



UPV celebrates the 68th presence of UP in Iloilo

"IN the spirit of One UP, I hereby declare the 68th Foundation Week Celebration open."

This was the declaration of Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa during the Opening Program of the 2015 UPV Week in celebration of the 68th year of the UP presence in Iloilo held at the UP Visayas Auditorium, Iloilo City campus on February 23, 2015.

The celebration, which ran until February 28, kicked off with a Holy Mass and an Opening Program. Two proud UPV alumni-Iloilo City Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog (UPHSI Class 1982) and Iloilo Provincial Governor Arthur Defensor, Sr. (UPIC Class 1959) graced the Opening Program. Mabilog and Defensor recalled how UP came to Iloilo and took pride in being



Various scenes during the celebration of the 68th Year of UP Presence in Iloilo.

Padilla appointed faculty regent

"I AM very honored to be elected as the 4th UP Faculty Regent from UP Visayas (the 2nd from the Division of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences). It is also very humbling and daunting to represent the diverse views of the UP faculty in the Board of Regents. I plan to push for the continued rebuilding and relocation of UPV Tacloban College and UP Manila School for Health Sciences in Palo, Leyte in Sta Elena, Leyte; increase support for the internationalization of UP; and lobby for more research incentives for current faculty members and recruitment of balik PhDs."



Padilla

These are the statements of Dr. Philip Ian P. Padilla, Associate Professor of the Division of Biological Sciences, when asked what

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products of a UP education.

The UP High School in Iloilo (UPHSI) Dance Troupe performed three Philippine folk dances. There were also special performances from the Iloilo City National High School (ICNHS) Band. Students, faculty members, administrative staff, officials, and alumni of UPV shared a sumptuous brunch of native delicacies prepared by the College of Management (CM) after the Program. The said day was also designated as the CM Day.

In the afternoon, the UPHSI

held the Opening Program of its school activities and exhibits at the UPHSI Building lobby. The UPV Admin Bazaar was likewise opened at the New Administration Building grounds, Miagao campus. The CM students held a play festival at the Auditorium, Iloilo City campus, featuring five short plays.

Due to the shift in the academic calendar, UPV held the celebration of UP's presence in Iloilo in February. In the past, the annual celebration was usually held in July. The five consecutive days were designated as the CM

Day (February 23), the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Day (February 24), the Administration and Students Day (February 25), the School of Technology Day (February 26), and the College of Arts and Sciences Day (February 27). Three colleges — CM, CFOS, and CAS also celebrated their College Week during this time.

Various activities were scheduled for the week, which included lectures, seminars, exhibits, games, contests, play festivals, echo walk, fun runs, and many others. (*Lenilyn B. Gallos*)

UP System officials hold consultation with UPV community

UP System officials led by President Alfredo E. Pascual visited the University of the Philippines Visayas for a series of consultations with the UPV officials, faculty, REPS, staff, and students at the Iloilo City campus on February 4, 2015.

With Pascual were Vice-President for Administration Maragtas S.V. Amante, Vice-President for Academic Affairs Gisela Padilla-Concepcion, and Vice-President for Planning and Finance Joselito G. Florendo who presented updates on strategic initiatives and other recent programs and developments of the University



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PAEP: UP seeks admission of more students from low-income households



President Alfredo E. Pascual (left) VPAA Gisela P. Concepcion (right) clarified issues and concerns raised by the faculty, REPS, and admin staff of UPV.

As the country's national university, the University of the Philippines is seeking for more of the best and brightest students from low-income households to be admitted in the University.

UP President Alfredo E. Pascual sought the assistance of the students, faculty, and staff from UP Visayas during his recent visit to the campus to encourage the poor but deserving high school students to apply and qualify in the University of the Philippines College Admission Test (UPCAT).

According to Pascual, the passing rates of UPCAT takers from low-income households have declined over the past 10 years, while that of high-income households continue to escalate.

Records show that among the UPCAT takers, the passing rate of those from low-income category of P 100K per year and below dropped

from 16.7% to 9.3% from 2004 to 2014, while the passing rate of those from high-income category of more than P1M per year rose from 17.7% to 23.9% over the same period.

Pascual said the decline can be attributed to the deteriorating quality of public high schools. In 2013, only 26.6% of the graduates from general public high schools passed the UPCAT and only 25.4% was recorded in 2014. Those coming from private high schools, however, account to almost 50% of admission to UP in the past two years. He added that public science high school and other specialized high school graduates have better chance of being admitted to UP. The President also noted a number of "no-show UP qualifiers" across all income brackets who enrolled elsewhere.

In order to level up the playing field in UPCAT preparation, Pascual informed the audience that UP is

going to offer free UPCAT review online as well as promote UPCAT among public high schools in the country to encourage more takers and qualifiers from poor families.

The national university has adopted the policy that "no qualified students shall be denied access to UP education due to financial incapacity" to ensure access of UPCAT qualifiers regardless of paying capacity. It is operating under the reformed socialized tuition system. Under the program, qualified students from poor families enjoy 100% free tuition fees with monthly stipend, which was increased from Php2400 to Php3500 for very poor students. It also revised the provisions of the University Code for students with financial concerns to continue their studies, liberalized the tuition loan program, and enhanced student assistantships by increasing per hour rate to minimum wage rate.

Pascual was in UP Visayas for a series of consultations with the UPV officials, faculty members, REPS, administrative staff and students at the Iloilo City campus on February 4, 2015. He was accompanied by other UP System officials, namely Vice President for Administration Maragtas S.V. Amante, Vice President for Academic Affairs Gisela Padilla-Concepcion, and Vice President for Planning and Finance Joselito Florendo.

(*Lenilyn B. Gallos*)

CAS fetes its UP Scientist awardees

THE Opening Program for the Foundation Anniversary of the College of Arts and Sciences started on a high note with the College feting its UP Scientist awardees on February 24, 2015 at the CAS lobby, Miagao campus.

So recognized for their monumental achievements were the following: from the Division of Social Sciences, Dr. Rodelio F. Subade, elevated from UP Scientist I to UP Scientist III and Dr. Rosalie Arcala-Hall, renewed as UP Scientist I; and from the Division of Biological Sciences, Dr. Wilfredo L. Campos, elevated from UP Scientist I to UP Scientist III; Dr. Juliana C. Baylon, renewed as UP Scientist I; and Dr. Jane S. Geduspan, newly named UP Scientist I.

Dr. Hall responded on behalf of the awardees.

Chancellor Rommel Espinosa, who graced the event, proudly announced CAS' involvement in the newly implemented Master's program, the Professional Masters in Tropical Marine Ecosystem Management (Initial Area of Specialization: Marine Protected Areas).

The interdisciplinary program is one of the first concrete steps in realizing the vision of "One UP, One University" because it is a multi-campus endeavour that is jointly implemented by UP Visayas, the Marine Science Institute of UP Diliman, and UP Los Baños. While CAS was having its Opening Program on this day, three of its faculty members from the Division of Social Sciences, namely, Dr. Subade, Dr. Ida Siason and Prof. Pepito Fernandez, Jr., were in UP Diliman to hold classes for the program. Thereafter they proceeded to Bolinao, Pangasinan to continue conducting classes in the field.

CAS Dean Dr. Resurreccion Sadaba awarded the Certificate of Achievement to the UP Scientists and urged the faculty, staff, and students, to participate in the many activities that CAS has lined up. The Opening Program was followed by the opening of the Scientific Poster Exhibit at the 2nd floor lobby as well as the Opening of an Art Exhibit at the Gallery of the Division of Humanities.

CAS continues to be UPV's biggest degree granting unit not only in terms of population but also in terms of more diverse program. (*Lyncen M. Fernandez*)

BS Bio alumnus wins Outstanding Scientist and TOYM awards in 2014

TWENTY fourteen was a good year for Dr. John Mark S. Velasco, UP Visayas alumnus (BS Biology 1999). In July 2014, the National Academy of Science and Technology named him as one of the 12 Outstanding Scientists in 2014 for his contribution in the field of public health medicine.

