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(From left:) UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH, Facilities Management Office Director Rev. Fr. Dexter A. Austria, O.P., Dominican Province of the Philippines Provincial Syndic and Board of Trustees Member Rev. Fr. Boyd R. Suplico, O.P., Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D, SMFI Executive Director and Trustee Ms. Deborah P. Sy, Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Dean Assoc. Prof. Ma. Lourdes D. Maglinao, M.D., SM Foundation Trustee Lydia B. Echaz, Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Isaias D. Tiongco, O.P., and SMFI Senior Assistant Vice President for Education Programs Eleanor Lansang

UST tops off Henry Sy Sr. Hall at Manila campus

The University of Santo Tomas held the topping-off ceremony of the Henry Sy, Sr. Hall on October 7, 2023. This is a builder's tradition that highlights the placement of the final beam on top of the structure.

Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Dean Assoc. Prof. Ma. Lourdes D. Maglinao, M.D., said that "The birth of the Henry Sy, Sr. Hall will herald the adaptive transformation, witnessing how our 152-year old traditional medical school embraces innovative metamorphosis in response to the changing landscape of medical education."

Bearing the name of esteemed businessman Henry Sy, Sr., UST is grateful for the generous donation of Teresita Sy-Coson, Vice Chairman of SM Investments Corporation (SMIC), the Henry Sy Foundation, and the SM Foundation Inc.

The seven-storey building will serve as a hub for simulation in medical education, interactive student centered-learning, collaborative multidisciplinary research, and interprofessional education. It will also

house the Sts. Cosmas and Damian Medical Simulation and Research Center, which will feature simulated emergency rooms, surgical suites, delivery rooms, adult and pediatric intensive care units, and medical wards. There will also be consultation rooms fully equipped with low, medium, and high-fidelity mannequins and control rooms that academic staff can modify according to the complexity of a medical case. In addition, there will also be debriefing rooms capable of real-time observation and assessment of learners as well as playback of events for discussion, among other features.

"This paradigm shift is set to revolutionize medical and healthcare education and research, ultimately providing future Filipino physicians with the best and accessible 21st century medical education to better serve our country and our people. With cutting edge simulation technology, it will provide a realistic

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environment for learners to hone their skills, practice procedures, enhance patient care, and promote patient safety. Hence, simulation-based learning is an ethical imperative," said Dean Maglinao.

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., in his message, said that through the Henry Sy, Sr. Hall, "We see the embodiment of our commitment to nurturing future generations of Thomasian medical doctors."

"As the building acquires its final form, we invoke the Lord's guidance to inspire us to further work toward building a legacy of healing and service," said Fr. Ang.

SM Foundation Inc. (SMFI) Executive Director and Trustee Ms. Deborah P. Sy shared that the Henry Sy, Sr. Hall intends to elevate health education in the Philippines and it "stands as a symbol of our enduring commitment to education and its pivotal role in fostering social progress. Through strategic partnerships such as these, we've constantly supported academic excellence and development across the nation, recognizing that it's through education that we pave the way for a brighter future. This Hall embodies this vision, humbly contributing to the journey of progress through knowledge."

Facilities Management Office Director Rev. Fr. Dexter A. Austria, O.P., thanked and congratulated the "countless hands and hearts that have contributed to its construction. Their dedication and expertise have brought us to this moment." This included the consultancy firm CA Ventura and Partners, led by its Principal Architect Rodolfo Ventura, who also serves as Dean of the College of Architecture, the general contractor AIMM Builders and Construction Supply led by Engr. James Liong, project management team JCV & Associates led by Engr. Jason Valderrama, and the UST Facilities Management Office.

Aside from the generous contribution from SM Investments Corporation (SMIC), the Henry Sy Foundation, the SM Foundation Inc., and Anargroi: FMS Foundation Inc. played a significant part in the completion of the Henry Sy, Sr. Hall.

The donation was formalized on October 19, 2022, when the Father Rector and the Sy Family inked a memorandum of agreement for the project. Present during the signing were Elizabeth T. Sy, Deborah P. Sy, Teresita Coson-Sy, Henry T. Sy, Jr., with other UST representatives, UST FMS Dean Dr. Ma. Lourdes D. Maglinao, FMS Regent Rev. Fr. Ángel A. Aparicio, O.P., and UST REFI Executive Director Rev. Fr. Maximo P. Gatela, O.P., among others.



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D.

As of October 2023, the structure remains on track to be completed by June 2024, said Fr. Austria, who mentioned that the project is currently at 40% completion. ■

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Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Dean Assoc. Prof. Ma. Lourdes D. Maglinao, M.D.

UST confers *honoris causa* degree to Wilcon Depot Founder William Belo



(Standing, from left:) UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., Dominican Province of the Philippines Prior Provincial Very Rev. Fr. Filemon I. dela Cruz, Jr., O.P., and the honoree Dr. William Belo



(From left:) UST Graduate School Dean Prof. Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D., UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., UST Registrar Mr. Cesar Velasco, the honoree Dr. William Belo, and his son Mark Andrew Belo

The University of Santo Tomas conferred the Doctor of Commerce degree, *honoris causa*, upon the Founder and Chairman Emeritus of Wilcon Builders' Foundation, Inc., Mr. William T. Belo on September 28, 2023, at the Dr. Robert Sy Grand Ballroom, Bl. Buenaventura Garcia Paredes O.P. Building.

The *honoris causa* degree recognizes a distinguished person's significant contributions within a specific field or to society in general. UST Graduate School Dean Prof. Michael Anthony C. Vasco, Ph.D., in his address of petition, commended Belo not only for the heights of his business acumen, but also for his belief of providing support for human development by sharing the fruits of his success through avenues like the Wilcon Builders' Foundation, which provides educational assistance to underprivileged children and individuals, helps victims of calamities, and aids efforts to protect the environment.

UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., said that "This occasion is also a fitting tribute to Mr. Belo's humble beginnings and cherished personal values. His upbringing was marked by perseverance, and resourcefulness, and

simplicity, as well as resilience in the face of adversity. Those things taught him that greatness comes from the crucible of hardships."

The Father Rector also remarked that Belo's business acumen led him to pioneering ventures and his innovative approaches have given birth to thriving enterprises and opened doors for countless individuals. He added that "As an Electronics and Communications Engineering graduate [in 1973], he understood that education is a cornerstone of innovation and progress... His legacy will continue to inspire generations of Thomasians to reach their lofty ideals and embrace innovation without neglecting time-honored traditions."

