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Fr. Timoner is elected Master of the Order of Preachers



Very Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco P. Timoner, III, O.P., (center) professes his faith during his installation as the Master of the Order. He is accompanied by the Prior Provincials of the two oldest provinces of the Order: Rev. Fr. Olivier de Saint-Martin, O.P. from Toulouse (left) and Rev. Fr. Jesús Díaz Sariego, O.P. from Spain. [photo from the Ordo Praedicatorum Facebook page]

Very Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco P. Timoner, III, O.P., was elected Master of the Order of Preachers on July 13, 2019 during the General Chapter of the Order in Biên Hòa, Vietnam. He becomes the first Asian and the first Filipino successor of St. Dominic de Guzman, the Spanish preacher who founded the Order in 1215.

Fr. Timoner, the 88th Master of the Order, was the Socius for Asia and the Pacific. He now succeeds Very Rev. Fr. Bruno Cadoré, O.P., M.D., who served as the Master of the Order for nine years.

In the Eucharistic Celebration prior to the election, Very Rev. Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, O.P., who served as the Master of the Order from 1992 to 2001, encouraged the Dominicans to rely on the Holy Spirit for inspiration in electing, and eventually guiding, the next Master.

To Serve and Build

“The essence of the Church is communion, concretized in an extraordinary way when brothers celebrate the Eucharist,” Fr. Timoner said in his message after his election.

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Master of the Order Fr. Cadoré visits UST, inaugurates new UST Hospital building

The Master of the Order of Preachers and Chancellor of the University of Santo Tomas, Very Rev. Fr. Bruno Cadoré, O.P., M.D., visited the University on July 3, 2019, and inaugurated the new St. John Paul II Building of the UST Hospital on July 4, 2019.

Accompanying him were Socius for Intellectual Life Rev. Fr. Pablo Carlos Sicouly, O.P., Procurator General Rev.



(From left:) UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., The Master of the Order of Preachers and UST Chancellor Very Rev. Fr. Bruno Cadoré, O.P., UST Hospital Chief Executive Officer Rev. Fr. Manuel F. Roux, O.P., Procurator General of the Order Rev. Fr. Benjamin Earl, O.P., and USTH Director for Finance and Administration Assoc. Prof. Isidora Lee, view the commemorative plaque on the inauguration of the St. John Paul II Building shortly after it was unveiled by the Master of the Order and the UST Rector.

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UST Archivist Prof. Regalado Trota José, (foreground, back to camera) presents the Baybayin Documents, a national cultural treasure, to (from left:) Socius for Asia Pacific Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco Timoner, III, O.P., Socius for Intellectual Life Rev. Fr. Pablo Sicouly, O.P., and Procurator General Rev. Fr. Benjamin Earl, O.P.



UST Museum Assistant Director Ar. Carlo Sayco (in navy blue coat) presents the Rector's Maces, to Socius for Intellectual Life Rev. Fr. Pablo Sicouly, O.P., and Procurator General Rev. Fr. Benjamin Earl, O.P.



Very Rev. Fr. Bruno Cadoré, O.P., delivers his message.



Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines and UST Vice Chancellor Very Rev. Fr. Napoleon B. Sipalay, O.P., gives the welcome remarks.

Fr. Benjamin Earl, O.P., and the Socius for Asia-Pacific and former Vice Chancellor of the University Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco Timoner, III, O.P.

Philosophy of Care

At the Eucharistic Celebration which was held during the inauguration of the new hospital building, the Master of the Order said in his homily that just as there were people who presented the paralyzed man to Jesus for healing, "There is a community who did care for the sick, and in so doing, the community of the hospital, the University community, is entrusted by all of humanity to take care, in the name of humanity, of each sick person coming [to this hospital]. We are not just at the service of sick people. We are doing that at the service of all of humanity: taking care of sick people on behalf of the whole human community."

"That's what happens in a hospital, even more in a University hospital," continued the Master of the Order, a French physician and bioethicist. He explained, "Caring for people is caring for the community we belong to. Care is the service of the person, in the name of this duty of solidarity with those who are most vulnerable."

Fr. Cadoré emphasized that "This

philosophy of care must be at the heart of this project. The care is always aimed at restoring the patient's ability to carry out his or her health with confidence and support of all. We are here to take care, to cure sometimes, but more than [that], to give, once again, confidence to each patient in his own life, capacity, and ability to live among the human community."

A warm Thomasian welcome

Following the blessing and inauguration of the UST Hospital St. John Paul II Building, Fr. Sicouly and Fr. Earl visited the UST Museum, Miguel de Benavides Library and Archives, Center for Campus Ministry, and the Central Laboratory.

That same night, a testimonial dinner in honor of the Master of the Order was held at the Dr. Robert C. Sy Grand Ballroom, UST Paredes Building, and was hosted by UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P.

Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines and UST Vice Chancellor Very Rev. Fr. Napoleon B. Sipalay, Jr., O.P., in his welcome remarks, said that he was grateful for the "symbol of unity within the Order of Preachers, who, after serving the Order for nine years of his term, is once again blessing us with his presence today." Fr. Sipalay highlighted

the physical presence of the Master in support of many of the projects helmed by the Dominican Province of the Philippines.

It would be remembered that under Fr. Cadoré's term, from 2010 to 2019, the Order of Preachers celebrated its 800th year in 2016 and the University of Santo Tomas celebrated its Quadricentennial anniversary in 2011.

Fr. Cadoré, 87th successor of St. Dominic de Guzman, the founder of the Order, thanked the Dominican and Thomasian community for the warm welcome, and in his message, he encouraged further the values of brotherhood.

"The first and most important message we are given, is that to become human, we need to become brothers and sisters. This, I do believe, is the conviction of Saint Dominic, when he said as he began the Order in the South of France, 'I ask that you call me brother Dominic' as if, for him, it was the first message to give to the world. Each human being has this ability to be recognized as a brother, as a sister, and to recognize others as brothers and sisters, and I think this is the synthesis of our Preaching," said the Master.

Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., led the invocation, while Communications Bureau Director

Rev. Fr. Christopher Jeffrey Aytona, O.P., and Rev. Fr. Jayson Gonzales, O.P., served as masters of ceremony.

Cultural performances were presented by the UST Conservatory of Music, the UST Salinggawi Dance Troupe, and the UST Singers. Mr. JR De Guzman, *tenor*, and Ms. Cloi Sogano, *soprano*, sang "Libiamo ne' lieti calici" (Let Us Drink from Joyful Cups), one of the best-known opera melodies from Verdi's "La Traviata", while the UST Salinggawi Dance Troupe presented Filipino folk dances, *Binasuan* and *Maria Clara*. Finally, two-time Choir of the World Luciano Pavarotti Trophy award recipient The UST Singers captivated the audience with the timeless classic "La Vie en Rose," "Come Alive" from the Grammy Award-winning soundtrack of "The Greatest Showman," and a medley of songs by prolific Filipino composer George Canseco.

