

Thousands venerate Saint Padre Pio's Heart Relic at UST



Bishop David carries the heart relic of St. Padre Pio.



Fr. Coronel kisses the heart relic during the farewell Mass.

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On the day after the solemnity of *Nuestra Señora del Santísimo Rosario*, the incorrupt heart relic of Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, a devotee of the Rosary, graced the University of Santo Tomas and the Santísimo Rosario Parish from October 8 to 9, 2018. This was part of the nationwide tour of the relic with the theme, "Healing and Reconciliation."

Upon arrival of the heart relic at the University, Santísimo Rosario Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., held the reliquary containing the incorrupt heart relic and enshrined it as part of the welcome rites.

In an introductory message by one of the Capuchin friars escorting the relic in its tour, some thoughts of Padre Pio were

shared from the Saint's letter to the teacher Nina Campanile of San Giovanni Rotondo dated November 1922. The stigmatist wrote, "from my infancy, Jesus has showed me signs of His very special favor."

"Even though [young Padre Pio] was stubborn, in the end, Jesus won [over his] resistance," shared the Friar. He added that, "This short introduction allows me to say that Our Good Lord watches over us with particular tenderness from our infancy and always plans for our life something beautiful: He calls us to send us! Vocation and mission, to call and to send, are two sides of the same coin."

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A Capuchin friar from Italy (right) gives an introductory message to the devotees after the arrival of the relic.



The devotees during the Eucharistic Celebration held at the UST Plaza Mayor

Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, born Francesco Forgione, was an Italian priest known for his charity and piety. He took the name Pio when he joined the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin in honor of Pope Pius I, whose relic he often saw at his local Church. Despite his poor health, he became a priest in 1910, and in 1918, experienced the wounds of Christ appearing in his hands and feet. Upon manifestation of the *stigmata*, miracles began being attributed to him.

During the visit to UST of the heart relic at the Santisimo Rosario Parish, a conference for clergy and consecrated persons was held on October 8 from 10:00 a.m to 4:30 p.m. This was followed by the procession of the relic from the Santisimo Rosario Parish to the UST Plaza Mayor for a concelebrated Eucharistic Celebration with Kalookan Bishop Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio David, D.D., as main presider.

Included within the mass were a Renewal of Vows for priests and religious, and a prayer for the sick and for the nation. Bishop David, in his homily, reminded the faithful, “Sa sentenaryo ni Padre Pio ng kanyang mga *stigmata*, lalo na kayong mga kapatid kong mga pari at relihiyoso at nasa buhay na konsagrado, tiyakin natin na sa bawat pagpasok ng mga mananampalataya

sa ating mga simbahan ay may apoy pa rin silang ma-iuwi, may apoy pa rin silang ma-ibabahagi sa kanilang kapwa. Ano ang saysay ng ating mga naglalakihang mga simbahan, kung wala na silang masumpungang ilaw na nagbibigay ng liwanag sa mga kadilimang kailangan nilang harapin araw-araw sa kanilang mga buhay? Ano ang kabuluhan sa ating mga salita kung wala nang init na naidudulot ito sa mga kaluluwang nanlalamig?” (On St. Padre Pio’s centennial anniversary of receiving the *stigmata*, most especially to my brothers and sisters, priests, religious, and consecrated persons, let us ensure that when the faithful enter our churches, they are still able to bring home [the fire of faith], that they can still share that flame with their fellow Christians. What is the sense in having big churches, if the faithful cannot find light to illuminate the darkness in their daily lives? What meaning can be found in our words if they have no warmth to share with souls [whose faith had already] become tepid?)

The Bishop further added, “*Ang hatid ni Padre Pio ay isang bagong apoy na nagdulot ng bagong init, at bagong liwanag ng pananampalataya... sa paglapit ng taong 2021, sana bago dumating ang ika-limandaang taon ng pananampalatayang Kristiyano sa Pilipinas, ay hilingin natin ang panalangin ng mahal sa Santo Padreng Pio,*

na sana sa kanyang panalangin, ay muling magpaningas sa mga pananampalatayang nanglalamig ng maraming mga kapwa nating Pilipino.” (Padre Pio brings [with him] a new fire that shares the new warmth and new light of faith... As year 2021 approaches, I hope that before the quincentennial (500th) anniversary of Christianity in the Philippines, we can ask for the prayers of our beloved St. Padre Pio, that through his prayers, the waning faith of our fellow Filipinos will once again burn intensely.)

The overnight public veneration at the Parish church began at 7:00 p.m. on October 8, and the heart relic was transferred to the Manila Cathedral immediately after the send-off Mass presided by Fr. Coronel at 7:30 a.m. on October 9.

The visit of the heart relic of St. Padre Pio was organized by the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines Episcopal Commission on the Clergy (CBCP-ECC) in coordination with the National Shrine of Padre Pio in Santo Tomas, Batangas. Its tour of the Philippines is from October 5 to 26, 2018. The relic was in Luzon from October 8 to 11, at the Archdiocese of Cebu in the Visayas from October 11 to 13, and at the Archdiocese of Davao in Mindanao from October 14 to 16. It was brought back again to Santo Tomas, Batangas before it left the Philippines.

Ong, Flores attend CHED’s QS Rankings Seminar on South East Asia Performance

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED), in partnership with the Quacquarelli Symonds Intelligence Unit (QSIU), sponsored the “QS University Rankings: South East Asia Performance and Improvement Seminar” held at the CHED Auditorium on August 8, 2018. The University was represented by the Deputy Director for QS/THE Ranking Engr. Nestor R. Ong, PIE, ASEAN Eng. and Quality Management Auditor Mr. Vien Vic G. Flores.

The seminar was a one-day event, where participants from Philippine universities, and officials of CHED’s central and regional offices gained comprehensive insights into the methodologies used to create the QS World University Rankings, QS Asia Rankings, and QS World Rankings by Subject; discussed how university rankings impact universities’ reputation and international student recruitment; analyzed the Philippines’ performance in rankings, based on regional and international comparisons; and obtained better knowledge and understanding of the Academic and Employer Reputation metrics, and how they impact universities’ performance.

