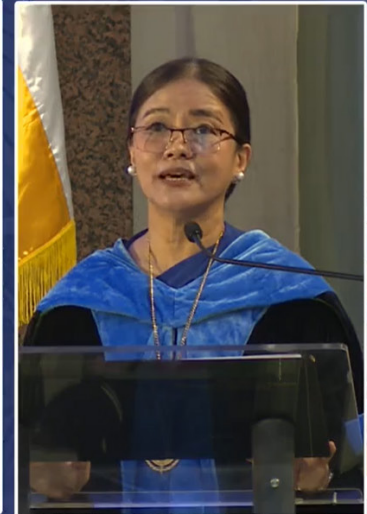


MISA Y DISCURSO DE APERTURA FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023



3 C's of Resiliency (Carillo, 2022)

Considerations	Cope	Control	Construct
Goal	Survive	Manage	Thrive
Competencies	Apply	Adjust	Align
Resources	Limited	Prioritized	Generated
Approach	Trial-and-error	Incremental	Strategized
Attitude towards Change	Anxiety	Necessity	Opportunity



Prof. Clarita DL. Carillo, Ph.D., delivers the Discurso de Apertura.

UST's inaugural lecture: Carillo highlights 3Cs of resilience amid VUCA world

Cope, control, and construct – the University of Santo Tomas Assistant to the Rector for Planning and Quality Management Prof. Clarita DL. Carillo, Ph.D., offered a descriptive continuum of the category of responses demonstrated by higher education institutions to face the challenges, changes, and chances brought about by a VUCA environment, which may not be limited to the current pandemic, during the *Discurso de Apertura* (inaugural lecture) on August 4, 2022, at the UST Chapel (Santisimo Rosario Parish Church).

Titled “Quality Assurance and the 3Cs of Resiliency as Philippine Academic Institutions Move Forward,” Dr. Carillo anchored her discussions on the direct and vicarious experiences of Philippine higher education institutions, highlighting the University's own experience, in transitioning from in-person classes to the Enriched Virtual Mode of instruction. As Dr. Carillo explained, “[UST] served as a model for many Philippine higher education institutions [HEIs], silently observed and trailed, for both its coping

and innovative practices, as these were trialed and tested vis-à-vis its considerably large population and the consequent complexity factors.”

As news of the pandemic began developing in January of 2020, the Office of the Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, led by Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, came up with the Continuity Plan for Teaching and Learning in consultation with the administrative and academic unit heads, with the approval of then-Acting Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D. and deployed it on March 9, 2020. Later that afternoon, the Manila City Mayor suspended classes and UST paused in-person instruction delivery for its more than 40,000 students.

By April 14, 2020, at the end of the government's initially announced period of community quarantine, the University resumed classes online through the UST Cloud Campus (BlackBoard learning management system), which the University has been using for its eLearning activities for almost 20 years.

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CBCP VP Bishop Vergara declares UST’s AY 2022-2023 open



Bishop Vergara delivers the homily.

The University of Santo Tomas Academic Year 2022-2023 officially opened with the *Misa de Apertura* (Mass of the Holy Spirit) on August 4, presided over by His Excellency Most Rev. Mylo Hubert C. Vergara, D.D., Bishop of Pasig and Vice President of the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines. The Dominican Fathers concelebrated the Mass, which was attended by select administrative and academic officials and teaching staff at the UST Chapel (Santísimo Rosario Parish Church) and live-streamed via UST’s Facebook page. Bishop Vergara, in his homily, urged Thomasians to be instruments of renewal for each other, saying that “As we open classes in UST, may we become

instruments of the Holy Spirit to renew each other in personal and communal ways.” Emphasizing that faith and introspection are vital during a time where the world is in turmoil for multiple reasons, the Bishop said that “The strength of a Catholic school is to provide integral formation and human and Christian values that will educate a person to deal with different crises in life. In this light, a renewed spiritual formation of the human person of our young students, their parents, and their educators, should be an urgent focus due to the negative psychological effects of the pandemic to mental health.” “We hope that deeper introspection on the centrality of God in our life, who created us, the be-all and end-all of our beings, makes us realize that any finite coping mechanisms to deal with psychological issues are mere palliatives to get out of our emotional crisis. By renewing our faith in Jesus, we have the comfort and consolation we seek to gain healing and hopefully, attain the peace of mind and heart that God offers.” With the University’s gradual shift to limited in-person classes for more programs this academic year, Bishop Vergara likened the opening of classes to Pentecost, saying that “[a gradual return to campus is] a promise fulfilled for all stakeholders of this University [...] that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are healed of our fears and anxieties and can courageously unlock the closed doors of our homes, classrooms, libraries, meeting halls, recreational rooms and conventional

centers so we can have places of face-to-face encounters, dialogue, and learning.” He also challenged the faithful “to look together as an educational community with one vision of hope, to listen and discern together, involving all stakeholders, so as to encounter Christ in each other; and to love together, beyond the University campus to the existing peripheries.” At the end of the Mass, Bishop Vergara officially declared the Academic Year 2022-2023 open. Immediately following the Mass of the Holy Spirit was the *Discurso de Apertura* (Inaugural Lecture) delivered by Prof. Clarita DL. Carillo, Ph.D., Assistant to the Rector for Planning and Quality Management. She discussed “Quality Assurance and the 3Cs of Resiliency as Philippine Academic Institutions Move Forward.”



(From foreground:) UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., His Excellency Most Rev. Mylo Hubert C. Vergara, D.D., and UST Vice Chancellor and Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines Very Rev. Fr. Filemon I. Dela Cruz, Jr., O.P.



Thomasian stakeholders attend the Mass of the Holy Spirit at the UST Chapel.

