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## Thomasian National Artists underscore writers' need for awareness of people's conditions



From left: Prof. Allan B. de Guzman, UST Dean of the College of Education; Ms. Carolyn B. Glassman, Public Affairs Counselor of the United States of America Embassy in the Philippines; Mr. F. Sionil José, National Artist for Literature; Mr. Christopher Merrill, Director of the Iowa International Writing Program; and Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr. O.P., Secretary-General of the University of Santo Tomas

National Artist for Literature, Mr. F. Sionil José delivers his keynote address at the Iowa International Conference.

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National Artist for Literature F. Sionil José challenged fellow writers to use literature to continue educating the youth on history and nurture their sense of nationhood during the opening of the three-day Iowa International Conference titled “2017 International Conference and Hasaan 5 on Education, Literatures and Creative Writing” held on April 20, 2017 at the Buenaventura Garcia Paredes Building, University of Santo Tomas.

“Write not only for yourself but for our people. Be true to them as you will be true to yourself. Be contextual. Be involved and politically aware of our peoples’ problems. Be engaged,” he said.

José also emphasized a writer’s importance in shaping national identity.

“Whether mediocre or brilliant, the writer is important to his people, his nation. The written word as journalism is history in a hurry. The written word as literature is history that is lived. The writer then is the tenacious

keeper of memory, and without this memory, there is no nation,” said José, a Thomasian.

On the second day of the conference, another National Artist for Literature and UST alumnus Bienvenido Lumbea reminded budding Filipino writers to disregard the demands of commercialism and, instead, utilize stories as tools to articulate the hopes of the poor and the abandoned.

“Writer must put into mind how the language used in writing their stories will put them in touch to the realities of the society,” he said, noting that written works should “trigger awareness of conditions in a particular time.”

Iowa International Writing Program (IWP) Director Mr. Christopher Merrill, meanwhile, urged both writer-artists and scholar-academics to learn from each other,

## Former PH Amb to Spain headlines 4th UST Ambassadors Lecture Series



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



H.E. Carlos Salinas, former Ambassador of the Philippines to Spain



H.E. Luis Antonio Calvo Castaño, Ambassador of Spain to the Philippines, greets H.E. Carlos Salinas, former Ambassador of the Philippines to Spain at the 4th UST Ambassadors Lecture Series.

on “The World Beyond our Shores: A Perspective on Globalization and the Philippines” attended by students, faculty members and administrators. The event, which is the fourth in the series, was opened by UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P.

Throughout his career, Salinas headed and served numerous international maritime associations, including serving as vice president of the International Shipping Federation of London for 16 years. He was also the chairman of the Federation of ASEAN Shipowners Association.

In 1992, His Majesty King Harald V of Norway conferred upon Ambassador Salinas the Royal Order of Merit (rank of commander) for his outstanding contributions to the growth of the Philippine-Norwegian maritime relations. He also received a Lifetime Achievement and Leadership Excellence Award from the Lloyd’s Ship Manager of London and was a finalist for the 2009 Ernst and Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Ambassador Salinas was granted the status of “Honorary Fellow” by the Diplomatic Academy of Spain in 2015 in recognition of his exemplary and extraordinary work as Philippine Ambassador. He was also invested as a member of the Real Hermandad de Caballeros de San Fernando (Royal Brotherhood of Knights of Saint

Fernando) within his first year in service as Philippine Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Kingdom of Spain and the Principality of Andorra in 2010.

The Ambassador’s expertise in maritime relations was fortified by his membership in various international organizations, including the Norwegian Maritime Foundation (president) and the United Nation’s World Maritime University in Sweden (member, board of governors). From 1996 to 2010, Ambassador Salinas was the private sector representative of the Philippine Tripartite Delegation to the International Labour Organization in Geneva for the formulation of the Consolidated Maritime Labor Convention.

The academic lecture was also attended by UST Secretary General Rev. Fr. Jesús M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna Fontanilla, and Commerce Dean Dr. Leonardo Canoy. A panel of reactors was composed of Civil Law Dean Atty. Nilo T. Divina, Education Dean Dr. Allan de Guzman, and International Relations and Programs Deputy Director Dr. Karen Santiago.

World-renowned UST Singers performed.

