



Institute of Physical Education and Athletics Director Rev. Fr. Rodel S. Cansancio, O.P., and IPEA Secretary Asst. Prof. Gilda Ma. Paz R. Kamus with the Season 84 General Championship trophy

UST emerges on top of UAAP Season 84, secures 45th collegiate division championship



The University of Santo Tomas was crowned the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP) Season 84 General Champion, its fifth consecutive and 45th

top plum in the collegiate division on June 21, 2022, at the Mall of Asia Arena.

In the juniors division, that was not held this year due to the ongoing pandemic, UST also has 21 crowns, for a total of 66 general championships.

UST earned four gold medals and 84 points in the pandemic-shortened calendar

limited to eight events. Thomasian athletes dominated in poomsae, men's 3x3 basketball, men's beach volleyball, and men's chess. UST also obtained silver in women's 3x3 basketball.

Rancel Varga was named the "Most Valuable Player" in Men's Beach Volleyball, while Sherwin Concepcion was named the MVP in the Men's 3x3 Basketball. Aidaine Laxa was named the "Rookie of the Year" and the MVP for Poomsae, as well as taking home the silver medal in the women's individual event.

Returning from a two-year hiatus, the UAAP Season 84 was conducted through a bubble setup.

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Pineda-Cortel, Dagamac named 2022 Outstanding Young Scientists by NAST

Two Thomasian academic staff members, researchers, and alumni were named Outstanding Young Scientists by the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST)-Philippines, the highest recognition body in the said field within the country on July 14, 2022.

Assoc. Prof. Maria Ruth Pineda-Cortel, Ph.D., from the Department of Medical Technology, and Asst. Prof. Nikki Heherson Dagamac, Dr.rer.nat, from the Department of Biological Sciences joined the roster of eleven Outstanding Young Scientists for the year 2022.

According to the NAST Philippines website, the Outstanding Young Scientist (OYS) Awards are given to Filipino scientists under 41 years of age who have made significant contributions to science and technology. It consists of a trophy and cash prize.

Pineda-Cortel's expertise is on women's diseases, particularly gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) and polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS). Her study of PCOS is on the current diagnostic methods being used for it, the risk factors associated with it, and its association with genetic polymorphisms. As for GDM, Pineda-Cortel heads a project funded by the Department of Science and Technology

– Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (DOST-PCHRD) titled, "Blood and Placental Gene Expression in Gestational Diabetes Mellitus." This research study aims to identify early biomarkers of GDM and emphasizes the importance of preventive prenatal healthcare to protect both the mother and the baby from the various complications that the said disease may bring.

Pineda-Cortel is currently involved as one of the Project Leaders of the Oplan Atletang Pinoy Program under the DOST-NICER (Niche Centers in the Regions for R&D), which aims to develop a local product that will be utilized for rapid wound healing and recovery by athletes suffering from musculoskeletal injuries and tendinopathy.

Having finished her Bachelor's and Master of Science degrees in Medical Technology, and Doctor of Philosophy degree in Biological Sciences, all with distinctions, at the University of Santo Tomas, Pineda-Cortel currently teaches at the UST Faculty of Pharmacy and is a Resident Researcher at the Research Center for the Natural and Applied Sciences (RCNAS).

Recently, she took her postdoctoral fellowship under the US-ASEAN Science and Technology Fellowship program through the US Mission to ASEAN (US-

ASEAN) in coordination with the US American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). She also had her postdoctoral diplomacy under the ASEAN Science Diplomat program through the ASEAN and Environmental and Climate Change Research Institute.

Meanwhile, Dagamac studies the evolution, ecology, biogeography, and population genetics of tropical and subtropical slime molds. His investigations of the myxomycete compositions in terrestrial ecosystems of the Philippines and Paleotropical regions of the world increased the number of records of myxomycetes for the Philippines and supported the moderate endemicity hypothesis as a global biogeographic pattern for eukaryotic protists refuting the popular, ubiquitous model for microorganisms, respectively.

Currently, he is a long-term Balik-Scientist at the Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science at the University of Santo Tomas. He translated his expertise in the fields of basic and applied ecology, evolution, and genetics in the development of the course plans of various technical courses in the Biology program. His knowledge on machine learning, ecological modeling and statistics,

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92 Thomasian retirees are honored with testimonial luncheon



Fr. Ang expresses gratitude for the service of the retirees.



Prof. Nonato delivers the response for the retirees of A.Y. 2021 to 2022.

The University of Santo Tomas held a testimonial luncheon for the academic staff retirees from 2020 to 2022 on July 14, 2022. UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., was the presider and homilist for the Eucharistic Celebration.

In his message, UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., thanked the retiring academic staff for their years of selfless service and congratulated them on "...the beginning of a new adventure. It is not a new chapter or an epilogue, for the retirement is a sequel. Today inaugurates exciting possibilities for you."

College of Tourism and Hospitality Management Assistant Dean Assoc. Prof. Evangeline Timbang, Ph.D., in her address representing the retirees for A.Y. 2019 to 2020, thanked UST for being part of their productive and blissful life as Thomasian educators. Using the acronym BLISS, she expressed that she was grateful for the "Abundant Blessings, for the good Life you have given us, for the Inspiration to achieve our dreams, for the Sparks in our lives as we continue to illuminate the world, and for making us feel truly Special today."

Assoc. Prof. Bernadette M. Duran, who represented the retirees of A.Y. 2020 to 2021, reflected on her journey with UST, which she called "challenging and FUNtastic, spelled with f, u, n. We were

not alone in this journey. Together with our students, colleagues, and administrators, the University life we went through was full of memories. UST molded not only its students, but also the academic and non-academic staff to become competent, committed, and compassionate Thomasians."

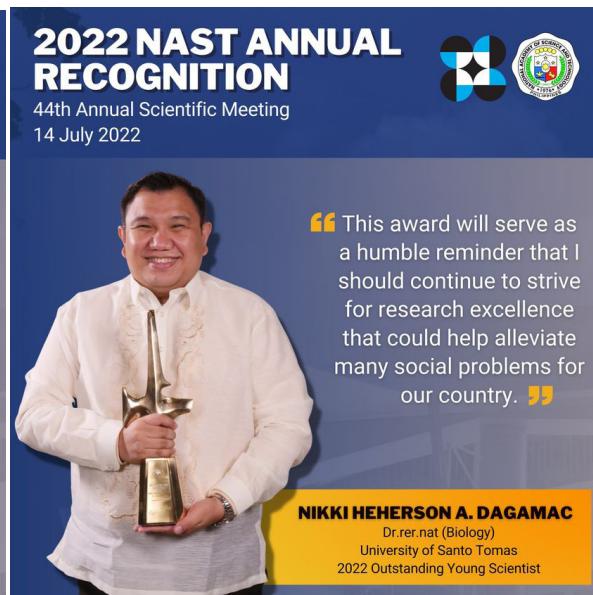
Assistant to the Rector for UST-General Santos Prof. Maribel G. Nonato, Ph.D., shared the highlights of her experiences as a Thomasian and thanked the five Rectors and College Regents who trusted her in their journey to lead the University. "UST transformed me to who I am today – an educator, a mentor, a researcher, an administrator, and academician," said the representative for the retirees of A.Y. 2021 to 2022.

The Retirees' Pledge was led by Prof. Evelyn R. Laurito, Ph.D., while the Ceremonial Toast was led by the Vice Rector for Finance Rev. Fr. Roberto L. Luanzon, Jr., O.P., SThD, DL.

For Academic Year 2019 to 2020, there were 34 retirees as follows:

Asst. Prof. Jose L. Ngo, Jr., from the UST-AMV College of Accountancy; Asst. Prof. Demetrio D. Alcaraz, Jr., Asst. Prof. Armando L. Miranda from the College

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[Photos courtesy of the NAST PHL Facebook page]

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and population genetics became fundamental in drafting remote and virtual laboratory exercises in Evolutionary Biology and Ecology.

Apart from his academic duties, Dagamac is the program leader of two major research programs. The first program is the DOST-PCAARRD project which proposes wildlife conservation strategies, land use and evaluation, and the diversity of terrestrial protists and vertebrates in Occidental Mindoro. The second program, funded by the National Research Council of the Philippines, aims to study land use and evaluation, conservation of various endemic trees and flora in general, and the diversity of the terrestrial and marine protists in the province of La Union.

He obtained his Bachelor's degree and Master of Science in Biological Sciences degrees from UST, and his Doctor of Natural Sciences degree from the University of Greifswald in Germany.

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of Architecture; Asst. Prof. Carmelita V. Cabrera, Assoc. Prof. Anita P. Garcia, Assoc. Prof. Arlo Luis Salvador, II, M.D., from the Faculty of Arts and Letters; Atty. Rene B. Gorospe from the Faculty of Civil Law; Asst. Prof. Carmen E. Mazo from the College of Commerce and Business Administration; Assoc. Prof. Aurora L. Domingo, Ph.D. Prof. Editha A. Fernandez, Ph.D., Asst. Prof. Gliceria May O. Lagniton, Assoc. Prof. Zenaida F. Velasco from the College of Education; Prof. Evelyn R. Laurito, Ph.D. from the Faculty of Engineering; Ms. Aileen Catherine B. Hernandez from the Junior High School; Assoc. Prof. Eduardo Vicente S. Caguioa, M.D., Asst. Prof. Ruben D. Cardenas, M.D., Assoc. Prof. Stephanie Marie B. Javier, M.D., Prof. Mary Jocelyn Laygo, M.D., Prof. Redario C. Laygo, M.D., Prof. Rolando A. Lopez, M.D., Prof. Ray B. Malily, M.D., Prof. Sandra Teresa V. Navarra, M.D., Prof. Leoncia N. Olanon, M.D., Prof. Mary Agnes S. Regal, M.D., Asst. Prof. Mercy G. Santi, M.D., Prof. Manuel B. Zacarias, M.D., from the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery; Asst. Prof. Elizabeth D. Cortez, Assoc. Prof. Ma. Socorro S. Guan Hing, DNM, Assoc. Prof. Maria Corazon Olayres, Ph.D., from the College of Nursing; Asst. Prof. Carmelita C. Cardona from the Faculty of Pharmacy; Assoc. Prof. Mary C. Martin, Assoc. Prof. Angelina Silverio, from the College of Science; Asst. Prof. Remedios P. Abuton and Assoc. Prof. Evangeline E. Timbang, Ph.D. from the College of Tourism and Hospitality Management.