In his acceptance speech, Belo shared his first steps toward his dreams. He credited his strong drive to succeed to his Thomasian education, saying that to run a business, "You must always be hands on and ahead of the curve. Hard work beats talent when talent does not work hard."

Belo recalled, "Armed with very little capital but with overflowing confidence in my Thomasian education and ability to make things happen, through sheer hard work plus an undeniable passion for building and growing a business, I went

ahead and opened my humble 60-square meter hardware store, which I called Wilcon [in 1977]."

"It's not enough that I had a dream, it's not enough that I was well-equipped with knowledge and skill, I must apply myself to work in my mission in business, learn from mistakes, and continuously adjust, improve, and innovate," emphasized Belo.

Belo also thanked the people who helped and continue to help Wilcon develop, saying that "One reality of running a business is you cannot do it alone. If you want to continually grow, a business' success is owed to a lot of people. You must build meaningful, mutually beneficial, and enriching relationships."

From the first Wilcon store along Quezon Avenue, Belo has since expanded its operations and eventually established Wilcon Builder's Depot and Wilcon Home Essentials as names trusted by industry professionals, home enthusiasts, and homeowners nationwide. Wilcon Depot now carries a wide variety of local and international products and services. Other positions held by Belo include being the Designo Atelier Inc. Director, Markeenlo Realty, Inc. Director, and Coral Agri-Venture Farm, Inc. President.

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UST honors Academician Nonato with Professor Emeritus title



Professor Emeritus Maribel Nonato, Ph.D. (standing) delivers her acceptance speech. On stage with her are (from left:) College of Science Assistant Dean Prof. Ma. Claudette Agnes, Ph.D., Dean Prof. Rey Donne Papa, Ph.D., Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo Tiong, O.P., Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard Ang, O.P., Ph.D., Dominican Province of the Philippines Prior Provincial Very Rev. Fr. Filemon dela Cruz, Jr., O.P., Vice Rector Rev. Fr. Isaias Tiongco, O.P., Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl Peralta, DrPH, Chemistry Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Alan Salcedo, Ph.D., and UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie Coronel, O.P., EHL.

The University of Santo Tomas conferred the title of *Professor Emeritus* upon NAST Academician Maribel G. Nonato, Ph.D., in recognition of her many significant contributions to education and research. The solemn investiture was held on October 13, 2023 at the Dr. Robert Sy Grand Ballroom of the Bl. Buenaventura Garcia Paredes O.P. Building.

Since she stepped into the University of Santo Tomas as a college freshman in the early 70s, Nonato has elevated the state of research in the field of Science and Technology, particularly Organic Chemistry, in the University, the country, and abroad. Now, almost 50 years later, the University of Santo Tomas is proud to honor one of its alumni and top administrators with the lifetime distinction of *Professor Emeritus*—the highest honor awarded by UST to its academic staff.

As part of the ceremony, she received the ceremonial hood, cap, ring, and medallion. The hood and cap represent her expertise, scholarly contributions, and the depth of knowledge and accomplishments that have contributed to the honoree's recognition as a distinguished academic. The ring represents the *Professor Emeritus*' enduring commitment to the academe, and her continued influence and mentorship. Lastly, the medallion is the University's acknowledgment of her dedication and prowess, which led to her significant impact on the academic community throughout her career.

Having been lauded and recognized by institutions of high repute, particularly the National Academy of Science and Technology who named her Academician, Dr. Nonato is currently the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) Vice President and Chemical Sciences Division Chair. She is also a member of the Commission on Higher Education - Technical Committee in Chemistry.

She pioneered research on phytochemistry and biological activities of Philippine-grown species of the genus *Pandanus*, with more than 50 publications in internationally indexed journals. Her association with the plant is so widespread that an advisee of hers in the Graduate School, Dr. Christina Tan, named a newly



UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard Ang, O.P., Ph.D. (foreground, standing) reads the citation as the title of *Professor Emeritus* is conferred upon Dr. Nonato (kneeling).

discovered Pandan species after her: *Freycinetia nonatoi*, a fitting tribute for a leading scholar fondly called the "Pandan Queen" by her colleagues and students.

Her discovery of novel and structurally unique pharmacologically important alkaloids from the genus *Pandanus* earned Nonato the NRCP's 2006 achievement award in chemical sciences, the Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science and Technology's 2016 Gregorio Y. Zara Award for Basic Research, the Philippine Federation of Chemistry Sciences' 2017 Shimadzu Achievement for Chemical Research, and the Philippine Regulation Commission's 2020 Outstanding Professional of the

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(From left:) Chemistry Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Alan Salcedo, Ph.D., UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard Ang, O.P., Ph.D., Professor Emeritus and Academician Maribel Nonato, Ph.D., Dominican Province of the Philippines Prior Provincial Very Rev. Fr. Filemon dela Cruz, Jr., O.P., and College of Science Dean Prof. Rey Donne Papa, Ph.D.

Year in Chemistry, among many accolades in her impactful career.

For almost 50 years, she has served UST with competence, commitment, and compassion in different capacities, as the first female layperson to become Vice Rector for Research and Innovation, as the Dean of the College of Science where she used to teach Organic Chemistry, and Director of the Research Center for Natural Sciences, among many others. Now, she currently serves as the Assistant to the Rector for UST GenSan, courageously leading UST's leap from España to its first satellite campus in General Santos City, which will soon be inaugurated.

The Academician obtained her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Chemistry degrees from the University of Santo Tomas, in 1978 and 1986, respectively, while her Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry was obtained from University of Wollongong–Australia in 1993. ■

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As of 2023, Wilcon, now led by its President Lorraine Belo-Cincochan, has a total of 86 operating stores nationwide, with 18 branches in Metro Manila and 68 more stores in key cities and municipalities of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. He has also previously received the 2022 The Outstanding Thomasian Alumni (TOTAL) Award, the 2019 The Manila Times: Man of the Year at the Asia Leaders Award, the 2018 ASEAN Business Awards, the 2018 UST Engineering Hall of Fame and Outstanding Thomasian Engineer, the 2017 President's Award of the Philippine Retailers Association in cooperation with the Department of Trade and Industry, and many more awards in his long career. ■



UST Secretary-General Rev. Fr. Louie R. Coronel, O.P., EHL, UST Rector Very Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P., Ph.D., Wilcon Senior EVP and COO Ms. Rosemarie Bosch-Ong, Dr. William Belo, Dominican Province of the Philippines Prior Provincial Very Rev. Fr. Filemon I. dela Cruz, Jr., O.P., and Dominican Province of the Philippines Syndic Rev. Fr. Boyd Sulpico, O.P.