From the Philippines, the Dominican leaders headed to Biên Hòa, Vietnam for the annual General Chapter of the Order, in which one of the activities is the election of the next Master of the Order, the 88th Successor of St. Dominic. The Philippines was the last Dominican Province that the outgoing Master, Fr. Cadoré, visited before the end of his nine-year term.



(From left:) Socius for Asia and the Pacific Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco Timoner, III, O.P., UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., and Master of the Order Very Rev. Fr. Bruno Cadoré, O.P., (foreground) watch the cultural performances.



Two-time Choir of the World Luciano Pavarotti trophy award recipient The UST Singers performs during the testimonial dinner.

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The new global leader of the Dominicans emphasized that “We Dominicans must serve the Church with what we are: a communion of brothers. We must help this Church to become a strong communion. We must not look continually at ourselves, but at the Church, which we must help to serve and build.”

St. Dominic formed an Order of Preachers, explained Fr. Timoner. He encouraged them to keep its Mission in their hearts, that the Church today “needs a Francis and a Dominic. There is a need for a new evangelization, and we are all called to do precisely that.”

“[St. Dominic said] ‘We are preachers.’ It is not what we do; it is who we are. Mission is not what we do; it is who we are. And if that is clear, everything will just follow. We are preachers even when we are not preaching. We are preachers even if in our old age, we can no longer speak. We are preachers even if we are not ordained. We are preachers even if we are sick. We are preachers even if we are doing serious research alone in our rooms. We are preachers when we are helping the less privileged. We are preachers. That is our identity.”



Very Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco P. Timoner, III, O.P., addresses the congregation after his election.

The New Master of the Order

The new Master admitted his initial hesitation to take the lead upon learning of his election. But firming his resolve through the prayers and reassurance of the Dominican brothers, he remembered the encouraging words of the Socius of the Master for Northwest Europe and Canada Rev. Fr. Vivian Boland, O.P., who reminded him that “We have prayed for the Holy Spirit. We must trust the brothers.”

Fr. Timoner is the third Master of the Order who is not from Europe, the previous ones being Fr. Antonio Monroy, O.P., from México (1677 to 1686) and Fr. Carlos Azpiroz, O.P., from Argentina (2001 to 2010).

A native of Daet, Camarines Norte, in the Bicol Region, Fr. Timoner was ordained a priest in 1995. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from the Philippine Dominican Center of Institutional Studies in 1991 and his Bachelor's degree in Theology

at the University of Santo Tomas in 1994. He received his licentiate in Sacred Theology from the Catholic University of Nijmegen in the Netherlands in 2004.

In 2014, Pope Francis appointed Fr. Timoner as member of the International Theological Commission, a 30-member Vatican body tasked with examining questions on doctrinal matters, established by Pope Paul VI in 1969.

Prior to being appointed Socius for Asia and the Pacific in 2017 by Fr. Cadoré, Fr. Timoner has held, among others, the positions of Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines and Vice Chancellor of the University of Santo Tomas from 2012 to 2017, and 11th Rector of the UST Central Seminary from 2007 to 2012.

As the new Master of the Order of Preachers, the Very Rev. Fr. Gerard Francisco P. Timoner, III, O.P., now serves as Chancellor of the University of Santo Tomas.



PCNE VI at UST encourages youth to grow closer to Christ

Manila Archbishop His Eminence Most Rev. Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle, D.D., (center) and Apostolic Nuncio His Excellency Most Rev. Gabriele Giordano Caccia, D.D., during the closing Mass for PCNE VI with Our Lady of Piety on the background [photo courtesy of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Manila]

The sixth Philippine Conference on New Evangelization, a four-day gathering of more than 5,000 Filipino Catholics organized by the Office for the Promotion of the New Evangelization (OPNE) and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Manila, was once again held at the University of Santo Tomas from July 18 to 21, 2019.

With the theme “Filipino Youth: Walking with Jesus,” the Conference was in consonance with the 2019 theme, “Filipino Youth in Mission: Beloved, Gifted, & Empowered,” that was declared by the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines as part of its nine-year preparation for the quinquennial anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in 2021.

In the perspective setting, OPNE Director Fr. Jason Laguerta quoted *Christus vivit*, an apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis about young people, faith, and vocational discernment, and said, “The young people are the present of the Church, ‘the now of God.’ This is the mindset that we are supposed to

cultivate at PCNE – to pivot toward the young. They are here; they are not going away. [Is the Church] ready for the young people? For as long as there are young people who have one foot ready to move forward, then we will have hope and we will never give up.”

The first day of the Conference focused on the encounter with clergy and consecrated persons. The Opening Eucharistic Celebration was presided by Episcopal Commission on Mutual Relations between Bishops and Religious Chairman and Cagayan de Oro Archbishop Most. Rev. Antonio J. Ledesma, S.J.. A biblio-drama by the Dulaan Tobias Foundation, a 25-year old community theater group from Tondo, Manila, was also featured. Kalookan Bishop Most Rev. Pablo Virgilio S. David, D.D., served as speaker on “Interpreting: Jesus Ever Young,” while Papal Knight and Head of the English Desk for the Vatican Dicastery for Communication Sean-Patrick Lovett spoke on “Using the Medium, Being the Message.”

On the second day, which was open for all participants whether lay or clergy, the *Misa ng Bayang Pilipino* (Mass of the Philippine Nation) was presided by Daet Bishop Most Rev. Rex Andrew C. Alarcon, D.D.

Bishop Alarcon encouraged Catholics to help guide young people to find answers to



Office for the Promotion of the New Evangelization Director Fr. Jason H. Laguerta opens Day 2 of PCNE VI with the perspective setting. [photo courtesy of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Manila]



Daet Bishop Most Rev. Rex Andrew C. Alarcon, D.D., delivers the homily for the Misa ng Bayang Filipino. [photo courtesy of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Manila]



(From left:) Apostolic Nuncio His Excellency Most Rev. Gabriele Giordano Caccia, D.D., Episcopal Commission on Youth Chairman and Bangued Bishop Most Rev. Leopoldo C. Jaucian, S.V.D., Second Counselor Msgr. Gabriel Viola of the Apostolic Nunciature, UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo Tiong, O.P., and Office for the Promotion of New Evangelization Director Fr. Jason Laguerta during the PCNE VI closing Mass. [photo courtesy of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Manila]

their questions. “The youth have very brave questions [regarding faith and truth], many of which, we, the elders cannot answer,” he said.

The Bishop emphasized that people need “to walk with the youth in search of the truth” by giving them a “sense of belongingness” and to help them “exercise their freedom to develop mature commitments.”

“If we still cannot answer [the youth’s] many questions, it is important that they feel that they have someone with them in search of the truth,” he explained.

It was a sentiment echoed by Episcopal Commission on Youth Chairman and Bangued Bishop Most Rev. Leopoldo C. Jaucian, S.V.D., in his homily for the Eucharistic Celebration on the third day of PCNE VI. “My dear young people, you are the treasure of the Church. You are the joy of the Church and you are the power

of the Church,” said Bishop Jaucian.