For Academic Year 2020 to 2021, there were 28 retirees:

Asst. Prof. Leoncia San Andres, Ph.D., from the UST-AMV College of Accountancy; Asst. Prof. Virginia A. Sembrano from the Faculty of Arts and Letters; Asst. Prof. Robert Lao from the College of Commerce and Business Administration; Asst. Prof. Rosario Cabusao, Prof. Imelda de Castro, Ph.D., Asst. Prof. Carminia Paulino from the College of Education; Assoc. Prof. Ricardo Balog, Assoc. Prof. Bernadette Duran from the Faculty of Engineering; Asst. Prof. Rodolfo Olaso from the College of Fine Arts and Design; Prof. Leilani Mercado – Asis, M.D., Assoc. Prof. Noel Martin Bautista, M.D., Assoc. Prof. Manuel Martin Barnes, M.D., Assoc. Prof. Priscilla Caguioa, M.D., Prof. Marlyn Dee, M.D., Assoc. Prof. Marissa Dizon, M.D., Prof. Alex Erasmo, M.D., Prof. Gil Gonzalez, M.D., Prof. Isaias Lanzona, M.D., Prof. George Lim, M.D., Prof. Wilhelmina Mercado, M.D., Assoc. Prof. Hermogenes Regal, Jr., M.D., Prof. Clara Rivera, M.D., Assoc. Prof. Ivan Villespin, M.D. from the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery; Asst. Prof. Thelma Abelardo from the College of Nursing; Asst. Prof. Felicitas Ponciano, Assoc. Prof. Rodolfo Rabor from the Faculty of Pharmacy; Asst. Prof. Celso Nierra from the Institute of Religion, and Asst. Prof. Josefino Castillo from the College of Science.

For Academic Year 2021 to 2022, 30 academic staff retired from teaching:

Asst. Prof. Marie Anne Lourdes Guanzon from the UST-AMV College of Accountancy; Asst. Prof. Beyan Mohamed Hagos, Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. Alice Maghuyop, Ph.D., from the Faculty of Arts and Letters; Asst. Prof. Benedicto Ducat, Assoc. Prof. Nady Nacario from the College of Fine Arts and Design; Asst. Prof. Evangeline Deleña, Prof. Marilyn Mabini, Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. Ma. Theresa Roque from the Faculty of Engineering; Asst. Prof. Salve Diaz from the College of Information and Computing Sciences; Ms. Rosemarie Cabauatan from the Junior High School; Assoc. Prof. Emmanuel Almazan, M.D., Assoc. Prof. David Bolong, M.D., Prof. Maria Minerva P. Calimag, M.D., Ph.D., Assoc. Prof. Melchor Chan, M.D., Assoc. Prof. Maria Theresa Torres-Cosme, M.D., Prof. Olivia Go, M.D., Prof. Daisy Ismael, M.D., Assoc. Prof. Juan Lopez, M.D., Asst. Prof. Benigno Santi, M.D., Assoc. Prof. Teresa Sy-Ortin, M.D., Assoc. Prof. Wilson Tan De Guzman, M.D., from the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery;



Fr. Luanzon leads the ceremonial toast.



Assoc. Prof. Duran responds on behalf of the A.Y. 2020 to 2021 retirees.



Assoc. Prof. Timbang represents the retirees of A.Y. 2019 to 2020.

Assoc. Prof. Mila Delia Llanes, Ph.D., Prof. Susan Maravilla, DNM, from the College of Nursing; Asst. Prof. Laura Victoria Clavo de Comer from the Institute of Physical Education and Sciences; Asst. Prof. Maria Socorro Crooc, Asst. Prof. Editha Ocampo, Ph.D., from the Faculty of Pharmacy; Asst. Prof. Rosario Verdeflor from the Institute of Religion; Asst. Prof. Sonia Javier, Prof. Maribel G. Nonato, Ph.D., and Prof. Corazon Menguito, Ph.D., from the College of Science.

International language expert returns as visiting professor



Jubilado

University of Hawaii at Hilo (UH Hilo) Department of Languages Chair and Associate Professor Rodney C. Jubilado, Ph.D., returned to teach Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSEd) English majors this second term.

Dr. Jubilado, who was instrumental in organizing the 1st International Virtual Conference on the Teaching of Filipino as a Second Language (IVCTFSL 2021), taught SEEN 791 Introduction to Linguistics to English majors.

Both opportunities were part of a five-year Memorandum of Understanding signed between UST and UH Hilo in 2020, encouraging exchanges between faculty, students, and scholars on research and educational processes, among others.

"I find it interesting that the students also had questions about what and how it is at American universities. They also asked about my travels and my being a Filipino and American with shared experiences, both in the Philippines and in the USA," said Jubilado, who also serves as UH Hilo's Program Head of Filipino Studies.

An expert on Theoretical Linguistics and Southeast Asian Studies, Dr. Jubilado received his Ph.D. in Theoretical Linguistics at the National University of Malaysia in 2010. He speaks Bahasa Malaysia, English, Spanish, Filipino, Cebuano, and Isamal.

LECTURES AND CONFERENCES

Veteran diplomat Rueca leads OPA's protocol webinar

As part of a University that has welcomed multiple Popes, members of royalty, the diplomatic corps, and other high-profile guests to our historic campus throughout the years, the UST Office of Public Affairs (OPA), in coordination with the Office of the Secretary-General, held a webinar on protocol on July 13, 2022, via Zoom.

With the theme "Enhancing the Thomasian Brand of Excellence: A Lecture on Diplomatic Protocol and Social Graces," the webinar had for its speaker Ambassador Monina Estrella Callangan Rueca, a decorated diplomat with more than 40 years of experience. Participants were composed of administrative and academic officials, particularly those in positions that are often tasked with organizing and attending formal events within campus and externally.

In his welcome remarks, UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., EHL, the Chief Protocol Officer of the University, stated that with the goal of globalization, "interaction and integration among people, companies, institutions of higher learning, governments of different nations, necessitates the ability of individuals to act with decorum according to standards observed worldwide."

OPA Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora, Ph.D., in the event overview, shared that, "It is our hope that through this



Ambassador Rueca shares her expertise on protocol.

initiative, we can further empower the participants in becoming more refined and confident representatives of their respective units, and of course, our beloved University, especially when meeting with important guests and the diplomatic corps. In this way, we can better advance our internationalization prospects and synergize with institutions even beyond the four walls of

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Fr. Coronel delivers the opening remarks.

our campus, in line with the Father Rector's seven-point agenda."

Ambassador Rueca's previous assignments include posts in Paris, Tokyo, Geneva, Madrid, and Budapest, and eventually she was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Philippines to Hungary, with concurrent jurisdiction over Serbia, Bosnia Herzegovina and Montenegro. Prior to retirement from government service in 2012, she served as Assistant Secretary and Chief of Protocol in Manila. Currently, she teaches at the De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde School of Diplomacy and Governance and has authored the book titled "A Guide to Protocol, Social Graces, and Etiquette."

With the experience and lessons learned from a life of service, Ambassador Rueca generously shared her expertise on protocol, the science and art of correct diplomatic behavior, through an interactive lecture.

Coming from the Greek *protos* (first) and *kolla* (glue), the word protocol implies that the first contact between different parties, if done with grace and decorum, prioritizing courtesy and cooperation, could be the glue to secure and lasting harmonious partnership, emphasized the Ambassador to the 130 participants. Moreover, rather than an extremely rigid set of rules, which is often the common impression of people with regards to protocol, it has evolved to be a set of behaviors that hold consideration for others, common sense, and respect for all involved as primary goals.

After the discussion on rules on precedence, forms of address, seating arrangements, flag positioning, social entertaining, composition of the receiving line, formal invitations, table setting, introductions, handshakes, card exchanges, formal table manners, and a variety of other points that are necessary in hosting and attending formal events, the participants were able to apply what they learned through a series of post-assessment activities.



Asst. Prof. Rocamora presents the event overview and introduces the speaker.

All of the statements about a handshake is true, except for one:

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51 Answers

▲ The person of authority initiates the handshake first.

● Handshakes should be firm, but not tight, no longer than 4 seconds.

Post Test: Do you know the protocol?

CRS - Arlene

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Chris G.

3580 4 out of 4

3620 4 out of 4

3568 4 out of 4

Kahoot!

Participants take a post-test through Kahoot, with CRS Secretary Asst. Prof. Arlene Chiong Maya, CRS Dean Assoc. Prof. Anne Marie Aseron, and UST-AMV academic staff Asst. Prof. Christopher German emerging on top.



16th Biennial Conference of the International Association for Forensic & Legal Linguistics

THEME: Forensic Linguistics: Strengthening Foundations, Rethinking Paradigms, and Navigating New Horizons

Venue: University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines
Date: July 4 - 6, 2023

PLENARY SPEAKERS

Professor Nathalie Schilling (United States of America)
Linguist, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. USA

Dr. Jennifer Clougie (Canada)
Vice President, IAFL (2021-2023)
Chair, BC Labor Relations Board and BC Employment Standards Tribunal

Dr. Isabel Picornell (United Kingdom)
President, IAFL (2021-2023)
Director, Forensic English OED Limited, Channel Islands
Visiting Research Fellow, Aston Institute for Forensic Linguistics, Aston University

Professor Tim Grant (United Kingdom)
Director, Aston Institute for Forensic Linguistics, Aston University
Director, Research Impact for the School of Linguistics and Social Sciences, Aston University
President, IAFL (2015-2017)

Dr. Susanto Seman (Indonesia)
Head, Centre for Studies in Linguistics, Bandar Lampung University
Senior Lecturer, Bandar Lampung University
Founder and President, Indonesian Community for Forensic Linguistics

Dr. Richard Powell (Japan)
Vice President, Japan Association of Law and Language
Professor of English, Aichi University, Aichi

UST wins the bid to host the 16th Biennial Conference of the IAFL

In January 2022, UST won the bid to host the 16th Biennial Conference of the International Association for Forensic and Legal Linguistics (IAFL) in 2023.