An artwork called “Fusion,” which was specially commissioned for the lecture series and made by Olympic artist Joe Datuin, was given to the ambassador as UST’s token of gratitude.



Office of Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna Fontanilla acts as Master of Ceremonies.



Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., UST Rector together with Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P. UST Secretary-General awards certificate of appreciation to H.E. Carlos Salinas, Ambassador of the Philippines to Spain.

### The UST Ambassadors Lecture Series

The UST Ambassadors Lecture Series is one of the meaningful outcomes of the Ambassadors Night, an evening of culture and gratitude hosted by the University Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., organized by the Office of the Public Affairs. After two years of social gatherings to further the relationship between the University of Santo Tomas and the various embassies and cultural offices, upon the suggestion of the UST Rector, an academic lecture delivered by the members of the diplomatic corps was born. It was called “The UST Ambassadors Lecture Series.”

The first lecture was delivered by the Deputy Head of Mission of the Embassy

of France to the Philippines Mr. Laurent Legodec on April 16, 2015. The topic was “The Efforts of France towards COP21: A Commitment to Fight Climate Change.” He shared the efforts and strategies formulated and implemented by France in its pursuit of eradicating the passive effects of climate change. Following the lecture was the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on academic partnership and collaboration between UST and the Catholic University of Lille in France.

The second lecture featured Vice Chancellor Francis Campbell of St. Mary’s University in London, the oldest Catholic university in the United Kingdom. He is also the Head of the Policy Unit of the London Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and once served as the British Ambassador

to the Holy See. Campbell discussed the “Church and the Modern World.” The lecture was held on April 18, 2016. After the lecture, UST and St. Mary’s formalized an academic partnership, establishing UST as St. Mary’s “central partner” in the Asia Pacific Region and one of its six global partners.

Focusing on international affairs and public policy, the American Ambassador to the Philippines H.E. Philip S. Goldberg held a dialogue with Thomasian students at the 3rd Ambassadors Lecture held on April 27, 2016. A panel of reactors composed of UST Graduate School Dean Marilu R. Madrunio, Faculty of Civil Law faculty member Atty. Enrique de la Cruz, and Arts and Letters Student Council president Jan Dominic Castro, interacted with the Ambassador.



H.E. Carlos Salinas, former Ambassador of the Philippines to Spain (11th from left, in blue suit) with Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., Rector of the University of Santo Tomas and other Academic officials.

## UST, SM collaborate for environmental advocacy



The UST group led by Rev. Fr. Abaño, O.P. (sixth from left) together with UST administrators, US Embassy Consular Officer Pituch (in green) and the SM group.



Rev. Fr. Isidro C. Abaño, O.P., UST Museum Director



Mr. Mark Pituch, US Embassy Consular Officer

As a response to Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*, the University of Santo Tomas (UST), SM Supermalls, and SM Cares partnered to promote a shared advocacy on sustainable environmental protection in "Likhang-Bayan Year 9: UST's SweetART."

A collaborative project by the UST Museum, UST College of Education, and UST College of Fine Arts and Design in time for the University's 406th foundation, the event bring people and art together while calling for the preservation and propagation of Philippine cultural heritage.

The advocacy exhibit also aims to deepen appreciation for traditional Filipino arts as cultural treasures and to encourage citizens to learn more about Philippine heritage. It opened on April 22, 6 p.m., at the City Center's third floor, SM City North Edsa in Quezon City.

Designs, featuring flora, fauna, scenery, and environmental mottos were showcased in the exhibit, together with upcycling and photography projects of UST Interior Design, Industrial Design, and Advertising Arts students. The exhibit ran until May 1, 2017.

Upcycling or "creative reuse" is the process of transforming waste, useless, or unwanted materials into new products of better quality and with environmental value.

Exhibit viewers may reserve a featured artwork for purchase, which can be claimed during egress. All proceeds will go to tree-planting initiatives of SM Cares and the UST Simbahayan Community Development Office.

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## Speech Pathologist from USA is visiting lecturer at CRS

The partnership between the Department of Speech Language Pathology of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) and the Center for Excellence in Special Education (Stepping Stone) Foundation, Inc. resulted in having Mr. Jason Bergancia as a visiting lecturer for the months of April and May 2017. He is in the country for eight months serving as a United States (US) Peace Corps Response Volunteer. Bergancia has extensive experience as a licensed Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) in the various work settings: special schools, hospitals and specialized nursing home facilities in the USA and in New Zealand.