UST CTHM teams win top awards during National Food Showdown 2023

The UST College of Tourism and Hospitality Management won different culinary and tourism-related competitions during the 14th National Food Showdown 2023 in Baguio City on September 21-23, 2023. The event, organized by the Hotel and Restaurant Association of Baguio (HRAB), saw several institutions joining the different competition categories. The event is also part of the celebration of the World Tourism Month and Baguio City's 114th Charter Anniversary.

For the Napkin Folding category, Tamika O. Okubo won Gold with Ms. Mary Angel D. Elacion as the coach.

For the Travel and Tours category, Jhezel Reign M. Vergara and Simon Joshua Tinsay won Gold. Mr. Arnulfo Ricardo A. Butiong, Ms. Catherine C. Mondejar, and Ms. Maria Christina Dolor E. Villarín were the coaches.

Mikaela Margaret N. Dimaano brought home Silver for the Baby Cakes category. Ms. Kathlyn Tisha G. Ortaliz, Ms. Maria Karmel Grace A. Labay, and Mr. Kristian Kristoffer A. Roque served as their coaches.

Maureen Joyce M. Teodoro won Silver for Bellman's Hour, under the guidance of Mr. Juanito Luis S. Reyes as coach.

Angelo Gabrielle J. Lati and Danica A. Lara won Silver for the Best Modern / Traditional Recipe (Pinakbet). Their coaches were Mr. Reinald A. Andaya and Ms. Ramona Olga D. Ko

For Coffee Concoctions, Louis Anjello A. Cheng, with Ms. Kathleen Fernandez and Ms. Mary Angel D. Elacion as coaches, won Silver for the Student category, while Allane Angela M. Manuel, with Ms. Kathleen Fernandez as coach, won Bronze for the Professional category.

Kyle Alexandra A. Mararac, Krishna Andrei O. Martinzo, Aaron R. Pajo, Andrea Marie P. Siapoc, and Solomon M. Santiago, with Asst. Prof. Maria Concepcion A. Ang and Mr. John Jerick C. Santos as coaches, won Silver for Events Planning.

Mathew R. Peñarroyo won Silver for the Floral Design Centerpiece category, with Mr. Karl R. Baroro as coach.

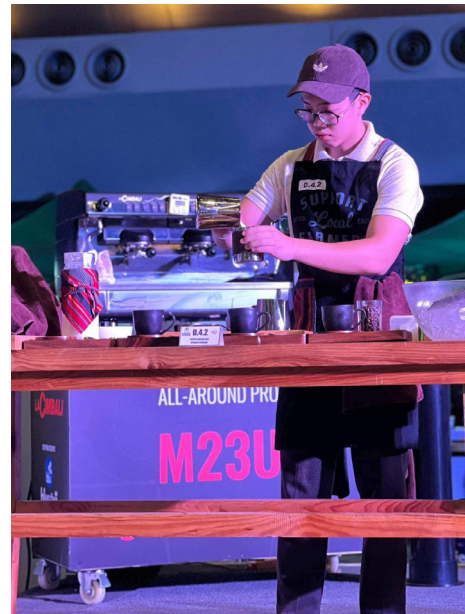
Rod Fredric Villamarin's Kakanin Flambe won Silver for Panghimagas. Ms. Maria Theresa B. Resurreccion and Mr. Reinald A. Andaya served as coaches.

Daniel V. Dalipe, Sofia Angela M. Paja, and Adrian G. Zapata won Silver for Klasika Moderna Kulinarya. Mr. Reinald A. Andaya and Ms. Ramona Olga D. Ko served as coaches.

For Mocktail Mixing, Eisabella Joy R. Baleva won Silver, with Ms. Mary Angel D. Elacion as coach.

Francheska A. De Roxas, Ma. Sophia Lorenz P. Aga, and Chandelle Abegail R. Silvestre won Silver for the Wedding Cake

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Cheng



The UST CTHM team

Accountancy officials speak in shared service roundtable discussion



Dean Empleo (sixth from left) and Asst. Dean Caliwan (rightmost)

UST-Alfredo M. Velayo College of Accountancy Dean Prof. Patricia M. Empleo, Ph.D. and Assistant Dean Asst. Prof. Francisco M. Caliwan Jr., participated as subject-matter experts in the Global In-House Center Council (GICC) CEO Roundtable Discussion on September 25, 2023 at the Citibank BGC, Taguig Office. Other than representing the college, Caliwan also represented the National Association of CPAs in Education as its president.

Aligned with the theme *Unlocking the Power of Collective Knowledge in Finance & Accounting Talent Sourcing Strategy*, Empleo and Caliwan discussed the strategies to forge a stronger alliance between the academe and the accounting shared service industry. They highlighted the possible areas for linkages and partnerships in order for academic institutions to prepare their graduates for accounting shared service roles, as a possible career path. The event was attended by country leaders and general managers of GICC member organizations. The roundtable discussion is meant to align the existing demand for and supply of accountants in the shared service industry. ■

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Dimaano

category. Mr. Kristian Kristoffer A. Roque and Ms. Maria Karmel Grace A. Labay served as coaches.

For the Pasta and Sauce Showdown, Emilio Andres P. Aganinta and Sophia Isabelle V. Hernandez, with their coaches, Mr. Daniillo P. Bustillos II and Ms. Ramona Olga D. Ko, won Bronze.

Patricia Beatrice D. Penoliar, and coach Mr. Elijah J. Coronado, won a Diploma for the Pralines category. ■

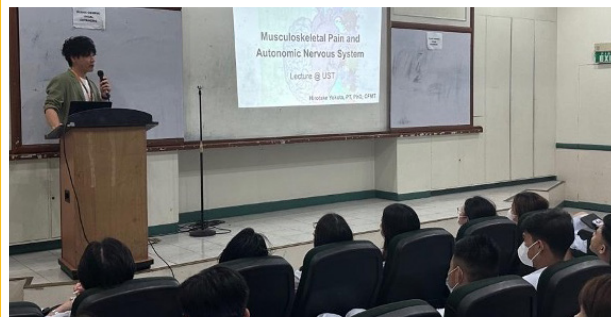


Vergara (fourth from left) and Tinsay (fifth from left) during the awarding

NUHW group visits UST CRS for two-week global immersion experience

The Department of Physical Therapy of the College of Rehabilitation Sciences welcomed professors and students from Niigata University of Health and Welfare (NUHW), Japan. Two professors, Mr. Takonori Kikumoto and Mr. Hirotake Yokota, and seven students visited the University for their Global Immersion Experience held from August 28 to September 12, 2023.