"As academics, we should always be updated in our field. This is the reason why we go out of the country, attend and present papers in conferences and network with fellow linguists. I have always wanted to teach my students something new. It is my task to update them with what is happening in the field of linguistics. In the past, UST was only known for literature but never in linguistics or language studies. Now, people associate Forensic Linguistics with UST and it is something that makes us feel good because that means that we are contributing something to Philippine linguistics," said Faculty of Arts and Letters Dean Prof. Marilu R. Madrunio, Ph.D., whose expertise is in forensic linguistics.

Ever since the bid was approved, preparations for the conference are underway. "We want to make the event a great success just like in 2016 when some giants in FL came to Manila. They always spoke highly of us—that we were very organized

and that the papers presented were scholarly, that the conference was memorable because of the socials, and that the post-event was full of fun since we brought our guests to Intramuros and had dinner together," said Dr. Madrunio.

The Dean also shared that when hosting an international conference, it is highly significant to pay attention to even the finest details so that everything transpires smoothly. "It is a lot of work for us, but we do it for the love of linguistics and for the love of UST and the Department of English."

The biennial conference is scheduled to take place on July 4 to 6, 2023. Prominent forensic linguists are expected to attend the biennial conference. The international conference will be held back-to-back with the 13th International Summer School in Forensic Linguistic Analysis (ISSFLA) which will offer basic and advanced courses for five days in FL headed by Dr. Krzysztof Kredens of the Aston Institute of Forensic Linguistics (AIFL) and Dr. Isabel Picornell, incumbent president of IAFL. Advanced courses include the following: 1.) Status and role

of the linguistic expert witness; 2.) Professional ethics; 3.) Report Writing; 4.) Advances in linguistics of the individual; 5.) Advances in police interviewing; and 6.) Dark Web Linguistics.

Confirmed plenary speakers of the 16th IAFL include Prof. Tim Grant of Aston University in UK, Dr. Jennifer Clougie of the British Columbia Labour Relations Board in Canada, Dr. Nathalie Schilling of Georgetown University in the US, Dr. Isabel Picornell, President of the International Association of Forensic and Legal Linguists, Dr. Richard Powell of Nihon University in Japan and Dr. Susanto of the Universitas Bandar Lampung in Indonesia. The UST organizing team is headed by Dr. Madrunio with her core team composed of Dr. Rachele Lintao, chair of the Department of English, Dr. Alejandro Bernardo, Assistant Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Letters, Atty. Sellenne Leynes, faculty of the English Department, Dr. Shielanie Dacumos and Prof. Zeneida Reyes, former graduate students of the PhD English Language Studies program and Ma. Kaela Madrunio, President of the 3rd year English Language Studies program.

Patungan of Science serves as plenary speaker on machine learning in Xavier University conference

Asst. Prof. Arturo J. Patungan, Jr., of the UST College of Science Mathematics and Physics Department was the plenary speaker for the second day of the 4th Teacher Education Conference (TERC 4), held on July 1 and 2, 2022.

With the theme “Aspire, Collaborate, Excel: Strengthening Teaching Learning Processes and Education Sustainability in the New Normal,” the event was organized by Xavier University, in cooperation with Northern Bukidnon State College, and done through hybrid modality.

Patungan discussed “Machine Learning in Education: Improving Student Outcomes and Accelerating Research.” In his talk, he defined Data Analytics and investigated the current state of data science analytics and artificial intelligence in the Philippines. He concluded with the application of data mining and machine learning in education.

His talk enlightened educators with the changes in our educational paradigm due to the advancement of technology, as machine learning poses both positive and negative effects on teaching and learning.

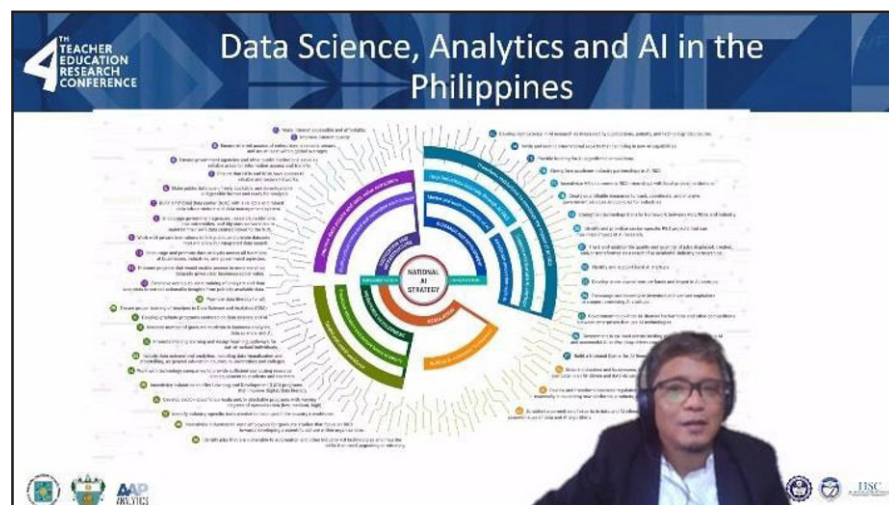
According to Patungan, there is a race to establish a stable and accurate technological system to support students’ learning worldwide. These quests, though

helpful in improving learning, should not detriment students’ creativity; thus, data analytics, systems, and programs are some of the salient domains that educators should consider. To promote a better understanding of these advancements and changes in our educational paradigm, teachers should equip themselves with the foundation as well as the application of these concepts.

Patungan has been actively involved in several projects at the University that involve the use of data analytics in decision-making. He also headed the team that proposed the offering of Bachelor of Science in Data Science and Analytics, which will commence in August 2022. The program, housed in the College of Science, is a joint offering of the College of Science and the College of Information and Computing Sciences.

The conference gathered researchers from teacher education institutions, as well as education professionals, from both local and national industries. It served as an avenue for participants to share relevant research findings and messages to local and regional audiences.

The entire proceedings remain available for viewing on the 4th Teacher Education Research Conference Facebook Page.



Patungan during the lecture

BSEd students participate in ARAL 2022 International Congress, Dasas wins Best Paper

UST Bachelor in Secondary Education (BSEd) students who major in Science, Social Science, and Religious and Values Education and their instructors presented their studies at the 6th International Congress on Action Research, Action Learning (ARAL 2022).

With the theme “Action Research in the New Normal: Navigating Technodependence,” the three-day congress was organized by the Lasallian Institute for Development and Educational Research (LIDER), in collaboration with the Br. Andrew Gonzalez FSC College of Education (BAGCED) of De La Salle University-Manila.

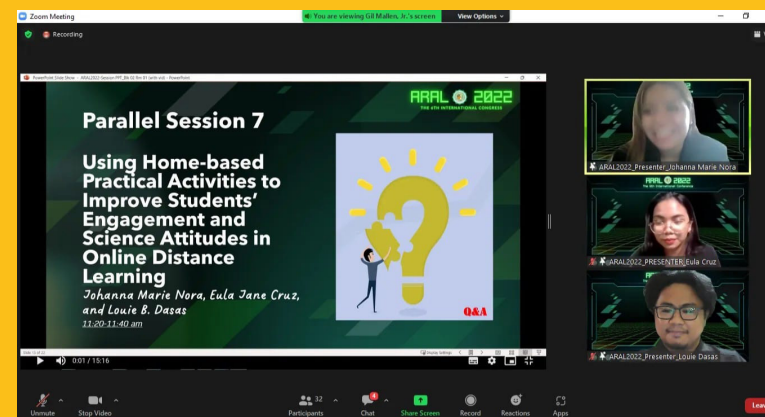
Two groups composed of BSEd Major in Science students, under their research adviser Dr. Louie B. Dasas, presented their papers.

Johanna Marie R. Nora and Eula Jane T. Cruz presented their paper titled “Using Home-Based Practical Activities (HBPA) to Improve Students’ Engagement and Science Attitudes in Online Distance Learning.”

Utilizing the plan-do-study-act (PDSA) model as a guiding framework, Nora and Cruz’s study employed a concurrent mixed method design with Grade 8 and Grade 10 students as participants. Quantitative data was gathered before and after HBPA integration using the Attitude towards Science Measure (ATSM) and Student Course Engagement Questionnaire- Modified (SCEQ-M).

Jose Miguel Azul and Bianca Mae Tapat in their paper “Exploring the Impact of Science E-Learning Course Design on Student Academic Achievement and Engagement” underscored the importance of course design in ensuring student academic

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(From top:) Nora, Cruz, and Dasas



(From top:) Tapat, Dasas, and Azul



Nohay and Yao (third and fourth window from top)



De Ramos and Duro (right column, first and second window from top)

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achievement and engagement in an online distance learning setting.

Meanwhile, BSEd Major in Social Studies students Irish Jan Nohay and Ashley Clarice Yao, and their instructor Mr. John Christian C. Valeroso focused on students’ condition during the pandemic in their study “Are We on the Right Track? The Lived Experience of the Junior High School Students of Algeciras Street, Sampaloc, Manila.” Linking secondary schools with the community development framework, the study yielded concepts that define, enable, empower, and deepen (DEED) understanding of the community. This is valuable in identifying sound policy measures and other restructuring efforts that could improve the quality of education in the urban poor community.

The study was also conducted by Angeli Francesca Calilong, Gavin Joseph Cruz, Marie Francois Therese Manzano, Akihiro Marutani, Paul William Romano, Beatriz Joy Sacdalan, Erien Alliana Teodosio, and Reycy Justice Joy Vasquez.

BSEd students majoring in Religious and Values Education, Kathleen R. De Ramos and Jose Rafel A. Duro, presented “Addressing Academic Dishonesty among Laboratory High School Students through Supplementary Restorative Disciplinary Interventions.” Initial findings show current disciplinary interventions have gaps in building the values formation of learners, which the researchers aim to improve by proposing alternative and restorative methods toward holistic development.