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Various support offices such as the Miguel de Benavides Library and the EdTech Center provided services to ensure that learning resources and access to subscription tools like the Microsoft 365 software line, GSuite for Education, Adobe Creative Cloud, Canva, Zoom, and the like remained virtually available for the Thomasian community. To review, coordinate, and harmonize the initiatives to be taken by all the University administrative and academic units, Fr. Ang created the Task Force VERITAS which worked based on a framework adapted from McKinsey & Company’s COVID-19 response model, suitably adjusted to the University’s own context and realities. “The resiliency and adaptability that the University displayed during the last five pandemic-stricken Academic Terms can only proceed from an organization with an already established quality management system and operational quality assurance (QA) processes, which may not be perfect but have proven to function amid crises and challenges,” said Dr. Carillo. Enumerating the 3Cs, Dr. Carillo elaborated that, initially, an organization may Cope with the current challenge. Given time, mere coping to survive can grow to having Control, or managing the uncertainty. By seeking and maximizing opportunities, an organization advances to Construct, or to aim to thrive despite crises. These 3Cs are “not one time, unilinear, or mutually exclusive, and may simultaneously occur while referring to different aspects of management and administration” as the institution navigates volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA) situations. “As universities attempt to deliver services to their stakeholders – primarily, our students – the underlying responsibility is not just to ‘manage’ to deliver, but to continue to deliver with quality.” To create value for the stakeholders, implementing quality assurance (QA), or systematic processes for ensuring that services meet expected standards, is vital, explained Dr. Carillo, who also cautioned that QA is not as simple or linear in the educational context, for the ‘products’ of the system are human beings. QA in education is based on achieving the ‘total formation’ of learners, delineated by expected learning outcomes and desired graduate attributes. It also delves into the administrative and academic support services, such as the library and various resources, counseling and career placement, well-being, enrollment and records management, among others, which aid teachers, students, and staff alike in the joint mission of formation. Regular practice and enforcement of standards and processes, which may have initially started as preparations for



Prof. Clarita DL Carillo, Ph.D., (fifth from left), with (from left:) Assistant to the Rector for UST Sta. Rosa Prof. Philipina Marcelo, Ph.D., Assistant to the Rector for UST General Santos Prof. Maribel G. Nonato, Ph.D., UST Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Isaias Tiongco, O.P., UST Vice Chancellor and Prior Provincial of the Dominican Province of the Philippines Very Rev. Fr. Filemon I. Dela Cruz, Jr., O.P., UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., EHL.

quality validation during accreditation, are expected to lead to “an organizational maturity as regards quality management that progresses from compliance, to commitment, and finally to the cultivation of a quality culture,” Carillo said. QA practices become systemic and systematic, and become reinforced through cultivated habits for continuous quality improvement, which UST implements by using the Plan-Do-Check-Act quality management framework. “It might be a source of encouragement to remember these words from [the poet, novelist, and civil rights activist] Maya Angelou – and I paraphrase – ‘We can be changed by what happens to us, but we can refuse to be reduced by it,’” Dr. Carillo concluded. Dr. Carillo’s inaugural lecture joins the University’s longest serial publication, a collection of public addresses that contains lectures delivered at the beginning of every academic year from 1866 until now. The traditional *Discurso de Apertura* is as old as the secondary education system in the Philippines, explained UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., EHL, who served as the Master of Ceremonies. Fr. Coronel further added that an inaugural academic lecture has been an essential part in the opening exercises of universities across Europe, and that the tradition was likely adapted by UST since its foundation to conform with the tradition of the Dominican houses of

studies of starting every school year with a conference called *Lectio Prima*, or first lecture. This practice emerged from the statutes drafted by Fr. Juan Amador, O.P., in 1785. Prior to leading the Office for Planning and Quality Management, Dr. Carillo served as Vice Rector for Academic Affairs from 2006 to 2017. Other posts that she has held include being the Assistant Dean of the College of Education in 1994, Director of the Center for Educational Research and Development in 2000, a member of the CHED Technical Working Group on Autonomous and Deregulated Universities in 2007, Commissioner of the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA) in 2010. She is currently a lead assessor under the ASEAN University Network Quality Assurance (AUN-QA) and an assessor for the Commission on Higher Education Institutional Sustainability Assessment (CHED-ISA). She continues to be affiliated with the College of Education and the UST Graduate School. On August 4, 2022, CBCP Vice President His Excellency Most Rev. Mylo Hubert Vergara, D.D., officially declared open the Academic Year 2022-2023 at the *in-person Misa de Apertura*, which was held prior to Dr. Carillo’s lecture. While most classes will still use the Enriched Virtual Mode, certain programs with the CHED Safety Seal proceed to have hybrid classes on campus, with cohorts attending classes from home or within classrooms depending on their schedule.

UST reveals ferocious new Tiger statue, block letters during onboarding season



UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., EHL, discusses the significance of the new figures with regard to University culture and heritage.

The iconic Tiger statue and yellow UST block letters have stood guard in front of the University of Santo Tomas Main Building for years, serving as a snapshot-worthy spot for students, alumni, and guests alike. On August 9, 2022, a new, upgraded statue and letter set were unveiled at the Plaza Mayor and live-streamed through UST’s Facebook page (UST1611official).

The mascot of UST is the Bengal tiger, an apex predator species that naturally bears the University’s colors of gold, white, and black. The University’s varsity team names are also in line with the Tiger-theme, with the basketball teams named Growling Tigers and Growling Tigresses, respectively.

The design of the new statue and letters is a collaboration between the Facilities Management Office (FMO) headed by its Director Rev. Fr. Dexter A. Austria, O.P., S.Th.D., and Thomasian alumnus and former academic staff Mr. Anthony E. Zamora.

The new Tiger, an eight-foot figure of a Bengal tiger on its hind legs as if ready to leap with its fangs bared mid-roar, was unveiled through a dynamic performance by the UST Yellow



UST FMO Director Rev. Fr. Dexter Austria, O.P., introduces the new letter set and Tiger figure.

Jackets, the Salinggawi Dance Troupe cheer dance team, signaled by Fr. Austria, who enjoined the community to “Look beyond our seeing and together, let us leap towards the future!”

As stated in the introduction of the unveiling program, “The tiger symbolizes ferocity, courage, strength, bravery, and triumph. Every Thomasian carries this winning mindset wherever they go. That excellence clearly manifests in both academic and athletic recognitions our students have achieved.”

UST recently became the first University in the Philippines to secure a 5-star rating from international education network and analytics provider Quacquarelli Symonds and in July secured its 4th collegiate division championship in Season 84 of the University Athletic Association of the Philippines (UAAP).

Fr. Austria, in his message, shared that the idea for the new Tiger and block letters came from the Rector, Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., who “thought of something to best symbolize our rising over the pandemic, in bringing back our hope to the present and in strengthening our unity as one Thomasian community.”