On the same day, a panel discussion on “A Listening and Accompanying Church,” moderated by Fr. Jade Licuanan and Sr. Helen Palacay, FMIJ, was held. Speakers were: The Feast Youth High Head Benedict Sanchez, Catholic lay preacher and Feast Builder Bro. Audee Villaraza, St. Paul University Manila (SPUM) College of Music and Performing Arts (CMPA) Dean Sr. Maria Anunciata Sta. Ana, SPUM CMPA Chairperson Dr. Raul Sunico, Mary Help of Christians College Theology professor Ma. Socorro

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Heart to Heart with Cardinal Chito panel discussants (from left:) Robi Domingo, Rhys Eugenio, Atty. Anna Basman, Cherry Ann "Sisi" Rondina, H.E. Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle, Bro. Bo Sanchez, and Austin Quick [photo courtesy of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Manila]

Villafania, Evangelion Foundation Values Formation facilitator Nelson Villafania, and their son, John Mari Villafania.

For the "Hungry Souls, Holy Companions" panel discussion, speakers were: spoken word poet Serge Gabriel, Catholic praise band "Where's The Sheep?" member Michael Shimamoto, and Bukas Palad Music Ministry Founder Fr. Manoling Francisco, S.J.

The final day of PCNE VI featured praise and worship sessions, a play titled "Youth Journey - Genesis to Jesus," and a concert titled "A Musical Narrative of Darkness and Light."

Heart to Heart with Cardinal Chito

In his annual talk show segment for PCNE, Manila Archbishop His Eminence Most Rev. Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle, D.D., listened to and highlighted the joys, pains, anxieties, and hopes of the youth. Guests were: Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament Member Atty. Anna Tarhata Basman, young TV personalities Robi Domingo and Rhys Eugenio, former captain of the UST Golden Tigresses and UAAP Season 81 Most Valuable Player Cherry Ann "Sisi" Rondina, Catholic Connect LLC President and COO Austin M.D. Quick, and The Light of Jesus and The Feast Founder Bro. Bo Sanchez.

On the challenges faced by the youth in terms of their reception of the Word of God, Sanchez pointed out the need for mentors. "They need authentic real people who can mirror God's love. [The youth] will not know God's love on a theoretical level, if they do not experience it through you,

through your personal relationship [with the person you want to bring closer to God].

Quick highlighted another need, saying that "The youth want to be heard, and they have to have an intentional relationship with Jesus Christ. They want the Church, the leaders and people in the Church, to be honest with them, to be real with them, to see them as peers that have a voice, because they have something to offer. [The youth are] an exceptional generation. They have so many tools and so many gifts. If the Church just taps into this room alone, think of what the Archdiocese of Manila and the Church can do."

Cardinal Tagle added saying, "The whole Church can learn something from [the youth]. The elders do have valuable lessons to share with them, but now, the challenge is for the young people to share with the rest of the community their wisdom, because they know this present world better than we do."

On the struggles of youth in a minority situation, Basman, a Muslim lawyer who studied in a Catholic high school in Manila, spoke of her drive to see her difference as a strength. She advised youth who are bullied, who feel as if they don't fit in, to acknowledge the feeling of being different, but "to rise above it, since uniqueness is 'in' right now. So make it a source of your strength. You can't change who you are, but you can use it to your advantage."

Rondina, who grew up in Cebu and received an athletic scholarship from the University of Santo Tomas, shared her experience of working for their neighbors and playing in local volleyball leagues to



Episcopal Commission on Youth Chairman and Bangued Bishop Most Rev. Leopoldo C. Jaucian, SVD, delivers the homily during the Eucharistic Celebration on the third day of PCNE VI. [photo courtesy of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Manila]

support herself and her family. "Masaya ako na kahit sobrang hirap, nakatutulong ako sa pamilya ko. Nagsikap ako, disiplina, at nanalig." (I'm happy that even though I had difficult experiences, I was able to help my family. I persevered, remained disciplined, and had faith.)

"Thankful ako sa Diyos na binigay sa 'kin 'yung talent na 'to. Dahil diyan, nakapagtapos po 'yung dalawa kong ate sa college, and natulungan ko po 'yung kapatid ko na mag-aral dito [sa UST]," said Rondina. (I'm thankful to the Lord for giving me the talent [to play volleyball]. Because of that, I was able to support my [older] sisters and they finished college, and I was able to help my [younger] sibling to study in UST."

Domingo and Eugenio, who both shot to fame from the live reality show *Pinoy Big*

Brother, talked on the challenges of growing up in the spotlight and under the scrutiny of the public. "Whenever it's hard, I used to stress myself out. But later on in life, I realized that, there's no use [doing that]. If there's something happening and I can't do anything about it, I'm gonna place that in God's hands. And if I can do something about, I'm gonna try my best and also pray, because if I do my best, God's gonna handle the rest."

The path of a celebrity may lead to financial success despite the emotional struggle that can come from being judged constantly. However, TV personality Robi Domingo

and wipes the sweat of those who call for her help. After the closing Eucharistic Celebration, presided by Manila Archbishop His Eminence Most Rev. Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle, D.D., and concelebrated by the Apostolic Nuncio His Excellency Most Rev. Gabriele Giordano Caccia, D.D., Second Counselor Msgr. Gabriel Viola of the Apostolic Nunciature, Office for the Promotion of New Evangelization Director Fr. Jason Laguerta, and UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo Tiong, O.P., participants held out and waved their white handkerchiefs, given by PCNE organizers with the inscription "Behold, I am with you always," as the faithful sang a song of devotion in honor of Our Lady of Piat.

In a final message at the closing of PCNE, Cardinal Tagle encouraged everyone to "Stay online with Jesus! Christ is alive!" and send this message to the community through social media posts and mobile text messages.



Cardinal Tagle and the participants of PCNE VI wave their white handkerchiefs in honor of the image of Our Lady of Piat. [photo courtesy of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Manila]

advised that, when it comes to handling the returns of their double-edged career, it is not enough to invest financially, "but [it is more important to] invest in your character, invest in your connections, and most especially, invest in your faith. If you go into this kind of industry, *kailangan mo ng kakapitan, at 'yung pinaka matinding kakapitan mo, ang ating Panginoon.*" (You need something to cling to, and the best one to be your foundation is the Lord.)

Our Lady of Piat

Gracing the Conference was the image of Our Lady of the Visitation of Piat that was brought from Macau to the Philippines by the Dominican Fathers in 1604. The image of the Madonna and the Child Jesus both hold handkerchiefs that represent both Our Lady's maternal comfort and love, as she dries the tears

Fourth Rector's Cup raises funds for UST athletes; Team Science garners highest points



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P., (onstage, in dark blue) with Office of Alumni Relations Director Asst. Prof. Fredeswindo R. Medina (onstage, second from left) and the team captains.