The NUHW delegation visited the UAAP Tiger Sports Freehub and PT Synergy clinic, two in-house centers of CRS. They also visited the Philippine Cerebral Palsy, Inc. and Kabahagi Center for Children with Disabilities, which are affiliate centers of the Department of Physical Therapy. The opportunity allowed them to observe actual patient treatment and interaction. The visitors were also given an opportunity to meet the coaching staff and players of the UST Men's Basketball Team. Kikumoto and Yokota also provided a special lecture about sports biomechanics and functional manual therapy as well as transcutaneous vagal nerve stimulation to physical therapy interns. The group visited the UST Museum and National Museum to cap off their visit. ■



PT students listen to a lecture on musculoskeletal pain



The NUHW delegates with CRS students

UST, GU renew partnership for mobility



The OIRP and College of Science meet with the officials from University of Glasgow

University of Glasgow officials Prof. Clare McManus, Ph.D., Dean for Global Engagement South East Asia and Australasia, and Prof. Cristina Persano, Ph.D., Dean for Internationalization of the College of Science and Engineering, visited the University of Santo Tomas for a partnership renewal with the UST Office of International Relations and Programs (OIRP) on October 9, 2023.

The guests met with the officials of OIRP and College of Science, including the Dean Prof. Rey Donne S. Papa, Ph.D., Graduate School Psychology Cluster Program Lead and College of Science Assistant Dean Prof. Maria Claudette Agnes, Ph.D., and College of Science Psychology Program Chair Asst. Prof. Karen Katrina Trinidad, Ph.D. In the meeting, they shared insights on how the said activities can be brought into fruition.

OIRP started the meeting by reviewing the MOU between UST and GU. The said MOU was signed in 2018, and both parties agreed to renew the partnership with emphasis on intensifying student and faculty mobility and exploring the possibility of joint research in the area of health and well-being.

The plans include cross-border mobility: study abroad for pre-med students, research attachments, exchange studies for one term to a maximum of two terms, and sandwich programs for young faculty members of the Psychology department. They also discussed possibilities of virtual mobility: through joint symposia and delivery of collaborative online international learning (COIL), of which UST had a series of meaningful delivery of the said program under the EU SHARE. GU expressed its willingness to learn about the delivery of COIL as well as the framework implemented by OIRP. ■

Basas, Gozum of IR, CTRSE explore Care for Persons with Parkinson's

Springer's Journal of Religion and Health published a new article by Assoc. Prof. Allan A. Basas, Ph.D. and Mr. Ivan Efreaim A. Gozum of the UST Center for Theology, Religious Studies and Ethics and the Institute of Religion in their special issue on Spiritual Care for People with Parkinson's Disease and their Caregivers. The paper delves into the potential of Pope Francis' Culture of Encounter (CoE) to establish an ethical foundation that undergirds pastoral and health care for persons with Parkinson's Disease (PD), their family members, and caregivers.

In the article, Basas and Gozum provide an in-depth assessment of the documented experiences of people with PD, their families and carers. PD, an incurable illness, profoundly impacts a patient's well-being as well as the lives of their family members and carers. In line with this, the authors underline the importance of reimagining a more focused and ethical healthcare framework and the need for healthcare experts to develop effective strategies that will relieve the pain and suffering of patients, their relatives, and carers.

Basas and Gozum discuss Pope Francis' "Culture of Encounter" that promotes fraternal openness and encourages people to recognize, accept, and love one another. Following Christ's compassion, CoE emphasizes that no one is useless or expendable and emphasizes that everyone has inherent dignity,



Mr. Gozum and Assoc. Prof. Basas

regardless of origin or station. This notion can be used in Parkinson's disease caregiving by treating people with dignity, appreciating their autonomy, and respecting their illness. The authors propose CoE as a potential springboard for developing an ethical healthcare system for patients with PD.

The CoE encourages empathy and understanding of a PwPD's physical limits, emotional worries, and day-to-day challenges to create a kind and encouraging environment. Similarly, using CoE can help create a more Christ-like approach to healthcare. ■

GS student presents research on Foucauldian care of self at int'l philosophy conference



Itao presents his paper.

Alexis Deodato S. Itao, a Ph.D. in Philosophy student from the UST Graduate School presented a paper at the recently concluded 2023 *Societas Ethica Philosophica, Inc.* (SEPI) International Conference on Christian Philosophy, Sustainability, and Development in the Philippines and Southeast Asia held at Silliman University, Dumaguete City from September 28 to 30, 2023.

He presented "The Philosophical Art of Living: An Anatomy of the Care of the Self in the Later Foucault." In the paper, Itao examines the notion of the care of the self and presents it as an aggregate philosophical art of living by synthesizing and putting together into a coherent whole of Foucault's dispersed ideas about the ancient practice from his later works.

The SEPI International Conference was an event that brought together scholars and practitioners from different fields to discuss the intersection of Christian philosophy, sustainability, and development in the Philippines and Southeast Asia. The SEPI organized the conference in partnership with the Center for Philosophy and the Humanities and the Research Institute for Culture and Language of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (ICLS-PUP) and the Department of Philosophy of Silliman University.

Itao's presentation was well-received by the audience, and they were particularly interested in his insights on how Foucault's ideas on the care of the self can be applied to the context of Christian philosophy and sustainable development in the Philippines and Southeast Asia.

Itao is a Ph.D. student whose research interests include Christian philosophy, hermeneutics, ethics, and ancient philosophy. ■

ARTS AND CULTURE

UST Museum unveils exhibition on Filipino families' devotion to Angelus



Museum visitors can also pray at the family altar.

The UST Museum mounted its exhibit titled “ORASYON: Dasal ng Pamilyang Pilipino” on October 3, 2023, at the Main Gallery.

The exhibit explores and celebrates the *Angelus (Orasyon)*, from its earliest records in 13th century Italy, how the practice of praying the *Angelus* spread across the Philippine archipelago, and how Filipino families express their devotion.