While in UST, Bergancia, armed with vast knowledge and skill in the special education setting, will collaborate with the SLP Department towards developing an outcomes-based internship program for SLP in school-based settings and deliver lectures in the areas of SLP in special education.

Bergancia's role in the Stepping Stone Foundation Inc. is two-fold: One is to assist the foundation in upgrading and developing further their special school services for children with disabilities, and the other is to assist in the supervision of UST SLP interns through the development of SLP services in schools. Stepping Stone is one of the clinical affiliation centers for Speech Language Pathology and Occupational Therapy interns of CRS.

On April 5, 2017, together with the officials of Stepping Stone Foundation, CRS Assistant Dean Assoc. Prof. Anne



From left: Stepping Stone (SS) Exec. Director Mr. Dayal Nandwani; Assoc. Prof. Anne Aseron; SS Trustee Ann Aspinall; US Ambassador to the Philippines, H.E. Ambassador Sung Kim; Mr. Jason Bergancia; Asst. Prof. Ma. Georgina Mojica, and SS Chairman & President, Mr. Segismundo Gonzalez.

Marie C. Aseron and Department of Speech Language Pathology Chair Asst. Prof. Ma. Georgina D. Mojica, represented the College to grace the Oath-taking and Turnover Ceremonies of Mr. Bergancia at the US Peace Corps Philippines Headquarters. The US Ambassador to the Philippines His Excellency Sung Kim the US Ambassador to the Philippines administered the oath.



Asst. Prof. Mary Christie D. Que, Dean of the UST College of Fine Arts and Design tries her hand at the "Likhang-Bayan Year 9: UST's SweetART" Exhibit.

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Meanwhile, "pabalat," a free workshop on crafting wrappers made of Japanese paper with intricately cut tail ends used for traditional Filipino milk candies called "pastillas," was held on April 30, 2017 at the Skygarden of the SM City North Edsa as a collateral activity of the exhibit.

The workshop, which was opened to the public, was facilitated by UST Museum Assistant Director and licensed interior designer Assoc. Prof. Anna Marie Bautista with UST Department of Food Technology faculty members Enelyn King and Essence Jean Logan preparing flavored pastillas.

The event was UST's celebration of the College of Education's 91st anniversary, the National Interior Design Week, Earth Day, and Heritage Month. It was also in support of the cultural agenda of the Philippine National Development Plan on Promoting Culture and Preserving the Environment.

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Prof. Allan B. de Guzman, College of Education Dean

especially when they belong to a scholastic community that trains young scribes.

“There is a fruitful tension between writers and scholars; whereas writers can keep scholars honest and scholars can help artists be honest,” he said, adding that poets can remind scholars about the real beauty of the language—the sense of uncertainty and surprise it offers.

The first day of the conference focused on updates on Philippine Literature featuring IWP fellows from the country, while the second and third days had Filipino and foreign IWP Fellows, who delivered lectures on International Literature and Creative Writing, and Special Topics.

Faculty of Arts and Letters professor and IWP 2016 Fellow Asst. Prof. Eros S. Atalia emphasized on the last day the importance of having alternative platforms for aspiring writers in the country.



Prof. Joyce L. Arriola, Department of Literature and the Humanities Chair



Ms. Carolyn B. Glassman, Public Affairs Counselor of the United States of America Embassy in the Philippines

“When it comes to literature, we look for alternative platforms. Young Filipino writers are hooked on online publishing, writing and reading. They have built a new community where they can share stories,” Atalia said.

The United States Embassy in the Philippines Public Affairs Counselor Ms. Carolyn B. Glassman graced the opening of the international confab.

The conference was co-organized by the UST College of Education and the UST Department of Filipino through HASAAN 5 and sponsored by the US Embassy in Manila, according to College of Education Dean Prof. Allan B. de Guzman. It had for its theme “Educating the World through Literatures: Promoting Understanding, Peace and Equality.”



