

UST passes successfully 3rd Cycle, 2nd ISO 9001:2015 Repeat/Recertification Audits



The University of Santo Tomas executive and administrative officials with the lead auditor. (Front row, from left) Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Lead Auditor Engr. Roy Ramos, and Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P. (Back row, from left) Director for Student Affairs Assoc. Prof. Ma. Socorro Guan Hing, DNM, Health Service Director Assoc. Prof. Ma. Rhodora De Leon, M.D., Office for Planning and Development Director Engr. Charlie A. Marquez, P.I.E., Human Resource Department Director Atty. Jacqueline Lopez-Kaw, LL.M., Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl Peralta, DrPH, Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation Prof. Maribel Nonato, Ph.D., Vice-Rector for Finance Rev. Fr. Rolando Castro, O.P., and Quality Management Office Director Assoc. Prof. Joehanna K. Ngo, P.I.E.

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The University of Santo Tomas (UST) successfully passed its 3rd Cycle, 2nd ISO 9001:2015 Repeat/Recertification Audits conducted by TÜV SÜD PSB Philippines, Inc. from April 25 to 27, 2018. This was officially announced by the lead auditor, Engr. Roy Ramos and his co-auditor Mr. Xavier Lance Dy. It was announced that UST has satisfied the requirements of the ISO 9001:2015 standard without incurring any Non-Conformity (N) given a total of 20 audit findings with audit finding classifications such as 16 Minor Non-Conformities (MiN) and four Opportunities for Improvement (I) during the Closing Meeting on the last day of audit on April 27, 2018.

Ramos also announced that the Certificate release recommended submission of root cause analysis,

correction, and corrective action plans for the 16 MiN audit findings. Ramos informed the concerned academic officials, administrators, and Quality Management Representatives (QMRs) about the intended corrective actions for MiN to be submitted completely with responsible person/department, due date/timeline of implementation as required by their standard template within five business days prior to the decision on Certificate issue/renewal/maintenance.

The challenge given by Ramos is for UST to continue to strengthen the monitoring of the quality objectives (Sub-clause 6.2) and the externally provided processes, products and services (Sub-clause 8.4) to be part of the Management Review (Sub-clause 9.3).

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UST ends UAAP Season 80 with 42nd General Championship



The University of Santo Tomas is once again on top of Season 80 of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP). It took home its 42nd general championship trophy for the seniors' division for the third straight year during the UAAP closing ceremony held on May 16, 2018 at the Auditorium of the Far Eastern University, Manila.

Thomasian athletes dominated the field with 283 points, winning six gold, seven silver, and three bronze medals to become the best performing school in the league for the third time in three years. They were gold medalists in women's beach volleyball, women's tennis, women's track and field, Poomsae, and the men's and women's judo tournaments.

UST also won its 19th general championship in the juniors' division this season, securing a total of 61 titles over the years.

UST continues to hold the distinction of having the most number of overall championships in both divisions.

Established in 1938, the UAAP is a collegiate athletic association with eight universities as members. The Season 80 host is Far Eastern University while the Season 81 host will be National University.



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UST administrative and academic officials and Quality Management Representatives with the two ISO auditors Engr. Roy Ramos and Mr. Xavier Dy (front row, seated, sixth and seventh from left).

The UST Top Management Meeting was attended by UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., Vice-Rector for Finance Rev. Fr. Rolando M. Castro, O.P., Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation Prof. Maribel G. Nonato, Ph.D., Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., Human Resource Department Director Atty. Jacqueline O. Lopez-Kaw, LL.M., Student Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Ma. Socorro S. Guan Hing, DNM, Quality Management Office Director Assoc. Prof. Joehanna K. Ngo, P.I.E., MSIE, ASEAN Eng, Office for Planning and Development Engr. Charlie Marquez, P.I.E., Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., A.P.R., and Quality Management Office Assistant Director Engr. Nestor R. Ong, P.I.E.

The presence of all top management was a manifestation of the strong leadership and commitment (Sub-clause 5.1) of the University's top level management when it comes to the effectiveness of the University's Quality Management System (QMS) and in driving continual improvement and innovation and developing leadership in their managers.

Fourteen academic units and 19 support units were audited. These include the College of Education, Education

High School, Junior High School, Senior High School, College of Commerce and Business Administration, College of Fine Arts and Design, College of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Faculty of Engineering, College of Nursing, College of Science, Faculty of Arts and Letters, College of Accountancy, College of Rehabilitation Sciences, Graduate School, Library, Human Resource Department, Facilities and Management Office, Health Service, Counseling and Career Center, Office of Community Development, Office of Academic Affairs, Office of Student Affairs, Office of the Registrar, Office for Admissions, Office for Alumni Relations, Research Cluster for Cultural, Educational and Social Issues, Research Cluster for Natural and Applied Sciences, Office of Faculty Evaluation and Development, Santo Tomas e-Service Providers, Office of Public Affairs, Purchasing Office, Educational Technology, and Quality Management Office. All other academic units and support units were on standby mode for any possible trailing.

The Quality Management Office (QMO), the office which assumes a leadership role in professionalizing the quality management operations of the University, presented evidence on the follow-up/actions taken on previous audit findings, Management Review, Quality Policy, Quality Objectives, Scope and Processes of QMS, Roles, Responsibilities and Authorities, Customer Focus, Communication, Actions to Risks

and Opportunities, Planning and Control of Changes, Organizational Knowledge, Monitoring, Measurement, Analysis and Evaluation, Control of Documented Information/Records Management, and Internal Audit, Nonconformity and Corrective Action for which the audit took eight hours within the two days.

QMO Assistant Director Engr. Nestor R. Ong said that "the new ISO standard provides not only a process-based approach but also a "risk-based approach." This is a systematic approach to risk management in identifying risks and opportunities that can impact the University's QMS which should plan actions to mitigate the risks and leverage opportunities."

Ong also added that "adopting a "risk-based approach" ensures greater knowledge of risks and improves preparedness, increases the probability of achieving objectives, and reduces the probability of negative results." He stressed that "this is not a new practice for UST as the University makes prevention a matter of habit."

The UST QMS is ISO 9001 Certified since 2012. Presently, the certification is under the transition from ISO 9001:2008 standard to ISO 9001:2015 standard. The scope of audit covers design, development and provision of secondary and higher education. UST's commitment to quality is evidenced in its achievement of obtaining ISO 9001:2015 certification.

Outstanding Thomasian mentors feted at 19th Dangal ng UST



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., assisted by UST Faculty Union President Dr. George Lim, awards a token of appreciation to the guest speaker, Colegio de San Juan de Letran Manila Rector Rev. Fr. Clarence Victor C. Marquez, O.P.



(From left) UST Faculty Union Public Relations Officer Assoc. Prof. Arlene De Leon, Conservatory of Music Dean Antonio P. Africa, and Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., present the San Lorenzo Ruiz Awards to Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation Prof. Maribel Nonato, Ph.D. (third from left) for being recognized nationally for her achievements in research three times.



Assoc. Prof. George A. Villasis delivers the response on behalf of the honorees.

Seven different awards were at stake during the 19th Dangal ng UST which were given to 107 faculty members at the awarding ceremonies held on May 10, 2018 at the Medicine Auditorium, UST.

The awards were: Santo Tomas for exemplary performance, San Martin de Porres for guidance counselors who have manifested excellence and dedication in guiding the students toward positive change and development, San Raymund Peñafort for librarians who have manifested excellence and hard work, San Alberto Magno for faculty members who have outstanding research, invention or technological innovation, San Lorenzo Ruiz for faculty members whose outstanding performance in the profession has been recognized locally or internationally, Benavides for the length of service to the University which starts at 20 years, and Santo Domingo for community service.

Annually, the University fetes faculty members through a program called 'Dangal ng UST' which, translated to English is 'Pride of UST.' It is jointly organized by the Office of the Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs and the UST Faculty Union. This year's theme was "Ang Gurong Tomasino: Puspos ng Biyaya. Hatid ay Pagpapala."

Guest speaker was the Rector of Colegio de San Juan de Letran Manila and Bataan, Rev. Fr. Clarence Victor C. Marquez, O.P.

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., gave a special message of felicitation and inspiration to the awardees.

A total of 90 faculty members, who have served the University from 20 to 40 years, were cited for their loyalty. UST Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., assisted by UTFU Executive Vice President Engr. Patrick Ellis Z. Go, Ph.D., and Dean Mary Christie D. Que of Fine Arts and Design, gave out medals and cash award to 50 faculty members with 20 and 25 years of service. Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, assisted by UTFU Treasurer Assoc. Prof. Joyce T. Tan and College of Architecture Dean Arch. Rodolfo P. Ventura awarded 40 faculty members with medals and cash awards for

having served UST for 30, 35, and 40 years.

Recognized for their exemplary and outstanding teaching were: Junior High School Teacher John Raymond S. Sandoval, a Civil Engineer turned Science teacher; for the Associate Professor category, Assoc. Prof. Charito P. Malong-Consolacion, M.D., who teaches at the College of Nursing; and for the Professor category, Prof. Thomas Edison E. dela Cruz, Dr. rer.nat, who teaches at the College of Science and the UST Graduate School, and is a prolific and multi-awarded researcher of the Research Center for Natural and Applied Sciences.

San Alberto Magno awardees were: Cecilia I. Banaag, Dr.rer.nat., (College of Science) for her outstanding research in Science and Technology; Pia Marie SP. Albano, Ph.D., (College of Science) for her outstanding published research (*Low prevalence of human papillomavirus in head and neck squamous cell carcinoma in the Northwest region in the Philippines*) with Impact Factor of 2.806; Prof. Augusto Antonio A. Aguila, Ph.D., (Faculty of Arts and Letters) for Outstanding Creative Work for his book 'Carnival of Hate: Stories' published by the UST Publishing House; and Asst. Prof. Stephen Q. Buñi (College of Fine Arts and Design) for Outstanding Innovation. He is the Senior Product Consultant of Design Center of the Philippines of the Department of Trade and Industry.

The San Martin de Porres awardee was Guidance and Counselor Aiza A. de los Reyes, while the recipient of the San Raymund Peñafort award was Michelle M. San Gabriel of the Miguel de Benavides Library.

Recipients of the San Lorenzo Ruiz award included: Paul A. Castillo (Faculty of Arts and Letters), Assoc. Prof. Angelina A. Silverio (College of Science), Assoc. Prof. Alberto P. Paulino, Jr., MD, (Faculty of Medicine and Surgery), Prof. Aleth Therese L. Dacanay, Ph.D., (Faculty of Pharmacy), Prof. Jovencio G. Apostol, Ph.D., (Faculty of Pharmacy), Prof. Thomas Edison E. dela Cruz, Dr. rer.nat. (College of Science), and Prof. Maribel G. Nonato, Ph.D. (College of Science).

Former dean of the College of Commerce and Business Administration Assoc. Prof. George A. Villasis gave the response on behalf of all awardees.

UST honors 37 faculty retirees through testimonial



The faculty retirees with (seated, from left) Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang O.P., and Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P.



Dr. Josephine Lumitao delivers the response on behalf of the roster of retirees.

Thirty-seven retiring faculty members were recognized for their years of service to the University of Santo Tomas in a testimonial held on May 9, 2018 at the Dr. Robert C. Sy Grand Ballroom of the Paredes Building, UST.

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., and Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., assisted by the Deans and Regents of the corresponding Faculty or College, awarded Plaques of Appreciation to the retirees.

Former Chair of the Electrical Engineering department Prof. Jerome Amon, Ph.D., and Assoc. Prof. Clarita Marilyn Guevara, a chemical engineering professor, led the roster of retirees, with 44 years of service.

Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Medical Ethics Department Chair Dr. Josephine Lumitao gave the response on behalf of the retirees.

Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., and Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs, Prof. Cheryl Peralta, DrPH, joined the annual ceremony.

The retirees for 2018 were: Atty. Elizabeth Inoturan (Alfredo M. Velayo College of Accountancy); Assoc. Prof. Corazon Cruz, Asst. Prof. Edgar Lee, and Asst. Prof. Avelino Micu (College of Architecture); Asst. Prof. Jonathan Foe, Ph.D., (Faculty of Arts and Letters); Asst. Prof. Dante Blanco, Prof. Maria Belinda Mandigma, Ph.D., and Assoc. Prof. George

Villasis (College of Commerce and Business Administration); Asst. Prof. Ma. Susana Gualvez, Ph.D., and Asst. Prof. Eva Olarte (College of Education); Prof. Jerome Amon, Ph.D., Asst. Prof. Rolando Concepcion, and Assoc. Prof. Clarita Marilyn Guevara (Faculty of Engineering); and Mr. Romeo Castro and Ms. Maria Teresita Laforteza Collehe (College of Fine Arts and Design).

The Faculty of Medicine and Surgery had the most number of retirees, with 16 honorees: Dr. Melinda Atienza, Dr. Jose Blas, Dr. Benjamin Campomanes, Jr., Dr. Celeste Mae Campomanes, Dr. Enrique Carandang, Dr. Ma. Rosario Irene Castillo, Dr. Bernardo Cuevas, Jr., Dr. Ma. Rhodora De Leon, Dr. Evelina Lagamayo, Dr. Josephine Lumitao, Dr. Elvira Milo, Dr. Rosella Montano, Dr. Oscar Ng, Dr. Ervin H. Nucum, Dr. Amado C. Pacio, and Dr. Cecilia A. Villamor.

Those recognized included: Asst. Prof. Ariel Sta. Ana from the Conservatory of Music; Asst. Prof. Ruth Arenas, Prof. Lily Famadico, Ph.D., and Asst. Prof. Lourdes Efrelyn Mario from the College of Nursing; Asst. Prof. Angelina Garcia from the Institute of Religion; and Assoc. Prof. Consuelo Gotauc from the College of Science.

HIYAS ng UST Awards recognizes 164 exemplary employees for 2018



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., (second from left), UST Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., (sixth from left) UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., (leftmost) and Human Resource Department Director Atty. Jacqueline Lopez-Kaw, LL.M. (rightmost) with the Most Outstanding Employees for 2017 Mr. Tindogan (third from left), Ms. Guinto (center), Mr. Manalo (fifth from left).

A total of 164 members of the UST support staff from its 538-strong force were honored at the annual *Hiyas ng UST Awards 2018*, which is now on its 11th year. This year's theme was "*Mga Kawaning Tomasino: Namumuhay Nang Banal, Naglilingkod Nang May Pagmamahal!*" The afternoon event started with a Thanksgiving Mass, in celebration of the feast day on May 1 of St. Joseph the Worker, patron saint of workers in general, and the UST support staff in particular. The Eucharistic Celebration was presided by the Very Rev. Fr. Rector Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., together with the other Dominican Fathers.

In his homily, the Rector paid tribute to the love and selflessness manifested by the UST Support Staff, specially the Service Awardees who have remained loyal to the University.

"If UST will be asked to show the works of the Father, then all we have to do is to parade all our Support Staff who have been dedicated and faithful to the ideals and thrusts of the University of Santo Tomas,"

the Rector told a crowd of more than 300 employees.

"You are the unseen and unsung heroes of UST," the Rector added. As he ended his heartwarming reflection, Fr. Dagohoy reminded the Support Staff to always put love in whatever tasks they are assigned to do. "*Kapag ang gawa ay walang pagmamahal, hindi 'yan nagpapabanal.*" (If work is done without love, it does not lead to holiness.)

After the Eucharistic Celebration, the program proper ensued. For his opening message, Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., challenged the employees "to continue to have passion in their profession and vocation."

The awards presented were: Special Award for Punctuality, Special Award for Achievement, Service Award, St. Joseph the Worker Award, and the Most Outstanding Employee of the Year Award.

The first to be recognized with the Special Award for Punctuality were 110



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., delivers his Homily.

employees who received their Certificates of Recognition from UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., assisted by *Samahang Manggagawa* President Restituto D. Llamas.

Also given the Special Award were Catalina S. Barte, Academic Clerk of the Office of the Registrar, for having passed the Licensure Examination for Teachers held on September 24, 2017; and Abigail Martha S. Abelardo for presenting a research paper titled "Mediations and Social Consequences of a Distance Education Program among Aetas of Bamban, Tarlac" during the First International Conference on Culture-Based Education in the context of ASEAN Integration held from December 1 to 3, 2017. Abelardo is the Office Assistant for Community Development, UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office.

The St. Joseph the Worker award was given to employees who are punctual and who have not incurred any absence from work. Awarded were: Jessie D. Carreon, a Laboratory Assistant of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences; Alexander L. Perez, an Office Clerk of the Faculty of Medicine & Surgery; Joel D. Ovejera, a General Clerk of

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UST commends Thomasian achievers at 2018 Student Awards



Recipients of the Rector's Academic Award with UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., (center, in Dominican habit) and UST Registrar Mr. Cesar Velasco (leftmost)

The University of Santo Tomas conferred distinctions upon its student achievers on May 18, 2018, Friday, at the Quadricentennial Pavilion Arena.

The Rector's Academic Award was given by the UST Rector, Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., to each of the top academic achievers from 18 faculties and colleges. Leading them was Ms. Catherine C. Mondejar from the College of Tourism and Hospitality Management with a general weighted average of 1.111.

Nine exemplary officers of recognized organizations received the Quezon Leadership Award for their service. One of them was Communication Arts Students' Association President Ms. Nicole Cruz from the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters who spearheaded a podcast convention with the theme "Upholding Media Credibility Amidst the Age of Fake News."

The Pope Leo XIII Community Development Award for active involvement in developing the University's partner communities was given to six students and 12 student organizations, such as the *Becarios de Santo Tomas* who spearheaded the seventh year of the BUTIL Scholar Program and increased the number of its supported scholars to 112.

Ten student organizations, including the UST Central Student Council who organized the TEDxUST in March of this year, received the St. Dominic de Guzman Award for outstanding teamwork, while five individuals and two groups received the St. Albertus Magnus Award for excellence in research. Among the researchers who were given this award were: UST Graduate School student Ms. Paula Glenda Cheng who published internationally her findings on lexicon development and content validation of a mobile-based app for depression screening, and Mr. Tristan Santos who won the Best Maternal and Child Nursing Research at the 36th National Convention of the Mother and Child Nurses Association of the Philippines.

The Benavides Outstanding Achievement Award for accomplishments of national or international importance was given to 27 students and six groups, that included Mr. Marc Angelo Sanchez from the UST-AMV College of Accountancy who won Best Individual Presenter and Best in Auditing in the 15th Accountancy Students' Seminar and Extra-Curricular Training (ASSET XV), and the ECO-Tigers from the UST Faculty of Engineering who won first place in the Shell Eco Marathon Prototype Internal Combustion Engine Category for the national level and second place in the Prototype Diesel Engine Category of the same contest for the international level.



UST CTHM senior student Ms. Catherine Mondejar gives the response on behalf of the student awardees.

Four student organizations that achieved the same award for at least five consecutive years were awarded the Tradition of Excellence Award, including the UST Volunteers for UNICEF, who were consistent recipients of the Pope Leo XIII Award.

Ortho Clinical Diagnostics Regional Director for Asia-Pacific and Country Manager for the Philippines Mr. Ban Joseph Ang, RPh, delivered the keynote address. He is an alumnus of the UST Faculty of Pharmacy Class of 2003, *Cum Laude*, and of the UST Graduate School, from

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UST hosts European Union inter-collegiate quiz



Assoc. Prof. Fontanilla gives the Lumina Pandit to H.E. Franz Jessen as a token of appreciation.



European Union Ambassador to the Philippines His Excellency Franz Jessen shares his message after the awarding ceremony.

The EU Whiz 2018, an inter-collegiate quiz challenging the students' knowledge of the European Union, EU institutions and EU-Philippine relations, was held on April 18, 2018, at the Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P., Building, UST, Manila.

The University of Asia and the Pacific emerged as the champion for this year's EU Whiz. The 12 participating institutions included: University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde, Far Eastern University, Manila, Lyceum of the Philippines University, Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, Polytechnic University of the Philippines, Philippine Women's University, St. Scholastica's College, Manila, University of Asia and the Pacific, University of the East, Caloocan, and University of the Philippines, Diliman.

European Union Ambassador to the Philippines His Excellency Franz Jessen, in his message, encouraged the youth to create a better world for the future and said: "At the end of the day, you have to make sure that you work with your partners around the world, to make sure that in the future, the world is even more peaceful and more prosperous and if possible, even a happier place than the one we know today."

Also present were: EU Delegation to the Philippines First Secretary for Political, Press, and Information Section Mr. Jerome Riviere, EU Delegation to the Philippines Attaché Ms. Maria Lampoudi, EU Delegation to the Philippines Information Officer Mr. Robert Leon, EU Delegation to the Philippines Public Affairs Officer Ms. Thelma Gecolea, and UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., A.P.R.

The inter-collegiate quiz was organized to encourage the Filipino youth to learn more about the Philippine and European Union relations and to familiarize themselves with the role of the European Union in the Philippines.



H.E. Franz Jessen (fifth from left) and UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., A.P.R., (sixth from left) with participants of EU Whiz 2018.

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UST Rector Very Rev. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., presents tokens of appreciation to Mr. Ang, assisted by Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P.

where he obtained his Master in Business Administration degree in 2007. Mr. Ang was a recipient of the Quezon Leadership Award and the Pope Leo XIII Community Development Award as a student of the University. In his speech, he urged students to adhere to Thomasian values and pursue their passions with optimism and self-assurance.

Among the previous Thomasian personalities who have given keynote addresses for the annual student awards are: GMA Network broadcast journalist and UST Faculty of Arts and Letters alumnus from the Class of 1987 Mr. Arnold Clavio; Ayala Foundation President and alumnus of the UST Faculty of Civil Law Class of 1992 Mr. Ruel Maranan; President and CEO of Informatics Philippines and UST High School alumnus from the Class of 1980 Mr. Leonardo Riingen; and Atty. Joseph Noel Estrada of the Coordinating Council of Private Educational Associations and of the Catholic Education Association of the Philippines, who is an alumnus of the UST Faculty of Civil Law from the Class of 2004.

The Baccalaureate Celebration and send-off rites for Batch 2018 was held on May 24, 2018 at the UST Grandstand, with UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., as main celebrant of the annual Baccalaureate Mass concelebrated with the Dominican Fathers.



Mr. Ban Joseph Ang delivers the keynote address.

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From left: UST Assistant to the Vice-Rector for Finance Rev. Fr. Roberto L. Luanzon Jr., O.P., Mr. Jessie D. Carreon from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences, Joel D. Ovejera from the Faculty of Pharmacy, Mr. Alexander L. Perez of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Mr. Jomar C. Tolentino from the Miguel de Benavides Library, and UST Human Resource Department Director Atty. Jacqueline O. Lopez-Kaw, LL.M.

the Faculty of Medicine & Surgery; and Jomar C. Tolentino, a Technical Aide of the Miguel de Benavides Library. Each awardee received a plaque and cash from UST Vice-Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P.

