



UP Visayas marks 70 years of UP presence in Iloilo



A jubilant opening program for the celebration of 70 years of UP Presence in Iloilo. Photo credit: Gian Niño Genoveza

"I am here to tell you, that I love the University of the Philippines," says Iloilo Provincial Governor Arthur Defensor during the Opening Program of the week-long celebration of the "70th Anniversary of the UP Presence in Iloilo". It was held on February 20, 2017 at the UP Visayas Iloilo City campus.

It was an apt introduction from the Governor who is widely known for his gift of gab, being a skillful debater, way back in his college years at the UP Iloilo College (UPIC).

He said that because we live in trying times, UP is expected to continue the fight to ensure that our cherished liberties are not put aside. "We are not

intimidated. We know how to fight. We work for the Filipino people, We should never stop working especially for the poor," emphasized the Governor.

He also said that "UP never sleeps, because it is always at the forefront of the burning issues of the day, devotes itself to continuously discovering new knowledge and is ever conscious of its role in national development".

The 75-year-old UPIC alumnus (Associate in Arts in 1959) is known for his stellar and untarnished career in politics marked by good governance. Speaking extemporaneously, he showed that his mind is still as sharp as a whip and his flair for public speaking has not waned.

Iloilo City Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog, who is also an alumnus (UP High School in Iloilo), also graced the event. He commended UP Iloilo's role in the development of Iloilo City to become one of the most livable cities of the country. Meanwhile, Mayor Macario Napulan of the Municipality of Miagao where the main campus of UP Iloilo (now called UP Visayas) is located, was also invited as one of the honored guests. He pointed out that Miagao has truly benefited from the presence of UPV in Miagao and looks forward to more development collaborations with the University.

UP Visayas Chancellor Rommel Espinosa recapped what the University

has accomplished during his administration.

It was fitting that the Opening Program was held in front of the main entrance of the Main Building of the City campus for it was here that the history of the UP presence in Iloilo started back in 1947. The Main Building used to be the Iloilo City Hall but was donated to UP by the Iloilo government that made representations to the University of the Philippines to open the UP brand of education in the Province.

The PNP band provided festive music for the occasion. The Program was capped with the release of white balloons and a community breakfast. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

Pascual turns over UP Presidency to Concepcion

PRESIDENT Alfredo Pascual, the 20th President of the University of the Philippines turned over the presidency to the 21st President, Atty. Danilo Concepcion, on February 10, 2017 at the Quezon Hall, University of the Philippines Diliman, Quezon City.

President Pascual's term was marked by strategic initiatives that launched UP on the path of a great university in the 21st century. He implemented bold reforms and programs to transform UP into a research-intensive university, internationalize it as a global university, and strengthen it as a public service university. He formalized the quality assurance of degree programs, incentivized faculty performance and development, and ensured the access of qualified students with financial difficulty.

President Concepcion was the Dean of the UP College of Law before he was elected by the UP Board of Regents on November 15, 2016. President Concepcion, or Danicon as he is fondly called, is widely respected as one of the Philippines' leading authorities in

corporate law, specifically corporate governance, rehabilitation, and insolvency.

In his Vision Statement the President said that the "task of the next president is to ensure that UP remains to its ideals. The essence of UP, he explained, is not merely to transmit knowledge but to serve the nation; and this sense of mission should pervade all fronts of the university's functions from educating its students, to caring for its personnel, to defining its role in nation building... Honor and excellence with compassion should be the next UP President's clarion call to encourage the UP community in serving the Filipino people."

He was a consistent honor student who graduated Valedictorian in both elementary and high schools. He finished Agricultural Engineering, summa cum laude, at De La Salle-Araneta University in 1979 and topped the Board Examinations for Agricultural Engineering that same year. He obtained his LL.B., cum

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Pres. Pascual turns over the UP maze to Pres Concepcion.

UPV's Yunque is new Vice President for Administration

PRESIDENT Danilo Concepcion appointed Prof. Nestor G. Yunque as the new UP Vice President for Administration. He took his Oath of Office before the President on February 10, 2017 at Quezon Hall in UP Diliman, Quezon City. Yunque was immediate-past Vice Chancellor for Administration of the University of the Philippines Visayas.