It features 48 pieces from the personal collection of Mr. Ron L. David from the following artists: Hermes Alegre, Wilfredo Alicdan, Antonio Angelito, Marcel Antonio, Tam Austria, Aries Bagtas, Jessa Balag, Otep Bañez, Norma Belleza, Jeho Bitancor, Remedios Boquiren, Angel Cacnio, Demetrio Dela Cruz, Jomar Delluba, Robert Deniega, James Gabito, Caloy Gabuco, Emmanuel Garibay, Romeo Gutierrez, Jun Impas, Raul Isidro, Alvaro Jimenez, Edwin Ladrillo, Lorebert Maralita, Anita Magsaysay-Ho, Nik Masangcay, Almer Moneda, Francis Nacion, Roel Obemio, Jay Pacena, Anthony Palo, Aljo Pingol, Loreto Racuya, Irvin Roxas, Ivan Roxas, Dominic Rubio, Blaine San Luis, Roger San Miguel, Robert Shook, Abril Valdemoro, Lydia Velasco, Michael Villagante, and Migs Villanueva. Also featured in the exhibit are two paintings from Carlos “Botong” Francisco and Jose De Los Reyes, which are from the UST Museum’s Visual Arts Collection.

The *Angelus* is a Marian devotional prayer that commemorates the moment the Archangel Gabriel announced that the Virgin Mary would conceive and give birth to the Son of God. The practice is typically observed at dawn, noon, and dusk, so the works often depict the hues of twilight and the warmth of the sunset glow.

As the exhibit focuses on family prayer and coincides with the month of the Holy Rosary, the space includes an oratorio, or prayer room, with an altar that includes figures of the Virgin Mary and the Child Jesus.

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Guests appreciate Demetrio dela Cruz’s (2023) and Bernard Vista’s (2018) works, both titled “Angelus”



“Sagrada Familia” by Ivan Roxas (2023)



“Pater Noster” by Jose De Los Reyes (1941)



“Orationis” by Irvin Roxas (2021)

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Decades ago, when the noise of the city was not so prevalent, the Orasyon was signaled by the ringing of Church bells, whose sound carried throughout the area. Fittingly, the exhibit opens with a bell.

The exhibition, designed and curated by Rev. Fr. Isidro Abaño, O.P., and Ar. John Carlo Sayco, ran from October 3 to November 7, 2023. In celebration of Museum and Galleries Month, the UST Museum offered free admission to non-Thomasians until November 7. ■

LECTURES AND CONFERENCES



Asst. Prof. Caballar, Asst. Prof. Villegas, Asst. Prof. Albay, and Mr. Simbulan with colleagues from MUM

UST, Monash University Malaysia hold third joint symposium, discuss potential collaboration

With the goal of strengthening existing collaborations and developing new ones, delegates from the UST College of Science Department of Mathematics and Physics and Monash University Malaysia (MUM) held a joint symposium hosted by MUM from September 7 to 8, 2023.

Organized by the UST College of Science - Department of Mathematics and Physics and MUM School of Engineering, the Joint International Engineering and Science Symposium on Computational Modelling and Simulation (JISSCMS) took place on the first day of the event.

UST College of Science Physics Coordinator Mr. Kristan Bryan C. Simbulan, Ph.D. gave the opening remarks, which highlighted the three-year collaboration of UST and MUM. Three delegates from the UST Department of Mathematics and Physics delivered lectures on their research interests, namely Asst. Prof. John Andrew C. Albay, Ph.D. on stochastic resetting; Asst. Prof. Roland Cristopher F. Caballar, Ph.D. on ultracold atoms; and Asst. Prof. Vladimir P. Villegas, Ph.D. on quantum heat engines and refrigerators.

Delegates from MUM School of Engineering and School of Science also participated in the symposium, particularly Dr. Joseph Ho Yong Kuen, who lectured on computational biomass and biopolymer engineering; Dr. Michelle Yap Khai Kun on biomedical modelling and simulation of cytotoxin; Dr. Ooi Ean Hin on computational study of sonothrombolysis; and Dr. Yeong Wai Chung on run sum charts. Dr. Tan Chee Pin, head of the Electrical & Robotics Engineering Department of MUM School of Engineering, gave the closing remarks where he expressed his appreciation of the collaborative efforts between the two universities.

The next day, Drs. Simbulan, Albay, Caballar, and Villegas held informal discussions on potential collaborations with Dr. Liang Shuan-Ni of the MUM School of Engineering and Drs. Yeong Wai Chung, Ashish Dutt, and MD Zobaer Hassan of the MUM School of Science. Avenues of collaboration that were discussed include possible joint research projects on physics, mathematics, and data science and analytics. ■

UST Filipino Dept. joins KWF Forum on Gramatikang Filipino

UST Departamento ng Filipino academic staff Assoc. Prof. Amalia Castro, Ph.D. and Mr. Mark Anthony Angeles attended the *Forum sa Gramatikang Filipino* organized by the Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) on September 8, 2023.

The consultative forum aimed to gather comments from various language-oriented organizations on the publication of *Gramatikang Filipino*, which will be based on modern language learning theory and contemporary use of the Filipino language. The said publication will serve as an update to *Balarila ng Wikang Pambansa*, released in 1939 by Surian ng Wikang Pambansa (SWP), the precursor of KWF, and was edited by then SWP member Lope K. Santos.

Professors from the University of the Philippines - Diliman Department of Linguistics and Departamento ng Filipino at Panitikan ng Pilipinas, including Dr. Jesus Federico Hernandez, Dr. Ronel Laranjo, Dr. Ma. Althea Enriquez, Dr. Jem Javier, and Dr. Mary Ann Bacolod initiated the writing and research of the draft of the said grammar book with language scholars from KWF.

Reactors who evaluated the initial draft included Aurora Batnag, Ph.D. from Pambansang Samahan sa Linggwistika at Literaturang Filipino (PSLLF) and *Tanggol Wika*, Danilyn Abingosa, Ph.D. from Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute



KWF Chair Arthur Casanova, Ph.D. (standing, right) with Mr. Mark Angeles (seated, rightmost) and Assoc. Prof. Amalia Castro, Ph.D. (seated, seventh from left) [Photo courtesy of KWF]

of Technology, Shirley Dita, Ph.D. from the Linguistic Society of the Philippines (LSP), Leticia Pagkalinawan, Ph.D. from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa, and Raquel Sison-Buban, Ph.D. from De La Salle University-Manila (DLSU).

Language instructors from DLSU, Philippine Normal University, and Polytechnic University of the Philippines,

as well as representatives from the Department of Education-Bureau of Learning Resources and language organizations, also participated in the event.