The Most Outstanding Employees for the year 2017 were: Professional Category: Angelita R. Guinto, a Publication Clerk of the Ecclesiastical Publications, Technical Category: Isagani H. Manalo, a Laboratory Assistant of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Skilled Category: Raul T. Tindogan, a Utility Man of the Institute of Physical Education and Athletics. The awardees received a plaque, a token and cash from UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., and UST Vice-Rector Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P.

A total of 45 employees received plaques as 'Service Awardees' from University administrators and academic officials. Three were 15-year awardees who received their plaques from Rev. Fr. Joaquin F. Valdes, O.P., and Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPh; 15 were recognized for having served the University for 20 years and received their plaques from Rev. Fr. Rodel S. Cansancio, O.P., and Prof. Editha A. Fernandez, Ph.D.; six received their awards from Rev. Fr. Reynaldo Adalid, O.P. and Prof. Maribel G. Nonato, Ph.D., for having rendered 25 years of service to UST; four individuals received their plaques from Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., and Assoc. Prof. Imelda A. Dakis, M.D.; 14 had served UST for 35 years and received their plaques from Rev. Fr. Rolando M. Castro, O.P. and Prof. Philipina A. Marcelo, Ph.D., while three who have served the University for 40 years received their plaques from Rev. Fr. Dexter A. Austria, O.P., and Asst. Prof. Maria Cecilia A. Tio Cuison.

Pineda-Cortel of Pharmacy recognized as ASEAN Science Diplomat

Faculty of Pharmacy mentor Assoc. Prof. Maria Ruth B. Pineda-Cortel, Ph.D., was selected as one of the 20 ASEAN Science Diplomats during the 2nd ASEAN Science Diplomats Assembly, held in Davao City from April 23 to 27, 2018.

ASEAN Science Diplomats are recognized for exemplifying the values of excellence, scientific innovation, and breakthroughs in the field of environmental research, and for contributing to the promotion and development of climate change resilient and environment-friendly ASEAN region.

They are tasked with the following: identifying common problems and challenges in communicating science

and technology; building participants' communication skills and confidence in engaging public audiences; training the participants about the best practices and effective communication mechanisms; capacitating the participants on how to develop grant proposals; and developing proposals that will address the risks and impacts of climate change in the ASEAN region.

The areas of focus include climate change, food security, water sufficiency, and sustainable energy.

Pineda-Cortel, who teaches in the Department of Medical Technology, is also a resident researcher of the Research Center for Natural and Applied Sciences.



Assoc. Prof. Maria Ruth B. Pineda-Cortel, Ph.D.

Liba of UST-CTHM passes ISO 9001:2015 Lead Auditor Certification



Asst. Prof. Ryan T. Liba, D.B.A., C.H.E.

Asst. Prof. Ryan T. Liba, D.B.A., C.H.E., a faculty member of the College of Tourism and Hospitality Management (CTHM) and a new member in the pool of Internal Auditors of the Quality Management Office (QMO) passed the certification for (International Organization for Standardization) ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems Auditor/Lead Auditor. He took the training and certification at SGS Academy in Makati City from December 18 to 22, 2017, and the result of which was released on April 26, 2018.

According to the website of SGS Philippines, ISO 9001:2015 quality management systems auditor/lead auditor training is a five-day training and certification course which aims to develop the skills to audit quality management systems. It provides participants with the knowledge and skills to perform first,

second and third party audits of quality management systems against ISO 9001 standard in accordance with ISO 19011 and ISO/IEC 17021, as applicable. It is certified by the International Register of Certified Auditors (IRCA A17977) based in London, United Kingdom. To be certified, the participants need to satisfactorily comply with the daily activities, oral, practical, and written examinations.

Liba's certification as an internal auditor effective AY 2017-2018 will help UST-QMO intensify its internal audit procedures in order to ensure the conformance of the university based on the standards of ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems. In UST, where he has been affiliated with the College of Tourism and Hospitality Management for more than four years now, Liba teaches hospitality and business courses, including Total Quality

INTERNATIONALIZATION

Chinese Taipei delegation visits IPEA; UST-CTUSF discuss sports exchanges



Rev. Fr. Jannel Abogado, O.P., (in blue) assisted by Assoc. Prof. Fontanilla, welcomes Rev. Fr. Niewdana and Mr. Wu.



(From left) UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., CTUSF Deputy of Delegation Mr. Wen-bin Wu, UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Vice President of Mission of Fu Jen Catholic University in New Taipei Rev. Fr. Leszek Niewdana, SVD, and IPEA Director/Regent Rev. Fr. Jannel N. Abogado, O.P. during the meeting at the Rector's Hall



Rev. Fr. Abogado (in blue shirt) and Rev. Fr. Niewdana (in cream shirt) participate in a cultural dance with the UST Salinggawi Dance Troupe.



Rev. Fr. Niewdana, Rev. Fr. Abogado, and the delegates interact with Thomasian athletes.

Delegates from the Chinese Taipei University Sports Federation (CTUSF), led by the Vice President of Mission of Fu Jen Catholic University in New Taipei Rev. Fr. Leszek Niewdana, SVD, visited the University of Santo Tomas Institute of Physical Education and Athletics (UST-IPEA), Manila, on May 17, 2018 for a meeting and facility tour.

The delegation was welcomed by IPEA Director and Regent Rev. Fr. Jannel N. Abogado, O.P., and UST Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., A.P.R., together with administrators from IPEA at the iconic Arch of the Centuries, which is a National Cultural Treasure.

Fr. Abogado gave the guests a facility tour of the UST Quadricentennial Pavilion, assisted by IPEA Secretary Asst. Prof. Gilda Kamus and the IPEA administrators. The tour was followed by a performance by the UST Drumline and Salinggawi Dance Troupe.

Proceeding to the Main Building, the delegation was welcomed by the UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P. A discussion on possible sports exchanges between the University and CTUSF followed at the Rectors' Hall. The meeting was attended by UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., and other UST officials. It was moderated by Office for International Relations Associate Director Prof. Karen Santiago, Ph.D., who served as Master of Ceremonies.

Along with Fr. Niewdana, visitors from CTUSF included CTUSF Deputy of Delegation Mr. Wen-bin Wu, CTUSF Deputy Secretary-General Mr. Hong-chi Lee, Vanung University Physical Education Office Director Mr. Shih-pin Lee, Yuanpei University of Medical Technology Physical Education Office Director Mr. Kuo-pin Lin, Taipei University of Science and Technology Physical Education Office Director Mr. Mao-sheng Lai, and CTUSF Administration Section Chief Mr. Yen-ming Su.

CRS internationalization efforts bring partnerships with universities in Japan, USA, Thailand



Sports Science faculty member Mr. Gino Zapanta (leftmost) with Sports Science interns from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences at Mahidol University

Second set of participants from NUHW, Niigata, Japan

Seven first year Physical Therapy students and one Clinical Technology student from the Niigata University of Health and Welfare (NUHW) visited the University of Santo Tomas College of Rehabilitation Sciences from February 24 to March 24, 2018. The group was led by Prof. Takanori Kikumoto, and Prof. Masayoshi Kubo.

The eight NUHW students, namely, Hana Goto, Hina Tanaka, Mika Kamino, Yuta Shimizu, Yuri Akiba, Mayuu Shagawa, Makoto Nakagawa and Chika Yokota attended various Physical Therapy lectures and laboratories and Clinical Observation from CRS affiliated rehabilitation centers, namely, UST Apolinario Mabini Rehabilitation Center, UAAP Sports Rotation, Philippine Cerebral Palsy Institute (PCPI) and the Rural Health Unit of Abucay Bataan, a community-based rehabilitation center.

The Japanese students observed how the practice of physical therapy is enriched and conducted in the Philippines. They helped in the annual inter-physical therapy school competition, Kinetiq 2018, where the university placed 5th among 41 participating PT schools. Hana Goto,

a student participant studying clinical technology, was able to visit some classes under the Medical Technology department, with the help of the Faculty of Pharmacy.

The interaction between the NUHW and the CRS students, and the cultural immersion activity led by the CRS student council and PT Society, gave the visitors the opportunity to practice the English language and experience the hospitality of the Filipino people, and its culture and traditions. Asst. Prof. Selene Leynes, a faculty member of the English department, held sessions of English classes for the visitors, while Ms. Lanie Vergara, taught the student some basic Filipino words.

CRS Internationalization head Ms. Paulin Grace Morato – Espino, Physical Therapy Department Chair Ms. Jocel Regino, and faculty member Ms. Fe Therese Chavez, were the faculty in-charge of the preparations for this activity.

Officials, faculty members from Seton Hall University, USA

Five officials and faculty members from Seton Hall University (SHU) School of Health and Medical Sciences, New Jersey, USA, a partner university of the University of Santo Tomas College of Rehabilitation

Sciences visited the university on March 7, 2018.

Led by School of Health and Medical Sciences Dean Prof. Brian B. Shulman, Ph.D., the Seton Hall officials were composed of department representatives, namely, Physical Therapy Department Asst. Chair Asst. Prof. Kim Poulsen, Ph.D., Occupational Therapy Department Faculty Member Asst. Prof. LaMar Bolden, Speech Language Pathology Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Vikram Dayalu, Ph.D., and Department of Physician Assistant Clinical Education Director Ms. Vanessa Rodriguez.

The group was met by the UST - CRS administrators, namely, CRS Dean Assoc. Prof. Anne Marie Aseron, Assistant Dean Asst. Prof. Ma. Georgina Mojica, and College Secretary Ms. Ma. Roxanne Fernandez. They were joined by academic officials and a representative from the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery.

The officials from the two institutions discussed the existing curriculum and student exchange programs. The guests from Seton Hall University also paid a

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Mr. Zapanta (front row, with glasses, in black shirt and black pants) with Sports Science interns from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences and faculty members from Mahidol University



Sports Science interns share a photo with students from Mahidol University

courtesy call on UST Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH.

The group also visited some of the facilities of CRS including the New Central Laboratory, the Apolinario Mabini Rehabilitation Center of the UST Hospital, and a community-based affiliation center of the College, R.E.A.C.H. Foundation, Inc., in Mandaluyong that provides PT and OT services to the urban poor. CRS looks at this visit as a way to further strengthen the partnership between UST and Seton Hall University.

GIE for PT interns at Mahidol University, Thailand

Three UST-CRS Physical Therapy interns and one faculty member participated in the Global Internship Experience (GIE) at the Mahidol University, Thailand. The delegation was led by faculty member Mr. Ken Ervin R. Sosa. The exchange students were: Thad Nuel Natividad, Angelica Marie Mandario, and Via Elisa Canita. This experience aimed to expose the students to build international and intercultural knowledge and appreciation of healthcare systems and advancing knowledge and skills in the field of rehabilitation sciences and to be familiar with their academic curriculum.

The UST team was met by Prof. Pimpawee Kirdsup and Ms. Rungtip Pongkasara for the orientation on Mahidol University and the schedule of activities for the duration of their internship. The students were assigned to the two University clinics on a rotation basis for exposure to musculoskeletal, neurologic, sports, community, pediatric and cardiopulmonary rehabilitation settings.

Sosa attended laboratory classes to observe the teaching-learning strategies and to assess their curriculum for possible adaptation by UST-CRS. He also accompanied one of the faculty members during a community rehabilitation exposure.

Internationalization Coordinator for the Faculty of Physical Therapy Asst. Prof. Dr. Pakaratee Chaiyawat toured Sosa around the various laboratories of the faculty such as Cardiopulmonary Laboratory, Ergonomic Laboratory, Motor

Control and Neuroplasticity Laboratory, Occupational Therapy Laboratory, Human Performance Laboratory, among others. The curriculum of Mahidol University was also discussed, including the Master and Doctoral degree programs which were introduced and offered to CRS in a meeting with Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Roongtiwa Vachalathiti.

