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**TO : DEANS, REGENTS, DIRECTOR, PRINCIPALS,
AND CONCERNED HEADS OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

RE : FRESHMAN WELCOME ACTIVITIES

DATE : 1 August 2022

As part of the 2022 Onboarding Season, the University, through the Central Committee on University Events, announces the following preparatory activities and the ROARientation, both virtual and *in-person*, for freshmen, including some gentle reminders:

A. UST Cloud Campus Freshmen Orientation, 3 August 2022 (Wednesday)

- Through the Educational Technology Center, all freshmen are to be oriented on the activation of their respective Google for Education accounts.
- **All freshmen are enjoined to attend the event as it is crucial to their participation in the Virtual ROARientation.** Please refer to the attached schedule (Attachment A).

B. Virtual ROARientation, 5 August 2022 (Friday)

- This event introduces the freshmen of the higher education and basic education clusters, and their parents/guardians to various services in the University.
- Please refer to the attached copy of the program flow (Attachment B).
- Access to this orientation is through the Google Stream link (see link below or QR code at the right).



<https://bit.ly/Virtual-ROARientation-Google-Stream>

C. In-Person ROARientation 2022: Unearthing the Treasures, 9 August 2022 (Tuesday)

- The *in-person* ROARientation is intended for freshmen of the higher education cluster.
- The event will be held at the Quadricentennial Pavilion Arena, as follows:

AM Session			PM Session		
8:00 AM	Thomasian Welcome Mass	Accountancy, AB, CFAD, Pharma, Nursing, Music, CRS, CICS, LeapMed, Medicine	2:00 PM	Thomasian Welcome Mass	Architecture, Law, CTHM Commerce, Eccle, IPEA, Education, Engineering, GS, GS Law, Science
9:00 AM	ROARientation		3:00 PM	ROARientation	
11:00 AM	Thomasian Welcome Walk		5:00 PM	Thomasian Welcome Walk	



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1. Thomasian Welcome Mass

- The **main celebrant and homilist** in the **morning** is the **Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P.**, Rector; and in the **afternoon**, **Rev. Fr. Isaias D. Tiongco, O.P.**, Vice-Rector.
- The *Welcome Rite* will be integrated in the Mass, which will be concelebrated by the respective Regents of the clustered academic units.

2. ROARientation Programme

Please see the attached program flow (Attachment C).

3. Thomasian Welcome Walk

- After the programme, the freshmen will be ushered to their rite of passage, from the Quadricentennial Pavilion Arena and pass through the Arch of the Centuries.

D. Hybrid ALAB 2022: Aviating the Star, 10 August 2022 (Wednesday)

- This event is prepared to welcome the incoming Grade 7 (*virtually*) and 11 learners (*in-person*) of the University's basic education cluster. It will be held at the Quadricentennial Pavilion Arena, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon;
- It will be live-streamed via the official University Facebook page (UST1611official).

E. Academic Unit-based Orientation Activities

- Program-based orientation by the academic units is also prepared for the freshmen.
- *Please see the attached summary (Attachment D).*



We likewise make the following gentle reminders:

1. Health and Safety Protocols:

- a) Strict observance of **Health Protocols** issued by the UST Health Service shall be implemented. *Please see the attached copy (Attachment E).*
- b) Reiteration on the **Responsibilities of Students**:
 - Upload the vaccination record via ThOMedSS, and present the screenshot of the Health Declaration upon entrance.
 - Non-vaccinated students must present a negative RT-PCR (taken 48 hours before the event) or antigen test result (taken within 24 hours before the event).
- c) Reiteration on the **Responsibilities of Academic Unit's Ushers and Marshals**
 - Ensure that minimum public health standards are being followed such as 1) physical distancing of at least one (1) meter; 2) wearing of well-fitted mask at all times, and 3) presentation of an updated health declaration checklist prior to the event.
 - Ensure that those who are entering the venue are on the list of expected attendees, who must submit their vaccination cards (or valid RT-PCR/antigen results) prior to the event.



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2. Access Points and Parking

a) Access Points

- **Vehicular access** to the campus is through A.H. Lacson St. (Gate 14) *only* while **vehicular exit** is through the same gate in A.H. Lacson St. (Gate 14).
- **Pedestrian access** to the campus is through España Boulevard (Gates 1, 2 & 6), P. Noval St. (Gate 7), Dapitan St. (Gates 10 & 11), and A.H. Lacson St. (Gate 14). The same gates also serve as exit gates for pedestrians.
- *Please see the attached copy of access points (Attachment F).*

b) Parking Slots

- **Limited free parking slots for guests and officials** are available along Villamor Drive (back of the Tank Yan Kee building, parallel to Dapitan St.).
- When these parking slots are already filled, other guests are advised to use the **UST Carpark**.

3. Love Offering during the Mass

- Through the Offices of the Deans, the freshmen are requested to prepare a **cash donation**, in any amount, which will be offered by a student representative during the Mass.
- All love offerings will be for the benefit of the continuing **Tulong Tomasino Program** of the UST *Simbahayan* Community Development Office.
- Kindly advise the student representative/s to coordinate with the UST Center for Campus Ministry (look for Mr. Albert Loteyro), on or before 5 August 2022, Friday.

4. Rite of Passage

- Please advise all **students attending the event to wear rubber shoes, denim pants and college shirt/yellow shirt**, bring rainwear with them in case of a downpour.
- Please remind them as well that the **use of pyrotechnics, party poppers/confetti, flying helium balloons, sky lanterns, animals, and vehicles as "gimmicks" or props for the parade and the welcome rite, are strictly prohibited.**
- They may use hotdog balloons, banners/streamers, flaglets, LED-based lights, letter placards, face paints and anything else that will not endanger lives and property.

With all gratefulness, we acknowledge your cooperation and support as we usher in our new students to become full-fledged Thomasians. Thank you.


FR. LOUIE R. CORONEL, O.P., EHL
Secretary-General