In the recently concluded search for the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines 2014, he was awarded as one of the 10 in his contribution to medical science and public health. The awarding ceremony was held on February 3, 2015 at the Heroes Hall, Malacañan Palace. The Junior Chamber International Manila, a leadership development organization in the Philippines and in Asia, is the organizer of TOYM. It was formed in 1959 to properly channel the energies and idealism of the Filipino youth into an organization that undertakes activities and projects that would eventually redound to the benefit of the community.

Velasco earned his medical

degree in UP Manila's College of Medicine and is the first Filipino with a Master's Degree in Clinical Trials from the University of London. He advocates improving and setting a high standard for local clinical trials that will produce high-quality data that can be used in public health.

His post as Deputy Head of the Philippines-AFRIMS (Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences) Virology Research Unit (PAVRU), makes him involved with the surveillance of malaria, schistosomiasis (snail fever), and paragonimiasis (food-borne parasitic infection). His varied research studies include virology, bacteriology, epidemiology, clinical research, clinical trials, and public health. He is credited for having led in the creation of a molecular laboratory for influenza and other diseases, which was critical in the early detection of the H1N1 (swine flu) pandemic strain in 2009 among soldiers, thus stemming its spread.

Velasco said that he was an

accidental researcher. Taking a break from his practice as a medical doctor, he applied for a post at the National Institute of Health (NIH) in UP Manila. He credits Dr. Vicente Belizario, Jr., then Deputy Executive Director of NIH, for initially helping him to appreciate research and view it as an alternative career path.

He added that a career in research is not for everybody and advised young medical students and doctors to know their passion so that it will give them a sense of purpose and a sense of direction. (*Lyncen M. Fernandez, with sources from Queena N. Lee-Chua, newsinfo.inquirer.net and <http://pub.mims.com.philippines/pubs/medical-tribune-ph/home>*)



Velasco

UPV offers Professional Master's Program on Marine Ecosystems Management

BEGINNING January 2015 of Academic Year 2014-2015, UP Visayas, in a joint collaboration with UP Diliman and UP Los Baños, is now offering a graduate degree program on Professional Master's in Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management (PM-TMEM) with an initial area of specialization in Marine-

Protected Areas (MPAs).

The graduate degree program is being implemented in UPV by the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) through the Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies (IFPDS).

UPV Chancellor Dr. Rommel A. Espinosa, CFOS Dean Dr. Crispino A. Saclauso, IFPDS

Officer-in-Charge Dr. Harold M. Monteclaro, and Institute of Fish Processing and Technology Director Dr. Jose P. Peralta attended the Program Launching led by UP President Alfredo E. Pascual at the Oblation Room of Microtel Hotel, UP-Ayala Technohub, Quezon City on January 9, 2015.

PM-TMEM is designed for

professionals who wish to pursue careers in government and civil service organizations and the private sector involving the management and governance of tropical marine ecosystems. The course is trimestral and multidisciplinary and can be completed in 1.5 years in a modular, sequential approach. Students enrolled in the three UP campuses constitute a batch and shall attend all courses of the program as one class under the supervision of faculty members and experts of UPD, UPV, and UPLB. They will attend classes in the three campuses and will do field work in Batangas, Pangasinan, Panay, Cebu, and Sabah, Malaysia.

Despite the short announcement, five students who came from different regions in the country enrolled in the program. Of these, two enrolled in UP Visayas. The rest enrolled in UP Diliman and UP Los Baños. *(Lenilyn B. Gallos with sources from the CFOS-IFPDS)*

2 CM students attend the AYLC 2015

Teresa Hortillo

TWO students of the College of Management, University of the Philippines Visayas attended the 17th National Ayala Young Leaders Congress (AYLC 2015) at the San Miguel Corporation – Management Training Center in Alfonso, Cavite. They are Ms. Pauline Mae G. Gallo, a third year Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Marketing) student, and Ms. Cicily Isabelle N. Mirasol, a fourth year Bachelor of Science in Accountancy student.

Ms. Gallo and Ms. Mirasol left for Manila (last Monday



Mirasol

Gallo

with an official travel order issued by the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs) to attend the Congress which started on February 10 until 13, 2015. They were among the eighty one (81) delegates who were

chosen through a rigid screening process. They were shortlisted from the 163 qualifiers who were interviewed in November 2014 by top executives of the Ayala Group. They emerged from over 718 online applications screened all over the country.

Through the AYLC, students have the chance to interact with resource persons who are well-known and highly respected leaders from government, civil society, business, the arts, media, and entertainment. *(Source: Official letter to the Chancellor from the AYLC Director Simon C. Mossesgeld)*

PAEF conducts Fulbright Scholarship Orientation

THE Fulbright Program is one of the most prestigious scholarship grants not only in the United States but also in the world. It is a highly competitive, merit-based grant for international educational exchange for students, scholars, teachers, professionals, scientists, and artists.

In the Philippines, the Fulbright program is administered and managed by the Philippine-American Educational Foundation (PAEF).

On February 26 and 27, 2015, PAEF conducted an orientation lecture on the various Fulbright programs for the UPV community at the Iloilo City and Miagao

campuses, respectively. This would be for admission during Academic Year 2016-2017.

The group was led by Ms. Eileen Consuelo Valdecañas, PAEF Program Officer in the Philippines.

Some of the Fulbright programs that she presented were the following: 1.) The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship is a 10-month non-degree program offered to mid-career professionals who have a proven track record of leadership, public service commitment, and the capacity to take full advantage of a self-defined program of independent study at one of the leading U.S. universities. The

application period for the 2016-2017 Humphrey Fellowship Program is from March 2 to June 5, 2015. 2.) The Fulbright Program for Graduate Studies in the US is granted competitively to Filipinos who wish to study at the graduate level (Master's or Ph.D.) or pursue non-degree doctoral enrichment or doctoral dissertation research in the United States. The application period for the 2016-2017 Fulbright competition is from December 8, 2014 to March 27, 2015. 3.) The International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP) is open to qualified secondary school teachers in the fields of English, Mathematics, Science, Social

Studies, and Special Education. The application period for the 2015-2016 International Leaders in Education Program is from January 5 to March 31, 2015. 4.) The Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistants (FLTA) Program is open to young teachers of English based outside of Metro Manila who have a sincere interest in teaching their native language and culture to American students. The application period for the 2016-2017 Fulbright-FLTA competition is from January 5 to June 5, 2015. 5.) The Fulbright-Philippine Agriculture Scholarship Program (FPASP) for Advanced Research Awards in the US is an advanced research awards in the US whose goal is to help modernize the agriculture and fisheries sectors of the Philippines by developing their human resources base through bilateral educational exchanges between the Philippines and the United States. The application period for the 2016-2017 FPASP for Advanced Research is from December 8, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

The orientation lecture was attended by faculty members, students and staff of the University.

In attendance were also former Fulbright scholarship grantees, UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa and Dr. Rosalie Arcala-Hall. *(Lyncen M. Fernandez)*

UPV psych faculty attend publishing workshop

Pierce S. Docena

SIX psychology faculty members from UP Visayas participated in the Philippine Journal of Psychology's (PJP) publishing workshop held at the Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU) on February 20-21, 2015 for its special issue on disasters.

As the flagship journal of the Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP), the PJP is planning to release a special issue on disaster psychology by December 2015 to highlight the studies and initiatives of Filipino

psychologists and researchers in response to the various natural and man-made disasters that the country experienced in recent years.

Around 20 participants brought their ideas and working papers into the workshop; they were then guided through the whole process of writing the different sections of a journal article and submitting the final paper for publication. The participants also had the chance to critique one another's works and offer constructive feedback aimed at improving their papers.