CRS Sports Science interns in Mahidol University, Thailand

Nine interns under the Sports Science program of the UST College of Rehabilitation Sciences took part in the Global Internship Experience held at the Mahidol University in Thailand. The CRS students, Wilson John C. Aseron, John Paul G. Butalid, John Marcus M. Fabricante, Christian Paolo V. Eslava, Charisse Genevieve Mulles, Ronnell Angelo Esteban, Marcos Gabriel Vega, Johnmer Paul M. Se, and Miguel Aric Lopez were accompanied by Sports Science faculty member Mr. Gino Zapanta.

The primary objective of the program is to expose the students to the practice of Sports Science in Thailand and through their observations, the students shared their experience with their fellow Sports Science students in UST.

UST and Mahidol University have been partners for years in ensuring that the exchange of experience for all programs is a fruitful one. The Sport Science program highlights the importance of physical fitness and sports in their country. A unique feature of the program is its focus on Football Science and Coaching since the sport is one of the most popular sports in Thailand.

The program promotes evidence-based practice and so Sport Science students are encouraged to be analytical when dealing with their clients. The GIE did not only provide the UST Sports Science interns with knowledge and insights but also gave them a glimpse of Thailand's rich culture and traditions. Back in UST, these students continue with their hands-on approach to learning complemented by world-class equipment such as the biofeedback machine, EEG, EMG and Motion Detector Cameras.

Grad School Library & Info Science faculty, students visit Taiwan libraries



UST Graduate School faculty, students with the head librarian of Academia Sinica, Tsui Yuen-hui (holding the Philippine flag)

The students under the Master of Library and Information Science (MALIS) program together with faculty members from the UST Graduate School conducted its first library benchmarking visit of state-of-the-art libraries in Taipei, Taiwan from April 28 to May 1, 2018.

The participants were: Dr. Nora J. Claravall, Dr. Susan O. Pador, Symon Lagao, Cathryn Ann A. Dimapilis, Catalina S. Barte, Jaya Brabha A. Mahendran, Catherine D. Fernando, Loreen Daphne P. Bundang, and Doreen A. Bonafe.

The objectives of the benchmarking trip were to: establish linkages with counterpart Taiwan libraries; discover and learn new trends and meaningful concepts of quality library services; observe the latest technological progress and infrastructures in selected Taiwan libraries; identify and share knowledge of best practices; and promote professional and cultural exchange between Filipino and Taiwanese librarians.

The four-day itinerary included visits to the libraries of Academia Sinica, National Taiwan University, National Taiwan Normal University, and the Taipei Public Library Beitou Branch.

During the visit to the Joint Library of the Humanities and Social Sciences, the UST faculty and students were met by its head librarian, Tsui Yuen-hui, who discussed the library and archive collection of Academia Sinica. In this library tour, the participants had the chance to see the library's automatic light sensor.

At the National Taiwan University (NTU) Library, the participants were met by Wei-Chung Cheng, university librarian. A tour at the Taipei Public Library Beitou Branch, a community and an eco-friendly library located at Taipei's Beitou District, followed. The last itinerary was the National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) Library where the participants witnessed an artificial intelligence (AI) interactive display showcasing the history of the university and its services.

UST Research recognizes 121 faculty members at Gold & Silver Series Awards



Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation Prof. Maribel Nonato, Ph.D., (ninth from left, front row) with some of the awardees

A total of 121 faculty members were recognized in the areas of Arts and Humanities, Education and Social Sciences, Health and Allied Sciences, Science and Technology, and Sacred Sciences by the Office of the Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation during the Recognition Program held on March 16, 2018 at the Paredes Building, UST. They were granted the Gold Series Award and the Silver Series Award for AY 2014 to 2016 and the International Publications Award for AY 2014-2017. UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., and Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation Prof. Maribel G. Nonato, Ph.D., assisted by the directors of the respective research centers gave the awards.

The Gold and Silver Series awards are granted to faculty members in recognition of their research productivity and leadership in their respective fields of specialization within the period covered by the award. These awards are based on research publications (author by-line should indicate the University of Santo Tomas as address

in the publication), ongoing research involvement, and tenure in the University.

The Gold Series

The awards, given every two years come in two categories: Research Category and Creative Works Category. The Gold Series Award Research Category is granted to tenured full-time faculty member with Ph.D. or M.D., with teaching load, and exclusively teaching in UST except for faculty affiliates of the UST Graduate School, authored at least five research papers published in refereed journals/scholarly books in the last five years, with at least two of these published, one of which is an international (Web of Science/Scopus) publication, or has one patent or utility model granted, within the period covered by the award, or, authored at least two scholarly books in the last five years, with one of these published within the period covered by the award, with ongoing research under the Research Center or Research Unit of the University, and, with at least one research disciple.

Under the Creative Works Category, the awardee should be a tenured full-time faculty member with Ph.D., with teaching load, and exclusively teaching in UST except for faculty affiliates of the UST Graduate School, authored at least three creative or critical works in the last five years, with at least one of these published within the period covered by the award, and, with ongoing studies (creative projects) under the Research Center or Research Unit of the University.

The Silver Series

Under the Research Category of the Silver Series, the award is given to tenured full-time faculty member with M.Sc. or M.A., with teaching load, and exclusively teaching in UST, must have authored at least three research papers published in refereed journals/scholarly books in the last five years, with at least one of these published,

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Prof. Librado A. Santiago, Ph.D., (second from left) receives an International Publication Award from UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús Miranda, Jr., O.P., (third from left) assisted by Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation Prof. Maribel Nonato, Ph.D., (leftmost) and Research Center for the Natural and Applied Sciences Director Prof. Bernard Tongol, Ph.D. (rightmost)

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or has one patent or utility model granted, within the period covered by the award or, authored at least one scholarly book in the last five years published within the period covered by the award and, with ongoing research under the Research Center or Research Unit of the University.

Under the Creative Works Category, the faculty member must be tenured full-time faculty member with M.Sc. or M.A., with teaching load, and exclusively teaching in UST, must have authored at least two creative or critical works in the last five years, with at least one of these was published within the period covered by the award, and, with ongoing studies (creative projects) under the Research Center or Research Unit of the University.

A Research disciple refers to junior faculty members, graduate students, medical interns, and medical residents.

International Publications Award (2014–2017)

The International Publications Award is presented to all full time faculty members teaching only in UST for the publication of their research outputs in journal/s and books indexed in the Web of Science/ Scopus with IF Quartile Metrics Ranking. Author byline should indicate the University of Santo Tomas as address in the publication.

Arts & Humanities (8 awardees)

Prof. Joyce L. Arriola, Ph.D. (AB: Silver & IP) • Prof. Paolo A. Bolaños, Ph.D. (AB: Gold) • Asst. Prof. Jovito V. Cariño, Ph.D. (AB: Silver & IP) • Prof. Franz Giuseppe F. Cortez, Ph.D. (AB: Silver & IP) • Prof. Imelda P. de Castro, Ph.D. (Education: Silver) • Mr. Emmanuel C. de Leon, Ph.D. (AB: Silver & IP) • Asst. Prof. Roland Theuas D. Pada, Ph.D. (AB: IP) • Prof. Ma. Luisa T. Reyes, Ph.D. (AB: IP)

Education & Social Sciences (32 awardees)

Assoc. Prof. Mark Anthony D. Abenir, D.S.D. (AB: Silver & IP) • Prof. Ma. Claudette A. Agnes, Ph.D. (Science: IP) • Prof'l. Lect. Lucila O. Bance, Ph.D. (Science: Silver & IP) • Prof. Clarence M. Batan, Ph.D. (AB: Gold & IP) • Mr. Charles T. Bermejo, M.S.O.T. (CRS: IP) • Asst. Prof. Ronaldo R. Cabauatan, M.A. (Commerce: IP) • Asst. Prof. Ryan Francis O. Cayubit, M.A. (Science: Silver & IP) • Prof. Belinda V. de Castro, Ph.D. (Commerce: Gold & IP) • Prof. Allan B. de Guzman, Ph.D. (Education: Gold & IP) • Mr. Jommar A. de Guzman, M.D.C. (Commerce: IP) • Prof'l. Lect. Rosalito G. de Guzman, Ph.D. (GS: IP) • Prof. Rowena L. Escolar-Chua, Ph.D. (Nursing: IP) • Assoc. Prof'l. Lect. Amelita A. Gaerlan, Ph.D. (GS: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Ma. Frieda Z. Hapan, Ph.D. (Pharmacy: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Sr. Angelina M. Julom, Ph.D. (Science: Silver) • Asst. Prof. Ronaldo A. Manalo, M.Sc. (Commerce: IP) • Prof. Maria Belinda S. Mandigma, Ph.D. (Commerce: Silver & IP) • Asst. Prof. Evangeline T. Matienzo, M.A.N. (Nursing: IP) • Asst. Prof. Florence C. Navidad, D.Ed. (Pharmacy: Silver) • Asst. Prof. Karen S. Ongtangco, M.S.O.T., M.R.S. (CRS: IP) • Asst. Prof. Jeremaiah M. Opiniano, M.P.S., M.A. (AB: Silver & IP) • Asst. Prof. Criselda T. Pacquing, M.A. (Science: IP) • Mr. Laurence Lloyd B. Parial, M.A.N. (Nursing: IP) • Asst. Prof. Corazon F. Regacho, M.Sc. (Science: IP) • Prof. Marc Eric S. Reyes, Ph.D. (Science: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Portia Lynn Q. See, Ph.D. (Science: IP) • Asst. Prof. Pia Patricia P. Tenedero, M.A.T. (AB: IP) • Asst. Prof. Gian Carlo S. Torres, M.A.N. (Nursing: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Marishirl P. Tropicales, Ph.D. (Education: IP) • Prof. Chin Uy, Ph.D. (Commerce: IP) • Asst. Prof. Les Paul M. Valdez, M.A.N. (Nursing: IP) • Prof. Camilla J. Vizconde, Ph.D. (AB: Silver & IP)

Health & Allied Sciences (35 awardees)

Mr. Franco Louie L. Abes, M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Encarnita R. Ampil, M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Ms. Lara Mae A. Angeles, M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Prof. Alejandro C. Baroque II, M.D. (Medicine: Gold & IP) • Asst. Prof. Christine B. Bernal, M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Assoc. Prof. David T. Bolong, M.D. (Medicine: IP)

Assoc. Prof. Ma. Rosario F. Cabansag, M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Prof. Ma. Minerva P. Calimag, M.D., Ph.D. (Medicine: Gold & IP) • Assoc. Prof. Benjamin S. Campomanes Jr., M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Melchor M. Chan, M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Prof. Remedios D. Chan, M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Mary Anne D. Chiong, M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Ms. Elaine C. Cunanan, M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Janine Margarita R. Dizon, Ph.D. (CRS: Gold & IP) • Assoc. Prof. Ma. Victoria C. Dizon, M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Valentin C. Dones III, Ph.D. (CRS: Gold & IP) • Mr. Frederick T. Dy, M.D. (Medicine: IP)