Mr. Christopher Merrill, Director of the Iowa International Writing Program

## Saint Thomas Aquinas High School Canada, Samroiody Wittayakham School of Thailand visit UST Education High School



The Office of Public Affairs with the students of Saint Thomas Aquinas High School Canada

On two separate occasions, students from a high school in Canada which bears the same name as this Pontifical and Royal University, and students from a high school in Thailand visited the University of Santo Tomas Education High School.

Students from the Saint Thomas Aquinas High School of Canada visited the UST Education High School on March 13, 2017, while those from the Samroiody Wittayakham School of Thailand came in February. On both occasions, the groups were welcomed to UST by Education High School Principal Asst. Prof. Loreto S. Sauz, Education High School Supervising Teacher for English Assoc. Prof. Andres Julio V. Santiago, Jr., Ph.D., and UST Office for Public Affairs Director Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla.

Led by its Campus Ministry Coordinator Fr. Jeremy Keong, faculty members of Saint Thomas Aquinas High School Canada accompanied a group of Grade 11 students.



Asst. Prof. Loreto S. Sauz, Education High School Principal

A group of pre-service teachers who are students under the BSE English program of the College of Education composed of Angelo Dy, Jenina Alba, Shawn Asuncion, Anavill Barroso, Danica Cardenas, Vea Carino, Shiela Co, Samantha Dumlao, Jordon Estrada, Precious Gatus, Camille Jaranilla, Jamie Javier, Emma Paculdo, Jiayi Ren, Rhizah Tabilisima, Fatima Tarun, Hezekiah Zaraspe, and Jocelyn Zhang organized a set of activities and assisted the participants in undertakings that showcased the oral communication skills of the students from the Saint Thomas Aquinas High School and the UST Education High School.

by the Foreign Teachers Head Mr. Julius C. Pacheco, English Program Head Ms. Snagwan Janlamoon, Computer Teacher Ms. Panumas Naksatmonthon, and English Teacher Ms. Nerissa Denilla.

Janlamoon said that the Special English Program of the Samroiody Wittayakham School of Thailand was introduced in 2003 to specifically develop the English language proficiency of the Thai students. All subject areas under this program use English as medium of instruction.

A set of interactive activities focusing on oral communication was prepared and facilitated by a group of pre-service teachers who are students under the BSE English program of UST College of Education that include Patrick Ernest Celso, Dericke Duane C. Aguas, Elyssa Joy M. Deluyas, Jordon Angelo G. Estrada, Louise Frances Marquez, and Nikki S. Mendoza. These activities fostered camaraderie and served as learning opportunities for both the Thai and the Filipino students in terms of honing their communication skills in English. The students from the Education High School presented a cultural performance in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The participants also had the opportunity to link with one another as they come from a school whose patron saint is also Saint Thomas Aquinas. Students from the Saint Thomas Aquinas High School performed a dance number and exchanged contact information. The activity ended with a prayer and blessing led by Fr. Jeremy Keong.

Meanwhile, the Junior High School Students from the Special English Program of the Samroiody Wittayakham School of Thailand were accompanied



Students of the Samroiody Wittayakham School of Thailand with the students of UST Education High School

## UST CTHM joins international ranks of Certified Guest Service Professionals; Dean Tio Cuison, faculty now Certified Hospitality Educators



Certified Hospitality Educators College of Tourism and Hospitality Dean Maria Cecilia Tio Cuison (5th from left), CTHM administrators and faculty members with their certificate plaques from the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute.

The College of Tourism and Hospitality Management administrators, faculty, and support staff now join the ranks of internationally-accredited service professionals after their excellent performance during the first Certified Guest Service Professionals (CGSP) workshop and certification program held on July 28 and 29, 2016 at the Albertus Magnus Building of the University of Santo Tomas.

The CGSP is a guest service training program developed by Asia World Hospitality, which is the Philippine representative of the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute (AHLEI). It is a training program developed by AHLEI to motivate employees in becoming guest-oriented and service-focused, as well as in providing exemplary service that exceeds customers' and guests' expectations.

Administrators, selected faculty and support staff of the UST CTHM now have the CGSP designation which is recognized around the world. This certification is the premiere choice of globally branded hotels and international cruise lines. As such, it is regarded as the highest form of acknowledgement for guest services.