The grammar book is set to be published and available for public access next year. ■

GS History academic staff, students present research on nationhood



Members of the UST Department of History at the Philippine Historical Association Annual Conference 2023

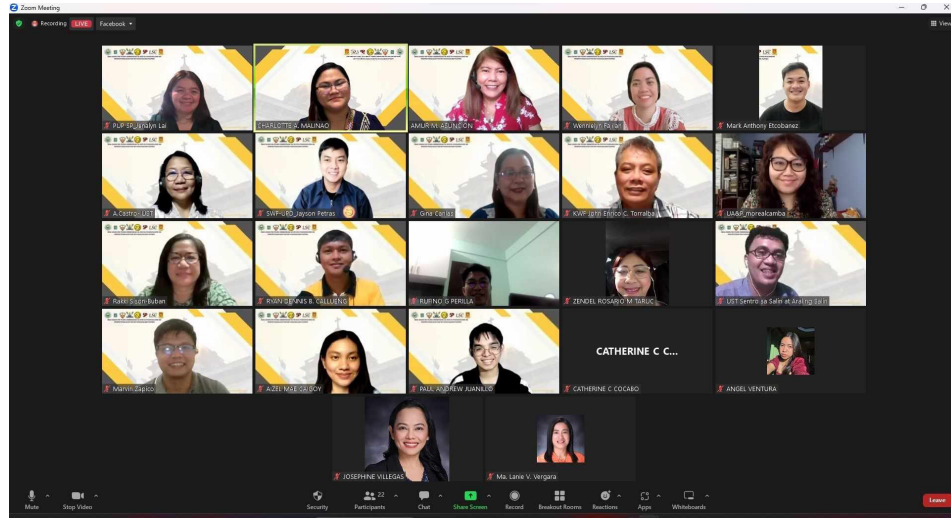
UST Graduate School (GS) academic staff and students in the History program joined in the Philippine Historical Association Annual Conference held at The Metropolitan Theater, Manila on August 31 to September 2, 2023.

Centering on the theme "*Sangkapilipinuhan: Retrospection on Independence and Nationhood*", the conference commemorates the 125th anniversary of Philippine Independence. With the aim to contribute to the discourses on the evolution of Philippine independence and nationhood, researchers, scholars, and academicians from various universities were gathered to share their studies in a historical discourse.

History Department Chair Assoc. Prof. Archie B. Resos, Ph.D. presented

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UST Filipino Dept., NCR institutions discuss state of translation in KWF's online forum



UST SSAS Chair Dr. Fajilan (top row, fourth from left) with fellow language and translation experts

UST Departamento ng Filipino, UST Sentro sa Salin at Araling Salin (UST SSAS), and Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (KWF) conducted an online forum on the state of translation in leading universities in Metro Manila on August 28, 2023.

Dubbed as “Mga Danas ng Piling Unibersidad sa NCR sa Pagsusulong ng Propesyonalisasyon ng Pagsasalang Filipino,” the assembly was organized in cooperation with University of the Philippines Diliman Sentro ng Wikang Filipino (UPD SWF), Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP) Sentro ng Pagsasalang, De La Salle University Sentro sa Pagsasalang, Intelektuwalisasyon, at

Adbokasiya (DLSU SALITA), Philippine Normal University (PNU) Sentro ng Pag-aaral ng Wika, and University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P) Kagawaran ng Filipino.

Asst. Prof. Jayson D. Petras, Ph.D., the current UPD SWF Director, discussed “UPD Sentro ng Wikang Filipino: Gampanin at Punyagi sa Pagsusulong ng Propesyonalisasyon ng Pagsasalang Filipino”.

Meanwhile, PUP Sentro ng Pagsasalang chief Professor Jenalyn Lai addressed the “Danas ng PUP sa Pagsusulong ng Propesyonalisasyon ng Pagsasalang Filipino,” followed by UST SSAS chair Assoc. Prof. Wennielyn Fajilan, Ph.D., who

lectured on “Ilang Tala sa Pagsusulong ng Propesyonalisasyon ng Pagsasalang Unibersidad ng Santo Tomas.”

Aside from introducing their institution and expounding on their current programs, DLSU SALITA Director Dr. Raquel Sison Buban discussed their challenges on being a translation service provider, language advocacy center, and P/Filipinization of Lasallian Core Curriculum Courses.

Language and translation stalwarts served as reactors, including PNU Sentro ng Pag-aaral ng Wika head Professor Ryan Dennis Callueng, UA&P Kagawaran ng Filipino chair Dr. Moreal Camba, and KWF Sangay ng Salin head Mr. John Enrico Torralba.

KWF Chairman Dr. Arthur P. Casanova and Vice-Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Cheryl R. Peralta, DrPH graced the event, which was also organized in celebration of *Buwan ng Wika* 2023. ■

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his research titled “People Power in the Philippines: The story of united Filipino revolutions” which provided a comparative analysis of the Marcos and Estrada presidencies before and during administration towards their stepping down during the first and second EDSA People Power Revolutions.

Mr. Glenn-Dale John C. Go presented his paper titled “The challenges and responses of Chinese migrants in the Philippines after the 1975 Alien Naturalization Law (1975 – 2000)”, which gave further inputs on the Filipino-Chinese identity in relation to the stigma surrounding the community.

Asst. Prof. Isabel Annesley Abao, Ph.D.’s research titled “Level of historical knowledge and attitude of selected Thomasiens toward Martial Law: An advocacy for the creation of a multi-sectoral enrichment program toward nationhood” focused on the students in relation to their knowledge about Martial Law through a quantitative approach with the goal of creating an advocacy program.

Asst. Prof. Janet Atutubo, Ph.D. presented her research titled “For the love of God, for the love of country: Honoring the crusades of the *beatas*” which focused on the challenges of three *beatas* to establish a *beaterio* that will eventually become congregations.

Ms. Joesie Joyce M. Ramirez, a master’s degree candidate from the UST GS, presented her work titled “Mobilization and warfare tactics of Bruce Guerillas South Tarlac Military District during World War II: 1942-1945.” The focus of her study highlights the Bruce Guerillas conduct of reconnaissance and different combat tactics in overcoming the Japanese authorities in Tarlac.