The UPV contingent included

faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and Tacloban College. Prof. Bernice Vania Landoy of the CAS co-organized and facilitated the workshop as associate coordinator of PAP's Special Interest Group on Mental Health and Psychosocial Support. The psychology faculty from UPV Tacloban College were composed of Prof. Rowena Guiang, Prof. Ervina Espina, Prof. Pierce Docena, Michael Pan, and Jholyan Francis Fornillos. They are currently working on several papers based on their involvement with post disaster recovery efforts.

Mayor Mabilog, Gov. Defensor grace 2015 UPV Week celebration

TWO proud alumni of the University of the Philippines Visayas graced the Opening Program of the 2015 UPV Week in celebration of the 68th Year of the UP Presence in Iloilo with the theme, "One UP, Level UP."

In their respective messages, Iloilo City Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog (UPHSI Class 1982) and Iloilo Provincial Governor Arthur Defensor, Sr. (UPIC Class 1959) recalled how UP came to Iloilo, providing quality education not only in the city and province of Iloilo but likewise in the entire Visayas Region. They also lauded the generosity of then Iloilo City Mayor Vicente Ybiernas for donating an 11-hectare property including the old Iloilo City Hall Building, which is a national historical landmark, and 42 lots to the University.

Both expressed their gratitude to UP. Mabilog, who

Planning workshop for research, creative works and public service held

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension (OVCRE) organized a two-day planning workshop on research, creative works, publication, and public service on February 2-3, 2015.

Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension Ricardo Babaran underscored the importance of planning ahead of time to meet the target projects.

Babaran presented some innovations at UPV including policies, processes, capability-building initiatives, and communication of research results through communication/language experts or artists and public service/extension activities. The participants were likewise informed, among others, on the University's performance in the last three years; projects implemented; the proposed 2015 research MOOE budget; the annual research budget; context of the proposed budget for creative works, research, and extension activities in anticipation of the ASEAN Integration this year and the full-scale effects of the K-12 program; proposed 2015 research MOOE budget details; and Project summaries and targets.

Dr. Napoleon K. Juanillo, Jr., Director of the Office of Planning, Research, and Knowledge Management of

was voted recently as the 5th among the Top World Mayors thanked UP for giving him first-hand experience in leadership. He took pride in being the first UPV graduate elected as the city's local chief executive. He said that he continues to live according to the

principles that UP taught him.

Defensor, on the other hand, also gave credit to the national university for all his achievements and successes and to the kind of person that he has become. Defensor was a recipient of various awards, among which are

the Most Outstanding Alumnus in Public Service (Centennial Award) from UPV, the Benigno S. Aquino, Jr. Fellowship for Professional Development, and the Most Outstanding Governor award in the Philippines in the field of social services conferred by the Association of Local Social Welfare and Development Officers of the Philippines Inc. (ALSWDOP). For him, "it was UP or nothing." The governor, whose wife and children are also products of a UP education, recognized that the UP presence in Iloilo made the latter a premier city and province a center of quality education in the Visayas and the best thing that ever happened in the Region. "This country will never be the same without UP," he quipped.

UPV celebrated the Foundation Week from February 23-28, 2015 instead of July due to the shift in the academic calendar. (Lenilyn B. Gallos)



Iloilo Gov. Defensor and City Mayor Mabilog (inset) address the UPV community during the Opening Program of the 2015 UPV Week in celebration of the 68th year of UP presence in Iloilo.

Career planning forum for UPHSI students held

IN choosing a future career, students of UP High School in Iloilo (UPHSI), Division of Professional Education, College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas were advised to first get to know themselves and their interests and to consider a job that they love.

This was emphasized by the resource persons in their presentations to the high school students during a "Forum on Choices and Possibilities: Career Planning" held at the UPV

Auditorium on February 27, 2015. The forum aimed to help the students in exploring various career options as well as guide them in making the right decision in their career choices after high school.

Mr. Nestor P. Burgos, Jr., Chief of Correspondent-Visayas Bureau of the Philippine Daily Inquirer, and Ms. Nelia B. Mabilog, Senior Labor and Employment Officer, Department of Labor and Employment

(DOLE), pointed out that those who excel are those who truly believe in their profession and align their strengths with what they do best.

Burgos, an alumnus of UPHSI Class of 1987 and UP Silak Brotherhood, talked about the importance of planning and realizing one's career. He told the students to find a job that they love and will love them in return. "Passion will sustain you

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CFOS joins 1st Tañon Strait Protected Seascape Stakeholders Summit

Farisal U. Bagsit

THE College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, UP Visayas (CFOS-UPV) participated in

the 1st Tañon Strait Protected Seascape Stakeholders (TSPS) Summit and Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) General Assembly, which was

held on February 10-12, 2015 at the Parklane Hotel, Cebu City. The Summit was made possible through the concerted efforts of different organizations that were primarily led by Oceana Philippines in partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Province of Cebu, Philippine Earth Justice Center, Inc. (PEJC), and RARE.

Dr. Harold Monteclaro, Director of the Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies, CFOS; and Prof. Caridad N. Jimenez and Ms. Farisal U. Bagsit, also from IFPDS-CFOS, were among the 397 participants who attended the 3-day event with the theme "Restoring the Beauty and Bounty of Tañon Strait."

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(L-R) Dr. Mike Hirshfield (Oceana's Chief Scientist), Prof. Caridad N. Jimenez (IFPDS Faculty), Atty. Gloria Estenzo Ramos (Oceana Philippines Vice-President), Ms. Farisal U. Bagsit (IFPDS researcher), and Dr. Harold M. Monteclaro (IFPDS Director) at the TSPS Summit.

Netherlands-based alumni donate books to UPVTC

AFTER months of preparing and processing by the UP Alumni Association in The Netherlands, 375 books donated by the International Institute of Social Studies in the Hague Library, The Netherlands finally arrived the UP Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC) in January 2015.

According to Dr. Evelyn T. Belleza, the current Vice-Chancellor for Planning and Development, the book donation is part of the continuing effort

of the "Help Rebuild Tacloban" initiated by her office in 2014.

Meanwhile, the UP Alumni Association in The Netherlands President Jonathan Palero said that the Association is planning to ship a second batch of donated books to the Tacloban campus.

Dr. Anita Cular, Dean of UPVTC, received the books on behalf of the College. (*Lyncen M. Fernandez; with sources from OVCPD*)



Awarding Ceremony for Outstanding Miagaowanons 2014. Standing from left to right is Dr. Asuncion L. Faro; Mrs. Gloria N. Jaen; Dr. Erlinda S. Ganzon-Naret; Judge Raul F. Facon; and Mr. Edwin N. Nacionales; Dr. Emily N. Hagad is not in the picture.

UPV Librarian shares

Sharon Rose Galorport

IN the interest of lasting peace, the residents of Tubungan, Iloilo and the participants of the mass Candle Lighting Ceremony for peace and development held on February 6, 2015 at the Lanag Norte Elementary School showed different ways of how one can love one's country.

The event served as a chance for the various groups to get involved with the government peace and development initiatives. A discussion on climate change and the right way of planting of trees was held followed by a tree planting activity.

Miss Ana T. Mones, Librarian of the University of the Philippines Visayas, together with the members of the Toastmasters

International, launched and sponsored the Slippers of Hope Project. Mones talked about the value of peace education to the 150 recipients of the project who were also part of the Lakbay Aral Program initiated by the Alpha Company of the 82nd Infantry Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division of the Philippine Army, Miagao, Iloilo.