The seminar was part of the ongoing campaign of the QSIU to increase its presence in the Asian and Middle Eastern regions. Prior to the group’s visit to the Philippines, QSIU held the seminar in Indonesia and Malaysia. The Philippine leg had over 70 participants coming from at least 30 Philippine universities, with a majority of the universities coming from the provinces.

CHED Commissioner Ronald L. Adamat, in his welcome message, said that Philippine higher education institutions must strive to exert collective effort, achieve transformative learning in the national development, and increase in the international cooperation among schools and partners around the globe. Adamat emphasized that ranking today is an effective instrument to monitor how well we have been doing these years. He encouraged the participants to produce graduates with comparable global competencies, skills, and talents that would enable them to work in a multi-cultural setting in the 21st century.

QSIU Managing Director Mr. Ben Sowter talked about the QS methodologies and some insights on the Philippines’ performance in the region. He discussed the methodologies used by QS in ranking universities, elaborating that their primary audience are prospective international students. He mentioned the importance of universities identifying what makes them “special” and how well does a university tell its story to the rest of the world. Among the criteria used in the QS methodology, Sowter emphasized that Research is the area where Philippine universities need to strengthen. He praised the performance of the Philippines in the Employer Reputation as it is better than that of Malaysia and Indonesia.

Sowter also talked about the impact and influence of the rankings. He said that news related to rankings are picked up by the media where the rankings released by QS and Times Higher



(From left:) Dr. Shadi Hijazi, Mr. Vien Vic G. Flores, Mr. Ben Sowter, Engr. Nestor R. Ong, and Mr. E Way Chong

Education (THE) are dominant in the news. Rankings have become quite influential to the point that some countries’ policies were influenced by it. Likewise, rankings also generate web traffic as evidenced by an emerging trend in research related to rankings.

QSIU South East Asia Regional Manager Mr. E Way Chong, presented the QS Academic Reputation tracker showing some relevant data and statistics on the Philippines in the Academic Reputation criteria. He provided some clarifications on how the Academic Reputation survey works and how the Philippine universities are performing compared to countries like Malaysia and Indonesia.

QSUI consultant Dr. Shadi Hijazi, who was assigned as consultant for UST during the first cycle QS Stars assessment in 2014, talked about going beyond the data and using them as a driving force in improving a university’s performance in the rankings. Hijazi explained that each university works under a context where the national and global contexts form a complex inter-relationship that affects the strategies of the university. He tackled how research, innovation, partnerships, outreach, and branding play a part in Academic Reputation and how each one can be utilized and enhanced to boost a university’s global engagement.

Hijazi also discussed how to build research capacity using the global experience stating that improvement of research is very institution-specific, but there is a framework which universities can use in order to build their research capacity where they need to focus on a few areas such as Research Community, Research Environment, and Research Promotion. He added that the central concept of Leadership Support is important.

First group of Thomasians for dual doctorate program in Architecture leaves for UK

Five UST graduate students flew to the United Kingdom (UK) on September 21, 2018 to commence their doctoral studies in Architecture/Built Environment.

Ar. Armel Andre Bonifacio, Ar. Brian James Chiu, Ar. Joey de Vera, Ar. John John Ong and Ar. David Yu are the members of the pioneering batch of graduate students who will take up dual Ph.D. in Built Environment/Architecture, a doctorate by research program offered at the UST Graduate School (USTGS) and the University of Reading in UK (UoR). Established in 1892, UoR is currently ranked in the top 200 universities worldwide by the QS World University Rankings 2018.

This doctorate by research is delivered via distance education. There are no taught courses enrolled; however, it follows a certain structure that will allow the students to cope with the demands of the programme. Training is provided to the students before the start and while enrolled in the programme. Students

can complete the degree in three years strictly observing the following phases: (1) Independent Study (Standard or PhD by distance) and Supervision; (2) Required Training Sessions; (3) Assessment and Monitoring; (4) Learning Needs Analysis; (5) Annual Assessments; (6) Confirmation of Registration; (7) Additional Training, and (8) Viva (Final Defense).

Prior to acceptance to the program, the first group hurdled a rigorous training-workshop on Reading and Critiquing facilitated by the UST Graduate School Center for Continuing Professional Education and Development (USTGS-CCPED). They also attended a lecture-workshop conducted by a UoR professor, Prof. Lorraine Farelly on November 11, 2017. They took and passed the IELTS exam with a band of 7.0 as required by UK HEIs.

The pioneering batch arrived in London on September 21 and settled in the UoR Students Residence. Their week

at UoR was busy for they were inducted by the UoR International Relations Officer at Whiteknights Campus, met with the School of Built Environment Vice Dean and the School of Architecture Dean (London Road Campus and with the UoR Supervisors), inducted to the library, held consultative meetings with their supervisors, inducted to the Graduate School, and attended workshops for new graduate students.

The dual degree program is a Transnational Education (TNE) program jointly funded by the Commission on Higher Education and the British Council under the project Joint Development of Niche Programmes through Philippine-UK Linkages. Ten top higher education institutions in the Philippines have been selected as recipients of project support, including the University of Santo Tomas.

When the pioneering batch completes the program, the University of Santo Tomas will be dubbed as the hub for the very first doctoral program in Architecture in the Philippines.



(From left:) UST Graduate School Regent Rev. Fr. José Antonio E. Aureada, O.P., Ph.D., Ar. Joey de Vera, Ar. John John Ong, Ar. Brian Chiu, UST Graduate School Dean Prof. Marilu R. Madrunio, Ph.D., Prof. Leah de la Rosa, Ph.D., Ar. Armel Andre Bonifacio, and Ar. David Yu

UST hosts ABS-CBN's student documentary creation training initiative



Award-winning journalist Mr. Jeff Canoy motivates students to pursue documentary creation.



Knowledge Channel Head Ms. Danie Sedilla-Cruz presents the mechanics of the "Class Project" documentary creation contest.



Executive Producer of 'Local Legends' Ms. Hera Sanchez orients the students on how the parallel rotating sessions will proceed.



A student poses a question during the Slam Dunk Shooting session.

Three hundred seventy Communication Arts and Journalism students from the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Faculty of Arts and Letters participated in Documentary Caravan, a documentary creation training initiative by ABS-CBN, The Knowledge Channel, and the Philippine Association of Communication Educators (PACE). It was hosted by UST, in coordination with the Office of Public Affairs, on October 3, 2018, at the UST Paredes Building.