Yunque was a PhD candidate with thesis proposal approved in November 2000 at the Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He has also a Certificate in Aquaculture (Senior Aquaculturist, Academic Excellence Awardee) from the Network of Aquaculture Centres in Asia and Pacific Region. He graduated both his Master of Aquaculture and B.S. Biological Sciences from U.P. Visayas, Iloilo.

Yunque is faculty member of the



Yunque took oath before Pres. Concepcion

Division of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas. An active advocate and resource person on disaster risk reduction and climate change resiliency campaigns, he was Project Leader of the Project ReBUILD

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RISE project is Gawad Pangulo Awardee for Excellence in Public Service

UP Visayas Foundation, Incorporated (UPVFI) - RISE (Bangon) Gigantes Project: Rehabilitation for Island Sustainability and Empowerment was named "Gawad Pangulo 2016 Awardee for Excellence in Public Service" on January 30, 2017 at UP Diliman, Quezon City. President Alfredo Pascual gave the award to Project RISE Team Leader Prof. Jorge Ebay and Chancellor Rommel Espinosa.

With Prof. Ebay in the project are Prof. Josephine Firmase, Mr. Jun Ramirez, Aprille Danilly Atienza, Junavy Ricopuerto, and Russell Sodusta.

The RISE Gigantes project covers four geographically isolated and disadvantaged

barangays of the Municipality of Carles - Asluman, Gabi, Granada, and Lantangan - in the Gigantes Group of Islands. The Project partners with community-based groups and schools in implementing coordinated rehabilitation programs that aim to achieve normalcy and enhance local capacities for disaster preparedness, prevention, and mitigation.

Beyond the four barangays, RISE-Gigantes also engages with other organizations (LGUs, regional government agencies, CSOs, and the academe, among others) to actively support community-based

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CFOS' foundation day: A celebration of excellence

THE College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas, celebrated on February 23, 2017 another year of academic excellence, being at the forefront of fisheries education in the country.

Faculty members, researchers, staff, and students of the College gathered at the Pidlaan Hall of CFOS, UPV Miagao campus, to participate and enjoy the 37th year of the College as part of UPV in Miagao, Iloilo.

The day started with the opening of the Poster Exhibit and Viewing led by College Dean, Dr. Crispino A. Saclauso. The posters displayed the researches done by the outstanding faculty and the Research and Extension Professional Staff (REPS) of the College.

Welcoming everyone in his opening message, Saclauso talked about the

early days of the College. He outlined the significant and major events in the history of CFOS in UPV and how far it has gone to become the "Center of Excellence in Fisheries Education" in the country.

Saclauso expressed his desire for CFOS to continue in contributing significantly in enhancing regional, national, and international development in fisheries as well as in generating globally competitive human resource.

The College was named Center of Excellence in Fisheries Education by the Commission on Higher Education from 2016-2018 and as a National University/College of Agriculture / Fisheries (NUCAF) under the Philippine National Agriculture and Fisheries (NUCAF) for 2016. It has been a consistent top-performing school



Various activities during the CFOS Foundation Day

in the Fisheries Technologists Licensure Exam in the country.

Dr. Augusto E. Serrano, Jr. delivered the Agustin F. Umali Distinguished Lecture. Serrano is a faculty member of the Institute of Aquaculture, CFOS, and a UP Scientist III. His lecture was on "RNA Sequencing Using Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) in Aquaculture Research." According to him, "RNA sequencing using NGS is a powerful tool for aquaculture to gain better understanding of the roles of function elements in the aquaculture organism's genome that directly or indirectly affect the developmental, growth, metabolism, immunity, behavior, reproduction and various other processes of an organism."

Another important activity held during the Foundation Day celebration was the "Parade of Achievements" which recognized the achievements of the CFOS faculty, REPS, staff,

and students. These achievements include the honorific scholars among undergraduate and graduate students, the paper and poster awardees in the national and international conferences, the top 10 passers in the Fisheries Board exam (2015-2016), One UP Professorial Chair and One UP Faculty Grant awardees, and the UP Scientists.