“This comes at the perfect moment when UST is about to leap beyond the confines of Manila to Sta. Rosa and General Santos campuses,” noted Fr. Austria. A similar set of letters and statues will soon decorate the rising UST campus in Calabarzon and Mindanao.

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The eight-foot tall Tiger figure and the UST block letters in front of the Plaza Mayor at the Manila campus.

After three years: UST welcomes Thomasians on campus

For the first time in three years, the University of Santo Tomas welcomed freshmen on campus for the traditional Thomasian Welcome Walk on August 9, 2022.

For the past 20 years, since 2002, thousands of Thomasian freshmen have walked through and entered the University through the historic Arch of the Centuries at the beginning of each academic year to symbolize the beginning of their Thomasian life.

During the onset of the pandemic, traditions such as the Thomasian Welcome Walk were creatively adapted online using Minecraft as a virtual platform, recreating the Manila campus on its own server. However, this year, the 411-year-old University was ready to showcase its premises and culture to new Tigers in-person for the first time since 2019 through a week-long onboarding season, from August 3 (Wednesday) to August 10 (Wednesday).

The said onboarding activities allowed stakeholders to be introduced to UST’s context and culture.

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Carillo, Ph.D., Assistant to the Rector for Planning and Quality Management.

Tigers’ First Steps on Campus

Thomasians are known as “Tigers”, and fittingly, the new Tigers who stepped foot onto the historic Manila campus learned to roar as one through the in-person ROARientation on August 9 at the Quadricentennial Pavilion (QPav) Arena. Divided into the A.M. and P.M. batches, the freshmen joined the Welcome Mass, learned about the University’s history, culture, services, and sports team chants, among others, before finally entering the Arch of the Centuries via the Thomasian Welcome Walk.

The University also welcomed home second- and third-year students of the higher education cluster and the Grades 8, 9, and 12 classes through a similar event named “Homecoming Walk” on August 23 and 25. These batches began their Thomasian lives online and were only able to join the virtual version of these events in previous academic years since the pandemic and its subsequent community quarantine periods began in early 2020.

On August 10, ALAB 2022, an in-person orientation for the Basic Education Freshmen under the UST Senior High School, Junior High School, and Education High School, was held at the QPav Arena.

Prior to the on campus ROARientation and ALAB, a separate virtual orientation for students was conducted on August 5.



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., delivers the homily during the ROARientation Welcome Mass morning session.

Through the Cloud Campus, a talk show hosted by the Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Ms. Michaela Lagniton informed students about UST’s library services, counseling services, student welfare and development, educational technology, facilities management, health services, and functions of the other University offices.

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Thomasian freshmen, led by UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., EHL, enter the Arch of the Centuries at the beginning of each year to signify the start of their life at UST.

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Remaining vigilant on the protection of the Thomasian community from COVID-19, the University's health policies – such as presentation of vaccination cards, health declaration via Stay Safe.PH application or the Thomasian Online Medical Services and Support (ThOMedSS) website, wearing of masks, frequent hand sanitization, and thermal screening, among others – remain mandatory.

Regular classes officially commenced on August 9, 2022, with most subjects still set to be conducted online under the Enhanced Virtual Mode of instruction, with the exemption of certain skill-based programs and classes that have already obtained the CHED Safety Seal, a certification that affirms that an institution complies with public health standards set by the government. Approved programs proceed with their classes in hybrid modality.



UST Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Isaias Tiongco, O.P., is the presider for the ROARientation Welcome Mass afternoon session.



The UST Yellow Jackets, the official pep squad and drumline of the University, teach the freshmen the sports team chants of the University.



The UST Salinggawi Dance Troupe performs Filipino folk dances.

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UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., EHL, meanwhile, shared that “UST, in coordination with the FMO, eagerly prepares the open and common spaces on campus as equally important learning spaces as these showcase the Universities’ heritage, treasures, culture, and values. These intangible gifts are all that we enjoy with pride as Thomasians.”

“[The Tiger is] captured in might and strength, in the act of strategic engagement. Such a form reverberates the University’s forward-leaning strategies as it expands its campus [In Sta. Rosa and General Santos]. The statue also depicts the University’s zeal and passion in its continuous engagement with the mission of bringing the light through quality Catholic education. As one Thomasian family we all roar for our mission,” said Fr. Coronel about the Tiger figure.

Meanwhile, Fr. Coronel also explained the new letter set. “The block letters U,

S, and T, follow the registered font that accompanies the configuration of the University seal. These letters represent the University’s tradition of excellence for having nurtured saints, martyrs, heroes, leaders in various fields, connecting the past 411 years of existence to the current and future generation of Thomasians.”

According to Fr. Austria, the letters are 2.1 meters in height and 2 meters in length.

The block letters are in the official font of UST as stated in the UST Visual Identity Manual, which was produced by the Office of Public Affairs, in coordination with the Office of the Secretary-General and in consultation with the College of Fine Arts Dean Asst. Prof. Mary Christie D. Que.

The newly-appointed coach of the Growling Tigers, alumnus Bal David, also made a brief appearance and asked for the support of Thomasians in the upcoming UAAP Season, where he pledged to give his best in lifting the team’s standing.



Growling Tigers coach and UST alumnus Bal David vows to lift the University’s UAAP standing this season.

UST celebrates St. Dominic Feast Day Mass



The Apostolic Nuncio (center) serves as the main presider of the Feast Day Mass concelebrated by Dominican Fathers, including Prior of the Priory of St. Thomas Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., (left) and UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D.

With the theme “St. Dominic: Living the Truth, Walking in Hope, Serving in Charity”, the annual Triduum in honor of the founder of the Order of Preachers was observed on August 3 to 5, 2022, at the UST Chapel (Santisimo Rosario Parish Church). The Thomasian community was able to join virtually through the official UST Facebook page.

For the first day, the Faculty of Civil Law Regent Rev. Fr. Isidro C. Abaño, O.P., and the UST-AMV College of Accountancy Regent Rev. Fr. Franklin F. Beltran, O.P., served as the main presider and homilist, respectively.