Asst. Prof. Maria Belinda Cristina C. Fidel, M.D., P.M.R. (CRS: IP) • Mr. Dennis S. Flores, Ph.D. (Medicine: IP) • Prof. Maria Honolina S. Gomez, M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Prof. Florida G. Hernandez, M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Prof. Reynaldo M. Javate, M.D. (Medicine: Gold & IP) • Assoc. Prof. Sjoberg A. Kho, M.D. (Medicine: Gold & IP) • Asst. Prof. Johnny K. Lokin, M.D. (CRS: IP) • Mr. Erick S. Mendoza, M.D. (Medicine: Silver & IP) • Prof. Leilani B. Mercado-Asis, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H. (Medicine: Gold & IP) • Prof. Sandra Teresa V. Navarra, M.D. (Medicine: Gold & IP) • Prof. Jose C. Navarro, M.D. (Medicine: Gold & IP) • Prof. Narciso S. Navarro Jr., M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Prof. Jocelyn C. Que, M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Prof. Raymond L. Rosales, M.D., Ph.D. (Medicine: Gold & IP) • Prof. Jose D. Sollano Jr., M.D. (Medicine: Gold & IP) • Prof. Consuelo B. Gonzalez-Suarez, M.D., Ph.D. (Medicine: Gold & IP) • Assoc. Prof. Teresa T. Sy-Ortin, M.D. (Medicine: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Ma. Irene B. Tangco, M.D. (Medicine: IP)

Science & Technology (42 awardees)

Prof. Ma. Alicia M. Aguinaldo, Ph.D. (Science: Silver & IP) • Assoc. Prof. Dharmatov Rahula B. Albano, Ph.D. (Science: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Pia Marie SP. Albano, Ph.D. (Science: IP) • Prof. Grecebio Jonathan D. Alejandro, Dr.rer. nat. (Science: Gold & IP) • Prof. Jovencio

G. Apostol, Ph.D. (Pharmacy: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Susana F. Baldia, Ph.D. (Science: Gold & IP) • Assoc. Prof. Cecilia I. Banag, Ph.D. (Science: Silver & IP) • Prof. Aristeo V. Bayquen, Ph.D. (Pharmacy: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Michael Francis D. Benjamin, Ph.D. (Engineering: Silver & IP) • Prof. Christina A. Binag, Ph.D. (Science: Gold & IP) • Mr. Jonathan Carlo A. Briones, Ph.D. (Science: IP) • Asst. Prof. Renz Kenneth G. Cadiang, M.Sc. (Pharmacy: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Agnes L. Castillo, Ph.D. (Pharmacy: Gold & IP) • Asst. Prof. Franelyne P. Casuga, Ph.D. (Pharmacy: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Gil A. Cauyan, M.Sc. (Science: Silver & IP) • Ms. Stephanie L. Chua, M.Sc. (Pharmacy: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Mary Jho-Anne T. Corpuz, Ph.D. (Pharmacy: IP) • Prof. Gina R. Dedeles, Ph.D. (Science: Gold & IP) • Assoc. Prof. Angelo R. dela Cruz, Ph.D. (Engineering: IP) • Prof. Thomas Edison E. dela Cruz, Dr.rer. nat. (Science: Gold & IP) • Asst. Prof. Mae Lowe L. Diesmos, M.Sc. (Science: Silver & IP) • Prof. Maria Natalia R. Dimaano, D.Eng. (Engineering: IP) • Mr. Justine M. Kalaw, M.Sc. (Science: IP) • Mr. Lorico dIS. Lapitan Jr., M.Sc. (Engineering: IP) • Prof. Allan Patrick G. Macabeo, Dr.rer.nat. (Science: Gold & IP) • Prof. Mary Beth B.

Maningas, Ph.D. (Science: Gold & IP) • Asst. Prof. Loida R. Medina, Ph.D. (Science: IP) • Prof. Maribel G. Nonato, Ph.D. (Science: Gold & IP) • Prof. Rey Donne S. Papa, Ph.D. (Science: Gold & IP) • Prof. John Donnie A. Ramos, Ph.D. (Science: Gold & IP) • Asst. Prof. Maureen B. Sabit, Ph.D. (Science: IP) • Prof. Karen S. Santiago, Ph.D. (Science: Gold & IP) • Prof. Librado A. Santiago, Ph.D. (Pharmacy: Gold & IP) • Asst. Prof. Myla R. Santiago, M.Sc. (Pharmacy: Silver & IP) • Acad. Prof. Emeritus Fortunato B. Sevilla III, Ph.D. (Science: Gold & IP) • Ms. Pamela Berilyn T. So, M.Sc. (Pharmacy: IP) • Prof. Mario A. Tan, Ph.D. (Science: Gold & IP) • Ms. Cristina E. Tiangco, Ph.D. (Engineering: IP) • Prof. Bernard John V. Tongol, Ph.D. (Science: Gold & IP) • Asst. Prof. Ryan Rhay P. Vicerra, Ph.D. (Engineering: IP) • Assoc. Prof. Oliver B. Villaflores, Ph.D. (Science: Silver & IP) • Prof. Mafel C. Ysrael, Ph.D. (GS: Silver)

Sacred Sciences (4 awardees)

Rev. Fr. Jannel N. Abogado, O.P., D.Th. Sc.Pat. (EF: Gold) • Prof. Jove Jim S. Aguas, Ph.D. (AB: Silver) • Assoc. Prof. Fleurdeliz R. Altez-Albela, Ph.D. (AB: Silver) • Asst. Prof. Joel C. Sagut, Ph.D. (IR: Silver)



Prof. Emeritus Fortunato B. Sevilla, III, Ph.D. (fourth from left) receives awards for his publications from by Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation Prof. Maribel Nonato, Ph.D., (third from left) witnessed by UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Jesús Miranda, Jr., O.P., (fifth from left) College of Science Regent Fr. Franklin F. Beltran, O.P., (second from left) College of Science Dean Prof. John Donnie Ramos, Ph.D., (leftmost) and Research Center for the Natural and Applied Sciences Director Prof. Bernard Tongol, Ph.D. (rightmost)

UST Graduate School St. Antoninus Research Forum winners bared



Prof. Christina A. Binag, Ph.D., recounts her own graduate research journey in her inspirational message at the 5th St. Antoninus Research Forum

The 5th St. Antoninus Research Forum for Best Paper Presentation, coinciding with the 80th foundation anniversary of the Graduate School, was held on April 7, 2018 at the Graduate School, Thomas Aquinas Research Complex, University of Santo Tomas.

For this year, the forum included participants from Far Eastern University, University of the Philippines – Los Baños, De La Salle University and Adamson University, in addition to the paper presenters from UST.

A total of 30 papers were submitted but only 16 made it to the shortlist. The winners include:

- Category 1. Research Papers from Course Works: Arts, Social Sciences & Education: “*Late 19th Century Social Role of Philippine Women as Listed in the Catalogo Oficial of the 1887 Madrid Exposition*” by Melanie J. Magpantay (Ph.D. major in History, UST)

- Category 1. Research Papers from Course Works: Sciences: “*The True Identity of ‘Lunas-Bagon’ Species from Agusan del Sur, Philippines Inferred from ITS and rbcL Sequences*” by Mark Lloyd G. Dapar (Ph.D. major in Biology, UST)

- Category 2. Research Papers Based on Thesis/Dissertation: “*A Super Typhoon and the Literacy Imagination: Ecological Themes and Ecopoetics of Select Poems from Yolanda Relief Anthologies*” by Vae Ann C. Dadia (M.A. major in Literature, UST)

- Category 2. Research Papers Based on Thesis/Dissertation: Sciences: “*The Molecular Phylogeny of Philippine Ophiorrhiza L. (Ophiorrhizaea-Rubiaceae): A Proposal on Its Infrageneric Classification and Two New Endemic Species*” by Niña Kathryn G. Alfeche (M.S. major in Biological Science, UST)

Each of the winners received a St. Antoninus Medallion and a cash prize.

The annual forum, named after St. Antoninus of Florence, the patron saint of the Graduate School, is spearheaded by the Office for Graduate Research. It serves as a venue for paper presentations that are based on the theses and dissertations and research papers from coursework of the presenters, and as a competition for graduate students to encourage them to publish their research outputs.

President of the National Research Council of the Philippines and UST GS Professor Christina A. Binag, Ph.D., of the UST Chemistry Department opened the forum with an inspirational talk. She recounted her own experiences in conducting research and encouraged graduate students to pursue research as a means of theory building.

UST students’ research on leaf extracts, optimized LAMP assay win awards in 1st Senior High School Capstone Experience Conference



The researchers with UST Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl Peralta, Ph.D.(center, in black coat), SHS Principal Assoc. Prof. Pilar Romero, Ph.D., (in beige coat) and STEM Strand Chair Mr. Louie Dasas (rightmost)

Senior High School students from the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics strand of the University of Santo Tomas won awards in the 1st Senior High School Capstone Experience Conference held at the University of the Philippines, Los Baños, Laguna, on April 28, 2018.

Discovering the inhibiting effects of leaf extracts of the common local plants on unwanted vegetation, the research paper of Arjay Julio, Wynsel Carven R. Tandoc, Hans Daniel D. Tipace, Yannah Franzine Vendivill, and Zyrene Yanesa from Section 12 STEM 27 titled “*Allelopathic effect of Lantana Camara and Chromolaena odorata leaf extracts on plant germination*” won the award for the Best Paper in Life Sciences category.

The researchers compared the allelopathic effect of extracts of *lantana camara* leaves, also known as *lantana* or big-sage and *chromolaena odorata* leaves, commonly known as Siam weed, common floss flower or *Hagonoy* in tagalog, on the germination and growth of plants using *Vigna radiata*, commonly known as mung beans, as the test plant.

The study showed that both leaf extracts inhibited the growth and germination of the mung bean seedlings. The *Hagonoy* leaf extracts, having a higher amount of allelochemical concentration, suppressed the growth of the seedlings more than the *Lantana* plant did. The researchers recommended that the potential application of the plants as natural herbicides be studied.

The research paper of Leo Bert A. Orpilla, Jamie Marie M. Kalaw, Hannah S. Golpeo, Mary Joy A. Rodriguez, and Jacob M. Casugbo from Section 12 STEM2 24 titled “*Optimization of Loop-Mediated Isothermal Amplification (LAMP) assay in identification of Fasciola hepatica in goat samples*” won the award for the Best Paper in Agricultural Sciences category. Leo Bert A. Orpilla was also awarded as the Best Oral Presenter in the Agricultural Sciences category.

The researchers optimized the Loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP), a cost effective technique, to detect the presence of a parasite named *Fasciola hepatica*, commonly known as liver fluke, from the blood and fecal samples of a goat. The LAMP technique with a high specificity and good sensitivity was developed by the researchers to detect the presence of the liver fluke in the blood and fecal samples of the goat. The optimized LAMP assay would be of help to farmers and those in the field of agriculture since it does not require advanced equipment and does not cost much.

According to UST STEM Strand Chair Mr. Louie B. Dasas, the researchers worked on their respective studies for three semesters which comprised of the three research subjects: Research (Qualitative and Quantitative), Practical Research 2, and Inquiries, Investigation, and Immersion.

RCSSSED organizes training, environmental exhibit



Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation Prof. Maribel G. Nonato, Ph.D., launches the exhibits for the 55th anniversary of Thomasian Research.

Ms. Eleanor Bahrami-Hessari, a supervising teacher from the College of Education who handles Special Education courses, shares some insights with the participants at the Disability Awareness and Sensitivity Training.



Disability Awareness and Sensitivity Training

As part of the 55th anniversary celebration of research in the University, the Education Studies Research Interest Group of the Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSSED) in cooperation with the Learning Resource Unit for Inclusive Education of the University, conducted a Disability Awareness and Sensitivity Training for high school teachers and other education stakeholders held at the SWR of the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex.

The activity was part of the multi-year project aimed at supporting public schools in implementing inclusive education and addressing key issues in the education of children with disability. The training was designed to help inculcate the value of helping and accommodating students with learning disabilities. One of the highlights was an exercise that allowed the participants to experience the feeling of having a learning disability. On hand were experts from the University, namely, Mr. Hubert Ramos, Asst. Prof. Karen Ongtangco, Ms. Eleanor Bahrami-Hessari, Prof. Marie Antonette Vargas, Ph.D., Asst. Prof. Bernard Saldivar and Asst. Prof. Maripia Rabacal, who shared not only their technical knowledge but their experiences as well.