This was followed by a solidarity lunch and other student activities in the afternoon, which included a contest for the College logo with five entries and "Your Face Sounds Familiar." The students also participated in various games that took place the following day.

The CFOS' Foundation Day was part of the celebration of the 70th Year Anniversary of the UP Presence in Iloilo, which was held celebrated from February 20-24, 2017 with the theme, "Enhancing Service Learning through Community Partnership." (*Lenilyn Gallos, CFOS*)

Prof Ed holds Tech-Know-Kasyon Research Forum

THE UP Visayas Division of Professional Education, in collaboration with the UP High School in Iloilo, hosted the Tech-Know-Kasyon Research Forum with the theme: "Enhancing Service Learning through Community Partnership" on February 22, 2017 at the GCEB Training Rooms, UP Visayas Iloilo City Campus.

This was conducted in accordance with the celebration of UPV's 70th Anniversary of the UP Presence in Iloilo. Professors from the UPV community gathered to share their research outputs to graduate, undergraduate, and high school students.

The event facilitated the learning and exchange of ideas between the resource speakers and the participants. The forum was divided into two parallel sessions

that were held separately in the morning and afternoon. Each parallel session had a plenary session with speakers: Prof. Early Sol Gadong who talked about "The Community as a Learning Laboratory" and Prof. Donne Jone Sodusta who talked about "The University's Public Service Mandate and Graduate Teacher Education Service Learning."

The forum was further categorized on the following topics: Mathematics and Classroom Management, Communication Arts and Sining ng Komunikasyon, Learning Experiences and Traditions, and Social Science & Literature, which have three research speakers each.

In the Mathematics and Classroom

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California State University Prof shares expertise on sensitizers and nanoparticles in UPV forum

THE CAS-Department of Chemistry hosted Dr. Matthias Selke of the California State University, Los Angeles on January 16, 2017 at the UPV Miagao campus as part of the "World Expert Lecture Seminar Series" program of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. His lecture which was entitled "Singlet Oxygen Sensitizers and Inorganic Nanoparticles", was attended by both the students and faculty members of the Department of Chemistry.

Dr. Selke's research interests are in the areas of organic and inorganic photochemistry. This includes the development of new sensitizers, materials for environmentally benign oxidation reactions, reaction mechanisms involving molecular oxygen, and the chemistry of

singlet oxygen. After his lecture, Dr. Selke, together with faculty members, discussed possible collaborations between his research group and the Department. This was followed by a visit of the laboratories in the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences. A quick tour of the campus and Miagao town followed later.

The event is part of a series of lectures sponsored by the Office of International Linkages under the OVPAA and the Institute of Chemistry at UP Diliman. This visit was made possible through the efforts of Dr. Leon Payawan of the UP Diliman Institute of Chemistry and Dr. Danilo Ortillo of the UPV Department of Chemistry. (*Enrique Legaspi III, Dept. of Chem.*)

CAS retains Pasundayag crown



CAS team members

THE College of Arts and Sciences Team, the reigning champion, retained its crown during Pasundayag 2017 held on February 24 at the Covered Court of the UPV main campus in Miagao. CAS (Red Team) and its divisions and department was grouped with the UP High School in Iloilo, Center for West Visayan Studies, Community Outreach Program, and Language Program.