More than 200 Thomasian alumni golf players and sponsors took part in the fourth Rector's Cup to raise funds for the benefit of Thomasian student-athletes. The tournament, organized by the Office of Alumni Relations (OAR) in collaboration with the UST Alumni Association, Inc., was held at The Orchard Golf and Country Club in Dasmariñas, Cavite on June 10, 2019.

The annual Rector's Cup was first organized by the OAR in 2016. The tournament has proven to be a helpful vehicle to support the developmental program and competitions of UST student-athletes while at the same time, reinforcing camaraderie, solidarity, and friendship among its alumni working toward a common goal.

This year's tournament was made doubly special because it was held in memory of its great contributor, the late UST In-house Civil Engineer Engr. Lawrence K. Pangan. From the previous year's 27-hole course of Sta. Elena Golf and Country Estate in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, it was transferred to the two 18-hole courses of the Orchard to accommodate more golfers. The full day event saw the alumni come together over a meaningful morning of golf.

The day continued with a banquet and fellowship graced by the presence of UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Herminio V. Dagohoy, O.P. The ceremony was hosted by Tournament Chairman Dr. Adrian Paolo Laurel and College of Commerce Team Captain Eduardo Nepomuceno. In the afternoon, awards were

given and lucky prizes were drawn. Winners of the major raffle draw took home prizes courtesy of sponsors and partners such as Shinagawa Lasik & Aesthetics, Skynet Travel Corporation, and Allpoints Travel Services, Inc.

The top players and special awardees received glass plaques inspired by the Orlina championship trophy. The top scorer for the Palmer course was Dr. Marc Reyes of the Faculty of Pharmacy team garnering 52 points and while the Player course top scorer was College of Science's Ronald Cruz with 48 points. The over-all individual top scorer was Dr. Gerry Gonzales of College of Science with 53 points.

The Science team also had the most number of players in this year's tournament making them garner a whopping 357 points, thus dethroning the Faculty of Medicine as the champion of the Rector's Cup last year. Still, the Faculty of Medicine managed a podium finish placing third in the tournament with 334 points. The Faculty of Engineering placed second with 344 points.

Before the ceremony ended, Tournament Director Fernando and Tournament Chair Laurel announced that the next Rector's Cup host is the College of Science, this year's champion.

For the fifth edition of the tournament, Team Captain Dr. Elvis Llarena promised to have a larger golf player population and to raise more funds for the student-athletes.

Expanding Pharmacy's Borders: Dean Dacanay meets academic officials of University of Illinois, University of Malta; Castillo meets officials of Thai universities



(From left:) University of Illinois Chicago Pharmacy Practice Director Prof. Alan H. Lau, Pharm.D., UST Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Aleth Therese Dacanay, Ph.D., University of Malta Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Department of Pharmacy Head Prof. Lilian M. Azzopardi, Ph.D., University of Malta Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics Department Head Prof. Anthony Fenech, Ph.D.

training for faculty members of clinical pharmacy practice, fellowship grants and benchmarking activities. The dean also expressed her interest to formalize internationalization activities through a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Malta.

While meetings in the Philippines were taking place, meetings were conducted at three topnotch universities in Thailand where the UST Faculty of Pharmacy was represented by its International Relations Officer Assoc. Prof. Agnes L. Castillo, Ph.D., at the Thammasat University, Mahidol University and Chulalongkorn University on June 24 and 25, 2019.

Thammasat University

The Faculty of Pharmacy initiated internationalization activities with the Faculty of Pharmacy of the Thammasat University, Thailand through its International Relations Officer, Assoc. Prof. Agnes L. Castillo, Ph.D.

Castillo met the following academic officials on June 25, 2019: Dean Dr. Narong Sarisuta, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs/Division of Pharmaceutical Care Assoc. Prof. Dr. Juraporn Pongwecharak, Asst. Dean for Research and Graduate Studies/Division of Pharmaceutics Assoc. Prof. Dr. Rathapon Asasutjarit, Dr. Tuangrat

Phodha, Division of Pharmaceutical Care and Asst. Dean for Student Affairs Dr. Aurapa Sakulpanich.

Several matters were discussed on collaborative research, co-supervision for research students, mobility programs, exchange students, training of faculty members for clinical practice. After the round table discussion, Castillo was shown the facilities and laboratories of the Thammasat Faculty of Pharmacy.

Mahidol University

The delegation of the UST Faculty of Pharmacy, represented by Castillo, visited the Faculty of Pharmacy of Mahidol University on June 24, 2019. She had a meeting with Biochemistry Department Chair Asst. Prof. Dr. Jiraphun Jittikoon, along with department members regarding research activities, symposium and faculty/student mobility. The MOU between the two institutions will be extended and research will be included as part of the main activity. Castillo presented the three BS Biochemistry exchange students who had their pharmaceutical biochemistry training from June 24 to July 20, 2019 at the Mahidol University.

Castillo also met with the Pharmacy Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pramote Tragulpiankit and discussed further

collaboration on faculty member exchange and training on clinical practice.

Chulalongkorn University

Another university that the delegation of the UST Faculty of Pharmacy led by Castillo visited on June 24, 2019 was the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences of Chulalongkorn University. She had a meeting with Pharmacognosy Department International Relations Coordinator Asst. Prof. Dr. Waranyoo Phoolcharoen, along with Research Affairs Associate Dean Prof. Dr. Pornchai Rojsitthisak regarding research activities, symposium and faculty/student mobility.

Castillo likewise presented the four exchange students from UST under the BS Biochemistry program and three students under the BS Pharmacy program major in Clinical Pharmacy who undertook training from June 24 to July 20, 2019 at the Chulalongkorn University.

After the meeting, Castillo and the students were given a tour to show the facilities of the institution such as the pharmacognosy laboratory featuring the biotechnology and vaccine development using plants, manufacturing lab, drugstore where faculty members/ pharmacists and students practice their skills in pharmaceutical management, pharmaceutical care, dispensing and clinical pharmacy.



UST Eco Tigers I ranks first in Prototype Diesel Category of Shell Eco-Marathon Asia 2019

A UST team named UST Eco Tigers I, composed of 11 Mechanical and six Electrical Engineering students, and four faculty members of the UST Faculty of Engineering, ranked first in the Prototype Diesel category of the Shell Eco-Marathon Asia (SEMA) 2019 held in May 2019 at the Sepang International Circuit, Selangor, Malaysia.

The UST Eco Tigers I is the official team of the University of Santo Tomas for the Shell Eco Marathon Asia. It competed in the Prototype Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) category using Diesel as energy source and came up with a record of 463 km/Liter beating the last year's record of 352.5 km/Liter and the Philippine record of 388 km/Liter set at Shell Eco-Marathon Asia 2017 in Singapore. This was the team's best record yet.

