



Celebration of 69th Year of UP Presence in Iloilo opens



UP Visayas and Municipality of Miagao officials open the celebration of the 69th year of UP Presence in Iloilo.



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FOLLOWING a motorcade and a mass, the Opening Program of the 69th Founding Anniversary Celebration of the UP Presence in Iloilo was held on February 22, 2016 at the UP Visayas covered court, Miagao campus.

Vice-Chancellor for Administration Prof. Nestor Yunque recalled the founding years of UP in Iloilo which started with a Lower Division for 3rd and 4th year high school students and an Upper Division

for 1st year and 2nd year college students when it opened in 1947.

"We have come a long way since 1947," says Yunque, emphasizing that the University now has more students and faculty and staff members in its three campuses in Miagao, Iloilo City, and Tacloban, Miagao as the main campus sitting on about 600 hectares of land area.

Yunque, who is also the Over-all Chair of the Steering Committee for this year's

Foundation Celebration, admitted that the multi-campus structure of campus poses various administrative challenges. But he focused more on the fact that UPV has a lot of natural resources and various research facilities that compliment its academic programs and research endeavors.

"UP is noted for producing graduates with leadership skills," says Miagao Municipal Mayor Macario Napulan who was the Guest of Honor during the event. He pointed out that he too was part of UP's history, particularly in the Miagao campus wherein he was hired as the medical doctor of the infirmary now called the Health

Services Unit from 1988 to 1991.

"UPV's presence in Miagao has truly contributed to its economic development. I have seen that even simple folks like the vendors, the *labandera* (laundry women), and the tricycle drivers' status in life have improved because of regular income derived from the presence of UPV in Miagao. Many boarding houses have been put up as well that generated more income for the municipality," he added.

The Mayor emphasized that partnership between Miagao and UPV can truly bring great things for both institutions.

"Sometimes we are too focused on affirming honor and excellence that we forget to have a heart for service," said UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa who also gave a message towards the end of the program. "We must remember that UP in Iloilo Celebration also means University of the People. Thus, we must pursue a "buhay na may saysay (a life of meaning and purpose)," he added.

Along with the Deans, Dr. Resurreccion Sadaba (College of Arts and Sciences), Dr. Crispino Saclauso (College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences), Prof. Emeliza Lozada (School of Technology), and Prof. Mary Ann Gumban (College of Management), the Chancellor declared the week-long celebration open.

This year's theme was, "One UPV, One with Asia." (*Lyncen M. Fernandez*)

UPV ICFAS 2016 addresses issues on sustainable fisheries



(L-R) Ishikawa, Ferrer, Matsuoka, Chancellor Espinosa, Alcalá, and Armada during the ICFAS opening program.

AS an archipelagic country, the Philippines relies heavily on the produce of the sea. Many of the major population centers are located in coastal areas comprising mostly of fishing villages among the poorest sectors in our society. Our country's aquatic environment economically supports important fishery resources. It provides essential livelihood to many local folks and food security for the entire populace.

Overfishing, aquatic pollution, destructive fishing methods, the devastation of aquatic habitats, and the threat of climate change beset the aquatic environment and the fisheries industry.

Among the many initiatives to prevent, rehabilitate, and sustain fisheries production is the establishment of marine protected areas, the introduction of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management, the use of interdisciplinary studies that incorporate both the natural and social sciences, and the creation of regional/global networks. However, there is still a need to properly downstream these initiatives to the local situations to come up with successful results.

UP Visayas organized the 2nd International Conference on Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences in response to this need. It dealt with issues relating to the localization of global concepts that can hopefully help in pursuing a sustainable future for the fisheries industry.

The conference was held on January 26-27, 2016 at the Amigo Terrace Hotel, Iloilo City. It was attended by participants coming from various parts of the country and from Japan, Malaysia, Korea, and other ASEAN country members.

With UPV as convenor, the Conference was funded by the UP System Administration and supported by the Department of Tourism, the Province of Iloilo, and the Department of Agriculture's National Fisheries Research and Development Institute and its Bureau of Agricultural Research.

In addition, a "Strategy Planning and Priority Setting for Harvest Control Rules and Reference Points of RA 10654" was held on January 28, 2016 at the same venue, tackling amendments to the Philippine Fisheries Code. (*Lyncen M. Fernandez*)

CFOS is Center of Excellence

THE College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences of UP Visayas has once again been recognized by the Commission on Higher Education as a Center of Excellence (COE) in Fisheries Education.

Effective January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2018, the three-year designation will enable CFOS to avail of financial assistance on a project proposal basis geared towards the development or improvement of its programs, particularly cutting-edge technology.

In order to qualify for a

COE, a higher education institution (HEI) must be actively engaged in research and generating cutting-edge knowledge and technology. In addition, an HEI is also rated on the quality of its teaching and instruction, research, and publication and must also be engaged in extension and linkage activities.

CFOS is also awarded as National University / College of Agriculture / Fisheries (NUCAF) for 2016 under the Philippine National Agriculture and Fisheries Education System (NAFES). (*Lyncen M. Fernandez*)

Prof. Martin Gregorio, 74

UP Visayas is deeply saddened by the death of Prof. Martin Gregorio on February 2, 2016 from prostate cancer. A resident of Mandurriao, Iloilo City, Gregorio was a faculty member of the UP Diliman College of Arts and Letters. He served as UPV Vice-Chancellor for Administration from 1988 to 1990 and as Executive Assistant to the Chancellor from 1991 to 1992 during the term of UPV Chancellor Francisco "Dodong" Nemenzo (August 29, 1989 – August 31, 1992).

Gregorio eventually became Nemenzo's Vice-President for Administration when the latter became the UP President (1999-2005).

In 1992, Gregorio's family started a scholarship grant for deserving students of the UP High School in Iloilo, an endowment that continues even today.