Cannes and Palanca award-winning journalist Mr. Jeff Canoy discussed the students' increasing interest in documentaries, which tend to begin with liking stories. "We always want to be transported to different worlds, with different ideas. And a documentary is a tool para bigyan ng platform 'yong mga kwento na 'yon,'" he said. (And a documentary is a tool to give those stories a platform.)

Canoy also shared his thoughts on the experience of winning in the Cannes Corporate Media and TV Awards with fellow ABS-CBN correspondent Chiara Zambrano for "Di Ka Pasisii" (Never Shall Be Conquered).

"Nakaka-proud na 'yong kwento ng Pilipino, Pilipino ang nag-kwento (I feel proud that Filipino stories are told by Filipinos), and I think that's a challenge for all of you who are planning to become journalists, or

basically [those of you who are] attracted to stories. Nasa henerasyon natin ngayon yung responsibilidad na i-kwento 'yong kwento ng mga Pilipino, because we're the best persons to tell that story (Our generation has the responsibility to tell the stories of Filipinos, because we [Filipinos] are the best persons to tell that story]."

After Canoy's plenary lecture, the students were divided into three groups so they can attend the rotating parallel sessions of workshops on pitching story ideas, shooting documentary footage in the field, and creating content for web and social media to support the documentary.

Executive Producer of 'Local Legends' Ms. Hera Sanchez and Production Unit Head Ms. Carmina Reyes handled the "Pitch Perfect" class and emphasized the need to do thorough research behind subject of the documentary and to be transparent with interview intentions when reaching out. Sanchez even shared behind-the-scenes stories of how they determined who should be featured for an episode of 'Local Legends,' such as spending a day with potential subjects of a character-driven documentary to make sure that they are open and responsive enough to be the appropriate voice to share the story.

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UST pays tribute to outstanding medical alumni at Thomasian Doctors' Recognition Night



The awardees and organizers, including FMS Dean Dr. Maglinao (seated, third row, in black coat with FMS logo), and FMS Regent Fr. Aparicio (seated, third row, in navy blue coat, and white dress shirt) at the Thomasian Doctors' Night of Recognition



UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., commends the awardees in his welcome remarks.



Hon. Dr. Luisa P. Ejercito (third from left, in green) and her daughter Ms. Jackie Ejercito (rightmost, seated) are welcomed by UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Regent Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. (in barong) and UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., (second from left, partly hidden).

The University of Santo Tomas (UST) Faculty of Medicine and Surgery (FMS) recognized its notable Thomasian medical alumni during the Thomasian Doctors' Recognition Night. It was held on September 28, 2018 at the Dr. Robert C. Sy Grand Ballroom of the UST Paredes Building.

This tribute is part of the preparations of the UST FMS for its sesquicentennial (150th) founding anniversary in 2021. One hundred fifty FMS alumni were recognized for their achievements in the fields of education, research, government service, medical societies, industry, and in public and private health sectors.

The UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery is the oldest Catholic medical school in the Philippines and remains one of the leading medical schools in the country. It is a Center of Excellence that contributes more than 400 new physicians annually and consistently produces medical board topnotchers. According to FMS Dean Ma. Lourdes D. Maglinao, M.D., the Faculty "is proud of not only the legacy it has left behind, but the legacy it continues to embed daily in every Thomasian medical learner, whom it taught, teaches, and will teach in the years to come."

UST FMS has produced alumni that are renowned and respected in the field of Medicine here and abroad, such as Secretary of Health Francisco Duque III, M.D., and Belo Medical Group Director Victoria G. Belo, M.D.



UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Dean Ma. Lourdes D. Maglinao, M.D., delivers a message.

Among those awarded were: former Senator and First Lady of the Philippines Hon. Luisa P. Ejercito M.D., of Class 1954; Ospital ng Makati Director Vergel P. Binay, M.D. (Class 1997); St. Luke's Medical Center Quasha Memorial College of Medicine Legal Medicine Department Chair Atty. Antonio Alejandro D. Rebosa, M.D., (Class 1985); Chinese General Hospital College of Medicine Dean Normando C. Gonzaga, M.D. (Class 1976); American

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The ABS-CBN team, led by Head of Integrated Corporate Communications Mr. Kane Choa (third from left), with PACE Vice President for Luzon and UST Department of Communication Studies Chair Asst. Prof. Jose Arsenio J. Salandanan (sixth from left), the UST Office of Public Affairs team, led by Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Ms. Katherine Patrice B. Sibug (seventh from left), Communication Arts Students' Association President Mr. Migern Estabillo (fourth from left) and Journalism Society President Ms. Francesca Viernes.



Mr. Edwin Dalisay, Jr., (left) and Mr. Dan Buenaventura, Thomasian Directors of Photography, interact with the students in a question-and-answer discussion.

Directors of Photography Mr. Dan Buenaventura and Mr. Edwin Dalisay, Jr., who are both Thomasian alumni, interacted with the students in a question-and-answer discussion titled "Slam Dunk Shooting." The duo had been working together since their college days and highlighted the need to anticipate the best natural shots and to know the limits and capabilities of the camera equipment that are used.



Associate Producer Ms. Cherry Mae Salazar discusses how the internet is changing the way media is consumed.

Multi-media Producer Mr. Jim de la Cruz and Associate Producer Ms. Cherry Mae Salazar spoke at the "Def Digital!" lecture about producing digital materials and introduced the future documentarists to the different formats of the medium and methods to refine their presentation of content.

Knowledge Channel Head Ms. Danie Sedilla-Cruz also discussed the intercollegiate mini-documentary competition "Class Project" and invited Thomasian students to join. Eligible students from schools with faculty members who are members of PACE, such as PACE Vice President for Luzon and UST Department of Communication Studies Chair Asst. Prof. Jose Arsenio J. Salandanan, may submit their documentaries that will run from 12 to 15 minutes. Winning entries will have the chance to win cash prizes and to have their work shown on television via the Knowledge Channel, which is available on SKYcable and ABS-CBN TVPlus. Winners will be awarded during the 2019 Pinoy Media Congress.

This is the second time that the DocuCaravan was hosted by UST, with the first leg and launch of the documentary development initiative held at the UST Paredes Building on September 20, 2017.