Inang Kalikasan Art Exhibit

The Environmental Science students of the College of Fine Arts raised the environmental awareness of the Thomasian community through their artwork mounted at the Inang Kalikasan 2018 Art Exhibit.

The exhibit, which was also a way to showcase the giftedness and creativity of the Fine Arts students, was sponsored by the Sustainability Research Interest Group of the RCSSSED as part of the celebration of the 55th anniversary of research in the university. It was inaugurated by Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation Prof. Maribel G. Nonato, Ph.D., and RCSSSED Director Prof. Belinda V. De Castro, Ph.D.

The members of the Research Center for Social Science and Education (RCSSSED) Sustainability Research Interest Group (RIG) include, Mr. Ronald M. Castillo (AB); Asst. Prof. Rhodorilyn C. Lintag (AB); Assoc. Prof. Maria Rosario Virginia C. Garcia, Ph.D. (Science); RIG Lead Prof. Arlen A. Ancheta, Ph.D. (AB); Education RIG member Assoc. Prof. Moises Norman Z. Garcia, Ph.D. (Science) and Arch. Rizalito M. Mercado (Architecture).

LECTURES&CONFERENCES

Arts and Letters organizes lectures on disaster prevention, ethics of technology

Lecture on Disaster Prevention

Hijiyama University and Hiyama University Jr. College Vice President and Professor Dr. Takehiro Hayashi delivered a lecture on the Disaster Prevention Education in Japan at the Blaylock Hall, Benavides Building, UST. He discussed the experiences of Japan during natural calamities and disasters such as earthquakes and tsunamis. Hayashi, an Emeritus and Visiting Professor of Hiroshima University, expressed his hope to promote research partnerships in the area of disaster prevention education with the Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSSED). The lecture was organized by the Faculty of Arts and Letters and the RCSSSED, and was attended by faculty members and students of the Faculty of Arts and Letters.

Dr. Hayashi delivers his lecture before Arts and Letters students.



UST Faculty of Arts and Letters Dean Prof. Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D. (center) and RCSSSED Director Prof. Belinda De Castro, Ph.D., (leftmost) award the Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Hayashi.

Lecture on Ethics of Technology

Professor Emeritus John F. Weckert, Ph.D., of the Charles Sturt University, Australia, delivered a lecture titled 'The Ethics of Technology: What's the Point?' held at the Tanghalang Teresita Quirino, Benavides Building, UST.

Weckert discussed the importance of carefully weighing the advantages and disadvantages of artificial intelligence (AI) as it may negatively affect the human race in the future.

The lecture was organized by the Faculty of Arts and Letters, Institute of Information and Computing Sciences and the Institute of Religion. It was attended by Faculty of Arts and Letters Dean Prof. Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D, Executive Assistant to the Vice-Rector Prof. Marciana Agnes G. Ponsaran, Ph.D., Institute of Information and Computing Sciences Director Asst. Prof. T. Jerralyn Padua, and Institute of Religion Faculty Secretary Asst. Prof. Alan A. Basas, S.Th.D, faculty members and students from different colleges.



Prof. John F. Weckert, Ph.D., delivers his lecture on the Ethics of Technology.

LECTURES&CONFERENCES

Loanzon of GS delivers special lecture in Economics

Graduate School Professor Jeannette Isabelle V. Loanzon, Ph.D., talked about love of country in graduate research in a forum attended by Graduate School faculty members and students held on April 21, 2018, at the Seminar Workshop Rooms, Thomas Aquinas Research Complex, UST.

Loanzon who teaches Economics at the UST Graduate School, earned a doctorate degree in economics at the Philipps Universitat-Marburg, Germany.

In this special lecture which coincided with the celebration of the 80th year of establishment of the UST Graduate School, Loanzon specifically centered her talk on the topic "In Search of Love of Country in

Graduate Research: A Possible Legacy in the Catholic University of the Philippines." The findings of her study expect to open windows and doors for "love of country" to gain contagious enthusiasm before the next century of UST graduate research.

The lecture was participated in by graduate students from the Economics, Business, Public Administration and Political Science programs. Graduate School faculty members Dr. Edwin Martin, Dr. Evelyn Songco, Dr. Manuel Morga, and Dr. Nancy Eleria also attended the lecture together with academic officials of the Graduate School, namely, UST GS Dean Prof. Marilu R. Madrunio, Ph.D., UST GS Regent Rev. Fr. José Antonio E. Aureada, O.P., Office of Graduate Research Director



Prof. Jeannette Isabelle V. Loanzon, Ph.D.

Dr. Grecebio Jonathan Alejandro and Graduate School Faculty Secretary Assoc. Prof. Alejandro S. Bernardo, Ph.D. Guests from Miriam College also attended the lecture.

UST, National Taiwan Normal U partner in Science Education initiative

The University of Santo Tomas (UST) College of Science in cooperation with the UST Graduate School and the Graduate Institute for Science Education of the National Taiwan Normal University (NTNU) held a week-long seminar-workshop on 'Trends and Issues on Science Education' from May 15 to 22, 2018 at the Recaredo A. Dela Rosa and Lourdes C. Dela Rosa Science Online Learning Environment Room, 3rd Floor, College of Science, Main Building, UST.

The resource persons were Prof. Mei-Hung Chiu, Ed.D., for May 15 and 16, Prof. Hsin-Kai Wu, Ph.D., for May 17 and 18, and Prof. Fang-Ying Yang, Ed.D., for May 21 and 22. The topics were: Scientific Literacy and Conceptual Changes, Inquiry-based Teaching and Learning and Technology, and Scientific Reasoning and Argumentation.

This national training was the first among the UST-NTNU Science Education initiatives which envision to offer Science Education Program in the Graduate School beginning academic year 2019-2020. This will help and prepare Senior High School teachers who are expected to employ the Spiral Approach in the teaching of Science. The activity was open to UST and non-UST mentors of Natural Science courses, JHS



Participants with the University's Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Ph.D. (front row, fourth from left), College of Science Dean Prof. John Donnie A. Ramos, Ph.D. (sixth from left) College of Science Natural Sciences Unit Coordinator Asst. Prof. Moises Norman Z. Garcia, Ph.D. (third from left), and one of the guest speakers Prof. Mei-Hung Chiu, Ed.D., (fifth from left).

and SHS science teachers, and Graduate School students enrolled in M. Sc. in Biology, Chemistry, and Mathematics Education programs. Participants were from: Cebu Doctors University, De La Salle Laguna, La Salle Greenhills, Northwest Samar State University, Tarlac State University, Angeles University Foundation, Laguna BelAir Science School, San Beda University, St. Theresa's College Quezon City, and St. Theresa's College Cebu.

UST Archivist José presents paper on Baybayin documents at Princeton University workshop



Prof. José (front row, third from right) with fellow presenters and Princeton Research Scholar and Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese Prof. Christina Lee, Ph.D., (front row, leftmost) who convened the workshop. Other Filipino representatives are: National Archives of the Philippines Director Hon. Victorino Manalo (in blue, to the right of Prof. José); UST Graduate School Professor Jorge Mojarro, Ph.D., (topmost); University of Washington Professor of Southeast Asian History Vincente Rafael, Ph.D., (second row, left most, in black); and University of California San Diego Associate Professor of Comparative Literature, Spanish and Cultural Studies John Blanco, Ph.D. (partially hidden, between Prof. José and Prof. Manalo).

University of Santo Tomas Archivist Prof. Regalado Trota José presented a paper at a workshop in Princeton University in New Jersey with the theme “The Spanish Transpacific, Between East & West (1521 – 1815).” Presenting insights about the Hispanic norms during colonial times, his paper examined texts that form part of a dossier on the lands of Don Luis Castilla, which include the UST Baybayin Documents that have been declared as a National Cultural Treasure in November 2014.

The study, which José prepared for over a year, involved painstaking transcription and translation of the selected parts of Castilla’s dossier into English. Comprising fifteen historic documents, the

papers formed a volume of documentation for parcels of land that were eventually acquired by the University of Santo Tomas in 1634. One third of the documents tackle the process of publicly announcing the sale of lands, another third are the deeds of sale, and the rest are about the process of selling the land, which had some contestation. The final document is the actual sale of 11 pieces of land that are currently in Gagalangin, Tondo.

Through the well-documented process of transferring these properties, from Castilla’s initial proposal to sell the land in 1629 to the actual sale in 1634 due to delays from contestation, several insights were gained regarding the 17th century Spanish legal system and its functions. Part of this was the process of owning and selling lands, from a formal petition to sell the land, to an announcement in Church, to declaration and collection of proofs of ownership, to contestation, and the actual sale. Prof. José said that, “The present selection is one of the oldest extant examples of a Spanish legal process in the Philippines.”

While it was known that Baybayin was used at the time for personal matters such as love letters or poems, its use is not prevalent in formal legal contexts where Baybayin is limited to signatures or phrases only. “So [our Baybayin documents] are rare in the sense that the whole document is in Baybayin,” Prof. José remarked.

Another insight that the documents reflected was the economic power of women, who were able to own and sell land even during that era. As the signature on certain documents proves, it was actually Doña Francisca Longar, the eventual wife of Don Luis Castilla, who originally bought and owned some of the parcels of land. Upon her first marriage to Don Andres Capiit, she was able to own even more land, before marrying Castilla after Capiit’s death.

José in Princeton

Prof. José was proud to say that most of his fellow presenters in Princeton have

previously done research in the UST Archives and had a high degree of respect for the University and its extensive heritage collection. He recalled that some peers even referred to UST as *La grande y famosa Universidad de Santo Tomas*. “[The foreign scholars’ high regard] really goes to show how important the UST Archives is in the world,” he said.

During his stay in Princeton, Prof. José also established linkages with Princeton University’s Firestone Library. “We saw some of the collections and how they took care of books and documents, then we tried to make future connections with the library. I brought some of UST’s books there for their collection. The UST Archive catalogues were sent beforehand to them, so they have a copy in Princeton library.” An exchange of books was facilitated, and he hopes to further continue the connections with Firestone Library.

Organized by Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, the workshop was sponsored by Princeton University’s Department of Spanish and Portuguese, their Latin American Studies Program.

The workshop in Princeton included the leading scholars of the early modern transpacific from across the globe and brought them together with the goal of producing a reader of primary sources (in Spanish, indigenous languages, Latin, and Chinese) as well as bibliographical references translated into English. It also attempted to address the increasing interest in understanding the cultural productions that originated from the transpacific connections between Latin America and Asia in the context of the early modern Spanish colonization.

Prof. Jorge Mojarro y Romero of the UST Graduate School, also presented a paper titled “An Early Transpacific Account on the Spice Islands by Andres de Urdaneta (1536).”

The University of Santo Tomas was the only Philippine university represented in the workshop. National Archives of the Philippines Director Victorino Manalo was also a presenter.



Document 6b, dated 1613 February 15 and written completely in Baybayin, details Don Andres Capiit’s acquisition of some land. This land came to be owned by his wife, Doña Francisca Longar, and when she remarried after his death, came into Don Luis Castilla’s possession, and eventually to UST. Water damage is visible due to a flood after UST transferred to the Sampaloc campus from Intramuros.



Called “Document 1” and dated 1629 February 15, this is a formal petition by Castilla to Admiral Geronimo Henriquez Sotelo, the mayor of Manila, to sell the lands within Gagalangin. Visible is Castilla’s signature in Baybayin at the center of the document.