The team placed 8th in Asia out of 26 participating teams under the Prototype ICE category and placed 1st under the Prototype Diesel category. It was the only Philippine university that received the ranking under the said category. It was followed by a team from a university in Indonesia that obtained a lower rank.

As to the UST team winning in the Prototype Diesel Category, UST Eco Tigers I 2020 Team Leader Ronald Vargas, Jr., said that for the past years, the Team had always thought that it had already reached its peak performance.

"Given the skills and resources that we usually use in the competition, we then opted to improve and expand our individual set of skills focusing

UST Eco-Tigers Prototype Internal Combustion Engine Vehicle Track Run is driven by 2019 team leader Janeir Niolo A. Roberto.



Assoc. Prof. Agnes Castillo, Ph.D., (third from left) presents a University token to Thammasat University Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Dr. Narong Sarisuta (fourth from left).



Asst. Prof. Dr. Jiraphun Jittikoon (rightmost) receives University tokens from Assoc. Prof. Agnes Castillo, Ph.D. (fourth from left)

UST Faculty of Pharmacy Dean Prof. Aleth Therese L. Dacanay, Ph.D., held a meeting with academic officials of the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) and University of Malta on June 28, 2019 at the Manila Hotel.

In the meeting with Dean Dacanay were University of Illinois Chicago Pharmacy Practice Director Prof. Alan H. Lau, Pharm.D., University of Malta Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Clinical Pharmacology & Therapeutics Department Head Prof. Anthony Fenech, and University of Malta Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Department of Pharmacy Head Prof. Lilian M. Azzopardi.

Dacanay initiated the discussion on collaborative activities between UST, UIC and University of Malta such as clinic sites as practicum areas for Pharm.D. students,

on our waterloos and improving our weakest points. We ventured into different techniques that we never realized we could apply on our project like the process of making carbon fiber composites, and using it to replace our previous vehicle's body," said Vargas.

2020 Team Manager Andrea Pauline De Guzman shared that the Team never had the experience to apply carbon fiber, and they thought that they were making a huge risk for the team.

"We were hands-on but at the same time took precautions. We have been experimental in using carbon fiber. Making the almost perfect aerodynamic design, we prepared things from the fabrication of mold for the vehicle's body, which took us a whole month to finish, up to the laying of the carbon fiber sheets. It was a tough job," De Guzman explained.

The team's focus was to pull it off and make a huge advantage and guide for the future of the team. It was considered good progress that, compared to their previous vehicle, the vehicle weighed lighter by almost 10 kilograms. With a lighter vehicle, performance of the team improved providing the members more room for improvement and more features of the vehicle to focus on.

The students that comprised the team were in their fifth and fourth years: Janeir Niolo A. Roberto, Team Leader and First Driver; Melinda Michelle D. Virata, Team Manager and Second Driver; John Roy N. Talingting, Mechanic; Ronald C.

Vargas Jr., Mechanic; Andrea Pauline D. De Guzman, Electrical; Alberto Nicole V. Bassig, Electrical; Alberto Miguel R. Trinidad, Designer and Fabricator; John Raven O. Red, Machinist; Jose Pascual C. Santos, Machinist; John Martin J. Mendoza, Fabricator; Eddeneil R. Pacay, Logistics; Franz Joshua A. Japlit, Designer; Brian Russel S. Dizon, Assistant Electrical; Jayvie Gabriel Templonuevo, Assistant Electrical; Jao Antonio Perseverancia, Assistant Electrical; Kyle Elijah Noel O. Zeta, Documentor; and Jim Gabriel Gongora, Fabricator.

The team was under the guidance of: Over-all Faculty Advisor Engr. Rogelio O. Almira Jr., Support Faculty Advisors Engr. Raymundo M. Melegrito of the Mechanical Engineering Department, and Engr. John Michael S. Abrera of the Electrical Engineering Department, and Advisor Engr. Mark Ivan C. Espinosa.

De Guzman further explained that the team begins preparing right after a competition. "We conduct scheduled meetings to plan and recall things that went wrong and think of further improvements that we can apply in the next competition."

However, for the 2019 competition, the schedule was not finalized earlier, and the students thought that the competition would not push through. When the official competition date was finally announced, they merely had three months to prepare. This challenge meant that they spent long hours after school at their 'headquarters' (Mechanical Engineering Laboratory).

"We sometimes requested for the (Dean's) Office to let us stay for the night so that we could finish our work on time, even if excuse letters had to be requested. The support of the administration and our faculty members was a big help. We think that the most memorable part of the competition were the times that we spent with each other working on the Prototype. We did not only succeed on building the vehicle, but we also made friends that eventually turned into a family. This has been the edge of our team since day one. We did not treat each other based on what each one can do, but we treated them as family and passed on the learning [to the junior members] from the very beginning of the preparation for this competition," De Guzman shared.

Of the 17 student team members who participated, four were in their fifth year. The 2019 SEMA Team Leader and First Driver Janier Roberto, the 2019 SEMA Team Manager and Second Driver Michelle Virata, Alberto Trinidad, and Jim Gongora graduated in 2019.

Recruitment is conducted by the team members themselves within a given application period and applicants are assessed on their capability and commitment to learn and undergo training. The Team also considers attitude and potential skills.

Vargas added that team values such as work ethic, hard work, willingness to do other tasks such as marketing and advertising, and working towards a

common goal are important considerations when selecting new team members.

According to Engr. Almira, Machine Shop Laboratory Supervisor, the younger members are allowed to experiment on how they would do things, and their suggestions and comments are heard.

"With these, we believe that they will grow on their own techniques during the process, which will then create a big impact for the future of our team," expounds Almira.

The UST Team was one of the 11 teams representing the Philippines that competed in the 10th Shell Eco-Marathon that was held in Malaysia. The other participants were: De La Salle University Dasmariñas Stallions Hiraya, De La Salle University Manila Eco Car Team and DLSU Manila Eco Team, National University Prime Sprinter, Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila Agsikapin, Polytechnic University of the Philippines Hygears, University of Perpetual Help System-Dalta Atlas Valor, University of Santo Tomas Eco-Tigers I, University of the Philippines Diliman Dagsik UP and Alamat UP, and University of Mindanao UMindanao Wildcats.

The Shell Eco-marathon Asia is one of the world's longest running student mileage competitions that challenge teams to design, build and test ultra-energy efficient vehicles. The 2019 edition brought together over 100 student teams from 18 countries across Asia Pacific and the Middle East testing which car can go the farthest using the least amount of energy. Shell Eco-marathon is a global program that challenges bright student minds to design and build ultra-energy-efficient cars, and then put them to the test in competition.



