170 students in the East Asian region.

BOARD TOP NOTCHERS



Physician Licensure Examinations

September 2017
UST passing rate: 97.10%
National passing rate: 82.19%



1st - 90.50%
Vincent Edouard Anthony R. Gullas



4th - 89.83%
Marc Vincent N. Barcelona



5th - 89.67%
Ana Eryka Elaine A. Peralta



8th - 89.42%
Stephanie Marie C. Seno



9th - 89.33%
Simon L. Go



10th - 89.25%
Kelvin Ken L. Yu



Librarian Licensure Examinations

September 2017
UST passing rate: 90.00%
National passing rate: 60.29%



1st - 90.85%
Apolonio M. Patron



6th - 88.25%
Pauline B. Espiritu



9th - 87.95%
Justine Joy M. Genton



Pharmacist Licensure Examinations

August 2017
UST passing rate: 92.50%
National passing rate: 54.81%



4th - 90.92%
Patricia Joyce Gankee Si



5th - 90.82%
Madelaine Johanna
Lizardo Abraham



6th - 90.53%
Regine Chua Li



7th - 90.50%
Bill Acosta Que



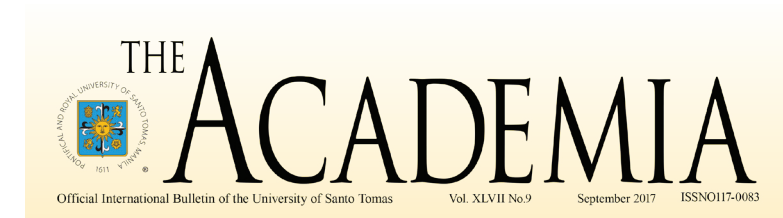
Electrical Engineer Licensure Examinations

September 2017
UST passing rate: 98.67%
National passing rate: 62.94%



6th - 90.95%
Wesley Mateo Navarro

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