Prior to this activity, Mones also led a book donation activity for the Lanag Norte National High School, Tubungan, Iloilo on January 19, 2015 wherein books were given courtesy of Dr. Rosalie and Bruce Hall. The book donation drive is part of the UP Visayas Library extension and public service. (With sources from The Daily Guardian, Vol. XIII, No. 234)

UPV researcher a recipient of Special Award for Outstanding Miagaowanons

THE Municipality of Miagao, Province of Iloilo, celebrated its 299th Foundation Anniversary and 17th Salakayan Festival on January 31 – February 8, 2015. This 9-day activity was spearheaded by Mayor Macario N. Napulan, M.D., the Sangguniang Bayan (SB) members, and other local officials and employees with the theme: "Sa Pagbag-o nga Mainuswagon, Pinananubling Miagaowanon Tipigon Naton." One of the main highlights for this occasion was the Awarding Ceremony for Outstanding Miagaowanons chaired by Dr. Raul F. Muyong and co-chaired by Mrs. Evangelina N. Intal, and held at the town plaza on February 8, 2015 at 8:00 p.m.

Dr. Erlinda S. Ganzon-Naret, a full-time researcher of the College of Fisheries and Ocean

Sciences, Institute of Aquaculture, University of the Philippines Visayas, Miagao received the Special Award for having been conferred as Scientist 1 by the Scientific Career Council (SCC) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Civil Service Commission on June 9, 2014. Dr. Ganzon-Naret has a Ph.D. degree in Agriculture and has been employed at UP Visayas, Miagao, Iloilo as a research staff for 37 years. The Outstanding Miagaowanons recognized for 2014 were Dr. Emily N. Hagad of Brgy. San Jose; Mr. Edwin N. Nacionales, Brgy. Ubos-Ilaya; Mrs. Gloria N. Jaen, Brgy. Tacas; Dr. Asuncion L. Faro, Brgy. Guibongan; and Judge Raul F. Facon of Brgy. Mat-y. Each awardee was presented a Plaque of Recognition. (*Source: CFOS*)

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the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), talked about the recent developments at CHED particularly on the Memorandum Order on improving the capacity to innovate, providing incentives to innovate, and creating the environment conducive to innovation. He also enumerated the research areas to be considered for CHED funding such as food production and security; environment, disaster, and climate change; smart analysis and engineering innovation; health systems; and pedagogy and

learning outcomes for science, technology, engineering, agri-fisheries, and mathematics.

The outputs of the planning workshop, which was attended by faculty members from Miagao, Iloilo City, and Tacloban campuses, included the summary of each unit's 2014 performance and the projects identified for implementation in 2015 and 2016. The software developed for monitoring research, creative works, and publication in UPV was also presented to the participants. (*Lenilyn B. Gallos*)

SOTECH holds convex 2.0

Ma. Estela L. Pador

THE School of Technology, in cooperation with the Office of Student Affairs, held Convex 2.0 on February 24, 2015 as part of its 29th Foundation Celebration.

The Career Guidance Forum invited alumni to share with the undergraduates how their experiences in UPV helped them deal with the challenges of the workplace and how they succeeded in meeting the demands of the professions.

The resource persons were Mr. Louis Alain B. Imbong (BSFT 2012), recipient of the Suheyyla and Naci Ugursal Award and now the Toll Operations Representative and Manufacturing Specialist in

San Miguel Purefoods Inc.; Engr. Francis Eric P. Almaquer (BS ChE, cum laude 2013), who was formerly with Dole Philippines as the ECC Management Supervisor and now Instructor III at SOTECH; and Ms. Melissa Anne T. Gabriel (BSFT 2004), who worked as Quality Assurance Junior Specialist for 3 years and Production Supervisor for over a year at Red Ribbon before moving to SOTECH to teach. Ms. Gabriel was also a recipient of the Dean's Leadership Award.

The lively conversations led students to appreciate their academic programs and look forward to exciting careers after graduation.

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UPVTC celebrates Arts Month 2015

Jessa Amarille

UPVTC, through the Division of Humanities, once again celebrated Arts Month with the theme "Bringing to the Different Areas of the Philippines the Filipino Prowess in the Arts" by sponsoring and conducting various activities which included poetry readings, theatre performances, film showings, and symposiums.

Arts Month 2015 was formally opened by the Division Chair Prof. Irma Tan during the Opening Program attended by Dean Dr. Anita G. Cular, faculty of the Division of Humanities, and BA Communication Arts Students, held on February 10, 2015 at the College's Multi-Purpose Building.

Pasalida, a series of film showings sponsored by UP Ideopraxist, the official organization of BA Communication Arts students of the college and 3rd year BACA students, was held during the first

two weeks of March. Pasalida featured artistically crafted local and foreign films of different themes and genres.

On the 12th of February 2015 at the college's Multi-Purpose Building, 2nd year Communication Arts Students performed two plays called Yabe and An Tinuod Nga Mahusay under the direction of Paolo T. Amascual, a faculty of the Division of Humanities.

The aforementioned theater performances were followed by a series of poetry readings done by 1st year BA Communication Arts students on February 13, 2015, which featured different poems written by Dr. Victor N. Sugbo and other local artists in the region.

Prof. Merlie Alunan, Palanca Awardee and Professor Emeritus of UPVTC, gave a lecture on writing using the Waray and Bisaya languages in the forum called "Writing in the Vernacular" held on February 24, 2015 at the College Conference Hall.



UPVTC conducted several activities in celebration of the National Arts Month this year.

On February 25, 2015, Francis Raphael Solajes, a young filmmaker from Tacloban City who studied filmmaking in Europe and has received awards from prestigious international film festivals, shared his knowledge and insights on creating films during the lecture-forum on

filmmaking held at the College Conference Hall.

The AS Grounds of the College was festive in the afternoon of February 25, 2015 as students, faculty, and staff of the College flocked in the booths set up by students of

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UPV-CCCA presents 'Spectrum'

THE UP Visayas Chancellor's Committee for Culture and the Arts (UPV-CCCA) presented the art works of a group of visual artists from the cities of Iloilo and Bacolod in an exhibit called "Spectrum" at the UPV Art Gallery, Iloilo City campus.

Prof. Ruben Gamala, Director of the Office of Student Affairs, Prof. Mary Ann Gumban, Dean of the College of Management, and Iloilo City Councilor Jason Gonzales led the ribbon cutting and opening of the exhibit on January 23, 2015.

The exhibit's featured artists are Gina Apostol, Ritchie Baylon, Melvin Guirhem, and Allain Hablo from Iloilo City; and Joan Honoridez, Anna May Lacson, and Bea Morocco from Bacolod City. These artists are actively involved in the local art scene of their respective cities and have held numerous shows. They have

also won several awards as visual artists.

Prof. Martin Genodepa, an artist and faculty member of the Division of Humanities of the College of Arts and Sciences, stated in the Exhibit Notes that the artists "are artistically speaking, representatives of a continuum of a larger spectrum. The interplay and overlapping, among other things, of their themes, styles, techniques point to this. The spectrum of artworks in this group show flaunts the artists' individual distinctiveness and universal affinity not only with the local but also with the international spectrum of art themes, spectrum of aesthetic styles..."

"Spectrum" ran until February 28, 2015. (**Lenilyn B. Gallos**, with sources from UPV-CCCA; Photos from <https://www.facebook.com/UPV.Culture.and.Arts>)



(L-R) Opening of the exhibit (at the UPV Art Gallery) of various artworks of visual artists from the cities of Iloilo and Bacolod on display.



(Clockwise) UP Scientists: Hall, Campos (Wilfredo), Geduspan, Sadaba (right), Baylon, Campos (Annabelle) deliver lectures on various topics during the CAS Week.

CAS Scientists featured in a lecture series

SIX faculty members of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), who have earned the distinction of being awarded as UP Scientist by the UP Scientific Productivity System (SPS), were featured in a lecture series as part of the CAS Week and UPV Week in celebration of the 68 years of UP presence in Iloilo.