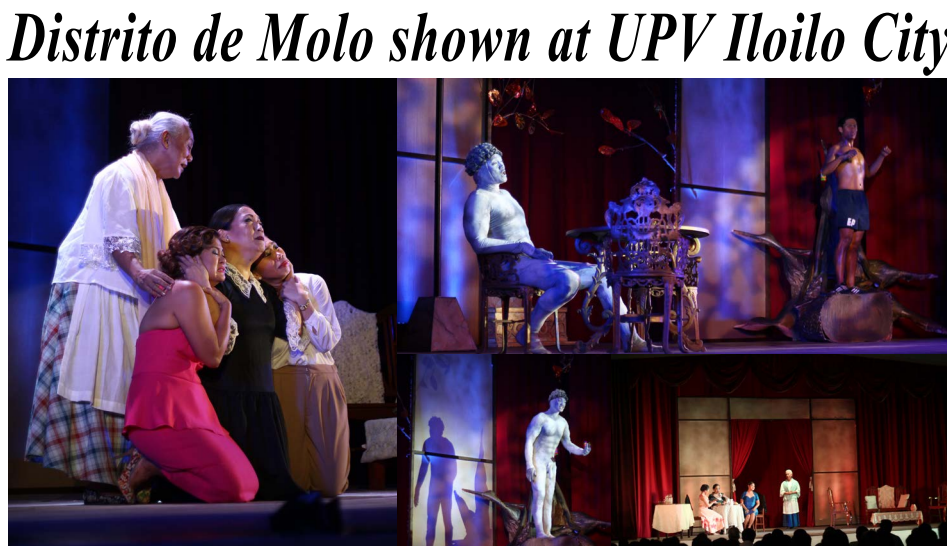
Coming in at 2nd place was the Purple Team from the Central Administration offices. The Yellow Team led by the School of Technology was 3rd along

with the collaborating offices and units – the Campus Maintenance and Development Office, Data Information System Program, Dormitories, Health Services Unit, UPV Green Bamboo, UPV Site, Acquisition and Resettlement Project, UPV Reforestation Project, and UPV Security Service Force.

At 4th place was the Green Team led by the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences with the group composed of performers from the National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, UPV Museum of Natural Sciences, Teaching and Learning Resource Center, Office of Student Affairs, and the Library office based in Miagao.

Team Blue, led by the College of Management, with other offices based in the Iloilo City campus like the CDMO, Library, OSA, Graduate Program Office, Liaison Office, Office of Continuing Education and Pahinungod, Gender and Development Program, Sentro ng Wikang Filipino, Office of Alumni Affairs,

Legal Office, Chancellor's Committee for Culture and the Arts, and Library had no entry for this year



Different acts during the play

IN celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the UP Presence in Iloilo and the National Arts Month, the University of the Philippines Visayas in cooperation with the Office of the President presented UP Playwright's Theatre's 'Distrito de Molo' on Feb 16, 17 and 18 at the UPV Auditorium, Iloilo City.

Distrito de Molo is a three One-Act Plays by UP Visayas Professor Emeritus

Leoncio Deriada and is directed by UP Diliman Professor Emeritus Dr. Tony Mabesa. These two are Palanca awardees and Gawad CCP Laureates.

The plays are entitled Tres Hermanas de Molo, Atlas de Molo, and Venus de Molo. The Illustrious district of Molo, Iloilo City was the setting of the three different plays, each taking place in a different timeline. Each play is a journey that brings the audience back to the history, magic and myth of the revered district of Molo.

The production was supported by respected names in the theater industry with Nick Deocampo (Set Designer), Eric Pineda (Costume Designer), Shax Siasoco (Lighting Designer) Jethro Joaquin (Sound Designer), Meliton Roxas, Jr. (Technical Director), Dino Dimar (Photographer), Fritz Esase (Associate Director and Choreographer), Mark Miranda (Assistant Director), Ricardo del Casal Lorenzo (Associate Sound Designer), Joshua Ade Valenzona (Poster Designer), and Ina Azarcon-Bolivar (Dramaturg).

Cast for the three plays included: Frances Makil Ignacio, Katte Sabatem Candy Pangilinan, Ronnie Martinez, Arvin Trinidad, Miguel Torralba, Mark Dalacat, Micah Musa, Ian Ignacio, Leo Rialp, Arvin Trinidad, Sue Prado, Fritz Esase, and Miguel Torralba.

The staging of the play in Iloilo was organized by a committee headed by Prof. Martin Genodepa (Chairman of Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Culture and the Arts) and co-chaired by Prof. Susan Mila Alvarez – Tosalem, and Prof. Alfredo Diaz. (*Anna Razel Ramirez with sources from UPV-CCCA*)

contest.