Named as CGSP were Dean Maria Cecilia Tio Cuison, Assistant Dean Amy Mia Turaray, Hotel and Restaurant Management

Program Chair Evangeline Timbang, and Travel Management Program Chair Fredeswindo Medina. The faculty members who successfully completed and passed the certification include Remedio Abuton, Maria Conception Ang, Jane Devanadera, Christine Conception Fajardo, Jinky Rose Gino-Gino, Dennis Ligan, Roshni Mansukhani, James Mark Nidea, Freddie Quinito, and Nathaniel Siao. Support staff members Cyrene Anives, Kathleen Fernandez, and Ruby Ann Lucina now carry the title Certified Guest Service Professionals.

The CGSP training program and certification allowed the participants to engage in activities during the two copyrighted programs called "Guest Service Gold: Making Connections" and "Guest Service Gold: Golden Opportunities." Both programs highlight seven brief stories designed to motivate and inspire guest service employees for them to provide exceptional service above and beyond the call of duty.

The "Guest Service Gold: Golden Opportunities" include the following segments: (1) Recovery: Turn it Around; (2) Personalization: Provide an individualized Experience; (3) Knowledge: Be in the Know; (4) Passion: Inspire Others; (5) Commitment: Be All In; (6) Inclusion: Include Everyone; and (7) Personality: Be Yourself. The "Guest

Service Gold: Making Connections" included the following segments: (1) Authenticity: Keeping it Real; (2) Intuition: Read the Need; (3) Empathy: Use your Heart; (4) Champion: Be a Guest Hero; (5) Delight: Provide a Surprise; (6) Delivery: Follow Through; and (7) Initiative: Make the Effort.

Both programs focused on recovery, personalization, knowledge, passion, commitment, inclusion, and personality development, which feature simulations of corresponding case studies for each element. The training activities also had focused discussions on authenticity, intuition, empathy, delight, delivery, initiative, and being a guest champion.

At the end of the workshops and certifications, participants were encouraged to find ways to turn guest service into a memorable and positive experience, something that motivated UST participants to pass the CGSP certification examination and turned them into certified guest professionals.

In a related development, 14 administrators and faculty members became Certified Hospitality Educators (CHE) by the AHLEI.

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## LECTURES & CONFERENCES

### USAID STRIDE holds conference, consultative visit at UST CCC



USAID STRIDE consultants Mr. Joseph Testani and Ms. Christine Cruzvergara (center) with Dr. Lucila Bance, UST CCC Director (fourth from right) and the Counseling and Career Center team.



UST consultants and representatives at the career center conference.

Career center consultants from the United States visited the University of Santo Tomas Counseling and Career Center (CCC) from March 29 to 31, 2017 to continue to provide technical assistance in developing a model career development center in the Philippines. This visit, in line with the grant awarded to UST by the United States Agency for International Development – Science, Technology, Research and Innovation (USAID STRIDE), was a follow-up to their first and second visits held in September 2014 and November 2015, respectively.

Ms. Christine Cruzvergara and Mr. Joseph Testani, consultants and career experts from the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan, focused on reviewing and evaluating the progress of the UST CCC, assessing the current structure and set-up of the CCC, and creating strategies for the future direction which the CCC aims to pursue with the support of the UST administration. Some of the key progress identified in the development of UST as a model career center are: having designated staff for the Career Development function and the Industry Linkages function; managing the University Career Fair; and implementing the Thomasian Has GUTS: Gear-Up Tools for Success (ThomGUTS) Career

Development Program. The three-day visit also covered workshops for the CCC team on identifying and developing strategies to achieve the transition goals of the department based on the proposal and recommendation of the consultants to pave the way for a more focused delivery of career services for Thomasians.

Prior to the consultants' visit to UST, the USAID-STRIDE organized a two-day career center conference was held on March 27 and 28 at the Manila Diamond Hotel, attended by a selected group of individuals from the academe, industry and government agency such as the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The USAID STRIDE CAREER CENTER: Philippine Career Services Conference aimed to serve as an initial step towards the establishment of a Philippine version of the National Association Colleges and Employers (NACE) in the United States. In this event, representatives and consultants from the eight Philippine university career centers mentored by the USAID STRIDE in partnership with the William Davidson Institute (WDI) and Florida State University (FSU) shared their best practices and how the USAID-STRIDE was able to help them expand their operations and improve the delivery of career services to the students.