AB students’ research on exposure to PTE wins at PH Journalism Research Conference



UST representatives to the 2018 Philippine Journalism Research Conference at Cine Adarna of UP Diliman with UST journalism coordinator Mr. Felipe Salvosa II (leftmost) and research instructor Ms. Marishelle Medina (rightmost).

Two Journalism students in their senior year brought home the first victory for the University of Santo Tomas in the prestigious Philippine Journalism Research Conference (PJRC), held on May 3, 2018 at the Cine Adarna of the University of the Philippines (UP) in Diliman.

Maria Isabella Alamag and Krystal Gayle Digay of the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters bested students from UP, De La Salle University-Dasmariñas, and another UST group in the Academic Research category of the 2018 PJRC, with their study titled “A Descriptive Study of Filipino Journalists’ Exposure to Work-Related Potentially Traumatic Events (PTEs).”

The study determined the different kinds of PTEs police beat reporters and online journalists were exposed to, along with the frequency and type of exposure. It also documented journalists’ responses to PTEs and the support they receive from their news organizations.

UST had a total of five finalist-groups in the 2018 PJRC.

Aside from the study of Alamag and Digay, UST journalism seniors Katrina Beltran and Beatriz Decena made it to the finals of the Academic Research category for their study titled, “The Impact of Rappler’s Mood Meter on Students’ Emotional Response, Memory, and Intentions to Diffuse a Story Under Extreme Distribution.”

Amierielle Anne Bulan and Mary Adeline de la Cruz were also finalists in the same category for their study

“Polarity in Engagement: Audience Reactions to Facebook News Teasers on the Death of Kian Loyd de los Santos.”

In the Special Projects category, Alamag, Digay and classmates Ricmae Dorothy Arellano and Akari Nakano were named finalists for their documentary “Buhay Tulay,” about the street beggars on the footbridges of Sampaloc, Manila.

Alamag, Arellano, Beltran and Decena competed anew in the Investigative Reporting category for their story “The Doctor Is Out: An Investigation into the Lack of Doctors in the City Public Health Center.”

Mr. Felipe Salvosa II, journalism coordinator of the UST Faculty of Arts and Letters, credited the strong research culture fostered by the program for the PJRC win.

“Our rigorous thesis program trains students to inform journalism practice with theory and reinforce journalism practice with research. This is one way to make journalism credible before the eyes of the public,” Salvosa said.

The annual Philippine Journalism Research Conference, an extension project of the UP Department of Journalism, is backed by the Technical Committee in Journalism of the Commission on Higher Education, and is co-presented by the University of Santo Tomas.

Veteran journalism and communication educator Crispin C. Maslog called on Thomasians to protect the country's democracy and resist assaults on human rights and press freedom as he delivered the 50th St. Thomas More Lecture at the Medicine Auditorium.

Maslog, chairman of the Asian Media and Information Center, reminded students, faculty and administrators of the Faculty of Arts and Letters of the dedication of their patron, St. Thomas More, to the rule of law. He pointed out that Thomas More rejected legal shortcuts and was even willing to give the devil the "benefit of law," citing the famous scene in the movie "A Man for All Seasons." The English lawyer and humanist More, the patron saint of statesmen and politicians, was portrayed by actor Paul Scofield in the 1966 film.

"St. Thomas More said: 'When the last law is down and when the devil turns around on you, where would you hide, the laws all being gone? This country is planted thick with laws from coast to coast. And when you cut them all down, can you stand upright? Yes. I will give the devil the benefit of the doubt for my own safety's sake,'" Maslog said.

Maslog condemned government efforts to clamp down on media outfits as well as the proliferation of organized trolls and "fake news."

"To keep our democracy alive and robust, we need to keep our public sphere open. We should allow all stakeholders in our way of life and in our government free access to our marketplace of thought," he said.

Arts and Letters Dean Michael Anthony Vasco, in his welcome remarks, said the postmodern society has made efforts to safeguard the truth a formidable challenge.

"The hegemonies of power and ideology can greatly influence our reception and understanding of truth. Political authority can in fact dictate what is truth," he said, citing French philosopher Michel Foucault.

"Truth in society, specifically in democratic society, is also determined by personal and ideological interests. Even public opinion is no longer based on reasonable grounds or evidence, or even by

Veteran journalism educator Maslog delivers 50th St. Thomas More Lecture



Crispin Maslog, veteran journalism and communication educator, delivers 50th St. Thomas More Lecture. The portrait of St. Thomas More is to his left.

common sense, but are shaped by advancing interests that are personal or ideological, making spurious truth claims that intend to confuse the public and divert public opinion from the truth and instead propagate half truths just to change the tide of public opinion to their favor," he said.

First Filipino journalist with a doctorate

Maslog graduated from the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters with a Bachelor of Literature in Journalism degree, Magna cum Laude, in 1956; and with a Bachelor of Philosophy in 1960, the year when he became news editor of The Varsitarian. Fresh out of University, he was hired as copy editor of Agence France-Presse, the French news agency, in Manila.

Later, Maslog obtained a Fulbright/Smith Mundt full scholarship, to study for a master's degree in journalism and a doctorate in mass communication, at the University of Minnesota, one of the top schools for journalism and communication in the United States. In 1967, he returned to the Philippines as the first Filipino journalist with a doctorate in journalism and mass communication.

Silliman University hired him and Maslog became the first director of the

newly established School of Journalism and Communication in that university. The school became a center for community journalism, reputedly the first and the best outside Manila at the time.

Maslog then founded the weekly Negros Express in Dumaguete City, where he served as publisher and columnist. Negros Express was the laboratory paper of the journalism students of Silliman. He also wrote for the Philippines Herald and The Manila Times, and was a broadcaster for radio station DYSR in Dumaguete City.

From Silliman, Maslog moved to the University of the Philippines Los Baños in 1982, and served as professor of the College of Development Communication. Upon retirement in 1988, he became senior vice president and dean of the Graduate School of the Asian Institute of Journalism in Manila, where he continues to serve as senior consultant. He received The Outstanding Filipino (TOFIL) award for Journalism in 1955.

The St. Thomas More Lecture is the most prestigious lecture-forum in Arts and Letters. Its distinguished roster of speakers include, among others, Supreme Court Associate Justice Antonio Carpio, the late former senator Edgardo Angara, Ombudsman Conchita Carpio Morales, former Finance Secretary Jesus Estanislao, National Artists Bienvenido Lumbera and F. Sionil Jose,

Juan Miguel Severo, Vim Nadera speak at UST Roundtable Discussion

Spoken Word phenomenon Juan Miguel Severo and Makiling High School for the Arts Director Victor Emmanuel Carmelo "Vim" Nadera, Jr., Ph.D., were the featured speakers in the USTingan Roundtable Discussion that were held on April 28, 2018 at the Thomas Aquinas Research Center (TARC) Auditorium, University of Santo Tomas, Manila.

The event, "Ang Tula Bilang Bigkas at Palabas," was organized by the UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies (UST CCWLS), in cooperation with the UST Literary Society.

USTingan is the bi-annual gathering of writers, teachers, students, and lovers of literature, at which certain topics of contemporary interest — involving writing, publishing, and popular culture

Spoken word artist and actor Juan Miguel Severo



Makiling High School for the Arts Director Victor Emmanuel Carmelo "Vim" Nadera, Jr., Ph.D.

— are discussed. This term's USTingan, which focused on the Spoken Word and Performance Poetry, was the UST CCWLS's contribution to the National Literature Month celebrated in the month of April.

Juan Miguel Severo is a spoken word artist and actor who rose to fame with his performances that usually focus on unrequited love. He started performing in Sev's Café in 2014, where he met Words Anonymous, a very active group of spoken word artists, of which he is now the most popular member. His love poems, like "Ang Huling Tula na Isulat Ko para sa Iyo," had been going viral online. Severo describes himself as "a writer who performs and a performer who writes."

Vim Nadera, SEA Write awardee, is considered the "father of performance

poetry in the Philippines." He has represented the Philippines in various international literary festivals, seminars and conferences. He is a member of the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines Culture Committee, Philippine Center for Gifted Education Board of Directors; Commission on Higher Education Technical Committee on Literature; and Philippine High School for the Arts Advisory Council. He has also received numerous awards, including The Outstanding Young Men (TOYM) and *Natatanging Anak ng Quezon*, the Philippine Centennial Literary Awards for both the epic and the novel in Filipino, the National Book Awards, and the Carlos Palanca Awards. A prolific editor, critic, columnist, translator and author, he has published numerous books in various literary journals.

Conservatory of Music holds Master classes; signs MOU with Japan, Thailand universities

To enhance the academic experience of the students of the Conservatory of Music, invited foreign artists for the Master classes included: Prof. Yumiko Hayashi (Japan) for the Voice Department; Prof. Miho Shibata (Japan); pianists Vitalija Gureviciute, Francisco Perez, Rune Christiansen (Denmark) for the Piano Department; Dr. Alfred Lee (USA), David Furguson (USA) and Dr. Thomas Kreiling (Germany) for the Choral Conducting Department; Aaron Alfred Lee for the Composition Department; Steve Lin (USA) and Alexis Vallejos (Spain) for the Guitar Department.

Dr. Kreiling demonstrated choral conducting with participating choral groups such as the UST Singers and other groups from UST, and other universities.

In another development, Music Education Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dolores T. Andres was resource person for the “National Training on Critical Content in Grade 7 Music” conducted by the Department of Education held from April 27 to May 2, 2018 at the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, Los Baños, Laguna.

During the first quarter of 2018 two Memoranda of Understanding were signed between the UST Conservatory of Music and Elizabeth University of Music of Hiroshima, Japan in January; and Mahidol University College of Music of Thailand. On March 16, the UST Conservatory of Music also signified its membership with the “Southeast Asian Directors of Music Association” (SEADOM), whose annual conference was also held at Mahidol University.



From left: Pianist Mr. Dingdong Fiel, Conservatory of Music cellist Assoc. Prof. Renato Lucas, Ph.D., Dr. Thomas Kreiling, conductor of the chorus classes and the Hail Mary the Queen Children's Choir conductor Ms. Maria Theresa Vizconde-Roldan, and UST Singers Conductor Prof. Fidel G. Calalang, Jr., Ph.D.



UST Conservatory of Music Dean, Dr. Antonio P. Africa (leftmost), Mahidol University College of Music Dean Dr. Narong Prangcharoen, sign the MOU. With Mahidol University Associate Dean for International Relations Dr. Joe Bowman as witness.



(From left:) Asst. Prof. Ronan Ferrer, Prof. Yumiko Hayashi, Prof. Miho Shibata, Dean Antonio Africa, Ph.D., Faculty Secretary Asst. Prof. Peter Porticos, Ph.D., and Asst. Prof. Eugene de los Santos, D.M.A.



Book authors with the UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Miranda (ninth from left) and officials of the UST Publishing House and the Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies, which include USTPH Director Asst. Prof. Ailil Alvarez (eighth from left) and CCWLS Director Prof. Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo, Ph.D., (fifth from left) who is also one of the authors whose book was launched.

UST Publishing House unveils Cirilo Bautista book, 18 others at Grand Book Launch

The University of Santo Tomas Publishing House (USTPH), held a collective launch of its 19 titles on May 9, 2018, at the Tanghalang Teresita Quirino of the Benavides Bldg., UST. The titles included works of National Artist for Literature Cirilo F. Bautista, renowned writers and Palanca Award recipients Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo and Edgar Samar, among others.

Publishing House Director Asst. Prof. Ma. Ailil B. Alvarez in her welcome remarks, said: “the book, in its physical bound form, possesses an irreplaceable appeal because it is more than just paper, it is the very embodiment of ideas that supposedly propel readers to become more improved versions of themselves by becoming keener cultural conduits.”