On the second day, the College of Tourism and Hospitality Management Regent Rev. Fr. Roland D. Mactal, O.P., was the main presider and the College of Information and Computing Sciences Regent Rev. Fr. Gaspar Sigaya, O.P., served as the homilist.

The Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines His Excellency Most Rev. Charles John Brown, D.D., presided over and delivered the homily on the third day, reflecting on St. Dominic’s role as “a light for us. [He is] a light that gives glory to our heavenly Father, a light that is transmitted.”

Most Rev. Brown recounted that the Dominicans carry the tradition of singing the Magnificat Antiphon, where St.

Dominic is addressed ‘O Lumen Ecclesiae’ or ‘O light of the Church’.

“The light of St. Dominic did not remain inside of him like a light under a bushel basket. That light was transmitted. That light was illuminating others. That light was given to the Church. [...] That idea of transmitting the light, of letting it shine, is central to the Dominican charism of ‘giving to others the fruits of one’s contemplation,’” explained the Apostolic Nuncio.

Referencing the Magnificat Antiphon, he encouraged “each and everyone of you, to become a kind of [light for others] *lumen ecclesiae*, a teacher of truth or *Doctor Veritatis*, a rose of patience, someone who gives the water of wisdom to others by the way in which you speak, and most importantly, in the way you live. This is the beauty of the Dominican vocation. This is the gift that God has given to the Church in the figure of St. Dominic – *prædicator gratiæ*, a preacher of grace, who gave to others the light that was given to him.”

One way to begin a life of contemplation is through praying the rosary, according to the Apostolic Nuncio, who said, “When we do that, His mysteries become alive in us and we become capable of transmitting those to others.”

The Solemnity of St. Dominic’s Feast Day, which falls on August 8, was marked with a special University holiday.



His Excellency Most Rev. Charles John Brown, D.D., (third from left) is welcomed by UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo Tiong, O.P., (second from left), UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., EHL, (leftmost) and Office of Public Affairs Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora, Ph.D.

Hapan, Dimaano named PRC’s 2022 most outstanding professionals



Hapan

The UST Faculty of Pharmacy Assistant Dean Prof. Ma. Frieda Z. Hapan, Ph.D., is the 2022 Most Outstanding Professional in Medical Technology while the Research Center for the Natural and Applied Sciences researcher and Faculty of Engineering academic staff Prof. Maria Natalia R. Dimaano, Ph.D., is the Most Outstanding Professional in Chemical Engineering. The awards were presented by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) on July 29, 2022, at the Manila Hotel.

Aside from teaching at the Faculty of Pharmacy and the UST Graduate School, Hapan has also held the following posts in recent years: Chairperson of the Technical Committee for Medical Technology/ Medical Laboratory Science Education under the Commission on Higher Education, member of the Committee on Career Progression and Specialization Program and Credit Accumulation Transfer System under the PRC, Chairperson of the Philippine Association of Medical Technologists (PAMET) Committee on Career Progression and Specialization, member of the PAMET Committee on Education, member of the PAMET Committee on Research and National Executive Secretary of PAMET from 2018 to 2020. She is also a member of CHED’s technical panel for health professions education.



Dimaano

Dimaano, the Program Lead of the UST Graduate School Engineering Cluster, has also served as government research administrator and Corporate Secretary of the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP). She has earned awards such as the 2009 National Research Council of the Philippines Achievement Award, 2011 Gregorio Y. Zara Award for Applied Research by the Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology (PhilAAST).

Prof. Hapan and Prof. Dimaano now join the University’s roster of Outstanding Professional of the Year Award recipients, such as the Assistant to the Rector for UST Sta. Rosa Prof. Philipina A. Marcelo, Ph.D. (Chemical Engineering, 2021), Dr. Roberto Manaois (Medical Technology, 2021), Assistant to the Rector for UST General Santos and Academician Dr. Maribel G. Nonato (2020, Chemistry), Dr. Eduardo Ong (2020, Real Estate Service), Dr. Donald G. Manlapaz (2020, Physical Therapy), Dr. Aleth Therese L. Dacanay (2018, Pharmacy), Dr. Donald Lipardo (2015, Physical Therapy), Dr. Rosalinda Solevilla (2011, Pharmacy), Dr. Priscilla Torres (2009, Pharmacy), Dr. Cheryl R. Peralta (2009, Physical Therapy), Assoc. Prof. Jocelyn Agcaoili (2007, Physical Therapy), and Dr. Fortunato Sevilla (2002, Chemistry).

Thomasian athlete Obiena is new world no. 3 in pole vault, bags PH’s first world athletics championships medal

Ernest John “EJ” Obiena ranked third in the World Athletics Rankings of global pole vault athletes as of July 26, 2022. Obiena made history in the 2022 World Athletics Championships at Hayward Field in Oregon, United States by setting the highest Asian record with a 5.94-meter jump. The new record is also his personal best and secured a bronze medal for the Philippines.

The record he beat was his own: 5.93 meters, which he himself set in Innsbruck, Austria in 2021.

The Thomasian Olympian won six gold medals this year, including the SEA Games in Vietnam, as well as a silver in the Perch Elite Tour in France.

Obiena is an Electronics Engineering student at the UST Faculty of Engineering and is currently on leave to concentrate on his training abroad.



Obiena (Photo courtesy of the Philippine Sports Commission)

UST Engineering receives scholarship donation from ZTE Philippines



UST Faculty of Engineering Regent and UST Vice Rector for Finance Rev. Fr. Roberto Luanzon, Jr., O.P., (left) and Faculty of Engineering Acting Dean Prof. Angelo Dela Cruz, Ph.D., with signed copies of the STAR scholarship MoA.

The 115-year-old UST Faculty of Engineering received a scholarship grant from ZTE Philippines Inc., in a virtual Memorandum of Agreement signing ceremony on August 17, 2022.

UST was represented by the Vice Rector for Finance and Faculty of Engineering Regent Rev. Fr. Roberto L. Luanzon, O.P., SThD, DL., while ZTE Philippines Inc. was represented by its Vice President Mr. Jin Zhichao. The MoA signing was witnessed by the Faculty of Engineering Acting Dean Prof. Angelo R. dela Cruz, Ph.D., and ZTE Chief Human Resource Officer Mr. Wang Bin.