Gregorio is survived by his wife Lucille, his three sons, Patrick,



Prof. Martin Gregorio

Ryan, and Alan, daughter Cecile, and 10 grandchildren. (*Lyncen M. Fernandez*)

Matsuoka stresses cooperation, not conflict, in fisheries resource management

INTERNATIONAL cooperation rather than conflict should be the guiding principle in the global community in the management and sharing of fisheries resources.

This was the gist of the keynote address of Dr. Tatsuro Matsuoka, Keynote Speaker of the 2nd International Conference on Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (ICFAS) held on January 26-27, 2016 at Amigo Terrace Hotel, Iloilo City.

Matsuoka, who had to tackle snowstorm and blizzard in Japan just to make it to the Conference, is the Dean of the Faculty of Fisheries, Kagoshima University. He has an extensive experience in academic and technical cooperation in the South Pacific, Southeast Asia, Africa, South America, and the Caribbean countries.

In the same address, Matsuoka gave a brief historical development on international fishery management, conflicts that arise between enclosing oceans, common management schemes, and the Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries. He also talked about the new Postgraduate Program in Tropical Fisheries with International Linkage. It was conceived with the recognition that tropical fisheries are more complex in nature than temperate fisheries.

The Program is a five-university collaboration among UP Visayas, Kagoshima University (Japan), Sam Retulangi University (Indonesia), Kasetsart University (Thailand), and the Universiti Malaysia Terengganu. Graduate students from these five universities may enrol in any of the five academic institutions to get credits for their own course program. Recently the Nha Trang University of Vietnam has joined the Program.

Two distinguished plenary speakers also addressed the 141 guests and participants of the Conference during the first day.

The first was Dr. Angel Alcalá, National Scientist and Professor Emeritus at Silliman, whose talk was entitled “Marine Protected Areas in the Philippines Today: Are They Effective in Improving Fish Biomass?” The second one was former UPV professor Nygiel Armada, Chief of Party, ECOFISH Project, who talked about “Towards Ecosystems Approach to Fisheries Management.”

Dr. Alice Ferrer, faculty member of UP Visayas, and Satoshi Ishikawa, Project Leader of the Coastal Area Capability in Southeast Asia/Research Institute for Humanity and Nature, Japan, were the two plenary speakers during Day Two of the Conference. Ishikawa and Ferrer spoke on “Area Capability Study for Sustainable Development in the Coastal Zone” and “Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Valuation, Institution, and Policy in Southeast Asia,” respectively.

At the end of the two-day Conference, a Turnover Ceremony was held wherein the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), through its Dean, Dr. Crispino Saclauso, represented by Dr. Harold Monteclaro, turned over the responsibility of organizing ICFAS 2017 to Prof. Emeliza Lozada, the Dean of the School of Technology.

The Overall Chair of ICFAS 2016 is Prof. Nathaniel Añasco, faculty member of the Institute of

Marine Fisheries and Oceanology, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, with Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension, Prof. Ricardo Babaran, as Co-Chair.

With UPV as convener, the Conference was funded by the UP System administration and supported by the Department of Tourism, the Province of Iloilo, and the Department of Agriculture’s National Fisheries Research and Development Institute and its

Bureau of Agricultural Research.

The Province of Iloilo, in cooperation with the City of Iloilo, hosted a Welcome Dinner for the guests and participants on the evening of January 26 at the newly renovated Calsa Real, the former Provincial Capitol. *Tribu Dagatnon* provided a cultural presentation for the guests who are not only from the Philippines but also from Japan, Malaysia, China, and the US. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)



Ribbon cutting ceremony and exhibit.



Matsuoka



Armada



Alcala



Participants during the ICFAS 2016.

SoTech ROARS at 30

“THIS year’s theme, ‘SoTech ROARS at 30,’ is not a brag but rather an expression of how SoTech relates to the UPV community,” said Prof. Emeliza Lozada, Dean of the School of Technology during the Opening Program for its 30th Foundation Anniversary on February 9, 2016 at the School’s AVR, Miagao campus.

The Dean went on to explain that ROAR is an acronym. The R stands for resiliency, referring to how SoTech has been resilient in its growth pains after separating from its mother unit, the College of Arts and Sciences in 1986.

“SoTech is like the appendix unit of UPV and has to navigate through rough waters but, for 30 years, it has withstood the challenges,” she pointed out.

The Dean added that the O means openness to opportunities. “Opportunities are not at all times meant to be grabbed; rather SoTech

has learned to wait for the proper time with an open mind,” she emphasized.

Lozada went on to say that the A stands for active collaboration, crediting the pillars of SoTech for their tireless efforts in collaborating with various partners that contributed to the Schools’ growth and development. “We are now enjoying the fruits of their active efforts,” she stressed.

She said that the R means “reaching for greater heights. It is obvious that with optimism and cooperation, SoTech will soar in time.”

Lastly, she pointed out that S stands for service to the people. “SoTech’s lofty ideal is to mold its graduates to live a life of meaning and purpose, that is, to serve and be useful.”

The Opening Program was followed by the recognition of student achievers in the morning while a lecture forum on Food Security and Protection by Dr. Alonzo Gabriel was



Dean Lozada addresses SoTech faculty, students and guests during the opening program of the School’s celebration of its 30th foundation anniversary.

held in the afternoon. The five-day commemoration from February 9-13, 2016 also included fun activities mostly for the students and the faculty as the color splash, tournament, clash of minds, film festival and padayaw, which is a showcase of talents of the students.

SoTech has always had a strong alumni group and the Alumni Homecoming on February 12 afforded the opportunity for the School to touch base with its graduates. The SoTech Night on February 13 was a fitting conclusion to the milestone celebration. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

UPVTC students are promising millennials in entrepreneurship

Carlo Angelo Negado

TWO students from the Division of Management of the University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC) were named among the five promising millennials in the field of entrepreneurship the by non-profit organization Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship, more popularly known as Go Negosyo (<http://www.gonegosyo.net/blog/featured-entrepreneur/5-promising-millennials-in-the-field-of-entrepreneurship/>).