The first of the two-part lecture series was held on February 24, 2015 at the Miagao Interactive Learning Center, Miagao campus, and featured the following UP Scientists: 1. Dr. Wilfredo Campos (Division of Biological Sciences) - "The Dynamics of Sardinella lemuru in Zamboanga Upwelling System,"

2. Dr. Annabelle del Norte-Campos (Division of Biological Sciences) - "Inter-annual Variability of Macrofaunal Assemblages in NaGISA Seagrass Site in Southern Guimaras, Philippines Subjected to Anthropogenic and Natural Disturbances;" and 3. Dr. Rosalie Arcala Hall (Division of Social Sciences) - "Review of Local Security Arrangements between/among armed actors in three Bangsamoro conflict zones (Mindanao, Philippines)."

Part two was held on February 26, 2015 at the same venue and had the following as lecturers: 1. Dr. Juliana C. Baylon (Division

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The various activities were organized by the UPV-CCCA in celebration of the 2015 National Arts Month.

CCCA spearheads National Arts Month celebration

UP Visayas, through the Chancellor's Committee for Culture and the Arts (CCCA), celebrated the National Arts Month (NAM) in February showcasing home-based talents of the University.

An Open Mic Jamming Session kicked off the celebration on February 10 at the Art Gallery, Iloilo City campus, to promote the thrusts of the culture and arts programs of the University. It featured 20 jammers from the

faculty, staff, students, and alumni rendering songs of their choice.

Students from the Iloilo City and Miagao campuses brought out their artistic side through an interaction painting, Kurit Dagyaw, on February 11 and 18, respectively.

On February 21, a hip-hop dance workshop was conducted at the Art Gallery lobby. The College of Management Play Festival that featured five short plays of the students was held at

the UPV Auditorium on February 23. Students likewise enjoyed a poetry reading session on the following day.

Artworks of a group of visual artists from the cities of Iloilo and Bacolod were exhibited at the Art Gallery from January 23-February 28, 2015. The UPV Choristers will be featured

in a musical concert, *Wicked*, which will be shown at the UPV Auditorium, Iloilo City campus, on March 6-7 while the Hublag Dance Company will have their dance concert, #Hugot, at the Audio Visual Hall, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, Miagao campus, on March 13, 2015. (*Lenilyn B. Gallos*)

Living Museum acquaints IT generation with West Visayan culture

ONE student was handed a "butong-butong." "What is this?" she asked with a puzzled look on her face.

Such a reaction to what was once considered a cherished childhood sweet treat by Ilonggo children just a generation ago reflects the alarming rate by which today's teenagers have become strangers to Visayan life, culture, and tradition.

The Center for West Visayan Studies (CWVS) of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) has been tireless in its efforts for advocating for the preservation of the Western Visayas cultural heritage. The Living Museum that it has been staging all these years is a novel scheme in bringing to life the culture and traditions of the past and

introduce them again to today's generation of IT-savvy kids.

On February 26, 2015, the CWVS brought the Living Museum to the UPV Miagao campus as part of the UPV Week in celebration of 68th years of UP presence in Iloilo and as one of the many contributions of CAS for the week-long event.

Right before their eyes, the students saw how a hablon cloth was made using the traditional loom; how "barquillos" is cooked, rolled and layered; how laborious is the process of cooking "butong-butong" with brown sugar, coconut milk and sesame seeds; how dangerous it is to forge a bolo and that only those who truly have the training and skill to handle fire

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CAS Dean Sadaba (left), discusses one of the artworks from the UPV Art Collection while students (right) view the exhibit.

Art Prints showcase national and local artists

USING techniques such as etchings, intaglio, serigraphs, and lithographs, 11 Filipino artists were featured in "Art Prints," an exhibition of selected original prints from the UPVisayas art collection at Room 201, AVR Gallery of the Division of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), UP VisayasMiagao campus.

The exhibit opened on February 24, 2015 and was one of the many activities for the CAS Week that was held also as part of UPV Week in celebration of 68 years of UP presence in Iloilo.

According to Prof. Martin Genodepa, Chair of the Division of Humanities and Curator of the exhibit, the original print collection is quite a treasure trove, showcasing not only an assembly of prominent and important Filipino artists, but also covering a wide range of subjects,

themes, techniques and art styles – landscapes, socio-political, figurative, conceptual, and abstract from the 1960s through the 1990s.

These are the artists and their artwork/s: 1) Carlos "Botong" Francisco (Harana); 2) Edward Defensor (Last Trip and Aqua Vita); 3) Arturo Luz (Cyclist); 4) Nelfa Querubin (The Carolers, Dawn, Power beyond Human, Bystander, Anchored Yachts and Pump Boats); 5) Manuel Rodriguez, Sr. (Calesa I, Calesa II, Mother and Child, and Friends/Two Women); 6) Romulo Olazo (Cave In); 7) Bejie Belgica (Dul and Miagao Church); 8) Vinia Valdez (Curiosity); 9) Manuel Baldemor (Two Women); 10) Nelson Ferraris (Abandoned Jaro Belfry); and 11) Ofelia Gelvezon-Tecqui, (Altar Mayor

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Hablon weaving and pottery making are featured in the Living Museum during the CAS Week.

UPVTC OCEP and ADMU spearhead Katatagan training

Pierce S. Docena

THE UP Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC), through its Office of Continuing Education and Pahinungod (OCEP), continues its partnership with the Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU) in helping Yolanda survivors who still need mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS).

Around 40 potential trainers and facilitators of psychological first aid (PFA) participated in the Katatagan training-workshop held on February 6-8, 2015 at Cawacsi Training Center, Tacloban City. The participants were composed of elementary teachers, social workers, camp managers, guidance and peer counselors, and lay people from a religious group.

The three-day training-workshop involved a primer on disasters and mental health in the Philippines, a review of basic facilitation skills, and an introduction to PFA and Katatagan. PFA is an MHPSS approach recommended by international agencies during the emergency phase of a disaster; on the other hand, Katatagan is a psychosocial skills recovery program developed by members of the Psychological Association of the Philippines (PAP) for disaster survivors who are still experiencing mild to moderate negative responses to stressful situations during their recovery phase.

The training team was composed of Dr. Regina Hechanova, ADMU Psychology Department Chair; Dr. Pia Anna Perfecto Ramos, Coordinator of PAP's MHPSS Special Interest Group; and Prof. Pierce Docena, UPVTC OCEP Coordinator. Also present were UPVTC psychology faculty Prof. Rowena Guiang, Michael Pan, and Jholyan Francis Fornillos, who all facilitated the simulation of the Katatagan modules.

Many of the participants expressed their intention to use Katatagan in their work and a number of them will eventually be tapped to facilitate Katatagan in communities as part of a project funded by ADMU.



Various scenes during the 29th Foundation Anniversary of the School of Technology.

SOTECH celebrates 29th Foundation Anniversary

Reah Gepes

THE School of Technology officially opened its 29th Foundation Anniversary with a program that was held at the SOTECH Building on February 24, 2014. It was declared open by the dean of the school, Prof. Emeliza C. Lozada. Lozada shared how SOTECH started— from a coconut palace under the mango tree in 1986 to a concrete building in year 2000. An expansion in 2007 accommodated the increase in the population of the students because of the addition of the BS Chemical Engineering program. The construction of the annex was made in 2012. Aside from this, she revealed the good news on the construction of the new SOTECH

Infrastructure in the new complex. She also encouraged everyone to continue to strive to attain the goal of “one UP.” Prof. Encarnacion Emilia C. Yap, UPV Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, was also present. She congratulated the school for surpassing the challenges for the past 29 years and for continuously improving the quality of education that is being given to the students.

In behalf of the students, Jan Renzel Tengco from the senior batch of BS Food Technology course and Mc Erschad Pabillan from the freshmen of BS Chemical Engineering course gave messages in behalf of the students. Tengco shared his experiences here at the university, the hardships that

he has gone through in order to survive every semester. He told the freshmen to keep their wisdom and objectives firm enough in order to handle the stressors and to his fellow seniors to keep holding on until they reach the finish line. Pabillan, on the other hand, narrated his experiences as a freshman college student.