Three students in the last two years of their academic studies under Engineering, Computer Science, or Information Technology programs will be eligible to receive a fixed grant as part of the ZTE STAR (Skills, Talent, Attitude, Responsibility) Scholarship Program.

Vice Rector for Finance and Faculty of Engineering Regent Rev. Fr. Roberto L. Luanzon, O.P., SThD, DL., in his opening remarks, said “For me this is a very important event as part of our partnership and collaboration between an industry and academic community. The scholarship will be helpful, particularly during this time of pandemic and economic crisis. We are very much thankful. Indeed, this kind of endeavor is what we need to be more global and helpful to one another.”

ZTE PH Vice President Mr. Jin Zhichao said, “We hope this scholarship can cultivate emerging talents [in telecommunications] as they continue and finish their studies under UST.”

Faculty of Engineering Acting Dean Prof. Angelo R. dela Cruz, Ph.D., in his closing remarks, expressed gratitude toward the officials for “their generosity in providing our students with a brighter future through the STAR Scholarship program. It is timely, since in these trying times, many of our students face financial difficulties in continuing their education. In return, we guarantee to provide our students with industry-ready



ZTE PH Vice President Mr. Jin Zhichao and ZTE Chief Human Resource Officer Mr. Wang Bin sign the MoA for the STAR scholarship program.

curricula and continue producing competent, committed, and compassionate graduates.”

The partnership began earlier in June 2022, when the University of Santo Tomas (UST), represented by the Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., signed a strategic cooperation memorandum of understanding (MOU) with ZTE PH, represented by Mr. Jin Zhichao, for their Industry Academe Linkage Program (IALP) where both parties agree to collaborate on different activities. These include, but are not limited to, faculty immersion programs, internship partnerships, career fairs, career talks, and research collaborations.

Attending the signing on August 17 were Assistant Project Director Mr. Ong Ken Wee, and HR Manager Ms. Joyce Te from ZTE PH.

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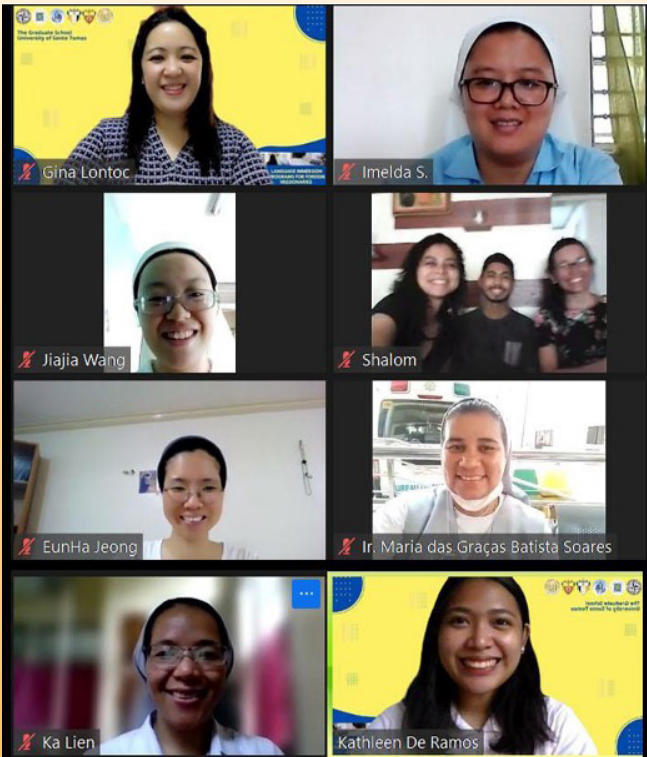
UST Graduate School concludes Language Immersion Programs for Foreign Missionaries Batch 2

Given the success of the language immersion programs for foreign missionaries in 2021, the UST Graduate School organized another 2-month English and Filipino language training program in the months of May and June 2022. The second batch of participants consisted of foreign missionaries from Brazil, China, France, Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia, Paraguay, Poland, United States of America, and Vietnam.

The UST Graduate School Internationalization Unit collaborated with the Dominican Province of the Philippines, the Conference of Major Superiors in the Philippines, the UST College of Education, and the UST Senior High School for the second batch of the 2-month-long language training program.

The programs include a range of topics such as active listening, oral communication skills, asking permission and expressing apologies, and expressing feelings and opinions on social issues which are relevant to the day-to-day engagement of the foreign missionaries in their respective ministries.

The program is part of the outreach component of the Internationalization Unit of the UST Graduate School, contributing to the 500 years of Christianity in the Philippines in line with the theme “Gifted to Give.”



Asst. Prof. Gina Lontoc, Ph.D., with Batch 2



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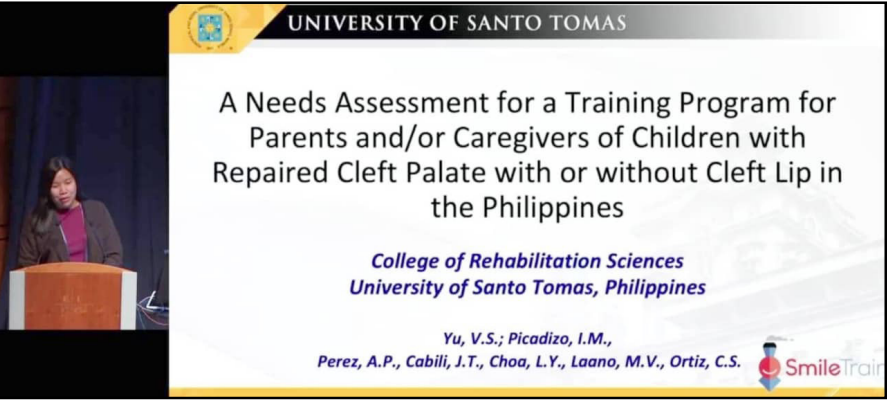
From UST, the Faculty of Engineering Assistant Dean Engr. Anthony James Bautista, Ph.D., Faculty Secretary Asst. Prof. Ma. Luisa Asilo, Faculty of Engineering Industry, Government, Academe, and Alumni Relations Program (IGAARP) Officer-in-Charge Engr. Charlie Marquez, IGAARP Immersion Coordinator Engr. Sharlene Insigne-Cabal, Engineering Alumni Association Secretary Engr. Judelia Magahis, Asst. Prof. Mildred Antonio, and UST Office of Public Affairs Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora, Ph.D., also joined the event.