Senior B.S. Management students Mariel May Obregon and Michael Earl Castroverde made it to the list of promising millennial entrepreneurs following the implementation of their respective business ideas in 2015.

Obregon was chosen for establishing AgriBlock Builders, a company that builds hollow blocks made of rice hulls that are five times stronger than commercial hollow blocks.

“AgriBlocks are also cheaper and lighter. Not only does AgriBlock Builders solve the problem on supply and demand, it also reduces agri-waste in Eastern Visayas; thus, living up to its motto: Helping Nature. Building Homes,” said Go Negosyo in recognizing Obregon.

Castroverde, meanwhile, was awarded for founding Brain Camp, a study lounge aimed to provide conducive learning spaces for students in Tacloban City.

“Brain Camp is designed to provide students with an affordable and accessible overnight studying area to facilitate optimum lesson absorption complete with the basic student needs like the Internet, food, a printer, and a photocopying machine,” said Go Negosyo.

Joining the two in the list of promising millenials in the field of entrepreneurship are Andrew Cabillas of North Central Mindanao Colleges, Raphaelo Perez of De La Salle University, and Pamela Mejia of the University of the Philippines Diliman.

The promising millennials were chosen among the area winners and finalists of the Youth Entrepreneurship Development Workshop (YEDW), a developmental workshop for young Filipino entrepreneurs organized by the United States Embassy Manila, in partnership with Go Negosyo, held in Manila, Iloilo, Batangas, and Zamboanga.

Training, networking, and mentorship opportunities were given to enable the participants to hone their business development skills. Each workshop included a business innovation plan competition where the winners were given cash prizes to serve as seed capital for their business ventures.

Obregon and Castroverde, along with fellow UPVTC B.S. Management senior Nayza Trayco, were among the Top 5 finalists in the “Business Idea” category of the Visayas leg of the YEDW held at Hotel del Rio, Iloilo City, on August 26-28.

As the winner for the said category, Obregon received a cash prize of ₱10,000, which enabled her to implement the AgriBlocks project.

Moreover, an alumna of the UPVTC B.S. Management program also won in the “Existing Business” category of the Manila leg of YEDW held at St Giles Hotel, Makati, on July 8-10.

Flora Mae Sañosa, a graduate of UPVTC’s Class of 2015, received P30,000 in cash prize for her business, FDIC Broilers, which distributes broiler chickens to their community.

“Basically, we want to provide the people in our town with fresh chicken meat... I also want to promote agri-entrepreneurship for our town/province to be sustainable in terms of agricultural production. Right now, we are going organic because it is not just for healthy living, it is also cost-efficient,” said Sañosa about FDIC Broilers.

Sañosa also took part in the Grand Culminating Activity of the YEDW on



Castroverde

December 9-11 at the Heritage Hotel Manila, finishing in the Top 12 finalists along with Obregon and Castroverde. Helen Kaye Layco, an alumna of New Era University from the YEDW Mindanao leg, and Rachel De Villa, an alumna of the University of the Philippines Diliman from the YEDW Manila leg, each won the grand prize of ₱100,000 for the “Existing Business” and “Business Idea” categories, respectively.

Prof. Arvin De Veyra, Chairperson of the UPVTC Division of Management, lauded Sañosa, Obregon, Castroverde, and Trayco for their achievements.



Obregon

Prof. Richard Cagara and Prof. Flordeliz Dacuyan, mentors and advisers of the four, said the recognition is proof of the Division’s continued commitment to hone and develop the skills of its students to enable them to contribute to nation and community building.

UPVTC recently revised its B.S. Management program to further enhance knowledge formation among students and focus on addressing the entrepreneurial needs of the Eastern Visayas region.

De Veyra said the Division will remain steadfast in its mission to produce graduates who will be at the forefront of leading this country in the future.

UPV constituents converge for the Community Day

STUDENTS, staff, faculty, retirees and alumni trooped to the Esplanade 1 and 2 that borders the Iloilo River on Wednesday and joined the two-kilometer stretch Fun Walk that commemorated the Community Day celebration of the 69th Anniversary of the UP Presence in Iloilo on February 24, 2016.

The Fun Walk participants, spearheaded by the CWTS students, proceeded to the UPV Iloilo City

campus for the clean-up activity. This was followed by a fellowship breakfast in front of the Graduate and Continuing Education Building which was shared by almost 500 participants.

Team-building activities soon followed at the Little Theater. A Green Lunch sponsored by the School of Technology capped the day’s celebration. (Anna Razel L. Ramirez)



Various scenes during the Community Day Celebration.

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UPV hosts “#PHVote: The Leader I Want Forum”

THE UPV Halalan 2016 Committee partnered with Rappler in holding the “#PHVote: The Leader I Want Forum” on February 13, 2016 at the UPV Auditorium, Iloilo City Campus.

The Event, which aimed at educating and informing the youth in getting involved in choosing the country’s next leaders for 2016, gathered almost 800 students from various universities and youth organizations in Iloilo City. Russel Patina of Rappler emphasized that the activity intends to put to light leaders who are expected to draw the nation’s blueprint and lead the Filipinos to reach the global goals by 2030 and initiate innovative solutions for social changes. Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa of UP Visayas welcomed the



Rappler representatives and students from various universities in Iloilo during the forum.

youth delegates as well as thanked the Rappler group for initiating the active

participation of the youth in the 2016 election process.

Ms. Patricia Evangelista of Rappler tackled the “#PHVote The Leader I Want” while Commissioner Jo Jan Paul Peñol of the National Youth Commission discussed the “Significance of the Youth Vote.” Mr.