At the conference, UST CCC Director Prof. Lucila O. Bance, Ph.D., presented the best practices of UST as a model career center. Also presented were: UST CCC guidance counselors Monica Sophia L. De Leon, Ph.D., Lynmarie Therese C. Balaan, Stephanie Anne C. Lu, Christine P. Garinganao, and Christine C. Quita. UST consultants Mr. Joseph Testani, University of Rochester Career and Internship Center Assistant Dean and Executive Director, Gwen M. Greene and Wellesley College Associate Provost and Executive Director for Career Education Ms. Christine Cruzvergara.

US Career Center Directors Ms. Amy Gillet, University of Michigan; Dr. Jeff Garis, Florida State University; Mr. Andrew Ceperley, writer and strategist; Dr. Farouk Dey, Stanford University; and Dr. Heather White, University of Florida, who served as consultants to the eight Philippine university career centers also attended the event. The culmination of the two-day conference led the participants into a discussion of continuous partnership and a possible formation of a more formal organization or network of colleges and employers.

# UNIVERSITY VISITORS



## Fr. Franck Dubois, O.P.

Fr. Franck Dubois, O.P., Director of the Rosary Pilgrimage for the Flanders-Artois-Picardy region and Director of DOM and Go, Convent of the Dominicans of Lille, France (signing guest book) with (from left) Asst. Prof. Lorna Paras, Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs of the UST Office of Public Affairs, Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Director of the Office of Public Affairs, Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., Secretary-General of the University of Santo Tomas, and Assoc. Prof. Karen Santiago, Associate Director of the Office of International Relations and Programs



## Ms. Carolyn B. Glassman

From left: Assoc. Prof. Giovanna V. Fontanilla, Director of the Office of Public Affairs; Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., Secretary-General of the University of Santo Tomas; and Ms. Carolyn Glassman, Public Affairs Counselor, US Embassy in the Philippines

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The CHE designation is globally regarded as a recognized credential in the hospitality and tourism education as it is the only professional development opportunity designed for collegiate hospitality educators around the world.

The newly named Certified Hospitality Educators were Dean Tio Cuison, Asst. Dean Turaray, HRM Program Chair Timbang, and TM Program Chair Medina. The faculty members who received the same recognition were: M. C. Ang, J. Devanadera, C. Fajardo, Maigie Feria, J. Gino-Gino, Gezzez Giezi Granado, Ryan Liba, R. Mansukhani, F. Quinito, and N. Siao.

With this recognition, these hospitality educators who received a CHE lapel pin and certificate plaque from the AHLEI can now append to their names the "CHE" designation.

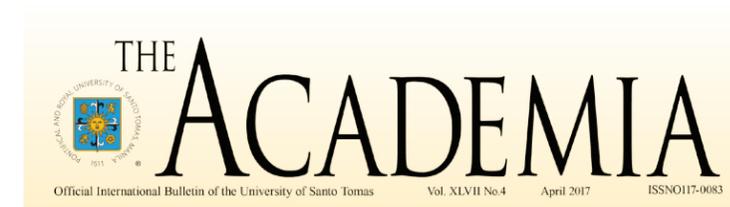
Screening of the participants included the meeting of Plan A requirements such as: currently employed full-time as a postsecondary hospitality educator, with at least two years of experience in one or more such positions; having at least a four year degree or international diploma from an approved institution; and having at least two years of full-time professional experience in the hospitality industry, with a minimum of one year in a managerial or supervisory position.

Plan B requirements included meeting the following requirements: currently employed full-time or part-time as a post-secondary hospitality educator, and with at least five years of full-time professional experience in the hospitality industry, with a minimum of two years in a managerial or supervisory position.

The UST CTHM delegates actively participated during the workshop and certification program held from June 8 to 11, 2016, facilitated by Fr. Robert Steele, a Catholic priest from the Diocese of Auckland. Fr. Steele is currently a program leader and a senior lecturer at the AUT University, School of Hospitality and Tourism in Auckland, New Zealand, and has a 30-year experience in the field of hospitality.

For AHLEI-approved certified hospitality educators to retain their designation, they will undergo a recertification process every five years, including garnering points taken from their combined teaching experience, continuing education, professional affiliations, and other educational services such as conducting hospitality trainings and related workshops.

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