Co-researchers also included academic staff Mr. Warren S. Maneja, Raven James O. Barrientos, Ingrid Nicole

B. Bartolome, Anthony Allan J. Baun, John Marlou M. Briones, Lynus Oliver V. del Mar, Jorell U. Dizon, and Kristianne Marie C. Feliciano.

Meanwhile, Mr. Louie B. Dasas, Ph.D., supervising teacher for Science, won 1st Place for the Best Paper Category with his study “Improving Student Engagement and Conceptual Understanding in Science using an Integrated Learning System (ILS).” His study used a teacher-developed ILS teaching science in a distance learning setting to determine its effects on student engagement and conceptual understanding.

Since 2016, the ARAL Congress has been held every year to address a range of critically important issues and themes relating to action research and action learning.

Architecture mentors present research, share insights on resiliency in education at AAA+A



(From top left:) Paredes-Santillan, Cruz, PUP Dean Lutap, and Serrano during AAA+A

UST College of Architecture academic staff presented their study about resiliency in architecture education during the Assembly of Architects in the Academe + Annuale (AAA+A) via Zoom on June 17 and 18, 2022.

With the theme “Building Resilience in Society through Architecture & Its Allied Fields”, the online conference was a venue to talk about the contribution of architects on the topic of resiliency in the

built environment. The series of events was joined by local and international architects, mentors, and researchers.

During the first session “On Building Resiliency in the Academe”, members of College of Architecture presented their studies. Architecture College Secretary Ar. Vinson P. Serrano presented his study “Empowering the Architecture Profession Towards Resilient Nation-building: Visualizing the Characteristics

of a Resilient Architect”. During his presentation, he underscored the importance of characterizing architects as resilient professionals who would go beyond their stereotyped roles to provide services amidst the changing demands and needs of the clients and environment. He recommended that architects should take active roles in resilient nation-building, making them more relevant in the modern world.

At the same session, Ar. Noel C. Cruz presented his research titled “Measuring Human Capital Resilience of Architects in the Academe in the Philippines”. The study, which he co-authored together with fellow academic staff Ar. John Clemence Pinlac and Ar. Caryn Paredes-Santillan, Ph.D., presented the results of an online survey they conducted following the multilevel Human Capital Future Resilience Index. It assessed both individual resilience and organizational resilience and how the two could complement each other. Another output of the study is the identification of a possible correlation between the different profiles of the respondents and the results.

After the presentations, a panel discussion was participated by Serrano and Cruz together with Polytechnic University of the Philippines Dean Ar. Jocelyn Lutap to expand on the topics discussed. The panel discussion was moderated by UST College of Architecture Pedagogical Lead Ar. Caryn Paredes-Santillan, Ph.D.

Under the chief management of Architecture academic staff Ar. Cesar Augusto S. Concio III, AAA+A is organized by the United Architects of the Philippines – Commission on Education (UAP-ComEd).

Ong talks on THE Impact Rankings at AIM CHED-Global Academic Leadership Program

University of Santo Tomas Deputy Director of the Office of QS/THE Rankings, Engr. Nestor R. Ong, MSIE, PIE, ASEAN Eng, was the resource speaker in the panel discussion on the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings held recently at the Virtual AIM-CHED-GALP Panel Discussion.

The program was attended by the university presidents of the State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), higher education officials and officers of the Commission of Higher Education (CHED), and university Board of Regents (BOR) members under the AIM (Asian Institute Management)-CHED-GALP (Global Academic Leadership Program).

UST was a participant in this top-level internationalization program of CHED for Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), made possible through former UST Secretary General and Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., Ph.D., who was a participant in the AIM-CHED-GALP.

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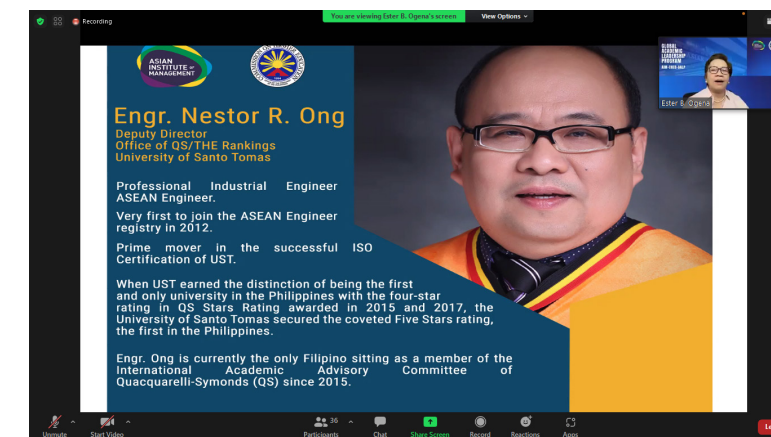
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Citing the fact that UST was ranked in THE Impact Rankings 2021, Ong was invited to share his experiences and insights in the processes that UST has undertaken for THE Impact Rankings. Prior to the presentations, Ong was asked to attend the alignment meeting with the Program Director Prof. Federico M. Macaranas, former Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs and former Professor of AIM, together with Program Lead Domain Expert in Education Prof. Ester B. Ogena, Ph.D., Adjunct Faculty of AIM, on January 4, 2022. The said meeting clarified the expectations of the program, important aspects of the presentations and other concerns that benefitted AIM-CHED-GALP participants. Ogena said, “Considering that THE ranking system relates university efforts on delivering programs for impact to their communities, the discussion is an essential component of the program. Moreover, it is noted that PH universities are mandated to report to CHED their contributions to the attainment of the country’s commitments to UNSDGs.”

Ong presented the topic “Going Beyond Local Accreditation” in four cohorts held on different dates. Each cohort had a set of different national participants that included university presidents, CHED officers, and other officials. However, Ong was free to incorporate improvements for the next cohort as needed based on the experience he had from a previous cohort.

In the initial cohort held on January 19, 2022, the AIM-CHED-GALP training program was not affected by the suspension of classes in Metro Manila. Ong’s presentation was followed by reactions from the participants, further discussion on the topic relating to the participants’ individual reports, and Qualtrics Exercise. Fr. Miranda acted as reactor.

Ong was cited ‘Champion’ in the Rankings by CHED International Affairs Staff (IAS) Director Atty. Lily Freida Milla, which was agreed upon by Prof. Ogena, Prof. Macaranas, and Fr. Miranda. Ong’s presentation consisted of three parts. The first part of his presentation was a high-level overview of Rankings. The second part was the presentation and discussion of the high-level status of UST’s Impact Ranking Performances, and the last part of the presentation was about UST’s



Prof. Ester Ogena, Ph.D., introduces Engr. Ong

success story in tackling the challenge of THE Impact Rankings for two consecutive editions 2020 and 2021, as well as a sharing on UST’s best practices based on its experience.

In subsequent cohorts, Ong incorporated some enhancements in his presentation such as integrating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), video presentation on Service Learning (as shared to him by the Director of Simbahayan, Asst. Prof. Froilan A. Alipao, MCD, Comparability Chart of Quality Assurance, Model for Assessing the Educational Quality Management System (EQMS) of HEIs, and Basic Integrative Conceptual Framework (BICF) of Accreditation.

An established speaker on accreditation, particularly on THE Rankings, Ong has been a much-sought after speaker on the topic. He has been invited to speak in various universities and institutions such as the Lyceum of the Philippines University (LPU) – Cavite, Philippine Normal University (PNU), University of Perpetual Help System Delta, CHED, Network of CALABARZON Educational Institutions, Inc. (NOCEI), and LPU-Batangas, Laguna, Cavite, Davao, Manila and Makati, the latter of which is rated as a QS-Star institution.

The University of Santo Tomas has established itself as an authority on international rankings and ratings and has been known in helping Philippine universities uplift their educational standards to be at par with international standards and be recognized on the global scene as also mandated by CHED.

The University of the Philippines-Centre International de Formation des

Autorités et Leaders Philippines (UP-CIFAL Philippines) has invited Ong to be its speaker on the topic “Self-Assessing the impacts as a Higher Education Institution (HEI) in the implementation of the SDGs for society and a sustainable future” to be held on July 13, 2022. He was also invited to be a resource speaker in the F2F lecture-workshop on QS Stars Rating Mentoring by the president of the Bukidnon State University that will be held from July 21 to July 22, 2022.

The GALP intends to provide learning opportunities for transformative leadership for the country’s higher education institutions to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. The objectives of GALP as per CHED assessment are : 1. Provide essential transformative leadership skills for academic leaders of SUCs to meet the needs of the chaotic 21st Century with competencies in moving towards Smart universities, 2. Translate the new Vision/Mission of CHED into new ideas and project proposals addressing the new/next normal conditions of Philippine education responsive to changing social, economic and governance needs, and 3. Equip with concepts, frameworks, principles and innovative tools to perform mandated leadership functions given the challenges of the 21st Century and the new perspectives of the 4th Industrial Revolution. The lifelong learning principles in GALP are as follows: 1. Promote a learner-centered but collaborative – basic understanding in the applications of new technologies of the 4th Industrial Revolution □ Smart universities, and 2. Apply the 4Cs – Critical thinking, Communications, Collaboration, and Creativity.

Four RCSSED researchers serve as speakers at Indonesian university

A public university in Indonesia accommodated researchers from UST's Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSED) who shared their recent studies related to sustainability and environmental protection issues.

The Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember in Surabaya province (some 780 kms. east of Jakarta) hosted a Guest Lecture Series (GLS) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for their students in its current Spring Semester.

During that Series, RCSSED academic researchers Prof. Moises Norman Garcia, Prof. Maria Rosario Garcia, Prof. Arlen Ancheta and Asst. Prof. Racquel Layco presented their papers that were done for the NGO EcoWaste Coalition Philippines, Inc. and for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Prof. Moises Garcia presented his paper on materials balance flow of plastic pollution in Manila Bay. Prof. Ancheta discussed findings of a study on what are called "Zero Waste Cities." Prof. Maria Rosario Garcia presented a paper on sachet consumption, while Asst. Prof. Racquel Layco spoke on community engaged research on disaster resiliency.

The GLS sessions on "Practices and Policy" were staged virtually on May 17 and 24, 2022.