UST hosts *Happinews*: ABS-CBN's positive news dissemination initiative



Happinews Ambassador Ms. Gretchen Ho with the mascot of the CBASC.



Ms. Bela Padilla



Mr. Mark Lawrence Cruz



Mr. Roberto Labayen



Asst. Prof. Marc Eric Reyes, Ph.D.

The University of Santo Tomas, through the UST College of Commerce and Business Administration Student Council (UST CBASC), in partnership with the Office of Public Affairs, hosted the second leg of the Happinews University Tour Project of ABS-CBN on September 18, 2018 at the UST Miguel de Benavides Auditorium.

Aiming to create a positive atmosphere in social media amidst the challenging times, the Happinews Project featured four speakers from different fields who shared dynamic ideas with their audience. The participants were comprised of students from the College of Commerce and Business Administration.

Actress Bela Padilla shared her insights on publishing motivating and inspiring content for her social media followers in her talk titled "Posting Happy," and Clinical Psychologist Assoc. Prof. Marc Eric Reyes, Ph.D., of the UST Graduate School shared "The Power of Positive" on the transformational capabilities of positivity. ABS-CBN Integrated Creative Communication Management Head Mr. Roberto Labayen also engaged participants by talking on how media consumers seek out positivity in "Positive Sells." SEED Philippines Director Mr. Mark Lawrence Cruz inspired the students with an inspirational talk on building happiness being more meaningful than just sharing happiness.

Through this campaign on positivity, the project, which goes on a tour of universities, intends to raise awareness on the importance of positive news dissemination, and inspire students to be agents of change to abolish fake news circulation.

In addition to the talks, UST students were treated to on-ground games, booths, and activities at the lobby of the UST Benavides Building.

Rector inducts officers of SOCCSKSARGEN chapter of UST Alumni Association; Kapampangan, Bikolano chapters hold activities



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. (rightmost), receives tokens of appreciation from UST SOCCSKSARGEN President Maria Carmela Royeca (center) and Vice President External Mr. Gerald Paul Duremdes.



UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Regent Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P. (center), receives a token from Ms. Royeca (rightmost) and Mr. Duremdes.

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., and UST Office for Alumni Relations Director Asst. Prof. Fredeswindo R. Medina were at General Santos City for the various activities of the UST Alumni Association, Inc., (UST AAI) SOCCSKSARGEN Alumni Chapter. The induction ceremony was held on August 31, 2018 at the Hotel San Marco, Gen. Santos City.

Inducted into office by Fr. Dagohoy were: Maria Carmela Royeca (President), Ar. Antonio Villanueva (Vice President Internal), Mr. Gerald Paul Duremdes (Vice President External), Ms. Lynette E. Gallinero (Secretary), Mr. Darren Uy (Treasurer), and Ms. Mayvel G. Urbano (Auditor).

The members of the Board of Directors are Rev. Fr. Boyd Sulpico, O.P., Rev. Fr. Gerard Zabala, O.P., Dr. Sergio Demontaño, Dr. Edwin Valencia, Dr. Cristina Ramizo, Atty. Leonardo Mann, Mr. Lord Peter Michael G. Gaisano, Jr., Mr. Marc Dominic Pimentel, Mr. Charlson King.

The advisers are Mayor Peter B. Miguel, Dr. Socorro Mayol-Partridge, and Ms. Natalia de Belen Sabado, CPA.

During the induction ceremony, Rev. Fr. Gerard Zabala, O.P., led the invocation and GenSan Mayor Ronnel Rivera delivered the welcome remarks. UST AAI President Dr. Evelyn Songco, and former Assistant to the Rector for Student Affairs, also delivered a message that focused on the core values of the University, and the newly-elected chapter president gave a response on behalf of the Thomasian alumni from the locale.

The induction ceremony was part of the three-day activities at General Santos City that included paying a courtesy call upon City Mayor Ronnel Rivera by the UST AAI and UST Office of Alumni Relations groups. An ocular inspection of the 80-hectare site of the UST GenSan was also conducted. On the side, the group visited the gallery of Miss Universe 2011 Shamcey Supsup and the mansion of Senator and world-renowned pugilist Manny

Pacquiao where they were warmly met by the Senator's equally famous mother, 'Mommy Dionisia.' A visit to the Dole Pineapple Plantation in Polomok, South Cotabato and attendance in the opening ceremony of the Tuna Festival were part of the SOCCSKSARGEN experience of the UST AAI and the UST Office of Alumni Relations.

Tomasinong Kapampangan

The Pampanga Chapter of the UST Alumni Association called Tomasinong Kapampangan was visited by the Office of Alumni Relations when it celebrated its 3rd Anniversary and held its 2nd General Assembly on July 4, 2018 at the Max's Villa del Sol in San Fernando, Pampanga. Present were: UST AAI President Dr. Evelyn A. Songco and Vice President Engr. Jerenato B. Alfante, together with OAR officer-in-charge Asst. Prof. Fredeswindo R. Medina.

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UST AAI President Dr. Evelyn Songco speaks at the 2nd General Assembly of the Tomasining Kapampangan alumni chapter.



Tomasining Kapampangan member Ar. Yolanda Reyes interacts with fellow alumni.



Dr. Salve Olalia, one of the founders of the Tomasining Kapampangan Chapter, at the alumni gathering in Pampanga

Also present were: Dr. Salve Catajan-Olalia, one of the founders of Tomasining Kapampangan, Ar. Yolanda David-Reyes, former dean of the College of Architecture (then known as the College of Architecture and Fine Arts), who is now a PRC Commissioner, and a member of Tomasining Kapampangan. Pampanga Chapter Assistant Treasurer Dr. Miguel Ticzon Santiago, and Chapter Secretary May Florence Narciso officially welcomed the guests from Manila.

The Tomasining Kapampangan was founded on July 4, 2015 in Betis, Guagua, Pampanga.

Tomasining Bikolano

A two-day visit to the Tomasining Bikolano chapter was conducted by the UST AAI and the UST OAR to strengthen ties between UST and its alumni residing in Bicol. The guests were welcomed by Engr. Ella Areola and Dr. Roilo Milante, regional coordinator. Part of the activities was the unveiling of the newly constructed Tomasining Bikolano benches located at the Legazpi Boulevard, with the blessing rites officiated by Rev. Fr. Roman 'Don' Santos, O.P. According to Dr. Milante, the presence of the benches and a big UST logo will serve as an informative artifact that there are Thomasians in the area and that there is an existing UST (Bikolano) Chapter that they can join.