The short program was then followed by the opening of the poster exhibit and a boodle brunch. The exhibit showcased the different thesis and research projects that BSFT and BSChE students recently did. The boodle brunch, which was held on the SOTECH Grounds, illustrated the camaraderie among faculty, staff, and students.

COP/BIDANI joins Provincial Health Office – Provincial Nutrition Committee

Remedios T. Huesca

AS an active member of the Provincial Nutrition Committee - Provincial Nutrition Technical Working Group, the BIDANI/COP represented by Remedios T. Huesca participated in the Provincial Planning Workshop of Iloilo held on 5-6 February 2015. Ms. Huesca also facilitated the series of planning workshops on 9-10

February and 23-24 February held at the Regatta Residence. Participants were the Municipal Health Officers, Nurses, Municipal Action Officers, Nutrition Coordinators, and District Supervisors involved in the Nutrition Program from the First, Second, and Third Districts of the Province.

The activities were intended to address the prevalence of malnutrition among the 0-71 month's old children in the

Province. Iloilo ranks second among the provinces in Region 6 in terms of malnutrition based on the Operation Timbang 2014 of the National Nutrition Council. The participants also came up with a comprehensive Nutrition Plan to help improve the nutrition of the children.

The BIDANI/COPis an extension arm of the College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas.

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especially during difficult times,” he said while also reminding the students to give back to the country.

On the other hand, Mabilog discussed “Careers in Diversity.” Her presentation focused on various careers that the students may choose based on their interests and personality and the supply and demand aspects of the labor market including local and overseas employment

opportunities. She advised the students to “know yourself well and do what you have decided now. Choose a job you love and you will never have to work a day in your life.” She underscored the importance of wisdom, hard work, patience, and focus to fulfill a dream.

Another invited speaker was Ms. Rhea Glynda D. Calantas, Chief of the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA),

Region VI. She talked about overseas employment as a career option, which focused on jobs of tomorrow. She also enlightened the students about illegal recruitment.

The forum was organized by the Office of the Student Affairs (OSA) and UPHSI in collaboration with the EDCO 30 Career Education, Class and UP Silak Brotherhood, and UP Silak Sisterhood. (**Lenilyn B. Gallos**)

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of Biological Sciences) - "Reproductive Biology of the Red Frog Crab (*Ranina ranina*)" from Southern Mindanao, Philippines;" 2. Dr. Jane S. Geduspan (Division of Biological Sciences) - "Molecular Diagnostics for Viral Diseases Using Loop-mediated Isothermal Amplification;" and 3. Dr. Resurreccion B. Sadaba (Division of Biological Sciences) - "Oil Spills in Mangroves: The Philippine Experience."

The UP Scientific Productivity System (SPS) encourages the culture of scientific research and productivity among the UP constituency. The end in mind is that the advances in science and technology would redound to national development. In addition, the SPS puts the UP scientists in their rightful place in the international community of scholars. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

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The majority of the participants were TSPS stakeholders composed of barangay captains and mayors of Cebu, Negros Oriental, and Negros Occidental. Representatives from the private sector, the academe and non-government organizations also joined the activity. Aside from the presentations and panel discussions, a management plan for the TSPS was drafted and a Declaration of Commitment for the management and protection of Tañon Strait was signed by the participants.

Oceana Philippines Vice-President, Atty. Gloria Estenzo Ramos, welcoming the Summit participants.

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and Predella).

Genodepa also said that Manuel Rodriguez, Sr. is considered as the Father of Philippine printmaking while Carlos "Botong" Francisco and Arturo Luz are national artists.

Meanwhile, the works of Ofelia Gelvezon-Tecqui, Nelfa Querubin, Romulo Olazo, Ibarra de la Rossa, Manuel Baldemor, and Vinia Valdez have also made the collection acquire art historic value.

"Adding local significance to the assembly are Iloilo-based artists who have engaged seriously in printmaking. Among them are Edward Defensor, Bejie Belgica, Levi Salmon, and Nelson Ferraris," he also elaborated.

The exhibit will run until March 31, 2015. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

CAS Week opens with worship service

THE successful celebration of the CAS Week started at 8:00 A.M. on February 24, 2015 with an inspiring 45-minute worship service at the first floor lobby of the Tomas Fonacier Building. Dean Resurreccion Sadaba, division chairpersons, faculty,

staff, students and some visitors attended the service officiated by Pastor Michael Santotome of Ikthus Iloilo while the Chi Alpha, a newly recognized UPV student organization, led the spirited singing. Offerings for the CAS Fund were taken during the program.

Ptr. Santotome challenged the academics to dedicate their work to God and concluded the Service by giving copies of poems that he wrote about the College and each Division. (Source: *Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences*)



A fiesta-themed 2015 CAS Week celebration.

CAS alumni share words of wisdom

Prof. Gilma Tayo

"WAS there ever a time when you wanted to give up?" The question was posed to four UPV alumni who were guest speakers in the Alumni Hour during the CAS Week celebration. Dr. Agnes Jean Maleficio-Villaflor was the first to answer with, "...when I failed Math 11." To which Miagao Municipal SB Member, Atty. Carmelo Nochete added, addressing the students, "Have you heard of Math 44?" It took a moment before the audience understood and burst out laughing at the rhetorical question.

Both the audience and the speakers enjoyed the program particularly when the topic was on grades or love life. All the alumni

stated that grades were always a hurdle and that they got a 1.0 only in one course: swimming, or ballroom dancing, or ROTC (then CMT). Ms. Gerthode Charlotte Tan-Mabilog revealed that she earned a lot of 1.0 only when she was doing her masters' degree. But she lauded the excellence of UPV education as she made the observation that the level of confidence and professionalism among graduates is always high and cited the fact that all three UPV alumni in GMA are managers. This was confirmed by Dr. Villaflor when she shared about her daunting entrance to medical school where most of her classmates were «laudes» (honor students) but that she and others

were confident because they came from UP.

The usually serious SEAFDEC Scientist Dr. Leobert de la Peña laughed a lot and drew much laughter with his accounts of funny experiences and minor mishaps in UPV. To share one of his life lessons he recited he said, "I learned that achieving your life goal needs determination and, above all, hard work." But more importantly, he believes that UP students should be thinkers and workers but not among "those who thought but did not worked or those who work but did not think."

Despite claiming that his lackluster scholarship does not qualify him to be a speaker in the program, Atty. Nochete gained fans when he laughingly related how he survived failures and waivers of MRR (Maximum Residency Rule). His conclusion is that the formula for scholarship is 1/10 hard work, and 9/10 harder work. After the program, students asked for his autograph. Some students had a picture-taking with the speakers. Their general comment about the program was that they never thought a forum with alumni could be so inspiring and fun.



(L-R) Dr. de la Peña, Atty. Nochete, Ms. Tan-Mabilog, Dr. Villaflor shared anecdotes and words of wisdom to the students during the "Alumni Hour."

Mentorship and Positive Change in Antique and Guimaras

Philip Ian Padilla, MD, PhD*

TWO of the provinces of Western Visayas (Guimaras, Antique) have been ranked quite high in terms of the prevalence of malnutrition in the Philippines with some barangays having a higher prevalence rate (30%-50%) than the national average (25%) (Brgy. La Paz, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras and Brgy. Caridad, Hamtic, Antique). In most of these communities, the prevalence of soil-transmitted helminths (STH) is also high (60-80%) especially in areas where indigenous Aeta communities reside, which further contributes to malnutrition prevalence. I encountered these acute health challenges in the Philippines even when I was a medical student at the UP College of Medicine-Philippine General Hospital. We would do community immersion during our semestral and summer breaks and it was a totally fulfilling experience. It never dawned upon me that I would be doing this work during the rest of my life as physician and educator.