Prof. Moises Norman Z. Garcia
University of Santo Tomas
"Assessment of Plastic Pollution along Manila Bay : Plastic Material Balance Flow Study Along Manila Bay"

Prof. Arlen Ancheta
University of Santo Tomas
"Crafting Sustainable Cities: Zero Waste in Context"

Dr. Maria Rosario C. Garcia
University of Santo Tomas
"Sachet Consumption in Philippines : a Study on its Socio-Economic Implications and Insights"

Asst. Prof. Racquel C. Layco
University of Santo Tomas
"Disaster Resiliency: Barangay San Vicente, Laur, Nueva Ecija, Philippines a Case Study"

Lontoc of Educ, USTGS discusses Family Literacy, Indigenous Knowledge, Intergenerational Learning at NRCP's Expert Class Series



Dr. Gina Lontoc presenting during the NRCP Expert Class Series

Asst. Prof. Gina Lontoc, Ph.D., the UST Family Literacy Country Project Lead served as one of the mentors in the Expert Class Series of the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) on May 13, 2022. This serves as NRCP's platform for advisory and advocacy for awareness and policy integration.

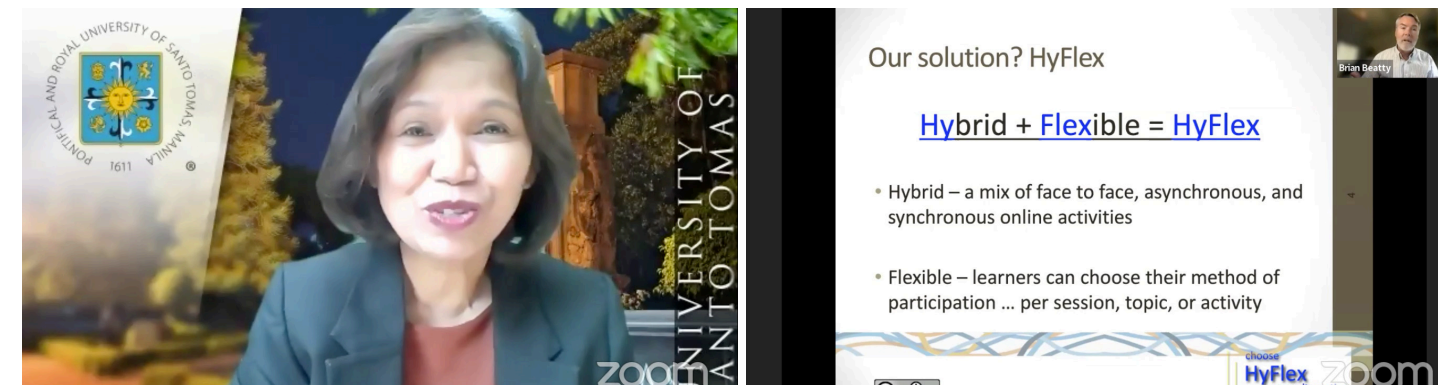
Dr. Lontoc shared with the participants the results of the study of her team, highlighting the evidence-based dimension of the study in the context of educational, social, economic, and political aspects. This was an opportunity for the UST

Family Literacy team to contribute to policy integration and ongoing debates surrounding family literacy, indigenous and local knowledge systems, and intergenerational learning.

Participants in the series were members of the academe, practitioners, representatives from the Alternative Learning System of the Department of Education, local government units, and representatives from the Senate, specifically from the Office of Senator

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2nd Int'l PSALM Conference reveals pandemic impacts on teacher education



Dean Romero delivers the opening remarks.

Beatty elaborates on the HyFlex system.

The UST College of Education gathered around 200 educators worldwide in its 2nd International Passion for Scholarship And Love for Mission (PSALM) Conference on June 17, 2022, to discuss the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic to educational delivery.

Anchored on the theme "Onward and Upward: Charting the Direction of Teacher Education During and Beyond COVID-19," the event coincides with the 96th Founding Anniversary of the College, a Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Center of Excellence in Teacher Education.

College of Education Dean Prof. Pilar I. Romero, LPT, Ph.D., underscored the University's mission to "form professionals who will become engaged practitioners of change, advocates for truth, justice, and charity, and not mere fodder for the industrial mill."

UST is also one of the pioneer educational institutions in the country guided by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

COVID-19 Situationers

Rev. Fr. Nicanor R. Austriaco, Jr., O.P., Ph.D., S.Th.D., disclosed that cumulative COVID-19 cases in the country was relatively moderate as compared with other countries.

The professor of Biology and Theology at the University of Santo Tomas and Providence College also encouraged vaccination and wearing of N95 masks to get maximum protection against Omicron's BA.4 and BA.5 variants.

Meanwhile, SEGi University, Malaysia, Faculty of Education Senior Lecturer Datin Dr. Ng Soo Boon underscored that teachers, as instruments in education, need skills and reskilling training in remote learning. She also indicated the teachers' need for technical help and policy support, echoing the keynote speech of Dr. Aldrin A. Darilag, Ph.D., CHED Oversight Commissioner for Teacher Education and Teacher Quality.

Dr. Brian J. Beatty, associate professor of Instructional Technologies at the San Francisco State University, USA, reintroduced HyFlex Teaching and Learning system as prospects for a post-pandemic pedagogy.

HyFlex, a blend of hybrid and flexible, lets students choose to attend class either in an assigned face-to-face environment or in an online environment (synchronous, asynchronous, and bichronous).

Dr. Beatty explained that HyFlex allows him to be more engaged with his students, because he was able to ask students which system works with them.

Education Beyond COVID-19

In his lecture, Dr. Robert F. Dooley, Ph.D., Superintendent of Ajo Unified Schools Arizona, USA, took notice that during the shutdown period, it was easier for families to withdraw from school.

Meanwhile, Dr. Thanawan Phongsatha, Ph.D., mentioned the Thai government program Distance Learning TV (DLTV), initiated by the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej in 1995, which gave schools in rural areas and the outskirts of their country

a better opportunity through satellite TV.

"During COVID-19, DLTV has been great help to make sure that the school delivers the basic curriculum not only in the rural areas, but also in the cities," she said.

Dr. Phongsatha is the Program Director of the Doctorate in Teaching and Technology program under the Graduate School of Business and Advanced

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Sherwin Gatchalian who is the Chairman of the Committee on Basic Education, Arts, and Culture.

Dr. Socorro Aguja acted as moderator while Atty. Katryn Cadiente from the Office of Senator Gatchalian served as the reactor.



CTHM co-hosts Tourism Knowledge Center Academe Partners' Research Training Seminar



Opiniano serves as speaker.

The University of Santo Tomas College of Tourism and Hospitality Management co-hosted the second day of the 1st Tourism Knowledge Center by Rajah Travel Corporation Academe Partners' Research Training Seminar 2022. It was held on June 16, 2022 (Thursday) at the Multi-function Room, 8th Floor, of the Buenaventura G. Paredes, O.P. Building and via Zoom.

Asst. Prof. Jeremiaiah M. Opiniano, Ph.D., the Assistant Director of the UST Research Center for Social Sciences and Education (RCSSEd), served as speaker during the event. Opiniano shared the significance of research methodologies in answering research questions and addressing research objectives.

The program assisted educational institutions in strengthening and building their research capacity, enhancing collaboration with other organizations, and disseminating research papers and journals. This initiative was envisioned to create a deeper culture of research and encourage the production of more academic research that tackle the issues confronting the tourism industry and

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Nursing Dean Escolar Chua meets with fellow experts at first Vancouver Nurses Convention

UST College of Nursing Dean Prof. Rowena L. Escolar Chua, Ph.D., joined the First Filipino Nurses Conventions organized by the Philippine Consulate General in Vancouver on March 25, 2022 at the Coast Coal Harbour Vancouver Hotel. She met her fellow administrators from various British Columbia educational institutions with accredited nursing programs. This convention was in collaboration with the Filipino Network, a network of Filipino social service workers in British Columbia, and Western Community College.

The University of Santo Tomas is one of the few Philippine Centers of Excellence in nursing and one of six that the Consulate reached out to, according to their website.

With the theme "Breaking Barriers to Labour Market Integration in the Healthcare Industry: The Future of Internationally Trained Nurses", the convention tackled 4 plenary topics: (1) the current state of credentials recognition processes for Internationally-Educated Nurses (IENs) in BC; (2) the lived experiences in nursing licensure procurement; (3) The alternative pathways; and lastly, (4) the way forward being an excellent registered nurse.

For the first plenary, the speakers were British Columbia College of Nurses and Midwives Chief Executive Officer Cynthia Johansen, Nursing Community Assessment Service Executive Director Rita Parikh, and British Columbia Nurses Union Human Rights Equity and Health Policy Officer Hanif Karim.

The speakers for second plenary includes - Ms. Sherrylyn Vivero, Ms. Hydee McMillan, and Ms. Jennie Arceno. The three are registered nurses in BC who shared their experiences of becoming registered nurses in BC.

Alternative pathways for achieving a nursing career in BC were discussed in the third plenary for the IENs. The speakers were Filipino Network Member and Western Community College Director for Employment and Community Programs Mr. Stephen Andrada and Western Community College Healthcare Assistant (HCA) Program Manager and Classroom Instructor on Theory and Skills Lab Ms. Amy de Chavez

Lastly, for the fourth plenary, Mr. Andrada was also the speaker. He concluded the plenary discussion by presenting a roadmap that summarizes the previous discussion along with the short, medium, and long-term plans for the better career opportunities of the IENs.

The convention aimed to help Filipino IENs in British Columbia to land great nursing career opportunities. Through the plenary discussions, IENs are shared with information and understanding to cope up with the credentials recognition processes for nurses in BC. Additionally, information booths were set up at the convention venue through the help of the other few organizations the consulate reached out to for the event.

In line with the convention, Dean Escolar Chua met with the heads of the BSN programs of the Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU), University of British Columbia, Douglas College, and Thompson Rivers University.

The convention was attended by a total of 100 Filipino Internationally-Educated Nurses (IENs). The University of Santo Tomas is one of the very few institutions invited by the consulate. Apart from the University, Healthmatch BC, the Langley Community Service Society, FilNet, the Western Community College, the Philippine Overseas Labor Office, and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration in Vancouver engaged in the event.