The UST AAI officers, the group from the UST OAR and Tomasining Bikolano

paid a courtesy call upon UST-Legazpi Rector Rev. Fr. Ernesto M. Arceo, O.P., whom they updated particularly on the projects of the Tomasining Bikolano.

Another worthy project of the Tomasining Bikolano was the construction of toilets which were donated to San Jose Elementary School in Malipot, Albay, a school used as an evacuation center when the Mayon Volcano erupts. The turn-over ceremonies of the donated toilets was attended by the Manila-based UST AAI and UST OAR. According to Dr. Milante, the chapter decided to donate lavatories because it is needed by the evacuees. He added that the toilets are environment-friendly as they will use rainwater for their water tanks.



UST Legazpi Rector Rev. Fr. Ernesto M. Arceo, O.P., (seated, left) with the Office of Alumni Relations team, led by its Director Asst. Prof. Fredeswindo R. Medina (seated, right), Dr. Roilo Milante (seventh from left) and members of Tomasining Bikolano.

A meeting among the officers of the Tomasining Bikolano, the UST AAI and the UST OAR took place in Legazpi over a Chinese dinner hosted by the Bicol-based alumni chapter.

Tomasining Bikolano was established on January 15, 2012 upon the prodding of then Office for Alumni Relations Director Dr. Evelyn A. Songco and former UST Rector Fr. Rolando Dela Rosa, O.P., who is a Bikolano himself. There are several chapters under Tomasining Bikolano, and the first ones to be established were those of Legazpi and Naga, with Tomasining Bikolano as the mother chapter, and now with more than 100 members. There is also a plan to form a group for students who are from Bicol.



Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary at the Santísimo Rosario Parish (Photo courtesy of Br. Joshua Geronimo and UST Santísimo Rosario Parish)



Most. Rev. Bacani delivers the homily.

To mark the beginning of the 76th parish fiesta and the Closing of the Diamond Jubilee Year, the image of the *Nuestra Señora del Santísimo Rosario* (Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary) was enthroned in solemn rites on September 27, 2018 at the Santísimo Rosario Parish (UST Chapel).

Bishop Emeritus of Novaliches Most Rev. Teodoro C. Bacani, Jr., D.D., presided the Eucharistic Celebration.

Bishop Bacani emphasized that as Mary is enthroned with reverence as Queen, she is also enthroned with affection as Mother.

"While Mary's images have been crowned in magnificent ceremonies, the crown she loves best is her children... While she rejoices in the crown of jewels that decorate her images, I'm sure that the greatest joy comes to her when her children become her crown," said the Bishop.

"[We can become her joy and her crown when] obeying her, when we indeed love one another as Jesus has loved us, as Mary has loved us. In other words, by imitating her - by not giving her diamonds or gold, but our hearts."

Citing Mary's instruction during the Wedding at Cana to "Do whatever [Jesus] tells you." (John 2:5), the Bishop encouraged

us to follow Jesus' commandment, saying, "Love one another as I have loved you." It is that which Mary desires most of her children - that they may be one. That is what Jesus desires of his brothers and sisters... That [they] may be one in love."

Bishop Bacani ended his homily by urging the faithful, "While you live, and until you die, you give your hearts to [Mary], and so like her, your lives and mine will be gifts to Jesus on Earth, as in heaven."

The traditional Dominican Blessing of Roses was given by the Santísimo Rosario Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., before the Mass ended. The blessed roses are

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Devotees raise their roses for the blessing.

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Santísimo Rosario Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., begins the procession from the Main Building to the Santísimo Rosario Parish with a prayer.



The procession from the Main Building to the Parish (Photo courtesy of Br. Joshua Geronimo and UST Santísimo Rosario Parish)

customarily distributed to devotees and kept in their homes to protect the household.

Prior to the enthronement rites, the *Entrega de la Virgen* (or the Transfer of the Blessed Virgin) from the Santísimo Rosario Parish to the Main Building lobby was led by Fr. Coronel. Later that afternoon, he also led the procession which carried the image of the Blessed Mother towards her place of honor at the altar of the Santísimo Rosario Parish.

The enthronement rites signal the start of the novena masses from September 28 to October 6, with faculties and colleges sponsoring each mass.

Before being named after the Dominican theologian and Doctor of the Church St. Thomas Aquinas, UST was originally named *Colegio de Nuestra Señora del Santísimo Rosario* (College of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary) in 1611, which is a testament to the long history of devotion of the University to the Blessed Mother.

UST PAYS TRIBUTE TO OUTSTANDING MEDICAL ALUMNI FROM PAGE 6



Two-time Luciano Pavarotti Choir of the World awardee, the UST Singers, perform for the awardees.

College of Surgeons – Philippine Chapter President Ray. B. Malilay, M.D. (Class 1980); The Medical City Augusto P. Sarmiento Cancer Institute Director Daniel M. Alonzo, M.D. (Class 1982); St. Luke's Medical Center Medical Director Benjamin S. A. Campomanes, Jr., M.D., (Class 1985); Makati Medical Center Director Johnny B. Sinon, M.D. (Class 1982); and Chinese General Hospital and Medical Center Director Modesto O. Llamas, M.D. (Class 1965).

UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., in his opening remarks commended the awardees for embodying the Thomasian values of competence, commitment, and compassion in their practice as physicians, saying “You are the living witnesses to the University’s mission of serving the Church, the nation, and the global community.”

The Anargyroi: FMS Foundation, Inc. was introduced by Class 1967 alumnus Willie N. Lagdameo, M.D., a

member of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees. The Foundation supports the UST FMS by sustaining and aiding in its initiatives through the Regent’s Scholarship, community outreach, simulation center, research, student and faculty development programs.

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FMS Regent Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio, O.P., in his closing remarks, expressed his joy in the reconnection of the alumni gathered, inviting them to “please show support to [FMS] endeavors, join us in counting down [to the 150th anniversary celebration], and keep in touch.”