Also delivering plenary talks were Retired Chief Justice Reynato S. Puno, National Artist for Literature Virgilio S. Almario, and Dr. Ricardo T. Jose from the University of the Philippines who shared their insights on the writing of Philippine history. ■

Accountancy, NACPAE host OBE training for accounting teachers

The UST-Alfredo M. Velayo College of Accountancy (UST-AMV COA) hosted the Metro Manila leg of the “Outcomes-Based Education (OBE) training for Philippine accounting teachers: Revisiting the theoretical foundation of professional education grounded on OBE” held from September 14 to 15, 2023 at the Albertus Magnus Building. The training was facilitated by the administrative officials and selected academic staff of the UST College of Education.

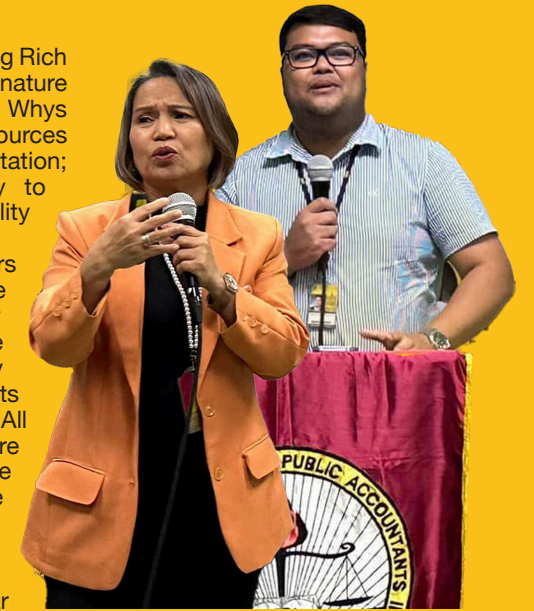
The OBE training was NACPAE’s response to the call of the accounting teachers for a nationwide training on professional education courses. Based on CHED Memorandum Order no. 27 s. 2017 *Revised Policies, Standards and Guidelines for Bachelor of Science in Accountancy (BSA)*, all academic staff teaching in the BSA program must have training in professional education courses.

The topics discussed during the training were OBE Policies and Principles; (re)Discovering a ‘multiverse’ of Outcomes in OBE; Uncovering Meaningful Curriculum

Content Across Disciplines; Designing Rich Classroom Experiences through Signature Pedagogies; Assessment and OBE: Whys and Hows; Role of learning resources in OBE Planning and Implementation; Constructive Alignment as a Key to OBE Success and Continuous Quality Improvement and OBE.

A total of 96 accounting teachers from the different schools in the National Capital Region and nearby provinces attended the training. The Metro Manila leg was followed by other training sessions in other parts of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. All of the OBE training sessions were facilitated by the administrative officials and academic staff of the UST College of Education.

NACPAE is the national association of accounting teachers in the Philippines. For Fiscal Year 2023-2024, NACPAE is headed by UST-AMV College of Accountancy Assistant Dean Asst. Prof. Francisco M. Caliwan, Jr., as its President. ■



College of Education Dean Assoc. Prof. Pilar Romero, Ph.D., and Asst. Prof. Francisco Caliwan, Jr., serve as facilitators.

Climate change can cause next pandemic, health expert tells UST-hosted int’l confab

A public health expert thinks the Philippines may need to address the pressing impacts of climate change especially since the situation can possibly spark the next pandemic.

Dr. Ramon Lorenzo Guinto of St. Luke’s Medical Center said that such health impacts of climate change may come from “zoonotic spillovers” or viruses that get transmitted from vertebrate animals to humans.

These spillovers, he adds, are on top of SARS-CoV-2 —already “classified” by health experts as a zoonotic disease even if the animal reservoir of this virus is yet to be precisely determined.

Which is why for Guinto, public health systems must be “climate-resilient”.

“(With the Philippines) being the heart of the climate crisis, the challenges include the interlocking of mental health and climate change in the Philippines, the failure of health systems to be ready in crisis, and the progress of the country to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



has been reversed and derailed,” Guinto said at an international seminar-workshop on disaster management in Southeast Asia held at the University of Santo Tomas.

Guinto’s remarks come at a time when the 28th Conference of the Parties to the

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Dr. Guinto (fifth from left) and Ambassador Thunborg (sixth from left) with RCSED Director Assoc. Prof. Jeremiaah Opiniano, Ph.D. (rightmost) and Office of Public Affairs Director Asst. Prof. Joreen Rocamora, Ph.D. (third from left)

CCCPET celebrates heritage through 2023 ICH International Conference, Field School



ICH Field School participants during the Lantern Making Workshop



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UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (or COP28) is set to be staged November 30 to December 12 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Looming in the backdrop is the projection by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) last May of a 66 percent likelihood that near-surface global temperatures will be 1.5°C hotter — for at least one year — between 2023 and 2027.

There is also a 98 percent chance, WMO adds in its projection (issued last May), that one year within the next five years “will be the warmest on record”.

“WMO is sounding the alarm that we will breach the 1.5°C level on a temporary basis with increasing frequency,” said WMO Secretary-General Prof. Petteri Taalas.

And if these rising temperatures lead to disease outbreaks or worse a pandemic similar with COVID-19, Guinto said public health systems must not only be better governed but become more responsive compared to the experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Solutions here,” Guinto adds, include building better health and climate-resilient systems, good governance, financing that’s readily available to be tapped, and community building as the first line of defense,” Guinto said at the workshop *Governing Complex Disasters in Southeast Asia* held at UST.

Academics from Universiti Brunei Darussalam, Deak University, Brown University, and UST, as well as NGOs such as Philippine Disaster Relief Foundation (PDRF) and Curiosity.PH, co-organized the international seminar-workshop.

Panel presentations, a simulation on disaster response operations at PDRF’s facility in Clark, Pampanga, and research presentations marked the international seminar-workshop.

Swedish Ambassador to the Philippines Dr. Annika Thunborg concurred with Guinto and reiterated Sweden’s support to overall global initiatives surrounding climate change response and COVID-19 vaccination through AstraZeneca. The Ambassador served as keynote speaker during the seminar-workshop. ■

A remarkable celebration of Intangible Cultural Heritage took center stage at the Intangible Cultural Heritage International Conference and Field School held on August 1-7, 2023. This event, strongly supported by the International Information and Networking Center for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under UNESCO (ICHCAP), brought together emerging professionals and graduate students from Asia-Pacific Higher Education Network for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage (APHEN-ICH) member institutions to champion the preservation of Intangible Cultural Heritage in alignment with the UNESCO 2003 Convention for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region.

