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TO : THE THOMASIAN COMMUNITY
FROM : OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
RE : SOLEMN CONFERMENT OF HONORARY DEGREE AND TITLES
DATE : 18 August 2023

In recognition of the significant contributions to education, research, leadership and society, the University is pleased to announce the following academic ceremonies, which are scheduled over the course of three successive months:

**Solemn Investiture for the Conferment of the Title
*PROFESSOR EMERITUS***

upon

**Academician MARIBEL G. NONATO, Ph.D.
on 31 August 2023 (Thursday), 9:00 am
at the Medicine Auditorium**

- The title *Professor Emeritus* is an honorary title bestowed by the University upon her academic staff in recognition of one's outstanding achievements and distinction in teaching, scholarship and research; distinguished service; and unwavering support and loyalty to the ideals of the University.¹
- A professor who has discharged one's academic assignments in an outstanding manner is conferred the title *Professor Emeritus* upon retirement.²

**Solemn Investiture for the Conferment of the Degree
DOCTOR OF COMMERCE *HONORIS CAUSA***

upon

**MR. WILLIAM T. BELO
on 28 September 2023 (Thursday), 9:00 am
at the Medicine Auditorium**

¹ cf. *UST Protocol Manual*, 2019, no. 5.4.2, p.94.; *Minutes of the Meeting of the UST Academic Senate*, 27 Jan 2015.

² cf. *UST General Statutes* (2014), article 45, no. 2.



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- The Degree *Honoris Causa* is an honorary academic degree conferred by the University as a way to honor a distinguished person's contribution within a specific field or to society in general.³

**Solemn Investiture for the Conferment of the Title
DEAN EMERITUS**

upon

PROF. LILIAN J. SISON, Ph.D.
on 13 October 2023 (Friday), 9:00 am
at the Medicine Auditorium.

- The title *Dean Emeritus* is an honorary title bestowed by the University upon her academic administrator, who has served as the dean of an academic unit for at least nine (9) cumulative years in recognition of his/her excellent and pioneering leadership, exemplary scholarship, meaningful and dedicated service to the University, a legacy he or she established throughout her administrative career.⁴

Please see the attached respective bionotes of the honorees.

"And now *these three* remain: faith, hope and love" (1 Cor 13:13). In recognition of the invaluable contributions of our distinguished Academician Maribel G. Nonato, Ph.D., Mr. Wiliam T. Belo, and Professor Lilian J. Sison Ph.D., the University will bestow upon them the title Professor Emeritus, Doctor of Commerce *Honoris Causa*, and Dean Emeritus respectively. Indeed, they have exemplified the virtues of faith, hope, and love, not only individually but also collectively with the academic community. *These three* honorees have enriched our University and positively influenced the Thomasian and global community.

Thank you.

FR. LOUIE R. COKONEL, OP
Secretary-General

³ cf. *UST Protocol Manual*, 2019, no. 5.4.1, p.93.

⁴ cf. Office of the Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, *Guidelines for the Conferment of the Title Dean Emeritus*.