INTERNATIONALIZATION

Dean Vasco of AB leads faculty, students in Internationalization activities at three leading Korean Universities



Catholic University of Korea Office of International Affairs Director Dr. Peter Seo exchanges tokens with UST Faculty of Arts and Letters Dean Prof. Michael Anthony Vasco, Ph.D.



History Department Chair Prof. Augusto de Viana, Ph.D., lectures at the Catholic University of Korea.



Dr. Leighanne Kimberly Yuh lectures on “Issues on the Possible Reunification of the Korean Peninsula.”

To further bolster the internationalization activities and expand the internalization profile of the Faculty of Arts and Letters, five faculty members and 14 students recently participated in collaborative thematic seminars, special lectures, benchmarking activities, academic visits and meetings in Korea University, Catholic University of Korea, and Dongguk University.

On the first day of the visit, the UST group participated in a seminar at Korea University in which Dr. Leighanne Kimberly Yuh delivered a lecture on “Issues on the Possible Reunification of the Korean Peninsula.” This was followed by an academic meeting participated in by faculty members together with Korea University officials Assistant Director for International Cooperation Mr. D’Arcy Drachenberg, Regional Manager for Asia and Oceania Exchange and Study Abroad Programs Office of International Affairs Ms. Yunji Kim, and College of Liberal Arts - Department of Korean History Professor Dr. Leighanne Kimberly Yuh. In the said meeting, discussions centered on possible collaboration between the two universities in the area of collaborative seminars, research, faculty and student exchanges and participation in summer or winter academic programs.

At Dongguk University, which they visited on the second day, an orientation was given to UST students and faculty members by Office of International Relations Assistant Manager Ms. Sejin Kwon, regarding the conduct of their summer program specifically the Intensive Korean Language and Culture course to be given to the visiting UST students. This was followed immediately by the Korean Language and Culture classes.

Also at Dongguk University, the UST group participated in the grand lecture of a Visiting Professor from Seoul National University, Prof. Dr. Bo-hyuk Suh who delivered a lecture on “De-nuclearization and Peace on the Korean Peninsula.” The AB faculty conducted a meeting with Ms. Sejin Kwon and both parties emphasized the need to sustain the international collaboration between the two universities, considering that several activities have already been conducted since 2010 between the two parties.

On the third day of the visit, the UST contingent was welcomed to the Catholic University of Korea by Office of International Affairs Director Dr. Peter Seo, and Head of Admission Office Dr. Joon Suk Kim, a professor of the Department of International Studies. This was followed

by a Collaborative Thematic Seminar participated in by faculty and students from both the Catholic University of Korea and University of Santo Tomas.

Lecturer-discussants included faculty members from the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters: Dr. Lino Baron, who discussed “South Korea: A Major Ally in Promoting Inclusive Economic Growth with the Philippines”; Dr. Augusto de Viana, who lectured on the topic “Mention of Korea in Philippine Textbooks: A Comparison of Textbooks from pre K-12 and K to 12 ERAS”; Dr. Milagros Arrevillaga, who shared insights on “Work Values and Reflectiveness as Predictors of Academic Performance”; and Asst. Prof. Alain Santos, who talked about the “Urban Forest Park as Eco Space for Liveable City: Arroceros Forest Park, Manila, Philippines.”

While in Seoul, the students visited the Korean War Memorial and Museum, watched a Korean Popular Theatre performance, actively participated in the Kimchi Culinary Academy and attended lessons on Korean Pop culture. The group visited the Joint Security Area of the DMZ area in Paju about 55 kilometers from Seoul where the famed Dorasan train station and the infiltration tunnels are located. These areas are just 2 kilometers from Pamunjeon,

DEAN VASCO OF AB LEADS FACULTY TO PAGE 14



AB Dean Prof. Michael Anthony Vasco, Ph.D. (fourth from left), and UST faculty members, Dr. Augusto de Viana (second from left), Asst. Prof. Alain Santos (third from left), Dr. Lino Baron (sixth from left), Dr. Milagros Arrevillaga (seventh from left), with Mr. D'Arcy Drachenberg (leftmost), Dr. Leighanne Kimberly Yuh (fifth from left), Ms. Yunji Kim (rightmost) at Korea University

also known as the Demilitarized Zone, where the actual demarcation line between North and South Korea is located.

After the completion of the Korean Language and Culture program and academic seminars and lectures, the group proceeded to the ancient city of Gyeongju and the cosmopolitan city of Busan, the second largest city in South Korea, for the cultural and historical visits.

At Gyeongju, the group visited the Anapchi lake, the Pulguksa Buddhist temple

Shrine, established 528 A.D., Gyeongju National Museum and the ancient temple grotto of Sokkuram, established 751 A.D. The Thomasians had a firsthand cultural and historical knowledge of what the students could only usually learn from books or instructional materials.

Gyeongju is the ancient site of the Silla Dynasty until the Unified Kingdom of Silla (57 B.C.E. – 668 A.D.) It was the seat of Ancient Silla during the Unified Kingdom of Silla (668-935 A.D.), uniting other main Korean Kingdoms of Koguryo (Goguryeo 37 B.C.E.- 668 C.E.),

Paekche (Baekje 18 B.C.E. -660 C.E.), Gaya (42 B.C.E. -562 C.E.). These sites were the silent witnesses to Korea's long and glorious history.

While at Busan, the group visited the Busan Fishing Village and Fish Port, the Haeyundae Bay and the Busan Haedong Yoggungsa Temple Shrines by the Sea.

The program consisted of 20 hours of Korean Language and Culture, 18 hours of Lectures, Collaborative Seminars and Academic Meetings and 20 hours of Cultural and Historical visits for a total of 58 hours of activities.

The student participants were: Jeremy Lance M. Ang, Jeremi Mae M. Arboleda, Maria Francine Therese S. Besinio, Karen Daryl L. Brito, Rya Joyce C. Catabas, Tricia Anne M. Clemente, Winston Francis S. Ilustre, Julie Euszel M. Jerusalem, Therine Joyce C. Navarro, Louie Llyod E. Octava, Merlissa Faye D. Respicio, Yanah Alexa F. Samson, Micaella Marie D.G. Soriaga and Mikaela Andrea O. Villanueva.