Flash forward 25 years after finishing medical school and I am now a public health professor trained in Miagao, Iloilo, where UP Visayas is based. Every year we send our students to do their community health programs in various rural areas of Western Visayas. Here comes Unilab Ideas Positive (UIP) that was sponsored initially by Unilab Corporation and then last year, by Unilab Foundation. My students responded to the UIP 12-13 call for a social marketing proposal that addressed a specific health-related challenge in

a community. One team out of 3 made it (Team Kabataan Katipuneros) to the UIP live screening in the summer of 2012 even with my physical absence (I had a meeting in the US). They reached the top 12 semi finals, then the top final 5, and ultimately, 2nd Place in the final judging after six months of project implementation. They were able to reduce malnutrition prevalence from 55% to 4% in Barangay La Paz, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras by a combination of malunggay supplementation, health education, and community organizing. The following year (UIP 13), 4 UPV teams made it to the live screening and 2 made it to the top 14 finals, garnering 3rd Place (Team Malnutrition Rangers), and again, 2nd Place (Team Kabayan). Team Malnutrition Rangers decreased by 50% the malnutrition prevalence rate at Barangay Caridad, Hamtic, Antique by means of a mobile health cart that distributed enriched fish paste and multivitamins, and Team Kabayan decreased STH infection in the Aeta community in Barangay San Isidro, Buenavista, Guimaras by 80% by building indigineous toilets in each of the 24 Aeta households.

First and foremost, I am a teacher, a mentor, a guide to my students. Being a trained physician comes second with the purpose of preventing and healing sickness and disease. These 2 perspectives, I combined, to bring about UIP's main objective- bringing positive change, one community at a time, for a healthier Philippines. Unilab Ideas Positive is innovative, impactful, and instrumental in empowering the youth to bring about the transformation of a community. I am extremely proud to be able to have gone through this journey

with my students for the past 2 years. They not only applied what they had learned in the classroom but also evolved into individuals that made a difference, albeit small, in the lives of their resourceless *kasimanwas* (countrymen). They bring about positive change by living within the communities, empowering them to make them strive for change, and sustaining it with the help of each and every member of their communities (*bayanihan* spirit). I always emphasize this lesson to my students. To use the words of former US First Lady, Senator, and Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, "It takes a village to bring about positive change in a community."

Working in these very rural and neglected communities for six months is taxing, sometimes frustrating, and very challenging. Why do I persist? Why do the students accept these daunting and difficult tasks? I would like to think that this is due to our commitment to the words etched in the UP seal- HONOR and EXCELLENCE. It is the mission of every UP student to bring honor and excellence to whatever task they are assigned. The satisfaction that I feel as my students bring these qualities to their respective communities and to Unilab Foundations's goal of making a difference in the health of our fellow Filipinos is both humbling and heartwarming. My teams and I will keep on working and striving for a healthier Philippines, one barangay, one community, at a time.

**Dr. Philip Ian Padilla is the current UP Faculty Regent. This is a reprint of the original version published in the Unilab Foundation website.*

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of the Philippines.

The UP System officials first met with the UPV officials, which included the deans and heads of the offices of Budget, Accounting, Cash, Campus Development and Maintenance, Human Resource Development, and Supply and Property Services to discuss the human resource plantilla and budget.

In the afternoon, VPA Maragtas and VPAA Concepcion attended a consultative meeting with the Research, Extension, and Professional Staff (REPS) at the Training Rooms of the Graduate and Continuing Education Building. Maragtas and Concepcion addressed various issues and concerns raised by the REPS as presented by their newly elected president Ms. Noemi Grace Palmares of the Office of the Continuing Education and Pahinungod. Staff Regent Anna Razel L. Ramirez and Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension Ricardo Babaran were present during the said consultation.

Pascual, on the other hand, talked with the students in a meeting simultaneously held at the UPV Auditorium. The President directly answered questions thrown by the students from the Miagao and Iloilo City campuses. This was followed by a joint consultation with the faculty members and administrative staff. VPA Maragtas, VPAA Concepcion, VPPF Florendo, newly appointed Faculty Regent Philip Ian Padilla, and Staff Regent Ramirez joined the President in this particular activity.

The President discussed his report on strategic initiatives, which he presented before the members of the Board of Regents on January 29, 2015. He also reported on the duly approved infrastructure projects for the University including the covered building to be put up in time for the graduation in June. Concepcion introduced the participants to the OVPA website as well as enumerated the initiatives for the benefit of the faculty and REPS. The officials also diligently clarified some points from the UPV faculty and staff. The President reminded the UPV community that "we in UP must succeed not because we have a reputation to protect but because we have a country to serve." (**Lenilyn B. Gallos**)

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his appointment as the new UP Faculty Regent meant to him. He succeeded UP Manila Professor, Regent Lourdes E. Abadingo, and will serve for a term of two years.

Padilla, an alumnus of UPV, graduated cum laude in its BS Biology program in 1987. He earned his Doctor of Medicine from the UP Manila College of Medicine in 1992 and became a faculty member of UPV in the

same year. In 2000, he obtained his Ph.D. in Medical Science from Nagasaki University, Japan. He specializes in cell and molecular biology as well as in tropical medicine and public health.

Prior to his appointment as FR, he served as Director of the UPV Miagao-based National Institute of Marine Biology and Biotechnology (2008 to 2011) and Chair of the Division

of Biological Sciences (May 1, 2013 until April 30, 2016) from which he resigned on November 1, 2014 when he became one of the candidates in the search for the next UP Faculty Regent.

Padilla took his oath before University of the Philippines President Alfredo E. Pascual on January 6, 2015 at the Quezon Hall, UP Diliman, Quezon City. (**Lyncen M. Fernandez**)

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The Director of the Office of Alumni Relations, Prof. Amy D. Tanoy, also discussed with the students the activities and programs of the Alumni Office to promote student and alumni welfare and to keep the UPV spirit burning. Her high-spirited presentation encouraged students to keep the link with the University even after graduation. After all, we are family.

The Forum held at the SOTECH lecture rooms was hosted by Engr. Hilda Luzelle S. Medrano (BS ChE 2012), herself a recipient of the Suheyra and Naci Ugursal Award given to the graduates earning the highest GWA of the Batch. Engr. Medrano is a faculty member of SOTECH.

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and metal can make one; and how the skillful art of pottery making both can be fun and challenging.

CAS Dean, Dr. Resurreccion Sadaba, in his brief Welcome Remarks prior to having the museum opened to the public, commended the efforts of CWVS in helping to preserve the culture and heritage of the Visayas.

Prof. Jorge Ebay, Director of the CWVS, assisted the Dean in handing out Certificates of Appreciation to the participants who made up the Living Museum. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

UPVTC celebrates
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Literature classes of the young faculty members of the Division of Humanities, namely, Efmer Agustin, Marie Ronette Salve Barreda, Paolo Amascual, Mars Briones, and Jessa Amarille, to taste the various cuisines and drinks of local and foreign cultures during "Harampang: Food and Wine Festival."

The Arts Month celebration ended with the most-awaited *Kalarakan* 2015, an avant garde theater performance of 4th year Communication Arts students for the course TA 109 (Directing) under the tutelage of Prof. Joycie Dorado-Alegre held on February 27, 2015 at the AS Grounds.

2nd run of 'Amazing Birds of UPV Miagao' held

Janerie V. Octavio

THE second run of the bird education program called "The Amazing Birds of UPV Miagao" was held by the Division of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences U.P. Visayas on February 13, 2015 at the UPV Miagao Grandstand.