Dean Escolar Chua (rightmost) at the consulate with (from left:) Deputy Consul General Arlene T. Magno, Consul General Maria Andrelita S. Austria, and University of British Columbia School of Nursing Director Dr. Elizabeth M. Saewyc

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Technology Management of the Assumption University of Thailand Bangkok, Thailand.

"We believe at the frontier of our virtual classes are our teachers," attested Miracle F. Tapado, who oversaw the teacher trainings and curriculum evaluation, with the participation of parents, at the International Philippine School in Jeddah (IPSJ) in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The principal of IPSJ said that, after the Kingdom lifted all the COVID-19 protocols, all students are back to the campus, but they are still using the learning management system.

Janet E. Bernardo, Multiple Disabilities Teacher at the Centreville High School, Fairfax County Public Schools Virginia, USA, related that they created a communication plan, with agenda notebooks, emailing system, and discussion boards.

Their schools have continued full time in-person learning, observation of health protocols, implementation of learning management system, and refinement of their technical skills.

With discussions on the latest empirical findings in teacher training, the International PSALM Conference is conducted not only to create a network of academics, but also inform policy and practice among teacher education institutions (TEIs).

GUEST SPEAKERS

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Hon. Aldrin A. Darilag, PhD, CHRP, RMT, RN
Overnight Commissioner for Teacher Education and Teacher Quality Commission on Higher Education Republic of the Philippines

PLENARY SPEAKERS

COVID-19 in the Philippines and the World: A Situator
Rev. Fr. Nicanor R. Austricao, Jr., OP, PhD, SThD
Professor of Biology and Theology University of Santo Tomas and Providence College

Reshaping the Teacher Education Curriculum: Lessons from the Pandemic
Datin Dr. Ng Soo Boon, CHM, KMN
Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Education SEGi University, Malaysia

HyFlex Teaching and Learning: Prospects for a Post-Pandemic Pedagogy
Brian J. Beatty, PhD
Associate Professor of Instructional Technologies San Francisco State University, United States of America

SESSION DISCUSSIONS

Navigating the Terrain of Education Beyond COVID-19: Experiences from Across the Globe
Robert F. Dooley, PhD
Superintendent, Ajo Unified Schools Arizano, United States of America

Thanawan Phongsatha, PhD
Program Director, PhD in Teaching and Technology Graduate School of Business and Advanced Technology Management Assumption University of Thailand Bangkok, Thailand

Miracle F. Tapado, MASEd
Principal International Philippine School in Jeddah Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Janet E. Bernardo, MAEd
Multiple Disabilities Teacher Centreville High School Fairfax County Public Schools Virginia, United States of America

30th 17th 2022
 8:30AM- 3PM PST

Teacher lights up the path for students

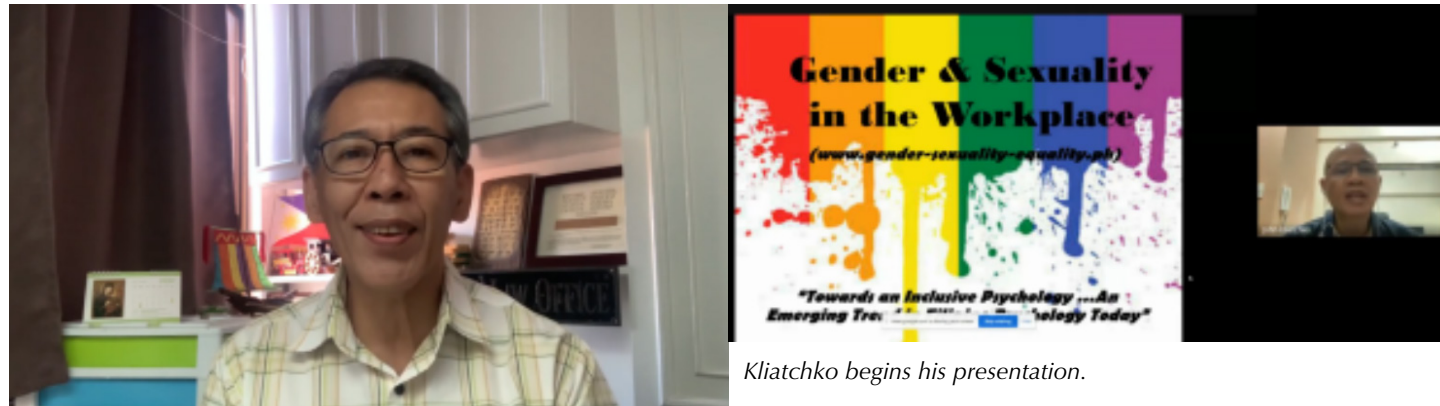


How to and with what is teacher educators need to ponder!

Boon discusses reskilling.

Roster of speakers

AB Behavioral Science students conduct webinar on gender inclusivity



Diokno delivers the opening remarks.

In line with the objectives established by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal No. 5, Gender and Equality, Behavioral Science students under the Faculty of Arts and Letters held a webinar titled “Bahagi ng Bahaghari: An Inclusivity for the LGBTQIA+ Community Webinar” on June 2, 2022.

The webinar was held to spread awareness on gender inclusivity. The webinar, presented in two parts, first gave insight on the history of the LGBTQIA+ community, their influence in society, and the labels and terms that emerged within the community throughout the years. This was followed with a discussion that highlighted inclusivity discussing ways on how to make members of the said community feel welcomed.

The guest speakers of the event were Attorney Chel Diokno, a lawyer, educator, and advocate for human rights, Dr. John Manuel R. Kliatchko, Chair of the Interdisciplinary Studies Department and member of the Ethics Committee of the Psychological Association of the Philippines’ LGBT Special Interest Group, and Ms. Lou Sheridan Manlapaz, a project manager at Cardinal Health International Philippines.

The webinar was organized in line with the 5th SDG of achieving gender equality and empowering all women and girls. The organizers chose to conduct a webinar on inclusivity to underscore empowerment regardless of gender.

In his short speech, Atty. Chel Diokno expressed his beliefs as a human rights lawyer that the freedom to express one’s gender identity, including one’s relationship preference is firmly included in our rights. He thanked the youth for their call to action and reiterated his support for equality, stating that the journey towards equality is admittedly an uphill climb, but he too hopes for a day that no one would be judged for their gender identity.

Dr. Kliatchko gave his discussion on gender and sexuality in the workplace, starting with the history of the LGBTQIA+ community and its influence and changes in society, one of which is the SOGIE bill. He

Kliatchko begins his presentation.



Manlapaz shares her discussion on inclusivity.

then began his discussion on celebrating diversity and informed the participants of the many different labels and terminologies of the LGBTQIA+ community as a precursor to the goal of the SOGIE bill which is to stop discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression. Dr. Kliatchko expressed that in order to do so, everyone must be informed of the basics and that starts with language and how to properly address a member of the LGBTQIA+ community as it is the very first step towards inclusivity.

The second and last speaker, Ms. Manlapaz, shared her experiences in life and the workplace as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community. She began her discussion by applying the information from the previous lecture and discussing what one should do if their child, family member, friend, or co-worker is a member of the LGBTQIA+ community. She expressed that in order for one to be inclusive they must first initiate the conversation regarding the topic, following that, by being well-informed, one would be able to show their full support towards their friends and family, and lastly, support from the community will follow. She reiterated that an inclusive workforce starts with having a conversation, and from there, allies and members of the LGBTQIA+ community can further help and make society a better place.

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Ong, Flores of Office of QS/THE Rankings represent UST in Virtual QS Reimagine Education Conference and Awards 2021

The Deputy Director of the Office of QS/THE Rankings, Engr. Nestor R. Ong, MSIE, PIE, ASEAN Eng and his Office Assistant, Mr. Vien Vic G. Flores, MS, AFP attended the 5-day Virtual QS Reimagine Education Conference 2021 based on the ASIA and Europe/US program agenda.

The conference allowed Ong and Flores to participate in several pocket webinars that covered topics such as Challenging Traditional Quality Metrics in Higher Education, Proven Approaches to Online Leadership and Teacher Development, The Age of Online Learning - Working towards an evaluative framework, Lessons Learnt from Reimagine Education, Developing and Implementing a Winning Product Roadmap, and Gamification and Game Design Theory in the Classroom.

They also attended challenging, timely and relevant panel discussions about Embedding SDGs in Universities’ DNA, Measuring Impact - Tech for SDGs, Learning and Thriving in the New Normal, Pioneering Educational Models, AI For Personalized Student Success, The Entrepreneurial University, Designing Education for Collective Intelligence, and Virtual Projects as New Internships - Future 17 Sustainable Development Goals Challenge Program. Some of the more valuable conversations centered around questioning the status quo and discussing the balance of technology in the classroom and learning skills along with knowledge.

Ong said, “To our pleasant surprise, this Reimagine Education Conference provides us with a great way for all of us to share and exchange ideas with other professionals from different countries and from different backgrounds as well as discovering new collaborations with some of the brilliant or talented educators and innovators who attended the conference.” He also added, “It was inspiring to hear many different perspectives on education and technology associated with the various innovations in the educational environment which was a great opportunity to also appreciate each other’s work as we all strive for common goals in a new normal setting.”

Ong and Flores’ efforts in attending almost every conference program agenda and active participation in each session were recognized when the University recently received an invitation from the 9th edition of Wharton- QS Reimagine Education Awards (2022 Global Education Award and Global EdTech Award) to submit an entry focusing on innovative projects on enhancing student learning outcomes and employability.

This call for applications is being coordinated with Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs and Asst. Prof. Anna Cherylle M. Ramos, Director of the Educational Technology Center, for our potential participation in their global awards category where the submission deadline is 16th September

2022. Judges will announce the shortlisted projects on 15th October 2022.

All shortlisted projects’ teams will be invited to present their innovation at the Wharton-QS Reimagine Education Conference, where, after a pitch competition for the 10 top-scoring projects, the winners will be selected by the Grand Jury, and awarded on the final day of the conference.