The faculty group, headed by Dean Prof. Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D., included: Assoc. Lino N. Baron, Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. Augusto de Viana, Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. Milagros C. Arrevillaga, Ph.D., Asst. Prof. Alain Jomarie G. Santos.

Rey of Arts and Letters participates in a study tour at Int'l Academy for Leadership of Friedrich Naumann Foundation



Asst. Prof. Rey (front row, second from left, in barong) with fellow participants at the "Young Legislators Program: Game-changers and Freedom-fighters"

UST Faculty of Arts and Letters mentor Asst. Prof. Frederick I. Rey, Ph.D., of the Department of Sociology and the Political Science Department, participated in a study tour of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation Philippines (FNF), International Academy for Leadership

(IAF), "Young Legislators Program: Game-changers and Freedom-fighters" in Munich, Germany and Brussels, Belgium held from September 1 to 9, 2018. Aimed to engage in a dialogue with other scholars, politicians and political actors, the project offered the participants an opportunity to learn innovative techniques used in electoral and advocacy campaigning.

The study tour was an opportunity for the participants to witness the meaningful interplay among local politics, political parties and citizens in Germany and Belgium. Resource persons from Brussels and Munich emphasized on campaign strategies and the advantages for scientific campaigning and suggested the use of professionals, specifically sociologists, in bridging idealism and pragmatism; a dialogue between the ideological framework of the party and the quotidian needs of the person. The meeting with the experts from different parts of Europe inspired the participants to aggressively promote the core values of humane public administration, freedom, and adherence to the rule of law.

Rey specializes in the study of Philippine political cultures. Aside from his teaching and research obligations in the University, he is also on his second term as a municipal councilor of the municipality of Malinao, province of Aklan and an officer of the National Movement of Young Legislators, Aklan Chapter.



The College of Science of the University of Santo Tomas will hold the 4th International Symposium on Molecular Sciences with the theme "Research Collaborations and Innovation in the Global Frame" from November 19 to 20, 2018 at the Miguel de Benavides Auditorium, Junior High School Building, UST.

The symposium, which is part of the 92nd foundation anniversary celebration of the College of Science, aims to highlight research trends and innovations in molecular science across the globe through an interactive sharing of expertise

UST to hold int'l symposium on molecular sciences

in various topics. Included among the points of discussion are cancer research, neuroscience, drug development, phage therapy, aerobiology and pollen allergy, biophysics, biomathematics, straminipila phylogeny, chemical sensor, mesenchymal stem cells, DNA codes, and other related areas.

Speakers include Tokushima University Institute of Biomedical Sciences Assistant Professor Atsushi Nakayama, Ph.D., who specializes in synthetic and organic chemistry and Gachon University Department of Bionanotechnology Professor Seong Soo A. An, Ph.D., whose field of expertise is in neuroscience. Also presenting are: Universitas Tanjungpura Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences Professor Rudiansyah,

Ph.D., who has published papers on conformational and biosynthesis studies; National Dong Hwa University Department of Physics Professor Chia Liang Cheng, Ph.D., who delves into nanomaterials and spectroscopy; and Chung Yuan Christian University Department of Chemistry Assistant Professor Amily Fang-Ju Jou, Ph.D., who conducts research on electroanalysis and biosensor development, among others.

Interested participants may register by email through isms4.ust@gmail.com. One hundred fifty slots are available for external participants and the symposium fee of PhP 1,500.00 covers meals and conference materials. Inquiries may be coursed through the UST College of Science via (02) 731-5728 or (02) 406-1611 loc. 8224.

NEWS

AB Economics students join youth int'l exchange program in South Korea

Three students of the Faculty of Arts and Letters under the Economics program attended the 2nd Asia Pacific Youth Exchange (APYE) in South Korea from August 8 to 20, 2018. Charisma Aclan, Daniel Ian Dimitui, and Beneah Gineth Gorospe, who are in their fourth year, applied to the said program on their own initiative and were accepted as delegates, giving them the opportunity to be part of the two-week intensive program of APYE.

The Youth Exchange was co-hosted by Urban Youth Academy, Asian Development Bank, and Hanyang University. APYE is an international exchange program for the youth of ASEAN nations which aims to empower the youth to drive the Sustainable Development Goals into action and maximize their potentials to be the change-makers of this world. The youth delegates pondered about fundamental, structural, and sustainable solutions that could be implemented in the near future.

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Dimitui, Gorospe, and Aclan at the Asian Youth Forum in Incheon, Korea

LECTURES&CONFERENCES

Psychology Department holds forum on Mental Health IRR for Thomasian community

The Psychology Department of the University of Santo Tomas spearheaded a forum that discussed updates on the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Mental Health Act in the Philippines. The forum was held on September 13, 2018 at the Central Laboratory Auditorium of the University of Santo Tomas. It served as the venue to instil awareness among the graduating Psychology students and faculty members on the status of Mental Health Act in the Philippines and to encourage the students to be advocates of mental health, even after graduation.

Executive Assistant Christina Marisfoque who represented the Assistant Secretary of Health Office for Technical Services of the Department of Health-Central Office Maria Francia Miciano-Laxamana, M.D, gave an update on the status of the Mental Health Act which was signed in June. Its progress prior to its target completion of IRR in November of this year was likewise cited.

The UST Psychology Department as a member of the Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP) does not only have a role in disseminating this information but may also have a hand in crafting policies and programs on awareness raising, identifying and providing support and services, and facilitating access for treatment and psycho-social support since educational institutions are encouraged to have an active involvement in the promotion of mental health.

PAP, together with PhilHealth, the Office of Senator Ana Theresia Navarro Hontiveros-Baraquel, the Office of Cong. Christina Roa-Puno, Philippine Mental Health Association, Philippine Psychiatric Association, Psychiatric Association of the Philippines, the Chairperson of the Epilepsy Council Philippine Neurological Association, the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation-Philippines, the National Center for Mental Health, the Philippine Hospital Association and the Department of Health Offices all comprise the IRR Technical Working group.

UST Psychology Department Chair Dr. Claudette Agnes, together with other faculty members, organized the event which was intended to be the first of the series of activities on mental health. This will be followed by another activity on October 3, 2018, where Clinical Psychologist Dr. Violeta Bautista will talk about the role and the impact of the newly-approved mental health law among the Psychologists.