(Standing, from left:) Faculty Advisor Engr. Rogelio O. Almira, Jr.; John Roy N. Talingting; Kyle Elijah Noel O. Zeta; Brian Russel S. Dizon; Alberto Nicole V. Bassig; Jao Antonio Perseverancia; Franz Joshua A. Japlit; Ronald C. Vargas Jr.; Jayvie Gabriel Templonuevo; Andrea Pauline D. De Guzman; 2019 Team Manager and Driver 2 Melinda Michelle D. Virata; Faculty Advisor Mark Ivan C. Espinosa; John Martin J. Mendoza; Alberto Miguel R. Trinidad; Jose Pascual C. Santos, (kneeling, from left:) Eddeneil R. Pacay; John Raven O. Red; 2019 Team Leader and Driver 1 Janeir Niolo A. Roberto

LECTURES&CONFERENCES

Lipardo, Rimando, Escuadra of CRS participate in World Physical Therapy Congress in Geneva, Switzerland



Rimando, Escuadra, and Lipardo at the World Physical Therapy Congress

College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) Department of Physical Therapy faculty members Assoc. Prof. Donald S. Lipardo, Ms. Catherine Joy T. Escuadra, and Asst. Prof. Christian Rey D. Rimando participated as paper presenters during the World Confederation for Physical Therapy (WCPT) Congress held from May 10 to 13, 2019 at Palexpo, Geneva, Switzerland.

The scientific program showcased the global perspectives and the best in physical therapy research, education and practice in over 170 sessions. Lipardo presented his paper titled, "Effect of Physical and Cognitive Training on Falls and Fall-related Factors in Older Adults with Mild Cognitive Impairment" in one of the platform presentation sessions. His presentation was well received by delegates from different WCPT member countries.

Escuadra was a speaker for an Indaba, a peer sharing and exchanges session in the congress, on managing a scientific journal. This was attended by journal editors and researchers.

Rimando also served as one of the congress volunteers assisting the organizing committee in the different simultaneous sessions.

The three of them also served either as an abstract reviewer or poster and paper presentation judges. With the slogan "Where the world of physical therapy meets," WCPT Congress is considered the leading and largest global meeting of physical therapists across the globe. More than 4,300 delegates from all continents of the world gathered in this biennial event.

Bernardo of GS speaks on World Englishes at 17th Asia TEFL international conference in Bangkok

UST Graduate School Faculty Secretary Alejandro S. Bernardo, Ph.D., was invited by Asia TEFL and the Thammasat University Language Institute to be a featured speaker at the 17th Asia Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) and the 6th Foreign Language Learning and Teaching (FLLT) international conference. It was held from June 27 to 29, 2019 at the Ambassador Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.

Bernardo, who is affiliated with the UST Department of English, represented the Philippines and delivered a lecture on World Englishes and English Language Teaching (ELT) as his contribution to the realization of the conference theme “ELT for Glocal Synergies across Disciplines and Multilingual Ambiances.” The conference brought together hundreds of leading scholars, classroom practitioners, teachers, teacher trainers and policy makers from all over the world.

An associate professor at the Faculty of Arts and Letters, Bernardo underscored the need for an endonormative pedagogic model for teaching English in his talk. His lecture further explored how the World Englishes (WE) paradigm may inform ELT at the theoretical (axiomatic), the methodological (procedural) and the technical (implementational) levels. He argued that the modern day ELT necessitates WE-inspired, WE-adherent, and WE-compliant approaches that inform methods, methods that inform procedures, and procedures that inform a collection of techniques. He attempted at constructively aligning these three levels with World Englishes as the overall framework and provided practical applications of



Bernardo in Thailand

this alignment so it could be more effectively cascaded and translated to daily classroom pedagogies.

The pedagogical dimension of WE has always been Bernardo's area of interest. He has published several papers on the topic.

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Gomez of CRS presents studies on children at World Congress on Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in Japan

University of Santo Tomas (UST) College of Rehabilitation Sciences (CRS) faculty member Asst. Prof. Ivan Neil Gomez, Ph.D., who teaches at the Department of Occupational Therapy, presented three of his research studies at the International Society of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation World Congress held in Kobe, Japan from June 9 to 13, 2019.

Gomez presented his studies: “Adaptation among Children of Migrant Origins: Implications to Rehabilitation,”



Asst. Prof. Gomez

“Behavioral and Psychological Regulation of Response to Sensory Stimuli among Children with and without ADHD: A Psychophysiological Study;” and “Effectiveness of Ultrasound Guided Interfascial Hydrodissection with the Use of Saline-Anesthetic Solution for Myofascial Pin Syndrome of the Upper Trapezius: A Case Series.” The third study was co-authored with Charidy Marie Therese Suarez, M.D., and Prof. Consuelo Suarez, Ph.D., M.D., former dean of CRS.

Another paper presented was “Comparison of Microsoft Kinect and VICON during Gait Analysis of Normal Filipino Participants: A Pilot Study” by Johannes Lorenzo Villespin, M.D. It was co-authored with Prof. Consuelo Suarez, Asst. Prof. Maria Belinda Fidel, Asst. Prof. Ma. Roxanne Fernandez, and Mr. Christopher Cruz of the Department of Physical Therapy. This study was also co-authored with Assoc. Prof. Angelo dela Cruz, Ph.D., and Engr. Edison Roxas, Ph.D., of the Faculty of Engineering. This is part of the ongoing research collaborative project of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, Faculty of Engineering, and the UST Hospital.

ARTS&CULTURE



UST Singers: Champion of Champions

The UST Singers performs in Spain during its 34th International Concert Tour.

The University of Santo Tomas Singers was named the Choir of the World Champion on July 9, 2019 by Llangollen.tv of the Llangollen International Eisteddfod in Wales, United Kingdom. Participants were previous Choir of the World winners.

The online contest was held by Llangollen.tv, a subsidiary of the Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod, to inaugurate the launch of their new on-demand streaming website for all the competitions and performances in the aforementioned global music festival. Aside from the renowned choral competition, other categories such as solo vocal performance and traditional dances are also included.

Established in 1987, the annual Choir of the World competition has become one of the most respected accolades in the choral calendar with the winners receiving the prestigious Luciano Pavarotti trophy. Having been the only choir to win the coveted title twice, first in 1995 and second in 2010, the UST Singers has now bested 31 previous Choir of the World winners in the online voting campaign.

Among the competitors were: the New Zealand National Youth Choir, Akustika Chamber Singers from South Africa, Adelaide Chamber Choir from Australia, Estudio Coral Meridies from Argentina, the National University of Singapore Choir.

A statement on the UST Singers' official Facebook page said, “We offer this victory to each and everyone of you who voted for and supported us! You made this achievement possible! Viva Santo Tomas! *Mabuhay ang Korong Pilipino!*”

The UST Singers is the premiere mixed choral ensemble of the University of Santo Tomas. It was founded in 1992 by Prof. Fidel Calalang, Jr., and is composed of students and alumni from the different faculties, colleges, and institutes of the University. In August 2018, the UST Singers became the first Filipino choir to perform at the historic Basilica de Sagrada Familia in Barcelona, Spain. The choir has represented the Philippines in 23 international choral competitions, garnering a total of 82 top prizes.