Ted Aldwin Ong, Rappler Lead Iloilo Mover, also talked about “Election Issues and Development,” and Mr. Rupert Ambil, MovePH Executive Director, spearheaded the “#Move Iloilo Program” and “Take the #PHVote Challenge.” (Anna Razel L. Ramirez)

CWVS unveils IP Center, DRR-CCA Hub, Nava collection



UPV Officials, CWVS personnel and guests join the launching of IPRC and DRR-CCA Resource Hub.

THE Center for West Visayan Studies of the College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas, launched the Indigenous Peoples Resource Center (IPRC) and the Disaster Risk Resource-Climate Change Adaptation (DRR-CCA) Resource Hub at the Iloilo City Campus on February 24, 2016 at the UPV Iloilo City Campus. Dr. Ma. Cecilia Locsin Nava’s library collection was also handed over to the CWVS on the same day.

The IPRC was established through the support of Senator Loren B. Legarda. As the first IPRC in the country, it is envisioned as a resource service center for the indigenous peoples, particularly for ethnographic documentation, participatory planning, and capacity building for resilience and sustainable development. Prof. Jorge Ebay, CWVS Director, said that through the IPRC, the CWVS will continue to be at the forefront of efforts to promote inclusion, self-determination, and the development of IPs.

In her message, former Antique Governor Sally Perez- Zaldivar, who represented Sen. Loren Legarda, stated that the Senator is proud of the creation of the IP center, which she facilitated with a funding of P2M. She also announced an additional P2M for the research and collection that will be placed in the Center. She also requested the Chancellor for UPV to spearhead the creation of the Western Visayas Coffee Table Book that will be collaborated by SUCS in Western Visayas and will contain indigenous knowledge systems and practices of the IPs in the Region.

On the other hand, the DRR-CCA Resource Hub was established

to respond to the need of the local governments and communities for a resource center where they can avail of technical services for risk reduction, climate change adaptation, safety, and resilience. According to Ebay, the Center is gaining traction in public service and knowledge management activities in DRR and CCA through the hub. He further averred that sustained advocacy is needed for this to reach the critical mass and affect the necessary change. “The opening of the hub underscores the importance of our survival as a people and the relevance of this in the protection of our culture,” said Ebay.

The hub was made possible through the support of the United Nations World Food Programme (UNWFP) and the Scaling UP Resilience in Governance (SURGE) Project in Region VI led by Christian Aide, UPV Foundation, Inc., and the Iloilo CODE NGOs.

Ebay also said that the handing over of the library collection of Dr. Ma. Cecilia Locsin-Nava is a welcome development and addition to the current library resources of the CWVS. In her message, Nava emphasized that she gave her collection to CWVS because of the support it has given her when she was pursuing her Ph.D. Her collection includes Ilonggo literature which documents and preserves the unique West Visayan way of life.

UPV Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa spearheaded the event and was assisted by the CAS Dean, Dr. Resurreccion Sadaba. Guests and friends of the CWVS, including the IPs of Panay, also joined this CWVS milestone. (Anna Razel L. Ramirez)

UPV partners with Miagao LGU for RUN 300

TO conduct an organized, safe, and injury-free Fun Run not only for Miagao participants but for all who would join; and to showcase that Miagao and the UP Visayas Miagao campus are ideal venues for such an event— these were what UP Visayas and the Miagao LGU had in mind when they partnered together to organize RUN 300.

RUN 300 was held on February 7, 2016 as one of the events in line with the 300th Founding Anniversary of the Municipality of Miagao wherein the main campus of UP Visayas is located.

Starting off at the municipal grounds for the gun start, runners in all forms, shapes, and sizes raced for the 5K and 10K categories whose race route was mainly inside the scenic UPV Miagao campus. The runners caught a glimpse of the Panay Gulf from UPV’s beach front property, raced up the zigzagging flight of stairs that has 133 steps, and ran through the undulating uphill and downhill road of the campus under the canopy of mostly acacia trees. The Igbaras and Antique mountain ranges loomed in the background.

The winners for the 5K category for male and female were as follows (Male): Mark Galapin – 1st place; Alden Toronila – 2nd place; and Roger Molinos – 3rd place; (Female): Thea Anne Bagaford – 1st place; Liezel Siray – 2nd place; and Jean Cabaliera – 3rd place.

For the 10K category, the winners were the following (Male): Romulo Balinas – 1st place; Dexter Galos – 2nd place; and Mark Gagnao – 3rd place; (Female): Jessa Mie Sustituedo – 1st place; Lorena Demontaño – 2nd place; and Trisha Yanoc – 3rd place. They received medals and cash prizes.

Among others, RUN 300 had runners coming mostly from Miagao, UPV, the 82nd IB of the Philippine Army, the Iloilo Running Buddies, and from Iloilo City, Guimaras and Negros.

Miagao Mayor Macario Napulan welcomed the runners at the municipal grounds and joined the 5K event. UPV Vice-Chancellor for Administration, Prof. Nestor Yunque, thanked the runners who supported the event as well as the members of the organizing committees of the Miagao LGU and UPV. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)



Participants of the RUN 300.



UPV hosts 3rd leg of Environmental Governance Program

UP Visayas hosted the 3rd leg of the implementation of UP Program for Environmental Governance (UPPEG) on February 1-5, 2016 at the Training Rooms of the Graduate and Continuing Education Building, UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus.

The training was attended by 30 Community and Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officers who were exposed through a modular approach to learning that runs for five weeks. The UPPEG Pilot Run has 20 module sessions, which include the following topics: Scope of Environmental Governance, Environmental Problems and Issues in the Philippines, Decentralization and Integrated Approach of Resource Management, Accountability and Transparency in Natural Resources, Policy Process Analysis, Multi-stakeholder Partnerships for Environmental Governance, Sunset Review of RA 10121, Environmental Leadership Principles and Conflict

Management, Paralegal Approach to Conflicts and Problems in the ENR Sector, Resource Mobilization in ENR Sector through Business Development, Networking and Leveraging, Communicating Effectively Environmental Policies, Rules and Regulations and Relevant Information to Stakeholders: Challenge to Environmental Leaders, Management Information Systems and Decision Theoretic Frameworks, Spatial Assessment and Analysis and Remote Sensing, ENR Planning and Monitoring, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, Strategic Human Resource Management and Development, Financial Planning and Public Financial Management and Asset Management.