Launched were poetry, literary and book adaptations of plays.

The poetry titles launched were: *Auguries* by Jaime An Lim; *Hush Harbor* by Mookie Katigbak-Lacuesta; *In Many*

Ways by National Artist for Literature Cirilo F. Bautista; *Maskara't Pambata: Malatulambuhay* by Edgar C. Samar; *Paglusong* by Radney Ranario; *Sa Mga Pansamantala* by Vijae Alquisola; and *Sustaining the Archipelago*, edited by Rina Garcia Chua.

The literary prose titles included *Retrieving the Past / Recuperating the Voice (Criticism)* by Soledad S. Reyes; *Mercy, Love & Holiness (Theology)* by Fr. Fausto Gomez, O.P.; *The Thing with Feathers: My Book of Memories (Memoir)* by Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo; *Kissing Through a Handkerchief and Other Travel Tales (Travel Essays)* by Alice Sun-Cua; *Breaking Ground: Cebuano Women's Writing (Translation/Anthology)* by Hope Sabanpan-Yu; *Coral Cove and Other Stories (Short Fiction)* by Angelo R. Lacuesta; and *The Newspaper Widow (Novel)* by Cecilia Manguerra-Brainard.

The 2017 USTPH roster also included the book adaptations of the plays: *Anagnorisis* by Em Mendez; *Bienvenida de Soltera* by Liza C. Magtoto; and *Maxie* by

CCCPET undertakes cultural mapping of Samar, Tacloban, Mabalacat



Assoc. Prof. Eric Zerrudo (in orange, seated front row) with participants of the Samar Cultural Mapping project

Cultural Mapping is a tool for documenting the natural, built, intangible and tangible heritage. UNESCO endorses how to document heritage. The Heritage Law of 2009 created the Philippine Registry of Cultural Property and took steps to preserve historic buildings that are more than 50 years old.

Local government units (LGU) are mandated to document towns and provinces. Two years ago, Cultural Mapping has been included in the local government unit seal of good governance criteria by the Department of the Interior and Local Government. It is usually the local government unit that approaches the University of Santo Tomas Graduate School Center for the Conservation of Cultural Property and Environment in the Tropics (USTGS CCCPET) for a cultural mapping project.

The mapping procedure consists of (1) documenting the natural, built, intangible and tangible heritage, (2) creating appreciation and awareness among the locals and the place, and (3) the output. To generate appreciation and understanding, CCCPET invites *Araling Panlipunan* and

Sibika teachers as mapping participants. For each barangay involved in the Mapping project, two to three teachers are trained. The LGUs use the result of the project for legislation and ordinances, while the CCCPET protects the heritage. As to the output, the LGU decides what it needs. It could be a museum, a legislation, or a tourism development plan. The Project culminates in a graduation ceremony where the output could be volumes of data that will be turned over to the LGU, which spends for the project. The participants are given certificates.

Samar Mapping

The province of Samar partnered with the University of Santo Tomas Graduate School-Center for Conservation of Cultural Property and Environment (USTGS-CCCPET) in a province-wide Cultural Mapping Project aimed at documenting the natural and cultural heritage of its 24 municipalities and two cities.

Starting in September 2017, CCCPET Director Assoc. Prof. Eric B. Zerrudo trained 116 cultural mapping participants – composed predominantly of public

school teachers and municipal tourism or planning officers— to document the natural, built, movable, and intangible heritage of their assigned towns and cities. These main mapping participants subsequently trained their barangay counterparts, who were selected from the provincial government's pool of young scholars, to document each barangay. Thus, the mapping project is estimated to have covered more than 900 barangays of the province.

Samar Governor Sharee Ann Tan, who recently launched her administration's anchor project "Spark Samar" tourism campaign, initiated this large-scale project. The data gathered is intended to become the jump-off point for meaningful programs, projects and policies for the province's different sectors, especially for environment, tourism and education.

The Samar Cultural Mapping is one of the few province-wide mapping projects of CCCPET, and the first to generate a rich multi-volume database of the province's natural and cultural heritage using new and improved heritage mapping templates developed by Zerrudo.

The Cultural Mapping Graduation was held on May 21, 2018 in Catbalogan City.

Tacloban Mapping

The city of Tacloban, together with the Department of Tourism (DOT) and Department of Education (DepEd) Region 8, partner with the USTGS-CCCPET to conduct the long-awaited Cultural Mapping Project, which will document the natural and cultural heritage of the city.

What is special about this mapping project is that the documentation is geared towards the rediscovering and rebuilding of the city's culture and identity post-Typhoon Yolanda. The super typhoon caused massive destruction to the city's landscape in 2013, and many of the city's built heritage were damaged or lost. But since then, many commemorative monuments as well as intangible representations of collective grief and recovery have been produced by the citizens, which could be considered as part of the city's intangible heritage.

Concretely, the mapping data will be used to develop the proposed City Museum, which is envisioned to be housed in the Provincial Capitol building.

The project began on November 30, 2017 with an orientation of stakeholders, including representatives from the city government, DOT Region 8, University of the Philippines-Visayas and other academic institutions, the different Barangays, and DepEd.

According to CCCPET Director Eric Zerrudo, he is training more than 200 mapping participants representing the city's 138 barangays. The project is ongoing and is set to finish by the third quarter of the 2018.

Mabalacat Mapping

In Pampanga, the city government of Mabalacat partners with USTGS-CCPET for the digital cultural heritage mapping of the city.

The Mabalacat City Tourism Office headed by Mr. Arwin Paul Lingat, a Master of Arts in Cultural Heritage Studies student of the UST Graduate School recently convened the Technical Working Group for the mapping after meeting with Mabalacat Mayor Crisostomo Garbo.

The cultural mapping project aims to document the natural, tangible and intangible,

movable, and immovable heritages of the city.

A new platform will be applied for the mapping project, elevating from the usual manual approach to digital method.

Bro. Jonas Awayan, another student of the USTGS under the Cultural Heritage Studies program, assisted Director Zerrudo in the digitization of the mapping project.

The mapping project, one of the thrusts of Mayor Garbo, will be participated in by public school teachers and barangay officials from the 27 barangays of Mabalacat City.

Previous Cultural Mapping Projects included

- Malay, Aklan – This was initially a project with the Cultural Center of the Philippines, Department of Education, and the local government unit. The objective was to develop a cultural presentation, which is a dance that is representative of Malay culture.
- Calatagan, Batangas – In partnership with the Enrique Zobel Foundation,

Ms. Dede Zobel continued with the mapping project and used it to create industry and develop crafts-making.

- San Nicolas, Ilocos Norte – This is an old town near Laoag, and the mapping facilitators found an old settlement that was established 300 years ago. The result of the project was an archeological write-up.
- Bataan Province – Three years ago, 11 towns underwent a cultural mapping project. Now on its second phase, each town is developing a museum.
- Polilio Island, Quezon – This project was initiated by a Graduate School student under the Cultural Heritage Studies.
- San Miguel, Bulacan – The project on the development of a museum of San Rafael was the research work of a student. This has been turned over already to the LGU.



Assoc. Prof. Eric Zerrudo (leftmost, in blue, standing) with Cultural Mapping participants of Tacloban City

CCCPET embarks on 19th century Buscada Project in Region 8



Assoc. Prof. Zerrudo (in grey shirt) and his team of conservation specialists conduct an ocular inspection and physical documentation of the structure.

Eastern Visayas appears to be more conscious of its built heritage post-Typhoon Yolanda. The hardest hit city in the region, Tacloban City, has seen some of its old houses transformed into cafés and hotels, while many historic towns in the region have been making efforts to restore their damaged heritage structures.

Following this trend, the provincial government of Samar, in partnership with the Department of Tourism Region 8, plans to develop a 19th century mortuary chapel known as the Buscada or Sto. Nino Chapel.

The UST-CCCPET was commissioned to develop the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for the restoration and development of the Buscada Mortuary Chapel, which would be the foundation of the site's future development plans.

A team of specialists was organized and led by CCCPET Director Assoc. Prof. Eric B. Zerrudo. The team was composed of conservation architects, wood conservation specialist, interior designer, and researchers who visited the site from November 9 to 12, 2017 to conduct tests,

The facade of the Buscada Mortuary Chapel



research and documentation for the development of the CMP.

The study concluded that the Buscada Mortuary Chapel — one of the enduring Spanish colonial structures in the Province of Samar — has retained its cultural significance in its use and architecture and must then be preserved and enhanced.

Architecturally, the Buscada Mortuary Chapel is representative of a 19th century Spanish-period mortuary. Built by the Franciscans to be the central *capilla* of the town cemetery, the chapel interior features 56 niches (28 on each side) where the dead of the prominent families of Basey are buried. One of them is Rufino Marabut,

the father of Congressman Serafin Marabut who inspired the name of Marabut town, which was carved out from Basey, Samar. Although the cemetery grounds have been neglected over time, the chapel continues to welcome family members lighting candles for their dead. Furthermore, the chapel remains a significant focal point for the devotion to the Santo Niño de Jesus, whose religious rites are defined in the Balyuan Fiesta in Basey and the Sangyaw Festival in Tacloban.

Using a values-based approach, the cultural significance of the site specified in the CMP guides future conservation and development efforts of the Buscada Mortuary Chapel.

UNIVERSITY VISITORS



St. Louis College – Thailand

A delegation from Saint Louis College in Thailand, led by Prof. Chitr Sitthi-Amorn, MD, Ph.D., FACP, visited the University of Santo Tomas on May 22, 2018. The delegates were welcomed by UST Office of Public Affairs Director, Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Ph.D., A.P.R.

New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) and Commission on Higher Education Office of Programs and Standards Development (CHED-OPSD)



NZQA and CHED delegates visited the University of Santo Tomas for a technical exchange and a discussion regarding opportunities to facilitate recognition of higher education qualifications between New Zealand and the Philippines.

(From left:) College of Nursing Secretary Asst. Prof. Ma. Glenda G. Sevilla, College of Nursing Assistant Dean Prof. Rowena Chua, Ph.D., UST Academic Programs – Quality Assurance Office Director Asst. Prof. Marife Narcida, CHED Standards Development Division Chief Dr. Marivic Iriberry, OPSD Director Dr. Amelia Biglete, NZQA Quality Assurance Strategy Manager Ms. Eve McMahon, NZQA Senior Policy Analyst Mr. Sam Rosenberg, CHED Technical Panel Chair for Teacher Education Dr. Purita Bilbao, and Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Asst. Prof. Lorna Paras.



Project PEARLS Scholars

Twenty-four scholars together with nine volunteers from Project PEARLS visited the University of Santo Tomas, Manila on May 11, 2018 for a campus and museum tour. They were welcomed by Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Asst. Prof. Lorna Timbol Paras (front row, in pink dress), Special Events and Tour Management Coordinator Ms. Basilia Lanuza, OPA Student Ambassador Ms. Allane Angela Manuel, San Lorenzo Ruiz Scholar Mr. John Peter Asiño, UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Assistant Director Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao (front row, leftmost), and UST SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office Assistant Ms. Abegail Martha S. Abelardo.

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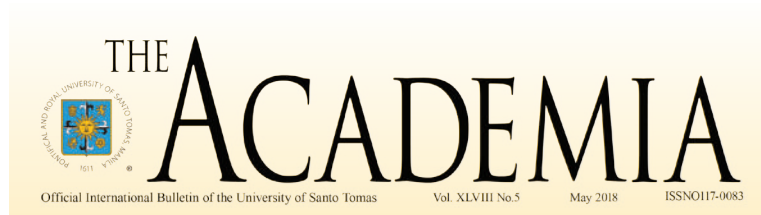


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