Executive Assistant Christina Marisfoque

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The activities in APYE consisted of the Asian Youth Forum, where the 200 delegates from 25 different countries made the Youth Declaration on the Future of Work. Although the delegates came from different countries, they were able to express their shared visions and missions and made an exceptional youth declaration thus, highlighting the beauty of diversity.

The delegates learned to use Arduino, an electronic prototyping platform for building digital and interactive objects and SketchUp, a 3D modeling computer program to help them design their prototypes and have it 3D printed. The program also consisted of local immersion where the delegates had to seek problems that the local community faced.

The end goal of the program is for the delegates to come up with sustainable solutions and to innovate products that will be beneficial to the community. APYE activities have challenged the capabilities of the youth delegates, maximized their potentials, and allowed them to use their voices in order to fulfill their roles as the change-makers of this world.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Science trains high school Biology teachers for 21st century skills, digital learning trends

The Department of Biological Sciences of the UST College of Science in cooperation with BIOTA UST Chapter and the Phoenix Publishing House conducted a seminar-workshop on the topic, "Dive into Inquiry in a Technology-Infused Classroom" on September 22, 2018 at the Science Online Learning Environment (SOLE) room of the UST College of Science.

The seminar-workshop, attended by 50 participants composed of Biology teachers in junior and senior high school and college students, was conceptualized to respond to the need for student-centric approaches to meet the 21st century skills and examine digital learning trends and its implication in influencing the current and future delivery of content, pedagogy, and technology.

UST Educational Technology Center Director Asst. Prof. Anna Cherylle Ramos and College of Science Dean Prof. John Donnie A. Ramos, Ph.D., who also teaches under the Biology Department, delivered and facilitated the lecture and workshop sessions.

The EdTech director delivered a lecture on Inquiry-Based Learning, Digital Learning Trends in Science Education, and Augmented Reality using Dino Encounter App while Dean Ramos presented inputs on Genetic Analysis using DNA2App, Pairwise Sequence Alignment and Applications, Guided Inquiry Workshop, and Open-Ended Inquiry Workshop which provided the participants ideas about experiential and active learning techniques using varied digital tools that can be applied in the classroom.

During the workshop, the participants were allowed to navigate free educational resources for teachers and other open digital tools that can be appropriately integrated in teaching and learning. They used computer applications to simulate science concepts and experimentations. They were exposed to hands-on internet-based learning activities.



College of Science Dean Prof. John Donnie A. Ramos, Ph.D., (back to camera, standing, in blue) engages BIOTA-member participants during the workshop.

At the end of the workshop, the participants were expected to have developed the skill in integrating technology in the teaching-learning process and in identifying the digital theories and pedagogies that are most applicable in the delivery of their lessons.

The workshop was for free according to College of Science Dean Prof. John Donnie A. Ramos, Ph.D., because, "It is some sort of a community extension service of the College of Science and the BIOTA-UST Chapter. The participants are all BIOTA members from both private and public institutions." The participants were teachers from selected JHS, SHS and HEIs from various schools in Luzon including those who come from as far as Ifugao in the North and Bicol in the South.

The participants were from the following schools: Gen. Ricardo G. Papa Sr. Memorial High School, Batangas State University Main Campus I, Sta. Maria National High School, Polytechnic University of the Philippines - Sta. Mesa Manila, Southville 8c National High School, Tondo High School, DepEd Makati, Division of City Schools of San Jose del

Monte, Bulacan, Ateneo Junior High School, Mayamot National High School, University of Nueva Caceres, Quirino State University, General de Jesus College, Holy Trinity University, Immaculate Heart of Mary College, Quirino State University, UST College of Education, Ilocos Sur Polytechnic State College-Sta. Maria Campus, Ifugao State University, and Bagumbayan National High School.

Also participating were: University of the Philippines-Manila, Senior High School De La Salle Lipa, Far Eastern University Institute of Technology-Alabang, De La Salle University - Manila, Department of Education-Bagumbayan National High School, De La Salle Lipa, UST Angelicum College, Ismael Mathay Sr. High School, Philippine Malabon Cultural Institute, Remedios Trinidad Romualdez Medical Foundation, Sta. Peregrina High School, St. Mary's Educational Institute, Laguna Bel-Air Science School, Hope Christian High School, Bulacan State University, BHC Educational Institution, Inc., and Polytechnic University of the Philippines Santa Rosa Campus, Universidad de Manila, and the UST Graduate School.

UNIVERSITY VISITORS

Ambassador of the Argentine Republic to the Philippines



Ambassador of the Argentine Republic to the Philippines His Excellency José Néstor Ureta receives a “400 at 800” coffee table book during his courtesy call on the UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., on October 4, 2018.

Delegation from Kingdom of Cambodia
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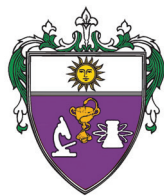
UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., (sixth from left) welcomes the delegation led by Civil Affairs of the Kingdom of Cambodia Director-General Mrs. Somethea Pen (fifth from left), and accompanied by Mr. Pharot Yom, Mr. Sopha Taing, Mr. Tongkhoun Khim, Mr. Sokmean Cheng, Mr. Visal Sophin, and Ms. Sereichamroeun Sok on September 24, 2018.

Hong Kong University Associate Dean
for Internationalization and Partnership



Prof. Dongyan Jin, the Associate Dean for Internationalization and Partnership of Hong Kong University (in white), accompanied by HKU Ph.D. student Ms. Abigail Chen, meets with UST Graduate School Secretary Assoc. Prof. Alejandro Bernardo, Ph.D., (leftmost) at the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex, UST Graduate School on September 24, 2018 to discuss future joint endeavors.

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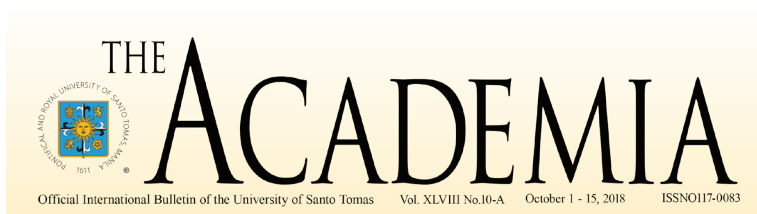


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