As a program, UPPEG was created with the aim of continuing institutional strengthening and capacity building of the primary implementers and



Natural Resources Officers learn environmental governance programs from UP experts.

stakeholders in the management of the environment and natural resources in the country. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the University of the Philippines through President Alfredo E. Pascual and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources

through Secretary Ramon Paje.

UPPEG is implemented through the coordination between the Center for Integrative and Development Studies and the experts from various constituent units of UP. *(Anna Razel L. Ramirez, With sources from UPPEG)*

UPV, APhiO deliver health services to Brgy. Malagyan, Miagao



UPV and APhiO volunteers prepare medicines and vitamins to be given to the residents of Brgy. Malagyan.



Mayor Napulan expresses his appreciation to the service project.

AND so it begins. The promise to adopt a barangay for a year-long Feeding and Nutrition Program for children, Well-Baby Clinic, Medical Clinic, and Dental Services for adults and children, officially started on January 16, 2016 at the Barangay Malagyan Health Center, Miagao, Iloilo.

Newborn babies to age one availed of the Well Baby Clinic and children from 2-5 years old and 6-8 years old were given multivitamins. Eight grown-ups were able to avail of the free tooth extraction. The 2-5 age group will also have a year-long feeding program that started on this day and will be conducted every Saturday for the rest of the year.

On December 18, 2015, the Alpha Phi Omega (APO) Alumni Council of North America (ACNA), through the Alpha Phi Omega Kappa Gamma

(UPV Chapter), in partnership with UP Visayas, signed a Memorandum of Agreement for this undertaking.

Miagao Mayor Macario Napulan, who himself is a medical doctor by profession, underscored the importance of good health and expressed his appreciation for the endeavor during a short program held at the Health Center.

Prof. Pepito R. Fernandez, Jr., faculty member of UP Visayas and Project Proponent, once again appealed to the community to cooperate with the Barangay Officials led by Barangay Captain Rose Mary F. Galvan to make the project successful. ACNA President Alexander Garcia was once again represented by Zita Balagot and Rosemarie Mesina (Project Auditor and Evaluator, respectively). *(Lyncen M. Fernandez)*

UPVTC Holds Research Proposal Writing Boot Camp

Irene L. Tan

THE University of the Philippines Tacloban College (UPVTC), through the support of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension (OVCRE), conducted the Research Proposal Writing Boot Camp at Tierra de Milagros Resort, Palo, Leyte on January 4-5, 2016. Sixteen Faculty and REPS from the different divisions of the College participated in the two-day live-in boot camp.

Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension Ricardo B. Babaran welcomed the participants to the activity, which was intended to encourage faculty, particularly the junior faculty members, to start making proposals. Dr. Rolly G. Fuentes, Associate Professor of the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (DNSM) and the event's Program Coordinator, presented the overview and mechanics of the boot camp as well as the OVCRE research proposal format.

The main objective of the boot camp was to enhance the research capability of UPVTC's faculty. The activity included four lecture sessions, four workshops, and two output presentations by the participants. The participants were free to consult with the research persons during the entire event. The presentations of workshop outputs were followed by critiquing and evaluation by resource speakers and other participants in the audience.

On day 1, the first lecture was given by Prof. Irene Tan, Assistant Professor of the DNSM of UPVTC. She presented the following topics: research title, justifying the research proposal, and formulating research objectives. She was followed by Prof. Nelfa Glova, Assistant Professor of the Department of Humanities in UP Mindanao, who talked about conducting a literature review. The

first workshop included the writing of the research title, objectives, and significance of the study. This was followed by the presentation of outputs for Workshop 1. Workshop 2 focused on the status of the project with emphasis on the review of related literature.

The third lecturer, Dr. Norberto Milla, Assistant Professor of the Department of Mathematics, Physics and Statistics of the Visayas State University discussed basic research designs, sampling procedures, and data analyses. Milla emphasized that statistics is important to researchers and consumers of researches because it will allow them to evaluate the credibility and usefulness of the information and to make appropriate actions related to it. Moreover, the research design, according to Milla, is essential because this will serve as the blueprint that will guide the research process. The last workshop (Workshop 3) for the first day involved writing the study design, methodology, and data analyses sections of the research proposal.

Day 2 kicked off with the presentations of outputs for Workshop 3. Dr. Leni Yap-Dejeto, Associate Professor of the DNSM of UPVTC, was Day 2's first lecturer. She discussed how to prepare a line-item budget and a research work plan while highlighting the required format prescribed by OVCRE. She also described the different research windows of OVCRE, particularly the Research In-House Research Grant and Small Budget In-House Research Grant. A workshop requiring participants to come up with their own line-item budget and research work plan followed Dr. Yap-Dejeto's talk.

Fuentes wrapped up the series of lectures with insights on the review process that the research proposal will undergo once submitted to the OVCRE. The boot camp ended with nine research proposals submitted.

OVCRE holds 2nd RCWPS planning-workshop

Lenilyn B. Gallos

THE Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension (OVCRE) of U.P. Visayas conducted the second planning workshop on Research, Creative Work, and Public Service (RCWPS) at the Audio-Visual Hall, Interactive Learning Center, College of Arts and Sciences, Miagao campus, on January 7-8, 2016.

Deans, College Research and Extension Coordinators, heads of

units, faculty, and REPS from the Miagao, Iloilo City, and Tacloban City campuses participated in the two-day activity.

Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa welcomed the participants to the activity, which he was hoping would further enhance the research atmosphere in the University as well as promote its public service mandate. Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension Ricardo B.

Babaran presented the objectives of the workshop, which included the following: 1) to present the summary of the 2015 RCWPS performance and other OVCRE initiatives; 2) to identify priority projects for 2016; 3) to review the budget cycle process as well as to prepare the OVCRE budget plan for 2017 to include research, creative work, public service, publications, proposal review process, and institutional linking; and 4) to deliberate on some research-related policies for implementation and present policies for formulation.

The RCWPS activities of colleges/units of the University in 2015 were reviewed and discussed, particularly those of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), College

of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), College of Management (CM), School of Technology (SoTech), UPV Tacloban College (UPVTC), National Institute for Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (NIMBB), Sentrong Wikang Filipino (SWF), Office of Continuing Education and Pahinungod (OCEP), and the Gender and Development Program (GDP). These units also prepared and presented their respective RCWPS plans and proposals for 2017. The participants were re-oriented on the UPV Research, Creative Work, Publication, and Public Service (UPV-RCWPPS) Reporting System.

The first RCWPS workshop was conducted on February 2-3, 2015.

UPV Info Officers Join PAGASA-DOST Media Seminar-Workshop



Participants to the PAGASA-DOST Seminar-Workshop.

MS. Anna Razel L. Ramirez of the UP Visayas Information and Publications Office and Ms. Lenilyn B. Gallos of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Public Service Program Office participated in the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Media Seminar-Workshop on January 28-29, 2016 at the Casa Real, Capitol Compound, Iloilo City. The aim of the seminar-workshop was to update the media on vital weather information that would aid in disaster risk reduction.

Eight topics were tackled during the seminar-workshop, which include

the following: 1) Basic Meteorology/ Hydromet Hazard; 2) PAGASA'S Weather Forecasting and Warning System; 3) Tropical Cyclone Tracking Exercise; 4) Climatological and Agro Meteorological Services; 5) Global Warming/Climate Variability and Change; 6) Flood Forecasting and Warning System/ Flood Events and its Mitigation; 7) Astronomical and Time Services; and 8) the Role of the Media in Disaster Risk Reduction.

The event was conducted in partnership with the USAID Water Security for Resilient Economic Growth and Stability (BE Secure) Project and the El Niño Task Force of the Iloilo Province. (Source: UPV-IPO)

Class '68 donates to UPHSI



Class '68 representative Gen Noe Wong and VC Nestor Yunque, sign the donation documents, which was witnessed by UPHSI Principal, Dr. Lourdes Zamora and UPHSI Class '68 members.

CLASS '68 of the UP High School in Iloilo, headed by former Ambassador to Cambodia Noe Wong, has donated 16 electric wall fans to be installed in eight classrooms of UPHSI.

The donations were received by UP Visayas Vice Chancellor for Administration, Prof. Nestor G. Yunque, and UPHSI Principal, Dr. Lourdes C. Zamora, on February 5,

2016. It was witnessed by members of Class '68 and some UPHSI faculty members.

Class '68 celebrated its 48th anniversary with a reunion lunch held at the Seda Hotel, Atria Complex, Iloilo City. The group is now preparing for its Golden Anniversary Celebration in 2018. (Anna Razel L. Ramirez)

Two UPV performing groups join Miagao Tri-Centennial Celebration

GC Castro

UPV Rhapsody and UP Khoryu performed for the Miagaonons at the JRBB Hall in Miagao, Iloilo on February 7, 2016. This is part of Miagao's two-week Tri-Centennial celebrations.

A live musical concert was performed by the UPV Rhapsody in the afternoon while UP Khoryu staged the dance-drama "Umalis sa Wonderland" in the evening. The gala show was

graced by Miagao's municipal mayor, Hon. Macario Napulan. "This is a great show. It has lessons. It tackles social issues. We need more of this kind of show," Napulan said.

The Miagao Local Government, the Miagao Salakayan, Inc., and UPV presented the back-to-back shows. UPV Rhapsody and UP Khoryu are official performing organizations of the College of Management. UPV Rhapsody co-adviser GC Castro directed the shows.



Khoryu and UPV Rhapsody members flanked GC Castro, Director of the Performance.



Performers during the Musical Concert.



Dept Chem hosts forum on NU G30 International Programs

Edcyl Lee O. Salac and Christian A. Catalan

IN line with the celebration of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Week, the Department of Chemistry hosted a forum on “The Nagoya University (NU) Global 30 International Programs” on February 26, 2016 at the MILC-AVR, UP Visayas, Miagao. Iloilo.

Dr. Resurreccion B. Sadaba, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, gave the Opening Remarks for the Forum. This was followed by the introduction of the speakers by Prof. Steve P. Janagap, Chairperson of the Department of Chemistry. The graduate programs of Nagoya University were introduced to the UPV community especially to the faculty and students who are interested in studying abroad.

The first speaker was Dr. Peter Butko, a Global 30 Designated Professor of the Graduate School of Science. He introduced Nagoya University – the home of six Nobel Prize Winners in Physics and Chemistry. He also gave an overview of NU’s various undergraduate and graduate programs.

Dr. Berthold Fischer, a Global 30 Designated Professor of the Graduate School of Science (Department of Chemistry), discussed the Short-Term Research Exchange (Sandwich Programs) and Specific Programs of the Nagoya University Graduate School of Science. He explained the process of applying for admission to the university and the ways of getting scholarships.

Dr. Joyce Cartagena, a Designated Associate Professor at the Graduate School of



(L-R) DC Chairperson: Prof. Steve Janagap, CAS Dean Dr. Resurreccion Sadaba, NU Professors: Dr. Joyce Cartagena, Dr. Berthold Fischer, Dr. Peter Butko and CAS Assoc. Dean Prof. Ma. Severa Fe Katalbas.