This year's concept revolved around the "Day in the life of the College, Office, and Unit" that they are representing through a musical performance. Winners and participating groups received the following cash prizes: 1st prize, P12,000.00; 2nd, P9,000.00; 3rd, P7,000.00; and consolation prizes of P 5,000.00.

Ms. Almera Facto, Office of Alumni Affairs; Ms. Jocelyn Barcelona, Human Resource Development Office; Ms. Sarina Grajales, Health Services Unit; Prof. Gay Defiesta, CAS; and Asst. Prof. Karen Grace A. Felarca, CFOS; served as judges for this year's Pasundayag.

Pasundayag can be defined in English as a dramatic performance through song or dance or a combination of both. In UP Visayas, a pasundayag of faculty and staff was first introduced years ago as a friendly competition among the UPV community for fun and camaraderie. It has become a big event because it provides an opportunity for the faculty and staff to display their flare for singing, acting, and dancing. (*Lyncen M. Fernandez*)



Dept of Chemistry hosts Nat'l Chem Olympiad Eliminations

THE UPV Department of Chemistry hosted the 2017 Philippine National Chemistry Olympiad (PNCO) Regional Eliminations for Region VI and the Negros Island Region (NIR) at the GCEB Training Rooms, UPV Iloilo City campus on February 4, 2017. The competition is an annual event that is held in cooperation with the Kapisanang Kimika ng Pilipinas wherein the main objective is to promote Chemistry to high school students. The event also serves as a venue to select regional delegates who will compete in the national elimination round which will be held this coming April. The national winners will then represent the Philippines to the International Chemistry Olympiad which will be held in Thailand on July 6-15, 2017.

The Philippine Science High School Western Visayas campus took all three spots for Region VI with Ms. Joan Catolico, Ms. Regine Bastareche, and Mr. Pefer John Flores taking home 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, respectively. Mr. Meschael John Calinao of Mansilingan Agro-Industrial High School took the top prize for the Negros Island Region. Mr. Dionick San Agustin of the University of Negros Occidental

Recoletos took 2nd place while Ms. Kathryn Marie Sigaya of Don Bosco Technical Institute – Victorias placed 3rd.

The top winners were awarded a certificate and a copy of the book “CHEMSEARCH & CHEMPUZZLE” plus one set of the card game “CHEMTRUMP” courtesy of the author, Dr. Vivian Topor. The rest of the winners were awarded a certificate and a copy of the same book. All six winners will represent their respective regions in the national elimination round with Ms. Erika Eunice Salvador and Mr. Kevin Clyde Ong acting as head coaches for the delegates from Region VI and NIR, respectively.

Dr. Danilo Ortillo of the UPV Department of Chemistry served as the PNCO Regional Coordinator for both Region VI and the NIR for the third time this year. The event was attended by the faculty and staff members of the Department of Chemistry, the delegates and their respective coaches, and students from the Master of Chemistry program.

Region VI and NIR Philippine National Chemistry Olympiad Winners: from left to right (Regine Bastareche (2nd place), Pefer John



Participants to the Chemistry Olympiad

Flores (3rd place) and Joan Catolico (1st place) for Region VI and Kathryn Marie Sigaya (3rd place), Meschael John Calinao (1st place)

and Dionick San Agustin (2nd place) for NIR. **(Enrique N. Legaspi III & Dr. Danilo O. Ortillo, Dept. of Chemistry)**

UPV Community Day focuses on health and fitness

LEARNING, moving, eating – it was a tripartite event for the UP Visayas Community Day held on February 24, 2017, in line with the celebration of “70 years of UP Presence in Iloilo.”

UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa started the program by welcoming the audience gathered at the UPV Miagao covered court including Miagao Mayor Macario Napulan.

A lecture on health and fitness, especially intended for UPV’s office workers who are trapped in a sedentary lifestyle, started the three-part activity. Miagao LGU office workers who were also invited to the event likewise benefited from the talk.