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During the conference, Bernardo met with a Routledge series editor, Karen Adler, for a possible project, a book on the development of local WE pedagogies and instructional materials, to be completed in the next two years.

The regional representative of Asia TEFL, Prof. Isabel P. Martin, Ph.D., of the Ateneo de Manila University, was requested months back to identify a potential featured speaker from the Philippines. Martin nominated Bernardo, and the executive committee accepted his nomination as the country representative. Bernardo is the incumbent president of the Linguistic Society of the Philippines.

The other featured speakers were: Le Pham Hoai Huong (English Department, University of Foreign Languages, Hue University, Vietnam), Oryang Kwon (Department of English Language Education, Seoul National University), Fauzia Shamim (Professor and Dean, Faculty of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences at Ziauddin University, Karachi, Pakistan), Yanty Wirza (Assistant Professor at English Education Study Program, Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia) and Raja Nor Safinas Raja Harun (Associate professor at the English Language and Literature Department, Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris, Malaysia).

As carried out in the previous conferences, there were six featured presentations in the conference, represented by a speaker from each of the following countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, South Korea, and Vietnam.

House of Representatives unveils “No. 1” monument by Thomasian Visual Olympian Joe Datuin

The House of Representatives of the Philippines, through the Office of the Secretary General unveiled a monumental public artwork titled “No. 1” by Visual Olympian Joe Datuin at the Library, Archives and Museum Building Grounds on June 13, 2019. The unveiling ceremony was followed by the Signing of the Deed of Donation by the artist and Secretary General Dante Roberto Maling, witnessed by Honorable House Speaker Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. Also present in the event as witnesses were Jeremy Barns, Director IV of the National Museum, and Secretary General Dante Roberto Maling.

The sculpture is composed of elements that connote a legislator’s salient roles, and resembles the number “1,” to remind legislators that excellence ensues when the interest of the Filipino people is regarded foremost priority. According to House Speaker Arroyo, its presence provides “soul and heart” in the House of Representative grounds.

“No. 1” was created and donated by Filipino “Visual Olympian” Joe Datuin, who won Grand Prize in the International Olympic Committee’s Sport and Art Contest, held in Lausanne, Switzerland during the 2008 Beijing Olympics. His entry piece “Dancing Rings” bested 35 countries around the world.

According to Datuin, each of the monument’s visual elements symbolizes a particular role: first, the solid metal base stands for the anchor role of a legislator which is to be a Lawmaker. Second, the column signifies a legislator’s role as a Patron who supports his constituents and acts as the *Haligi ng Tahanan*. Third, the ring which resembles an enclosure, implies the legislator’s role as a Fiscalizer or tribune who protects his people’s welfare. Finally, the sphere symbolizes the legislator’s role as Articulator of Interest of his constituents, the nucleus of the legislator’s pursuits.

Right after the official turn over of the monumental piece, the artist personally showed House Speaker Arroyo his solo exhibition titled “Nationalistic Monuments” at the South Wing Building. Among the works that the artist presented were: “Bagong Bayani,” an envisioned waterfront monument in the shape of a dove in flight,



(From left:) Director IV of the National Museum of the Philippines Jeremy Barns, Visual Olympian Joe Datuin, House Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and Secretary General Dante Roberto Maling in front of “No.1”

and which aims to give tribute to OFWs; and “D’ Txter” an assemblage of e-waste that resembles Rodin’s “The Thinker,” and which serves as the artist’s commentary on the benefits and hazards of technology. The rest of the works presented are part of a brilliant curation of Joe’s select monumental pieces of nationalistic importance.

The exhibition featured scale models of Datuin’s monumental works installed in public spaces; sculptural trophies; and obras exhibited in international Biennales and collective exhibitions in Europe and North America. Curated by Mary Ann Venturina Bulanadi of the University of Santo Tomas, it juxtaposes legislators at the Philippine Congress with the artist – who with his artworks, has contributed to nation-building by responding to events of national relevance.

The curation featured a mix of scaled works of monumental creations installed in public spaces that represent Datuin’s Nationalistic Landmarks; actual sculptural trophies made for groundbreaking historical events that connote Nationalistic Recognitions; obras exhibited in international Biennales and collective exhibitions in Europe and North America that illustrate the artist’s

Nationalistic Representations abroad; and models of envisioned monumental works demonstrating the artist’s Nationalistic Visions. Overall, the exhibition serves as an expression of oneness with esteemed Philippine legislators in their pursuit of modernity and social change.

Among the pieces exhibited were *Campeone*, *Dancing Rings Study No. 2*, *Dare to Dream Trophy*, *Tapat*, *Matalas*, *Madasalin*, *Ambisyoso* and *Mapagtunggali*, *Special Delivery*, *Ang Bagong Bayani*, and *D’ Txter*.

The exhibition was available for public viewing until June 20, 2019 at the House of Representatives.

Joe Datuin was a Benavides and TOTAL Awardee of the University of Santo Tomas where he studied Fine Arts. His works have been shown in both local and international venues in Asia, North America, and Europe. In 2002, he held his first solo exhibition abroad after being granted an art residency at the Vermont Studio Center in Vermont, USA under a scholarship under the Freeman Foundation Asian Fellowship. In 2004, he was invited by the Philippine Center in New York City to mount a solo show - a milestone exhibit in one of the world’s art capitals.

Tenth UST CCWLS Author’s Series features short fiction, poetry



(Onstage, from left:) Castillo, Wigley, CCWLS Director Prof. Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo, Ph.D., and Asst. Prof. Chuckberry Pascual, Ph.D., during the UST Author’s Series

The UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies (UST CCWLS), in cooperation with the UST Publishing House (USTPH), held a roundtable discussion cum book launch titled *Yugto: Ang Iba’t Ibang Kabanata ng Pag-akda* as part of its UST Authors Series on May 7, 2019 at the Tanghalang Teresita Quirino, Benavides Building, University of Santo Tomas.

Featured were: the latest work of the UST CCWLS’s Director Cristina Pantoja Hidalgo titled *Collected Stories & Tales* (USTPH 2019), the debut collection of short

fiction by UST CCWLS Resident Fellow John Jack G. Wigley titled *Hantong: Mga Kuwento* (USTPH 2018), and the second poetry compendium of UST CCWLS Resident Fellow Paul Alcoseba Castillo titled *Walang Iisang Salita*. (USTPH, 2018).

Hidalgo is the author of more than forty books, including three novels, six short story collections, fourteen nonfiction collections, and four works of literary commentary. She has won, among many other awards, the *Gawad Pambansang Alagad ni Balagtas* from the *Unyon ng mga Manunulat sa Pilipinas* (UMPIL), the Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards Grand Prize for her novel *Recuerdo*, several other Palanca prizes, a number of National Book Awards from the National Book Development Board (NBDB)

Calalang judges in International Choir Competition in Spain

University of Santo Tomas (UST) Singers conductor Asst. Prof. Fidel Calalang, Jr., founder of the critically-acclaimed singing group, served as one of the members of the international panel of judges at the 65th International Choral Competition of Habaneras and Polyphony in Torrevieja, Spain from July 22 to 29, 2019.