Bioagricultural Sciences, talked about the Specific Programs of the NU Graduate School of Bioagriculture and the NU Alumni Association (NUAL-Philippines).

The talk was followed by an Open

Forum. Cartagena encouraged the students as well as faculty members to study at Nagoya University but she insisted that those who study abroad should go back to the Philippines and serve the country.

UPVEC holds 22nd general assembly



Members of the UPVEC listen to Otayde during the assembly.

AN 86% turnout among the 727 regular and associate members of the UP Visayas Employees Cooperative was recorded during its 22nd assembly held on February 11, 2016 at the Auditorium of the Iloilo City campus.

The featured speaker for this year’s assembly was Mr. Eric Otayde, introduced by Prof. Romana Villareal as “a staunch believer of the cooperative movement.” Otayde sat as Chair of the BOD of the Antique Provincial Employees Multi-Purpose Cooperative for three terms and still sits as BOD up to the present. He is also the Vice-Chair of the Antique Federation of Cooperatives and also sits as Vice-Chair of the ELECOM, Philippine Cooperative Central Fund Federation (PCF).

“I firmly believe that cooperatives are instruments of social change,” he said. He lamented the decline in the number of cooperatives all over the country which, according to records, showed that there were 25, 652 that existed in 1993 but the numbers have decreased to 24, 125 in 2015. He commended UPVEC for being adaptive, resilient, and surviving for 22 years.

He also reviewed what he called as the ABCs of cooperatives. These are as follows: A for aspiration, B for belief, C for commitment, D for determination, and E for education.

He ended his message with a quote from the Roman philosopher Seneca, that says, “When a person does many good things to others, he is doing it to himself,” referring to the ripple effect of having many good joint ventures in a cooperative.

During the Assembly, the newly elected set of officers of UPVEC were also introduced. For the Board of Directors, they are the following: Elsa Campo, Jocelyn Genesila, Erlinda Naret, and Anna Razel Ramirez. For the Audit and Inventory Committee, the following have been elected as members: Marilyn Gavan, Febe Miayo, Jessie Monsale, Armida Titular, and Marilou Villarin.

The following three members of the

Election Committee, namely, Gene Ann Camaymayan, Maritess Ferraris, and Enrique Legaspi III, were also elected.

Part of the annual gathering is the recognition and awarding of new platinum members. These are members whose share capital has reached a P100,000 or more.

Mr. Enrique Legaspi III, Administrative Staff of the Department of Chemistry, was chosen to respond on behalf of the awardees. He credited the UPVEC as having “saved” him from financial emergencies such as hospitalizations of loved ones. He is also thankful that he can loan money from the Coop to finance vacations and travels as well as for investment in the insurance + mutual fund schemes.

One major decision that was made during the Assembly was to increase the amount intended for the construction of the UPVEC building from P 5M to 20M to be released on a staggered basis starting with 5M. The target date for the start of its construction is 2016. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

UPV holds open house 2016



Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa and VC Nestor Yunque welcome well-wishers during the open house.

UP Visayas welcomed the New Year with a fellowship/snack among officials, staff, and service personnel on January 7 and 8 at the Office of the Chancellor, Miagao campus, and at the Liaison Office at Iloilo City Campus, respectively.

As a New Year tradition for

UPV, the event dubbed as “Open House,” provides for camaraderie among the personnel and gives time for each to greet one another. This too marks a positive start for a dynamic and productive year for the University. (Anna Razel L. Ramirez)



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UPV service awards honor 130 employees

ONE hundred thirty employees of the University of the Philippines Visayas were honored during the Service Awards Program on February 24, 2016 at the Auditorium of the Iloilo City campus.

Five of these awardees were staff personnel who finished a new degree. They are: 1) Ms. Teresita G. Quezon, B.S. in Business Administration, University of Iloilo (27 March 2015); 2) Ms. Rina-Joy C. Ambatang, M.S. in Computer Science, Central Philippine University (12 April 2015); 3) Ms. Ma. Beatriz S. Valencia, Master of Education (Guidance), U.P. Visayas (26 October 2011); 4) Mr. Randy M. Madrid, Ph.D. in History, U. P. Diliman (10 January 2015) and 5) Asst. Prof. Harold M. Monteclaro (Former REPS), Ph.D. in Fisheries Science, Kagoshima University (14 March 2011).

Seventy service awardees were recognized. These are employees who also have rendered 25 year of service. But since the Service Awards Program was not conducted in 2014 and 2015, some of these awardees have rendered 26 or 27 years of service already.

The Faculty Service Awardees and Academic Personnel Service Awardees are:

Prof. Juliana C. Baylon
Ms. Jocelyn T. Barcelona
Prof. Pepito R. Fernandez, Jr.
Ms. Thyrsa C. Cababasay
Asso. Prof. Ma. Joji B. Tan
Ms. Melanie P. Genodepa
Asso. Prof. Zoilo S. Andrada, Jr.
Ms. Rose T. Mueda
Asso. Prof. Kevin Peter Amado P. Piamonte
Asst. Prof. Michelle B. Besana
Asst. Prof. Ma. Amalia S. Delagon
Asst. Prof. Ma. Angeles S. Frio
Asst. Prof. Fernando S. Tinagan
Asst. Prof. Rebecca J. Tagamolila
Asst. Prof. Marilou J. Ang Lopez

The Administrative and Support Personnel Service Awardees are:

Ms. Mary Paz N. Aguana
Mr. Hector S. Gamarcha
Ms. Rosana G. Alama
Mr. Rafael T. Gello-agan
Mr. Edwin H. Batislaong
Ms. Marites E. Geonanga
Ms. Estela A. Facon
Engr. Rolando S. Jamero
Ms. Ma. Teresa P. Gabon
Ms. Josette F. Javellana
Ms. Herminia A. Jallores
Ms. Marilou H. Jover
Mr. Reynold J. Jaspe
Mr. Edwin C. Laspiñas
Mr. Benjamin F. Melocoton, Jr.
Ms. Reyna T. Lima
Mr. Noel F. Misola
Mr. Leon G. Lucero
Ms. Nida M. Momblan
Mr. Noel S. Magayondato
Ms. Ma. Cecilia M. Monaya
Ms. Johnna A. Malones
Ms. Edna N. Monreal
Mr. Amando F. Mooc
Ms. Helen U. Monteclaro
Ms. Virginia N. Nacanaynay, RN
Mr. Rufino F. Nilmar
Mr. Larry F. Nagallo
Mr. Jose B. Panggat



Various scenes during the UPV Service Awards Program.