The Reimagine Education Conference brought together a community of people, especially leaders working to enhance education in a variety of ways. Reimagine Education is a global conference and competition, open to educational innovators from all around the globe. The conference brings together edtech startups, academic faculty from top institutions, chief innovation officers, university leadership, teachers, and other stakeholders in the future of higher education teaching and learning.

The Reimagine Education Awards – the ‘Oscars’ of Education – reward innovative approaches that enhance student learning outcomes and employability, offering \$50,000 in funding to the overall winners.

The Reimagine Education Competition & Conference has continued to grow every year, attracting record numbers of applicants and delegates. Delegate feedback has been broadly positive, recognizing the need for a forum that brings to the forefront the most pressing questions facing contemporary educators.

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The course facilitator, Mr. Gian Carlo M. Ledesma, concluded the event with his closing remarks by expressing his advocacy for the needs and rights of the LGBTQIA+ community. He stated that while the community has had challenges and successes throughout history, society still has a long way to go to achieve the desired acceptance and treatment for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Ledesma gives the closing remarks.

USTGS-CCCPET facilitates CBCP-ECCHC's 12th Biennial National Convention of Church Heritage Workers

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) Episcopal Commission for the Cultural Heritage of the Church (ECCHC) 12th Biennial National Convention of Church Heritage Workers was held online via Zoom from May 16 to 18, 2022 after its postponement from the previous year due to the strict COVID-19 pandemic restrictions.

Hosted by the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Manila (RCAM), the assembly was titled, "Church Heritage: Beyond the Qs (Quarantine and Quincentenary)." The RCAM provided an overview of the archdiocesan church heritage conservation programs with presentations from RCAM Archivist Fr. Albert Cecilio A. Flores, Quiapo Church Engineer Bernard Q. Lasala, and RCAM Conservator Ms. Ma. Lourdes Po.

The conference covered four subthemes that were competently tackled by clergy and lay speakers. On Church Heritage Recovery Programs, the speakers and their topics were Fr. Augusto Jesus B. Angeles III, who gave a presentation titled "Restoration of Vinzons Church"; Fr. Jonathan Calleja, who delivered a lecture titled "Restoration Effort on Churches of Albay after Typhoon Rolly"; and Fr. Mark Vincent D. Salang, who shared a discussion titled "Response to Churches of Southern Leyte after Typhoon Odette." On Church Organizing and Programming, the speakers and their projects were Mr. Marlou O. Castillo, who presented the "San Jose Archives Project"; Fr. Paul Nicklaus C. Woo, who talked about the "Heritage Programs of Caloocan Diocese"; and Fr. Jonas A. Awayan, who discussed the "Conservation Management Plan of Jasaan Church."

For Church Heritage Research and Documentation, the speakers were Dr. Cheek Fadriquela, who gave a presentation on the "Pronto Socorro Extensive Research"; and Br. Mervin G. Lomague, O.P., who shared a discussion on the "Dominican Church Heritage Charter." Lastly, for Church Heritage Contestation, the speakers were Ms. Marianne Claire V. Vitug, who presented the "San Sebastian Basilica Contestation"; and Mr. Francis Ong who talked about the "Return of the Santo Nino de Malitbog."

The CBCP-ECCHC is chaired by His Eminence Bishop Julito B. Cortes, D.D., with Fr. Milan Ted D. Torralba as the Secretary-General. USTGS-CCCPET has served as the Secretariat since 1999 with Assoc. Prof. Eric B. Zerrudo, Ph.D. as National Coordinator, and Ms. Beverly M. Bautista as Technical Assistant.



CBCP-ECCHC Secretary-General, Fr. Torralba gives the Statement of Purpose.



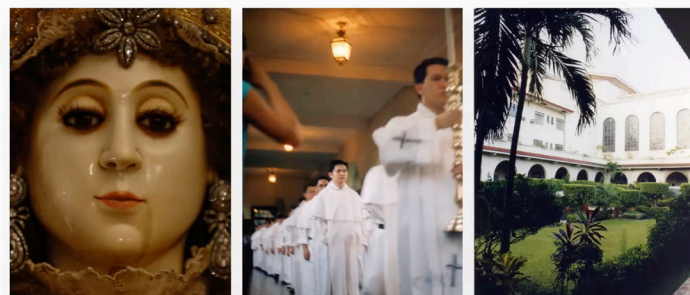
Fr. Salang begins his presentation on Church Heritage Recovery Programs.



Castillo presents his topic on Church Organizing and Programming.

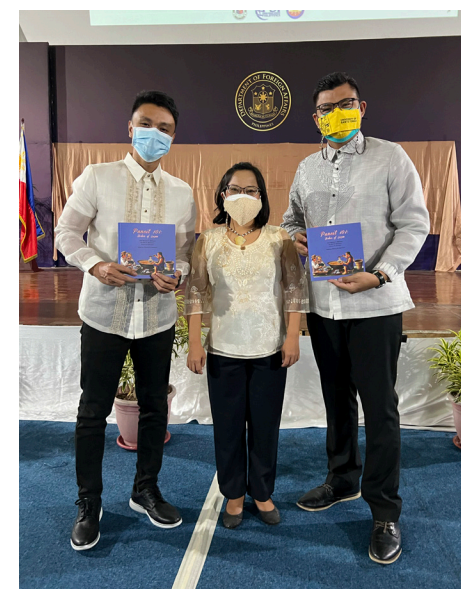
Towards a Local Charter for *Sacra Praedicatione*: A Case of Sto. Domingo

M. G. Lomague, O.P.
Sto. Domingo Convent,
Dominican Province



Br. Lomague's opening slide for his presentation on Church Heritage Research and Documentation

Mercado, Andalecio of CTHM publish books on Philippine Pancit culinary heritage, Laguna traditional craftsmanship



(From left:) Andalecio, Katigbak, and Mercado, the authors of *Pancit 101: Dishes of Luzon*



Mercado (leftmost) with the co-authors of *Women of Laguna Coffee Table Book* and Hon. Jose Maria A. Cariño, Director-General of DFA FSI (center).



Mercado and Andalecio

College of Tourism and Hospitality Management academic staff Mr. Jame Monren T. Mercado and Mr. Avi Ben P. Andalecio published books on culture and heritage under the Department of Foreign Affairs – Foreign Service Institute (DFA FSI).

Mercado and Andalecio published *Pancit 101: Dishes of Luzon*, documentation of recipes of different Pancit dishes from Luzon Island, Philippines. The documentation is the output from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) Research Award for an Individual Category last 2019. One hundred and one pancit dishes from eight regions were included. The book is also co-authored by Ms. Evelyn O. Katigbak, the Head of the Publishing Section of DFA FSI, and edited by Madame Priscila R. Confiado of the Philippine Ambassadors' Ladies Association (PALA).

The book was officially launched on June 02, 2022, at Bulwagang Apolinario Mabini, DFA Administrative Building. It was presided over by Hon. Loren B. Legarda, Senator of the Republic of the Philippines.

Mercado also co-authored a coffee

table book, *Women of Laguna: Continuing Old Traditions*, published by DFA FSI and the Office of Financial Management Services and PALA. The coffee table book highlights the heritage significance of five traditional Laguna craftsmanship embedded in Filipina Lagunense. Five towns were highlighted, namely, Taka from Paete, Burda of Lumban, Paglalala from the towns of Cavinti and Pila, and Tsinallas of Liliw.

The documentation output is the product of the NCCA Research Award for an Individual Category last 2021, awarded to four researchers from different academic institutions. Aside from Mercado, the researchers are Mr. Allan Paul Romero-Tang from Miriam College Quezon City, Dr. Marygrace A. Ac-ac from De La Salle – College of Saint Benilde Manila, and Dr. Lilibeth C. Aragon from the Lyceum of the Philippines University Manila. The coffee table book is also co-authored by Mr. Edgar Allan M. Sembrano, a contributor from the Philippine Daily Inquirer. The book was officially launched on June 13, 2022 (Monday) at Bulwagang Apolinario Mabini, DFA Building. It was presided over by Madame Ma. Lourdes Barcelon Locsin.

CCCPET gathers Antequera basket weavers for capacity-building seminar

The USTGS-CCCPET Director Assoc. Prof. Eric Babar Zerrudo and Technical Assistant Ms. Beverly M. Bautista gave orientation lectures to the newly elected local councilors and basket artisans of the interior municipality on creative economy on June 3, 2022, at the Municipal Tourism and Trade Center in Antequera, Bohol.

The activity was basket conservation advocate Ar. Jovie Ladura's immediate response to the Uswag Artesano Leyte assembly on basket weaving networking and capacity building, which was held on May 23 and 24, 2022 in Villaba, Leyte.

Known as the Basket Capital of the Province, Antequera experiences innumerable issues and concerns regarding the traditional industry such as the lack of safeguarding mechanisms for the intangible heritage, unfair labor practices in the market, lack of capacity building and education for artisans, lack of facilities, equipment, and instruments, and the aging population of weavers.



The USTGS-CCCPET Director Assoc. Prof. Eric Zerrudo, Ph.D., (seated, fourth from left, in green jacket) with the stakeholders, basket artisans, and local councilors of Antequera, Bohol.

The afternoon assembly was organized through the valuable support of Ms. Jadulco, the Antequera Tourism Officer, and the active participation of Councilor-elect Ar. Hector Balonda, Councilor-elect Johnny Coquilla, and Councilor-elect Edwin Cuenca.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CD-Arki highlights community design towards service learning at AUN symposium

CD Arki: Community Design towards Service-Learning

Asst. Prof. Henry Felix Herrera
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On its first day, Architecture faculty members Asst. Prof. Henry Felix E. Herrera, Asst. Prof. Antonino N. Tobias IV, and Ar. Raymond P. Clarin presented their paper titled "CD Arki: Community Design towards Service Learning" under the first session "The Big Picture". The presentation recounted the activities and involvement of the Architecture Community Development Office (CD-Arki), an arm of UST SIMBAHAYAN, in the municipality of Nagcarlan, Laguna.

CD-Arki presented the various infrastructure, livelihood, and community engagement projects as part of the community development efforts of the institution. The presentation showcased hands-on and engaged experiences that gave architecture students a deeper learning of architecture and community building. The presentation concluded with a recommendation that such activities be incorporated in the architecture curriculum as a service-learning approach.