“Having a healthy lifestyle starts from the womb to the tomb,” says featured speaker Mr. John Richard Lapascua, Senior Health Program Officer at the Department of Health Region VI. His lecture is entitled, “The Challenges of an 8 to 5 Office Worker: Beating the Sedentary Lifestyle.”

Armed with national and regional data that particularly focused on Western Visayas, Lapascua gave a comprehensive overview of the need to be physically active along with eating healthy.*

Part 2 of the Community Day was aptly followed by an hour-long dance-a-thon. Led by a pair of dance instructors, the audience moved and swayed to the basic steps of cha-cha, samba, swing, and boogie. The laughter on the dance floor was an indication that the participants had fun rediscovering their flair for ballroom dancing.

Part 3 was a well-earned boodle lunch. The crowd partook of the food



UPV learns new things on health and fitness.

organized by the Committee for the UPV Community Day.

Prof. Marie Frances Nievaes, Chair of the UPV Community Day, thanked the members of her committee for their support and cooperation. She likewise thanked the generous donations of her colleagues at the Division of Biological Sciences, namely, former Vice-Chancellor for Administration, Prof. Nestor Yunque (now UP Vice-President for Administration) who donated a lechon, and retired professors Ebonia Seraspe and Jane Geduspan and former Faculty Regent Philip Padilla who gave cash donations. Also acknowledged were UPV alumnus Dr. Ray Alindong who also donated a lechon, Mrs. Erlinda Naret, the Suguidanon Group, UPV Employees Cooperative and Gyzer for their water, coffee, and bread donations. **(Lyncen M. Fernandez)**

UPV-CFOS, ASU-CFMS conduct forum on CRM initiatives in Batan Bay

THE College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), U.P. Visayas, through the College Public Service Program Office and the College of Fisheries and Marine Sciences of Aklan State University (ASU), conducted a forum on “Revisiting CRM Initiatives in Batan Bay” on February 16, 2017 at the ASU New Washington campus, Aklan Province.

Local government officials and fisherfolks of the province of Aklan and the municipalities of Altavas, Batan, New Washington, research development and extension personnel of ASU and LGUs of Balete, Aklan comprised the participants of the forum. Representatives from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) were also present during the event.

The forum was conducted to review and verify coastal resource management (CRM) initiatives implemented in Batan Bay; to determine strategies and approaches employed in promoting CRM among Batan Bay stakeholders; to describe the responses of stakeholders to CRM initiatives in Batan Bay; and to identify issues that arose in the implementation of CRM initiatives in Batan Bay.

Dr. Anna Mae C. Relingo, Vice President for Administration of Aklan State University, gave the Welcome Message on behalf Dr. Danilo E. Abayon, ASU President. Hon. Emmanuel Soviet Russia de la Cruz, Sanggunian Panlalawigan Member, read the message



LGU officials and fisherfolks revisit CRM initiatives

in behalf of Governor Florencio T. Miraflores of Aklan. They both expressed appreciation for the conduct of such an activity, which, according to them, can help the LGUs of Aklan in the CRM activities in Batan Bay.

Prof. Liberty N. Espectato, faculty member of the Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies, CFOS, presented the rationale and objectives of the forum. Dr. Liah C. Catedrilla, faculty member of the Institute of Aquaculture, CFOS and Faculty-in-Charge for Extension of CFOS, gave an overview of the CRM projects/ programs implemented in Batan Bay from 1980s. Some of these initiatives include the Food System Development Project (FSDP) of UPV and McGill University of Canada (August 1988 – June 1994) with funding from Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA); a study

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UPVTC psych students bag awards in PAPJA 2017 confab

THE UPVTC Psych Circle delegates emerged victorious in the 30th Annual Psychological Association of the Philippines Junior Affiliates (PAPJA) Convention held on 20 January 2017 at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City and on 21 January 2017 in various schools in Manila.