The virtual signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between UST Faculty of Engineering and ZTE Philippines, attended by Mr. Jin Zhichao (second row, left), Faculty of Engineering Regent and UST Vice Rector for Finance Rev. Fr. Roberto Luanzon, Jr., O.P. (fourth row, right), and representatives from both parties.

Yu of CRS presents research on cleft palates in Scotland

M s. Veronica Yu, academic staff from the College of Rehabilitation Sciences Department of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP), presented a research paper during the 14th International Cleft Congress 2022 at Edinburgh, Scotland held from July 11 to 15, 2022.

Titled “A Needs Assessment: Perceptions and Experiences of Parents or Caregivers of Children with Repaired Cleft Palate with or without Cleft Lip in the Philippines”, she and her co-authors, Juan Marlo Cabili, Leila Erika Choa, Mikhaela Laano, Joanne Ortiz and Andriana Perez, from the UST SLP Class of 2022, delved into the experiences of guardians in order to enhance service delivery and propose an initial draft of a Parent Training Program (PTP) designed to improve the speech of the target population’s children. The paper also recommended other opportunities to address the unmet needs of the cleft community.

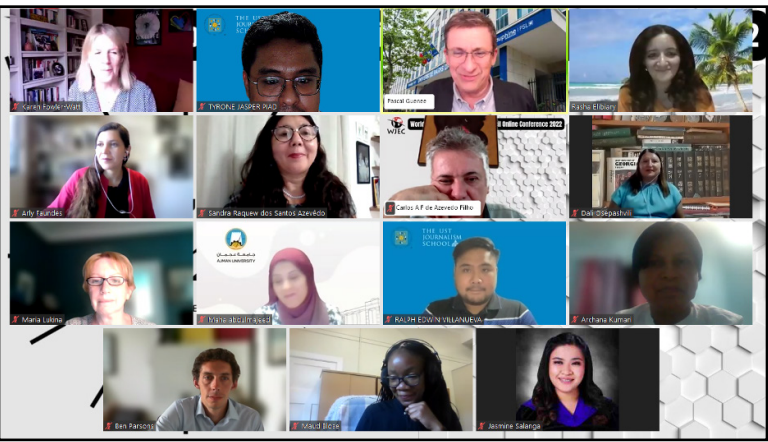


In the same event, Yu also spoke at a workshop discussion with Dr. Catherine Crowley (USA), Dr. Chelsea Sommer (USA), and Dr. Edouardo Adjassin (Benin), where she presented the Smile Train mobile application, for which she creates content. The application is produced by Smile Train, the world’s largest cleft-focused organization, which also sponsored the transportation and accommodation for her presentation in Scotland.

Yu during the presentation

LECTURES AND CONFERENCES

MA in Journalism students share research works in global, PHL confabs



MA in Journalism students Tyrone Jasper Piad, Jasmine Joy Roscele Salanga and Ralph Edwin Villanueva presented preliminary findings of their paper on journalism education in a syndicate session at the 2022 Online Conference of the World Journalism Education Council (WJEC).

M A in Journalism students from UST GS made back-to-back presentations in a global virtual conference on journalism education and a national conference on journalism studies.

These graduate students presented their ongoing research projects for a graduate class, *Journalism Education*, at the Online Conference of the World Journalism Education Council (WJEC) last June 30.

These Filipino presenters joined up to 13 papers in a grouped session and shared some insights from their research projects. The discussion sessions echoed recommendations for global journalism educators and journalism schools.

The research projects from the Philippines that were selected in the WJEC Online Conference include papers titled “Pandemic-induced adaptability and resilience in the virtual delivery of Philippine journalism education: A phenomenological case study” by Tyrone Jasper Piad, Jasmine Joy Roscele Salanga and Ralph Edwin Villanueva; and “How do J-schools bridge the school and the beat? Observations from a two-round journalism education

Bautista of CFAD presents paper on Visual Narratives in Interior Design at BTS Global Interdisciplinary Conference



Bautista during the presentation

UST College of Fine Arts and Design academic staff Assoc. Prof. Anna Marie H. Bautista presented her paper “What’s Beyond the Scene?: Blobbing the Senses through BTS Music Videos for Visual Narratives in Interior Design Education” at the Third BTS Global Interdisciplinary Conference held in Seoul, South Korea from July 13 to 16, 2022.

Her presentation was the output of her first-year students’ activity in the course Theories of Interior Design, where they were challenged to propose a conceptual design of a one-bedroom condominium unit inspired by BTS music, videos, and stories. Their proposed visual narratives are anchored on the premise of enhancing spaces to uplift the quality of life and how they envision interior spaces in the post-pandemic era.

Bautista also participated in two pre-conference workshops, “The Healing Message of Bantan Sonyeondan: A Self-Reflection Model and Workshop,” which focused on the theory of Positive Neuroplasticity, and “A Spring Day for our Dis-ease: Sharing Our Stories of Healing and Hope” which highlighted reflective thinking through storytelling. According to Bautista, the learnings from these workshops can be adapted as part of the approaches to teaching innovations.

Hankuk University of Foreign Studies organized the Third BTS Global Interdisciplinary Conference, gathering academics, fans, practitioners, and artists to explore the different facets and relationships of BTS, the mega-band, and its fandom, the ARMY. The theme of this year’s conference was “The Post-Pandemic Era, Welcome to the New Humanity.”

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census in the Philippines” by Jasper Emmanuel Arcalas, Hajji Kaamiño and Rodolfo Serafin Jerome Lozada.

The WJEC is a global network of journalism educators, scholars and professionals that aims to improve journalism education across the world so that countries benefit from future generations of skilled, ethical journalists.

The University of Santo Tomas has been joining WJEC events, particularly the triennial World Journalism Education Congress that were held in Belgium (2013), New Zealand (2016) and France (2019).

Eight days after the WJEC event, the six graduate students presented preliminary findings of their papers at the First National Conference of the Journalism Studies Association of the Philippines (JSAP).

JSAP’s virtual conference last July 8 gathered local journalism educators and professional journalists.