Regarded as one of the biggest and most popular competitions in Europe, it aims to continue the long traditions of singing and patronage of the habaneras, a unique musical tradition, as well as the performance of various high-caliber choral music from different genres.

Calalang, who teaches at the UST Conservatory of Music, led the UST Singers in the same competition in 2010 winning the highest prize, the “*Gran Premio de Habaneras*,” as well as the “*Premio Intercontinental*,” for obtaining the highest scores in the habaneras and polyphony categories, and the special prize, “*Premio del Publico*.” The choir was again invited in the city of Torrevieja in 2012 for concerts and recently returned in July 2018 in the festival as guest artist formally opening the festival with its very own gala concert.

and the Manila Critics Circle (MCC), and the Parangal Hagbong (Lifetime Achievement Award) from the UST Varsitarian where she served as literary editor and editor-in-chief.

Wigley is the author of two memoirs and two collections of humorous essays. He has won the Gawad San Alberto Magno (Best Book) of the 15th Dangal ng UST Awards for *Falling into the Manhole* (USTPH, 2012), which was also a finalist of the 13th Madrigal Gonzalez Best First Book Award.

Castillo’s first book of poetry titled *Pananangan* (Librong Lira, 2016) won the First Prize of the Poetry in Filipino category of the 2018 Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature. It also won him two Third Prizes (2017 and 2018) from the *Makata ng Taon of the Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino* (KWF), and a couple of Gawad San Lorenzo Awards from UST.

The UST Authors Series consists of conversations and lectures by the Resident Fellows and Associates of the UST CCWLS who have recently published books of poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction, drama, or literary and cultural criticism. This bi-annual regular program of the Center aims to showcase the most recent works of the members of the UST CCWLS for the benefit of both the Thomasian community and the general reading public. Since 2012, the Center’s writers have collectively published 34 books.



Asst. Prof. Calalang

Galán of CCWLS delivers lecture on translation; serves as panel at Iligan Writers workshop

Poet, translator and literary critic Assoc. Prof. Ralph Semino Galán, assistant director of the UST Center for Creative Writing and Literary Studies (UST CCWLS) delivered a lecture on Contemporary Poetry in Translation in a seminar-workshop held at the University of San Carlos, Cebu City from June 3 to 5, 2019.

In the “Translation for Publication” seminar-workshop, Galán delivered a lecture on Contemporary Poetry in Translation titled “*Labaw sa Bulawan*; Translating Mindanao Poetry in Cebuano to English.” “*Labaw sa Bulawan*” (More than Gold) is a phrase from the Cebuano *kundiman* song titled “*Matud Nila*” (They Say) written and composed by Wenceslao “Ben” Zubiri, and popularized by Pilita Corrales, Asia’s Queen of Songs, and Susan Fuentes, Queen of Visayan Songs.

The event was organized by Dr. Hope Sabanpan-Yu, the high-powered director of the USC Cebuano Studies Center, in cooperation with Inotherwords Incorporated, a Cebu-based organization of translators, and the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Speakers Bureau.

Aside from members of Inanotherwords, the participants of the seminar-workshop included some of the academic community of Cebu City. The other speakers of the three-day event were Prof. Erlinda Kintanar-Albuero, former director of the the Cebuano Studies Center; Prof. John Iremil Teodoro, De La Salle University-Manila’s Department of Literature Graduate Studies Head; and Lamberto Ceballos, recipient of the *Gawad Pambansang Alagad ni Balagtas* of the *Unyon ng Mga Manunulat sa Pilipinas* (UMPIL).

Explaining the importance of translation, Galán said “In the age of increasing globalization and the concomitant rise of migration and cosmopolitanism, literary translation plays an important role in the preservation and dissemination of regional literature. This is especially true for local languages, whose literary productions are under the constant threat of being diminished, if not to actually perish, due to the pressures being exerted by the dominant presence of Anglophone and European writings in world literature.”

Literary translation, according to Galán, helps equalize the playing field in world literature and culture, for as Ngugi Wa Thiong-o avers, “Translation seen as conversation—for conversation assumes equality among the speakers—is clearly the language of languages, the language that all languages should speak.”

Galán’s fourth book titled *Sa mga Pagitan ng Buhay at Iba pang Pagtutulay* (Between-Living and Other Crossovers) published in 2018 by the UST Publishing House, contains translations of poems from English and Spanish by foreign poets to Filipino, poems from English by contemporary Filipino poets to Filipino, and poems in Filipino by



Assoc. Prof. Galán

contemporary Filipino poets to English. He is currently in the process of translating to English 100 Mindanao poems originally written in Cebuano.

In a related development, Galán served as member of the teaching panel of the 26th Iligan National Writers’ Workshop (INWW) held at the Mindanao State University – Iligan Institute of Technology from May 27 to 31, 2019.

Founded in 1994 by Dr. Jaime An Lim, Dr. Christine Godinez-Ortega, and Dr. Anthony L. Tan of the Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology, the INWW is one of the three national writers’ workshops in the Philippines institutionalized by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCAA). The first keynote speaker of the INWW was Thomasian and National Artist for Literature Bienvenido Lumbera.

The INWW accepts entries in English, Filipino, as well as the southern regional languages, such as Cebuano, Hiligaynon, Waray, Kinaray-a, Meranao, Chavacano, and Higaunon, and is the only workshop that publishes its proceedings.

The main contribution of the INWW is its being one of the prime movers, not only in the discovery and development of southern-based writers, but also in the interlingual dialogue between authors working in different languages.

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UST Passing Rate (First-time examinees): 74.07%
 UST Passing Rate (Overall): 78.48%
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 Ana Bernardine D.L. Carillo



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8th – 80.00%
 Micah Joy I. Guevarra



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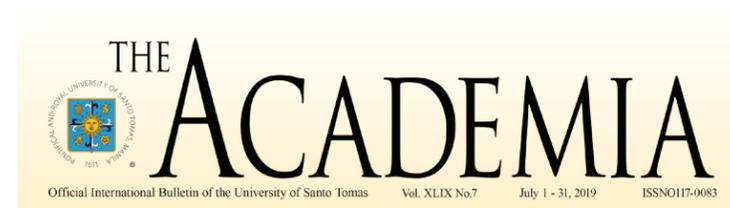
Students from St. Mark's College of South Australia visited the University of Santo Tomas for a campus tour on July 18, 2019. They were led by Bosco Campus Deputy Principal Marc Forster (top row, with glasses).

Tzu Chi High School, Taiwan



Students from Tzu Chi High School, led by Ms. Judy Lao (second row, leftmost), visited the University of Santo Tomas on July 16, 2019. They participated in an interaction activity with UST Senior High School students and in a campus tour facilitated by Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Ms. Katherine Patrice B. Sibug.

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