The UPVTC delegates won First Place in the Outstanding Community Extension Project competition for their entry entitled “Implementation of the Katatagan Resilience Program among Tacloban Youth Scholars Affected by Super Typhoon Yolanda.” This was a project of the Applied Psychology class of Prof. Querima Deborah Jopson in partnership with

the Save the Children - Eastern Leyte Program Office. Justine Ynnes Oballo and Rosemarie Sarte presented a summary of the project to the audience and received the plaque on behalf of the organization. The UP Visayas Miagao delegates landed in Third Place while St. Paul University Quezon City won Second.

The UPVTC team also grabbed the third spot in the Inter-School Psychology Quiz Competition (ISPQC) after a series of grueling tie-breaker questions with Angeles University Foundation and Far Eastern University. A total of 58 schools from all over the

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INVESTOCKS 2.0: ‘Building Wealth through a Healthy Financial Living’



Endaya discusses Stock Market 101

AS part of the week-long celebration of the 70th Anniversary of the UP Presence in Iloilo, the University of the Philippines Visayas Capital Market Investors Guild (UPV CMIG) conducted its second installment of Investocks with the theme: “Building Wealth Through a Healthy Financial Living” on Thursday, February 23, 2017 at the UPV Auditorium, UPV Iloilo City campus.

Mr. Jonathan Bryan Endaya and Ms. Sarah Padilla of the Philippine Stock Exchange were the speakers during the event. They discussed about the topics on Stock Market 101 and Exchange Traded Funds, respectively, which are meant to

introduce the basics on investments and how students could benefit from the stock market.

Almost 600 attendees were present during the event which included students from the University of the Philippines Visayas, University of Iloilo, and West Visayas State University, among other stock market enthusiasts.

UPV CMIG as an organization aims to inspire students and professionals alike to achieve a healthy financial living as early as they can. UPV CMIG also hoped to conduct more talks in the future from a variety of inspirational speakers in the country. **(Joseph Joshua Te)**

CAS Day highlights community engagements



CAS features its various community involvements

THE theme of the week-long celebration of the “70 years of UP Presence in Iloilo” is “Enhancing Service Learning through Community Partnership.”

With this in mind, the College of Arts

and Sciences Day on February 22, 2017 marked the occasion by highlighting the College’s community engagements. Likewise, a wide array of activities reflecting the diversity of its degree programs and the achievements of its

constituency were also presented.

Prof. Jorge Ebay, who was recently awarded the UP “Gawad Pangulo 2016 Award for Excellence in Public Service” for the (Bangon) Gigantes Project: Rehabilitation for Island Sustainability and Empowerment (Project RISE), was the featured speaker during the CAS Opening Program. As a Community Development major, he said he was able to apply the values and principles of community development.

He talked on how UPV was able to help in putting back the lives of the people in the in four geographically isolated and disadvantaged barangays of the Municipality of Carles that were also struck by Super Typhoon Yolanda. These are Asluman, Gabi, Granada, and Lantangan - in the Gigantes Group of Islands. Project RISE collaborated with community-based groups and schools in implementing coordinated

rehabilitation programs to put their lives back together and enhance local capacities for disaster preparedness, prevention, and mitigation.

The day-long event also featured an exhibit that highlighted, among others, CAS’community engagements, student and public service exhibits of CAS units, a job fair coupled by a talk on BPO companies, students’ forum, CAS UP Scientist’s forum, parallel lectures on public service, and an Open House that offered a free-for-all food.

In Iloilo City, the UP High School in Iloilo which is under the Division of Professional Education of CAS, conducted a Research Forum, a fair, an organization exhibit, and an art exhibit.

CAS Dean Resurreccion Sadaba, along with Associate Dean Prof. Ma. Severa Fe Katalbas and the Division Chairs, led the college’s festivities. **(Lyncen M. Fernandez)**

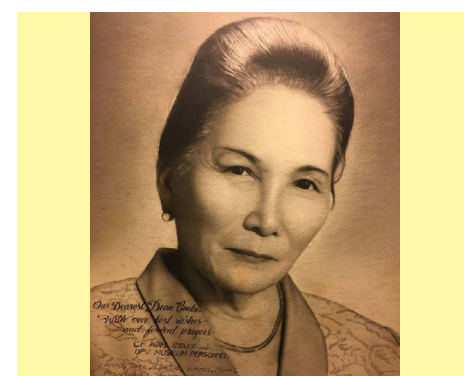
Prof. Prudencia V. Conlu, 86

“If you would not be forgotten as soon as you are dead, either write something worth reading or do something worth writing.” — Benjamin Franklin

Prof. Prudencia V. Conlu was one of the pioneering faculty members and the first woman Dean of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), the Flagship College of the University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV) since 1992 until her retirement in May 1995.