Piad, Salanga and Villanueva’s paper was presented in the panel titled “COVID-19 pandemic, journalism education and related studies. The paper of Arcalas, Kaamiño and Lozada was part of the panel “Journalism pedagogy and photojournalism.”

In the same virtual conference, JSAP Vice President Felipe Salvosa II and Treasurer Christian Esguerra presented their paper “Reporting in the new normal: Filipino journalistic practices during the COVID-19 pandemic. As well, Prof. Jeremaiah Opiniano and BA in Journalism alumna Kristine Anne Macasiray (batch 2019) presented “The voices of students in the learning of journalism.” Salvosa, Esguerra and Opiniano teach in the MA in Journalism program.

Meanwhile, the Macasiray and Opiniano presentation is part of a

forthcoming ten-chapter book on teaching journalism in developing countries (to be published by Palgrave MacMillan).

The research projects of the MA in Journalism students seek to document the lived experiences of J-Schools and their program heads in handling their journalism degree programs and in managing the challenges of online learning during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Once finished, these papers will be given back to the Philippine journalism education sector as inputs to their curricular and pedagogical work.

Academic year 2021-2022 has seen the MA in Journalism program present papers in international conferences. These include the 2021 Future of Journalism Conference (organized by Cardiff University) last September, and the 2021 Conference of the Journalism Education and Research Association of Australia (JERAA) last December.

UST GS CCCPET leads DOT Region 2 Capacity Building Series in Batanes



Dr. Zerrudo while conducting the seminar-workshop



Dr. Zerrudo handing over to Dir. Fanibeth T. Domingo the copy of Culture-based Governance book published by NCCA-PCPEP _ USTGS-CCCPET

The Department of Tourism (DOT) Region 2 closely collaborated with the University of Santo Tomas Graduate School Center for Conservation of Cultural Property and the Environment in the Tropics (UST GS CCCPET) to calibrate the gradual opening of Batanes to the tourism industry.

The five-month preparation was postponed successively due to climatic, manpower, election and flight adjustments. Through the initiative of Ms. Fanibeth Domingo, DOT Regional Director who oversees tourism in Batanes, Cagayan, Isabela, Nueva Vizcaya and Quirino, the program ‘Breathtaking Batanes’ will finally take off amongst the municipalities of the archipelagic province namely Basco, Mahatao, Ivana, Uyugan, Sabtang ad Itbayat.

Assoc. Prof. Eric Babar Zerrudo, Ph.D., Director of the UST GS CCCPET, conducted the Cultural Heritage Tourism Capacity Building Seminar-Workshop last July 11-15, 2022. The seminar-workshop was held to orient the stakeholders on the fundamentals of heritage conservation and tourism and to develop seminal heritage-based tour circuits in different municipalities. The program was opened by Provincial Administrator Juan Caballero who represented Gov. Marilou Cayco. Other key representatives were Ms. Hegel Vallones (Provincial Tourism Officer), Ms. Ann Balles-Viola (Sangguniang Panlalawigan Member), Ms. Tessa Vargas Castillejos (Head of Batanes Cultural



Dr. Zerrudo with the participants

Council), Ms. Ruth Pacana (Head of the Batanes Contractors Association), Mr. Protogenes Galarion (Head of Fundacion Pacita), Mr. Byron Peralta (Sangguniang Bayan Member of Uyugan), Mr. Jack Lord Labrador (Sangguniang Bayan Member of Basco), and Mr. Jonel Villa (Sangguniang Bayan Member of Itbayat). This seminar-workshop gathered an assembly of 40 Ivatan cultural heritage stakeholders.

New areas of collaboration were raised throughout the assembly. The UST GS CCCPET will conduct the Church

Heritage Seminar-Workshop to develop the faith tourism circuit of South Cagayan. It will also collaborate with the Batanes State College (BSC) through Archt. Syra Valiente, a CCCPET project alumnus, on the documentation of Ivatan houses, construction methodology and materials conservation under the forthcoming DOST NICER HEI network program. The Municipality of Sabtang will conduct a cultural heritage mapping project under the Center for possible nomination to the World Heritage Convention.

UST Archives, Library host testimonial dinner for Prof. Regalado Trota Jose

The UST Archives, in coordination with the Miguel de Benavides Library, hosted a thanksgiving dinner and special tribute for its archivist, Prof. Regalado Trota Jose, on July 12, 2022 at the lobby of the Blessed Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P. Building.

An archivist of UST for 12 years (2010-2021), Prof. Jose, or known as Sir Ricky, is a renowned researcher, a true scholar, and a professor at the Cultural Heritage Studies Program of the University. He is an expert on the cultural heritage of the church in the Philippines, especially during the Spanish colonial period. His book *Simbahan* won the National Book Award for the Art Category in 1992. In 1999, Jose was one of 100 Filipino cultural workers who received the Cultural Center of the Philippines Centennial Award for the Arts. His recommendations paved the way for the declaration of 26 churches as National Cultural Treasures in 2001. Moreover, he was a Commissioner for Cultural Heritage of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, 2011-2013.

Before the thanksgiving dinner, a Eucharistic celebration was held at the UST Santísimo Rosario Parish. Rev. Fr. Reynor E. Munsayac, O.P., the Vice President for Religious Affairs of Colegio de San Juan de Letran - Bataan, and a co-novice of Sir Ricky, was the Main Celebrant and preacher. It was concelebrated by the Dominican priests and attended by Sir Ricky's family, colleagues, friends, and students.

Afterward, the guests headed to the BGPOP building for the testimonial and dinner in grateful recognition of Sir Ricky's exemplary dedication and meritorious service to the University, where Ms. Maita B. Oebanda of the UST Museum served as the Master of Ceremonies. The program started with an invocation led by Ar. John Carlo L. Sayco, his former student and assistant director of UST Museum. Rev. Fr. Gaspar R. Sigaya, O.P., UST Acting Archivist, welcomed the guests, and shared the significance of the archives, its collections, and activities for the continuous preservation of the nation's history. This was followed by Sir Ricky's brief profile which was presented by Ms. Jane Frances F. Tumambing, UST Archives support staff. An audio-visual



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D. (left) presents a token of appreciation to Prof. Jose after the ceremonial toast.

presentation of various photos illustrating Sir Ricky's life as an archivist, a former novitiate Dominican brother, a teacher, and a friend was also played.