On the same day, Architecture faculty and Pedagogy Lead Ar. Caryn Paredes-Santillan Ph.D. moderated the second session titled "Macro to Micro: Scales of Engagement". The session involved presentations from Indonesia, Japan, and Malaysia.

Organized by the National University of Singapore and Chiang Mai University, the e-symposium saw participants from nine countries and 14 universities.

Academic staff from the College of Architecture discussed community engagement in architecture education at the ASEAN University Network - Architecture Design Education and Research in ASEAN (AUN-ADERA) e-symposium on June 23 and 24, 2022.

Through a series of paper presentations and panel discussions, the event was an opportunity to share how community engagement was incorporated with architecture design education and pedagogy.

Dunong Tomas holds year-long voter education, engagement advocacy named 'Boto Pilipino'



Jimenez giving a short inspirational message for the launching of 'Boto Pilipino: Boto mo para sa Pagbabago'

The UST Simbahayan Community Development Office, through their inclusive and equitable education cluster, organized a series of webinars for Dunong Tomas that focused on responsible voting. This year, Dunong Tomas, with the theme 'Boto Pilipino: Boto mo para sa Pagbabago', launched a year-long campaign that ran from November 2021 until May 2022.

In a series of five webinars, spread across the duration of the advocacy campaign, several resource speakers were invited throughout the webinar series to discuss various topics connected to the 2022 national and local elections. Topics included (a) basic voter education, (b) importance of the candidates' environmental platforms, (c) history of voting in the Philippines, (d) responsible use of social media during the elections, (e) why our vote should be a holy vote, and (f) post-election call for electoral reform, vigilance, and social responsibility.

In the last leg of the webinar series which was held after the recent national elections, the importance of remaining informed about political issues and being engaged in relevant discussions in the country were themes highlighted in the webinar. Held on May 21, the two resource speakers, Asst. Prof. Ma. Zenia M. Rodriguez and Asst. Prof. Ronald M. Castillo, underscored the need for post-election reflection and analysis.

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De Los Reyes, with UST Department of Filipino Faculty Member Ms. Leidy May G. Alnajes, BSEd, talking about the responsible use of social media election time talking about the responsible use of social media election time.

Dominican Promoter for Justice, Peace, and Care of Creation Sr. Teresa Dagdag emphasizing how our votes reflect our moral choices and conscience.

Filipino Dept., Simbahayan launch outreach program for *Ayta Magbukon* community



Filipino Department academic staff and members of the *Ayta Magbukon* community

The Department of Filipino rolled out its outreach program with the *Ayta Magbukon* community in Abucay, Bataan on June 27, 2022.

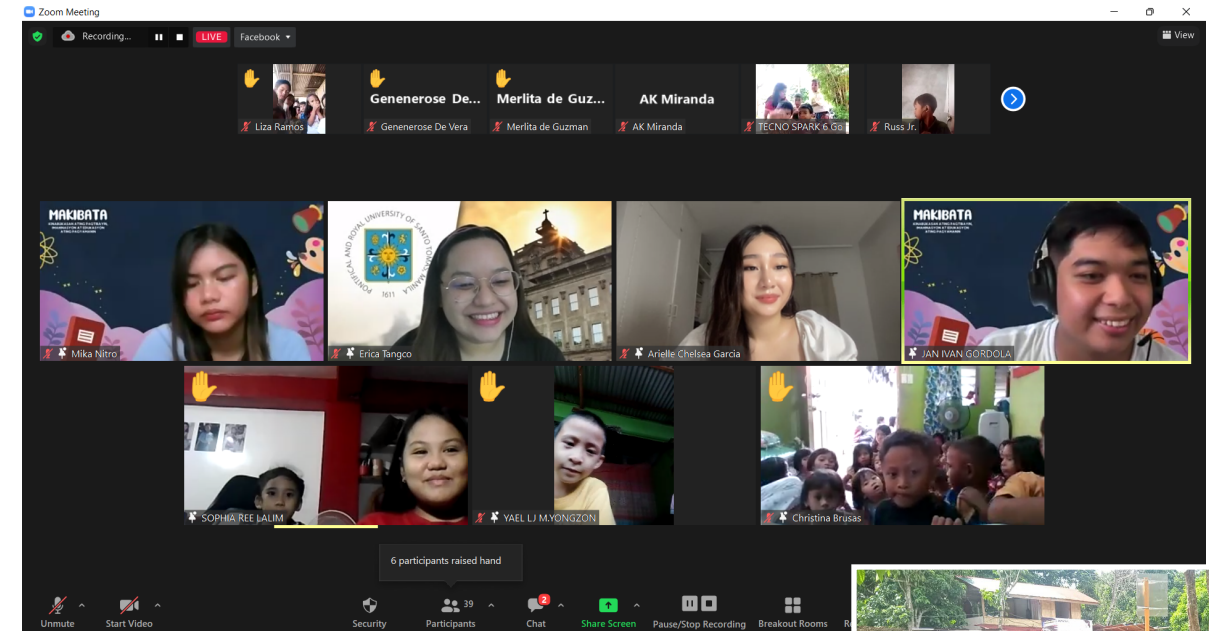
The initial talks and consultation were made possible in cooperation with University of Santo Tomas (UST) Simbahayan Community Development Office and the *Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino* (KWF) *Bahay Wika* in Bataan.

The outreach program is part of the Memorandum of Understanding signed by UST and KWF in 2018 as a joint agreement in promoting language programs in the country.

During the same year, the national institution built the *Bahay Wika* in the *Ayta Magbukon* community to support them in preserving the *Magbukon* language, one of the most endangered indigenous languages in the country.

Faculty members from the Filipino Department enjoined to volunteer for the said endeavor.

Rekindling children's rights through *MAKIBATA*



MAKIBATA children actively participate in the post-reading questions

The annual *MAKIBATA* project, led by the UST Student Organizations Coordinating Council (UST SOCC) in collaboration with the SIMBAHAYAN Community Development Office, Office for Student Affairs, UST Volunteers for UNICEF (UVU), and Artistang Artlets, held virtual sessions on storytelling and crafting from May 23 to 25.

The project, which aims to advocate for children's rights by means of a creative and strategic approach through various workshops and activities, also aims to advocate for the rights of the children of the partner communities by promoting holistic formation and quality education within a safe and nurturing environment.

The first day of the project titled *SINING*, featured storytelling sessions where student volunteers read the winning pieces from UVU's project titled *MAHIWAGA: Ang Kwento ng mga Bata*, a fairytale writing contest featuring talented Thomasian writers from different colleges and faculties. Featured stories include *Si Marisa at ang Nayon ng Pag-asa* written by Ms. Ana Lynel Anacan, *Bakit Hindi Nawawalan ng Apoy ang Lampara ni Lola* by Mr. Louis Andrew Panlaqui, and *Si Ligaya at ang Mahiwagang Llanera* written

by Mr. Lor Jay Basbas. The storytelling sessions were followed by activities to process the themes relevant to the story. Both the children and their parents were encouraged to share about their learnings from the stories that were read that day.

LIKHA, the title and the theme for the second day, featured arts and crafts making sessions. These activities were done asynchronously and were held on May 24, 2022, through the Facebook Page of UVU. Various Junior Volunteer Coordinators, Division Heads and members of the said organization prepared recorded videos that include the materials and instructions for said arts and crafts projects. All the projects are related with the stories which were read during the first day. The best arts and crafts projects were also awarded recognitions during the program.

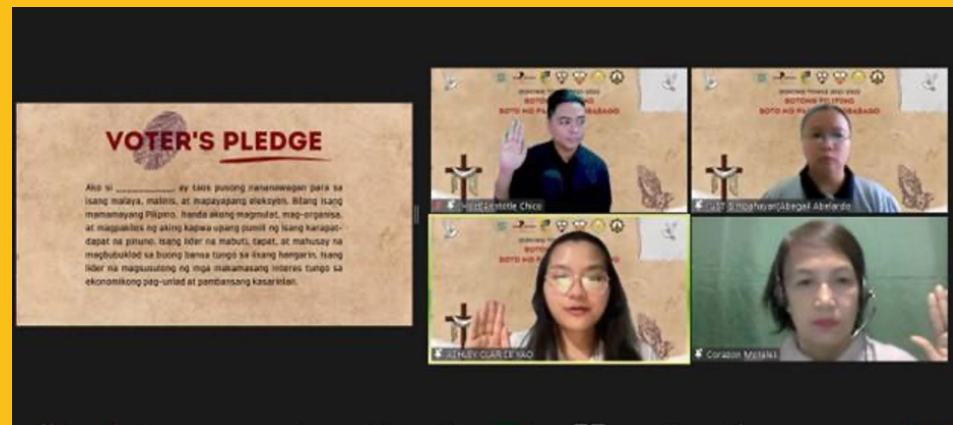
The last day titled *KAISA*, was the conclusion of the three-day event. Partner communities who participated in the event were recognized for their participation. The *MAKIBATA* project was also a part of the celebration of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati Children's Rights Week.



MAKIBATA children show their arts and crafts

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Other speakers from the past webinars include, Greenpeace Philippines Communications Campaigner Mr. Maverick Flores and Living Laudato Si' Philippines Executive Director Mr. Rodne R Galicha who both focused on the environmental effects of the election season; Rev. Fr. Virgilio A. Ojoy, O.P. from Colegio de San Juan de Letran who discussed the role of Philippine History and Social Justice; UST Creative Writing Program Coordinator Asst. Prof. Joselito D. De Los Reyes, Ph.D. who underscored the impact of social media responsibility during the elections; and Dominican Promoter for Justice, Peace, and Care of Creation Sr. Teresa Dagdag who spoke about the importance of choosing the "holy vote". Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Director James B. Jimenez was also present during one of the webinars.



The cluster members who organized this year's *Dunong Tomas* include the UST Junior High School, College of Education, College of Information and Computing Sciences, Senior High School, and UST Simbahayan.

Representatives from the Thomasian community and partner communities and institutions led the voter's pledge before the election



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