Professor Marie Joy Sumagaysay, faculty member of the Division, Hum-CAS together with Mr. Emmanuel Leron and Mr. Rupert Quitag who are

founding members of the Panay Bird Club, conceptualized the said bird education program, which was an offshoot of an Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension (OVCRE) - funded research project. The researchers, Leron and Quitag, were able to document 87 bird species in the UPV Miagao campus alone.

The "Amazing Birds of UPV Miagao" began last year with the Assumption Iloilo as its pioneer participants. This year, a new set

of 120 Grade IV pupils from the said school were introduced to the wonders of local birds found on the UPV campus through a mini-lecture, actual birding, exhibit viewing, and games.

Through this education program, the Division Humanities College of Arts and Sciences aims to elicit interest among young learners in exploring the campus and strengthening the image of UPV as a bird sanctuary or home to our "feathered friends."



Panay Bird Club members orient and assist pupils on how to do "bird watching."

TLRC holds forum on internet downloading

Trexie Jane A. Perez

The Pirate at Bay: Issues and Concerns on Internet Downloading is a forum conducted by the Teaching and Learning Resource Center (TLRC) in collaboration with the University of the Philippines Visayas University Student Council (UPV-USC) held on February 20, 2015.

It featured the movie "The Pirate Bay Away From the Keyboard (TPB AFK)" which is a documentary about the case filed by large movie production companies against the administrators of the file sharing site, The Piratebay. Three UPV faculty members namely Prof. Maybelle G. Schott from the

Division of Humanities, Prof. Francis Dimzon and Mr. Earl Francis Valdehuesa both from the Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics were invited as discussants together with Ms. Charmie Saligumba from the Division of Humanities who acted as the moderator during the open forum. Several issues were discussed particularly on the topics of copyright and file sharing specifically on downloading movies from torrent sites which everyone can relate to.

Dr. Zoilo S. Andrada, TLRC Director raised the issue regarding the use of internet downloaded materials such as videos and music for academic purposes. According

to Prof. Dimzon's, the use of such materials for academic reasons is not harmful but it will be if it is used for other purposes like for income generating projects. However, the safest way not to be accused or to commit copyright infringement is to attribute or cite the source and acknowledging the rightful owner of the material.

Some of the issues discussed were the enforcement of copyright laws, which depends on the state or country whether it is applicable or not, the anonymity of the uploaders in torrent sites, and the position of the Piratebay operators which were charged with "assisting [others in] copyright infringement".



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IA unveils multi-species hatchery complex

THE newly renovated, repainted and upgraded multi-species hatchery complex of the Institute of Aquaculture (IA), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), located at the beach front property of the UP Visayas Miagao campus facing the Panay Gulf was presented to the public during a Blessing Ceremony on February 27, 2015.

The Department of Science and Technology through the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources (DOST-PCAARRD) funded the P 4.8 M renovation and upgrade which was spent for the following: repair of damaged roofs, ceiling, walls, doors, and cabinets; repair and upgrading of seawater source and aeration systems; repair of recirculating aquaria systems; repair and upgrading of larval

and rearing laboratories at the hatchery building; repair of research and analytical laboratory rooms; improvement of water and effluent circulation and drainage systems; and repair of mariculture laboratories in Batan, Aklan.

Prof. Valeriano Corre, Jr., Director of IA and Project Proponent, led the ribbon-cutting with UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa who graced the occasion along with the CFOS Dean, Dr. Crispino Saclauso, the faculty, staff and University officials.

Corre mentioned several multi-million peso research projects undertaken and accomplished by the Institute from 2011-2014. These are as follows:

1. Program: Integrated and Sustainable Development



(L-R) Prof. Corre, Chancellor Espinosa, Dr. Saclauso (partly hidden) were assisted by Engr. Gonzales during the ribbon cutting ceremony for the multi-species hatchery complex.

Program for the Shrimp Industry funded by DOST-PCAARRD;

2. Program A. Enhancement of Milkfish Broodstock Management and Hatchery Practices for Good Production Quality Fry funded by DOST-PCAARRD

3. Program B. Improved Grow-out Technology for Sustainable

Milkfish Industry funded by DOST-PCAARRD

Five other studies that started in 2012 are still ongoing and will end this year. These are as follows:

1. Program: National Mud Crab Science and Technology Program

Program C. Improvement of Feeds and Management Practices for Mud Crab Grow-out Culture funded by DOST-PCAARRD

2. Program Title: National Aquafeeds R & D Program (Year 1 to Year 3) funded by DOST-PCAARRD;

3. Program B: Feed Production Utilizing Aquatic Plant and Seaweed/Seaweed By-Products funded by DOST-PCAARRD;

4. Program Title: Development of an Early Warning System for Freshwater Fish Kill funded by DOST-PCAARRD;

5. Program Title: Development and Capability-Building Program on Algae Research funded by UP, CHED, and PCAARRD; and

6. Program Title: Aquaculture Program for Region 6 – Province of Guimaras funded by UPV and BFAR.

The improvement and upgrade of the multi-species hatchery complex will further enable the Institute's capability to undertake research in shrimp production, milkfish and mud crab culture management, and aquaculture feed production. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

Admin Day highlights Eco-Walk

ARMED with long, bamboo sticks sharpened on one end and plastic sacks, the administrative staff and some REPS of UP Visayas from the Miagao and Iloilo City campuses made a united effort to pick up plastic trash that littered the roads of the Miagao campus on February 25, 2015.

Led by Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Prof. Emilia Encarnacion Santos-Yap and Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension, Dr. Ricardo Babaran, the band of "environmental activists" assembled by the road in front of the Campus Maintenance and Development Office facing what is unofficially dubbed as "the acacia avenue," so called because it is lined with acacia trees.

From there, they skewered plastic trash with their bamboo sticks which included plastic cups, bags, Styrofoam cups and containers, plastic candy and chips wrappers found along the way particularly on the roadside.

The UPV Security Service Force made sure

that the "trash pickers" were safe from ongoing traffic.

Several sacks of trash were gathered at the New Administration Building where the Eco-Walk ended. A Zumba session led by selected UPV students was held followed by a shared community breakfast.

An almost day-long Karaoke singing capped the "Admin Day" with a boodle lunch in between. The event was the administrative staff's contribution to the UPV Week held in celebration of the 68 years of UP presence in Iloilo.

Staff Regent Anna Razel Ramirez led in the organization of the Admin Day. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)



The UPV community picks up non-biodegradable trash littering the road from the Campus Development and Maintenance Office all the way to the New Administration Bldg., Miagao campus.

UPV Cinematheque holds special screening of 'Ekstra'

IN line with the celebrations of the College of Arts and Sciences Week and the National Arts Month, a special screening of a highly critically acclaimed Filipino indie film, "Ekstra" was held at the UPV Cinematheque, Iloilo City campus on February 26, 2015.

For UPV Cinematheque Faculty-in-Charge Prof. Alfredo B. Diaz, the presence of the movie's director, Jeffrey Jeturian during the

event was a privilege. Diaz said the special screening of the movie was "also a celebration for our love for Pinoy movies."

According to Jeturian, he felt honored to be presenting his film at UPV. He lauded the presence of UPV Cinematheque for showing different films, which he said cannot be found in most universities. The award-winning director was delighted to be in Iloilo City for his

father was from the District of Jaro.

"Ekstra" is the 9th film of Jeturian, which is a socio-realist drama-comedy about the life of Loida Malabanan who is an extra in a soap opera. The role of Loida was portrayed by Batangas Governor Vilma Santos-Recto.

The film won for Vilma Santos a best actress award in the Dhaka International Film Festival in Bangladesh. In 2013, the movie

also won in the Cinemalaya Independent Film Festival for special jury prize, best actress, best supporting actress, and best screenplay. Vilma Santos was also cited for her performance in the movie at the California Indie Film Festival.

This year, "Ekstra" will be competing in the film festivals in New York and Dublin. (Lenilyn B. Gallos)