Sir Ricky was also a member of the UP Madrigal Singers in his early years. To reminisce about his days with the group, a special serenade of his favorite classical music and a Filipino song *Sana'y Wala Nang Wakas* was played by the quartet musicians from the UST Conservatory of Music.

A plaque of appreciation was presented to him by Fr. Sigaya, O.P., and Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., Secretary-General and Assistant Archivist.

Testimonies were delivered afterward by the University academic officials, administrators, and colleagues who have worked with Prof. Jose, namely, UST Museum Director and Faculty of Civil Law Regent Rev. Fr. Isidro C. Abaño, O.P.;

Rev. Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries; Rev. Fr. Christopher Jeffrey L. Aytona, O.P., of the House of Mary Magdalene, Caleruega, Batangas; Assoc. Prof. Maria Eloisa P. De Castro, Ph.D., of the Faculty of Arts and Letters; Ms. Carla T. Gamalinda, his former student; and Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., Prior of the Priory of St. Thomas and Editor of the *Philippiniana Sacra*.

All of them shared their experiences, fondest memories, funny stories, and how much they have enjoyed working and learning with Sir Ricky over the years. They have described him as a culture advocate, a heritage warrior who has a strong passion on the preservation and promotion of Filipino cultural heritage and of the UST history which can be seen in his remarkable publications. Aside from

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Prof. Jose (eighth from left) with Colegio de San Juan de Letran Bataan Vice President for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Reynor E. Munsayac, O.P. (sixth from left), UST Central Seminary Rector Rev. Fr. Quirico T. Pedregosa, O.P. (sixteenth from left), Priory of St. Thomas Prior Rev. Fr. Jesus M. Miranda, Jr., O.P., (ninth from left), UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P. (second from left), UST Vice Rector for Finance Rev. Fr. Roberto Luazon, Jr., O.P. (fourteenth from left), UST Acting Archivist Rev. Fr. Gaspar Sigaya, O.P. (seventh from left), UST Assistant Archivist and Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., EHL (twelfth from left)

being simple, diligent, pious, and humble personality, Sir Ricky is also well-regarded by many for his good sense of humor, being a "walking encyclopedia" in the field of culture, church and others, and for his elephantine memory in which important dates like birthdays, anniversaries, feasts and holy days, and historical events, are things he gladly shares with his friends.

One of the many contributions of Sir Ricky to the University was his dedication in helping in the establishment of the UST Graduate School Center for Conservation of Cultural Property and Environment in the Tropics (USTGS-CCPET) together with Fr. Abaño and Prof. Eric B. Zerrudo. In addition, he would always promote the University's significant contributions to the development of the country through its precious archival collections whenever he gets the chance, be it through conferences & training sessions he attended, and his visits to other places, which made UST known as a significant resource among local and international researchers.

He has also brought the writing and research styles of his students to a higher level as he influenced them to engage themselves in reading to hone their writing capabilities. Likewise, he helped in the modernization of the UST Archives, in which the digitization of rare documents and its availability online through the

Miguel de Benavides Digital Library was materialized and is being sustained up to now. The improvement of the Archives' facilities and equipment, publication of two-volume catalogs of archival collections with English annotations were also done under his term.

In his testimonial speech, Fr. Aparicio said that in Spanish, *regalado* from the verb *regalar*, means gifted or to be given as a present. Thus, *regalado* is a gift. Therefore, he said, Sir Ricky has been a gift to UST. It is also fitting that the University sends him off as a gift to others as added by Fr. Coronel in his word of thanks.

As the University officials, colleagues and friends bid farewell to its brother Ricky, Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., UST Rector, said that he admired him for his passion, which gives him motivation, energy, dynamism, and the drive to do the things he loves to do. He told him to always carry his passion wherever he goes, whatever he does. His good reputation as a sought-after archivist and expert in cultural heritage are highly regarded as well. He also expressed that he values his formation he received not just from University of the Philippines but also his Thomasian and Dominican formations, too.

Lastly, the Father Rector proposed a toast dedicated to Sir Ricky – to more

passion, to more good reputation and continuing formation. The University owes him a lot, and he thanked him for his service to the University.

Sir Ricky in his response, truly appreciated this unexpected tribute and gratitude program for him, an event that he will always remember with a smile in his heart.



Prof. Jose (center) receives the plaque of appreciation from Acting Archivist Rev. Fr. Gaspar Sigaya, O.P., (left), and UST Secretary-General and Assistant Archivist Rev. Fr. Louie Coronel, O.P., EHL.

UST GS CCCPET conducts Cultural Heritage Mapping Training to Batch 2 DepEd Teachers



(From top left:) Zerrudo, Tadeo, Bautista, and Baldos during the heritage mapping training session

The University of Santo Tomas Graduate School Center for Conservation of Cultural Property and the Environment in the Tropics (USTGS CCCPET) conducted the cultural heritage mapping training to the second batch of Department of Education teachers all over the country.

The nationwide cultural mapping program was a collaboration of the UST GS CCCPET, Department of Education - Bureau of Learning Delivery - Teaching and Learning Division (DepEd-BLD-TLD), and the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP).

The inaugural cycle was initially undertaken in October 2021. The second cycle of training covered a three week duration online through Zoom from July 18 to August 3, 2022.

With a total of 350 participants, the second batch of teachers came from two (2) Divisions of Region I, Region II, Cordillera Autonomous Region (CAR), Region III, National Capital Region, Calabarzon, Mimaropa, Region V, Region VI, Region VII, Region VIII, Region IX, Region X, Region XI, Caraga and Region XII.

Assoc. Prof. Eric Babar Zerrudo Ph.D., Director of UST GS CCCPET lectured throughout the training with a special presentation of Prof. Joan Trocio-Bagaipo, Ph.D. of the UST Institute of Religion. The intent of the training was to equip the teachers with the fundamentals of cultural mapping to evolve a contextualized development of K-12 curriculum. The training program was technically facilitated by Ms. Beverly Bautista (UST CCCPET), Mr. Jayson Tadeo (Program Officer of DepEd - BLD-TLD), and Mr. Ronnie Baldos (Program Officer of DepEd - BLD-TLD).



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