The ICH Conference, organized by the UST Graduate School-Center for Conservation of Cultural Property and Environment in the Tropics (USTGS-CCCPET) in partnership with the UST College of Tourism and Hospitality Management took place at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) on August 1, 2023.

The conference also featured a lineup of esteemed speakers who enriched the event through the discussion of relevant topics on various aspects of intangible cultural heritage. Among them were Commissioner Aldrin A. Darilag Ph.D., from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Assoc. Prof. Eric B. Zerrudo Ph.D., the Director of USTGS-CCCPET, Prof. Neel Kamal Chapagain Ph.D., the Secretariat of UNESCO-ICHCAP, Prof. Seongmi Jeong Ph.D. from the Korean National University for Cultural Heritage, and Ms. Corazon Alvina from the Museo ng Kaalamang Katubuo.

Another culturally enriching event unfolded as the APHEN-ICH field school commenced at the City of Pampanga on August 2-7, 2023. The UST-GS CCCPET, in partnership with the Local Government of Mabalacat, Pampanga designed the field school to provide its participants with a deep dive into the world of intangible cultural heritage of Pampanga Philippines, offering exploration of traditional crafts, artistic expressions, local culinary practices and more.

The field school included participation from artisans like Willy Tadeo Layug with his demonstration of *santo* making, Peter De Vera of the Bale-Balayan Children’s Theatre Group, Tomas Ramirez showcasing the silver *pukpok* making, Aching Lillian Boromeo featuring her San Nicolas

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UST, UA&P hold workshop on translating humanities



SSAS Chair Assoc. Prof. Fajilan (eighth from left), Mr. Angeles (fourth from left), Prof. Cortez (fifth from left), and Mr. Trogo (sixth from left) with UA&P Departamento ng Filipino (Photo courtesy of UA&P College of Arts and Letters)

UST Sentro ng Salin at Araling Salin (UST SSAS) and the University of Asia and the Pacific (UA&P) Departamento ng Filipino spearheaded a seminar-workshop on translating works on the humanities on September 2, 2023 at the UA&P grounds.

The workshop was set to formalize the deliberations of Filipino translations of Greek and Roman litterateurs Horace, Longinus, and Plotinus written by

humanities professors and seasoned writers led by UA&P Departamento ng Filipino chair Dr. Moreal Camba.

UST SSAS chair Associate Professor Wenniferlyn F. Fajilan, Ph.D. discussed the criteria on evaluating translations while UST SSAS translation manager John Dale V. Trogo talked about the system used in collaborative translation management.

Mr. Mark Anthony Angeles, academic staff of UST Departamento ng Filipino and

Prof. Franz Giuseppe Cortez, Ph.D. from the UST Department of Philosophy, also joined as workshop panelists.

The event, co-organized by UA&P Center for Research and Communication, was one of the collaborative activities mapped out at the Palitang-Salin: Campus Tour and Benchmarking held in UST on July 6. ■

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Cookies, Roland Quiambao sharing the legacy of the lantern making, and more.

In addition, the six-day field school gathered the expertise of many professionals in the ICH landscape including Ms. Jinyoung Seo from UNESCO-ICHCAP, Edward Benrick D. Salonga from Pampanga State Agricultural University, Mr. Abhijeet Thapa from Tribhuvan University (Nepal), Assoc. Prof. Evangeline E. Timbang Ph.D. from the UST College of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Mr. Weonmo Park, Director of UNESCO-ICHCAP, Ms. Renee Talavera from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, Assoc. Prof. Eric B. Zerrudo, Ph.D. of the USTGS-CCCPET, Mr. Raphael Emmanuelle Kalaw from UST College of Fine Arts and Design, and Dr. Lilian J. Sison the Director of UST International Relations and Programs.

The event received overwhelming support from various local government units of Pampanga. The Clark Development Corporation through Chairman Atty. Agnes VST Devanadera, and Dr. Anita G. David, the SUC President of Pampanga State Agricultural University, also played a supportive role in this initiative. ■



ICH Field School participants wearing their respective national attire at the Graduation Ceremony

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Focolare Movement

Focolare Movement zone delegates of the Indian Subcontinent and the Philippines Dr. Cherylanne Menezes (left) and Rev. Fr. Andrew Camilleri (right) with UST Vice Rector for Religious Affairs Rev. Fr. Pablo T. Tiong, O.P., on September 14, 2023



Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary

(From left:) UST OPA Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora, Ph.D., Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary Vice Rector for Science and Research Prof. Dr. Furkó Bálint Péter, UST OIRP Associate Director Prof. Karen S. Santiago, Ph.D., and Assistant to the Director for Public Affairs Ms. Michaela O. Lagniton on October 2, 2023



World Education Services (WES)

CEO and Executive Director of the World Education Services (WES) Esther Benjamin (seventh from left), accompanied by WES officials, with Executive Assistant to the Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Assoc. Prof. Ma. Corazon S. Sauz, Ph.D. (second from left), Office of Public Affairs Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora, Ph.D. (rightmost), College of Nursing Assistant Dean Asst. Prof. Maria Glenda Lee G. Sevilla (third from left), College of Nursing Secretary Asst. Prof. Genecar G. Pe Benito (ninth from left) and Registrar's ICT Cluster Supervisor Mr. Ferwin C. Jimenez (leftmost) on October 3, 2023.



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(From left:) UST Office of Public Affairs Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora, Ph.D., Communication Officer at the Embassy of Sweden in Manila Ms. Athena Cartagena, Assistant Head Librarian and Head Book Restorer Ms. Ginalyn M. Santiago, UST RCSSED Director Asst. Prof. Jeremiaiah Opiniano, Ph.D., Ambassador of Sweden to the Philippines Her Excellency Annika Thunborg, Ph.D., Assistant to the Prefect of Libraries Rev. Fr. Gaspar Sigaya, O.P., Assistant Head Librarian for Digitization Mr. Symon Lagao, and Chief Librarian Ms. Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo on October 5, 2023.



Glasgow University, United Kingdom

Glasgow University Dean for Global Engagement – South East Asia and Australasia Prof. Clare McManus, Ph.D. (center) and Dean for Internationalisation Prof. Cristina Persano, Ph.D. (fourth from left) with UST OIRP Associate Director Prof. Karen S. Santiago, Ph.D. (second from left), and UST OPA Director Asst. Prof. Joreen T. Rocamora, Ph.D., on October 9, 2023.

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