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Ms. Ma. Tita N. Noble
Ms. Ophelia G. Balogo
Ms. Vilma M. Nualla
Ms. Marie Christine B. Tilde
Ms. Remedios N. Nuevaespaña
Ms. Evelyn T. Tidon
Ms. Wenona A. Ober
Mr. Angelo M. Almanon
Ms. Salvacion F. Ojera
Ms. Elizabeth P. Aquidado
Ms. Aileen M. Paguntalan
Mr. Jose Avelino Arnel A. Aquidado
Ms. Delia B. Palabrica
Mr. Rodrigo E. Balgos
Mr. Ernesto M. Rusia
Ms. Myrna G. Ballada
Ms. Jo Ann C. Sadia
Ms. Ninfa L. Banderio
Mr. Arsenio C. Salaya
Ms. Jo Ann B. Bedia
Ms. Iris M. Santisteban
Ms. Lea R. Campo
Mr. Graciano C. Torilla, Jr.
Mr. Felfort A. Catacutan
Ms. Elena O. Traviña

In memoriam, the program also posthumously awarded five employees who passed away and they are: Asso. Prof. Merlina N. Andalecio, Ph.D., Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences; Asst. Prof. Joseph Edward O. Idemne, Department of Accounting, College of Management; Mr. Edwin A. De la Ceña, College of Management; Ms. Elni G. Jurisprudencia, Cash Office; and Ms. Diana N. Paguntalan, Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension.

The reckoning of the Service Awards was from July 16, 2013 to February 15, 2016, thus, those who have retired during these period were included.

For the faculty and academic personnel, the retirees are:

Prof. Ida M.L. Siason
Asso. Prof. Tita S. Torio
Prof. Ebonia B. Seraspe
Asso. Prof. Dolores H. Jardeleza
Prof. Ma. Luisa E. Mabunay
Asso. Prof. Imelda V. Jamero
Prof. Melanie J. Padilla
Asst. Prof. Rolando G. Diamante
Prof. Ida G. Pahila
Asst. Prof. Jesusa S. Libutaque
Prof. Minerva D. Olympia
Ms. Carmen L. Gempis
Prof. Jose Ali F. Bedaño
Engr. Hernane J. Gonzales
Asso. Prof. Diana Edna G. Corda
Ms. Ana T. Mones

The retirees of the administrative and support personnel are:

Mr. Rolando S. Alcalde
Mr. Manuel S. Gargarita, Jr.
Mr. Luciano C. Joven, Sr.
Ms. Mary A. Montenid
Mr. Eugenio H. Solutin
Ms. Josefina E. Moragas
Mr. Alfredo T. Cuevas
Mr. Vicente C. Muyong
Ms. Loreto E. Egalam
Mr. Rodrigo N. Nangan
Mr. Rizalito S. Hiballes
Ms. Nydia N. Nieves, RMT
Ms. Danilyn T. Lapore
Mr. Roberto M. Nulada
Ms. Herminia O. Reforma
Atty. Cornelio V. Salinas
Ms. Elsa J. Rivera
Ms. Susana P. Triunfante
Ms. Amalia N. Aaron
Mr. Ernesto A. Tuson
Mr. Jose S. Apura
Mr. Danilo G. Walo
Mr. Vicente R. Cortez
Ms. Marilou P. Zenith, RN

The UPV Chancellor's Awards for Outstanding Performance and Achievement were placed at the last part of the program.

Winners for Outstanding Performance for Non-Teaching Personnel include: 1) Mr. Enrique N. Legaspi, III, Administrative Aide VI, Department of Chemistry, CAS, Outstanding Administrative Staff (Salary Grades 4-6); 2) Ms. Anna Razel L. Ramirez, Publication Circulation Officer II, Information and Publications Office, Outstanding Administrative Staff, (SG 11-above, non-supervisory); and 3) Ms. Ma. Brenda P. Gajelan-Samson, University Research Associate I, Natural Sciences and Math Division, UPV Tacloban College (UPVTC), Outstanding REPS.

From among the faculty, the Outstanding Performance winners are: 1) Ms. Johannes M. Magpusao, Instructor 1, School of Technology, Outstanding Instructor; 2) Asst. Prof. Pierce S. Docena, Assistant Professor 6, Division of Social Sciences, UPVTC, Outstanding Assistant Professor; 3) Asso. Prof. Ma. Joji B. Tan, Associate Professor 7, UPHSI, Division of Professional Education, College of Arts and Sciences, Outstanding Associate Professor; and 4) Prof. Augusto E. Serrano, Jr. Ph.D., Professor 12, Institute of Aquaculture, CFOS, Outstanding Professor.

Lastly, the winners for Outstanding Achievement are: 1) Prof. Ruben M. Gamala, Assistant Professor 7, Department of Management, CM, Outstanding Achievement in Public Service; 2) Ms. Mary Jane A. Amar, Ph.D. University Researcher I/Scientist I (DOST) Institute of Aquaculture, CFOS, Outstanding Achievement in Research; and 3) Prof. Rosalie Arcala-Hall, Ph.D., Professor 9, Division of Social Sciences, CAS, Outstanding Achievement in Research. (With sources from HRDO) (Lyncen M. Fernandez)