She was instrumental in the establishment of the UPV Museum of Natural Sciences at the UPV Miagao campus in 1989. The museum housed a collection of various Philippine flora and fauna particularly the collection of fishes and aquatic invertebrates for classroom instruction.

An ichthyologist, Conlu was a recipient of numerous awards and citations from UPV and various organizations in the country for her outstanding contributions in fisheries development and fisheries education in the Philippines including the “Likas Yaman Award” given by the Ministry of Natural Resources for her book, “Guide to Philippine Flora and Fauna.” She also received the Pride of Heritage Award as Outstanding Educator of the International Press Research Development Progress and the first Trident



Conlu

Award as the Most Outstanding CF Faculty by the UP Fisheries Guild.

Prof. Conlu was a member of professional and scientific organizations like the Philippine Association of University Women (UP Chapter), Phi Sigma Biological Honor Society Alpha Chi Chapter, Systematic Biologist of the Philippines, the New York Academy of Science, the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologist, and European Ichthyological Union, among others.

Moreover, Conlu was one of the pillars

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CM Play Festival 2017 focuses on mental health

THE CM Play Festival, on its 13th year, epitomizes the roles of “Iskolars ng Bayan” in the community. This was held on February 23 with the theme “The Stigma of Mental Health” at the UPV Auditorium as part of 70th Anniversary of the UP Presence in Iloilo. Organized by the CM Student Council, this year’s CM Play Festival was officially part of the 3rd Iloilo Theater Festival spearheaded by the University of San Agustin Little Theater.

This theatrical presentation needed the cooperation of the majority of the

students of UPV College of Management. Included in the play festival were minor events such as the playbill and trailer competition, batch shirt design, and band performances. The major events included the scriptwriting competition and the play performances by the four batches of CM. Writing, directing, and acting workshops were also held for the participants in preparation for the play festival. The judges for the play performances were Mr. Eric Divinagracia, head of the Iloilo Theater Festival, Prof. Alfredo Diaz, Mr. Joseph Albalá, Mr. GC Castro, and Mr. Gabriel Felix Umadhay.

The event also captured some nuances of the UP culture and ideals. This also offered the audience insights and understanding about the interconnectedness of individuals with mental health issues in their community. This project of the UPV College of Management Student Council will also be for the benefit of its chosen beneficiary, the Pototan Mental Health Unit and its patients. Prior to the event, the Student Council Officers held a Mental Health Talk to educate the scriptwriters and the people involved in the production process. The officers also conducted a visit to the beneficiary in Pototan with the guidance of Dr. Ali Robles and Dr. Donald Tugbang where the student officers were oriented on the current situation of the institution. The students will have another visit this March for a one-day immersion and gift-giving. **(Menelee Dane Sevilla, CM)**

Business Leaders’ Summit: Surfing through the Waves

THE Second Business Leaders’ Summit (BLS2017) was held on 21- 22 February 2017 at the UPV Auditorium and Graduate and Continuing Education Building (GCEB), University of the Philippines Visayas, General Luna Street, Iloilo City. The regional event was organized by the College of Management Student Council (CMSC), Junior Executive Society (JES), Let’s Do It! Philippines Youth Iloilo Chapter, and the Philippine Junior Jaycees, Inc. - UPV Chapter (UPV-JJC) with the Business Case Analysis Competition as its main event and a series of talks as its minor event.

With the theme: “Surfing through the Waves”, BLS2.0 was 2-day activity that provided a venue for the enhancement of the current knowledge of students regarding the set-up of the competitive and real world. The talks highlighted the importance of the Ocean Strategies, with one speaker per strategy. One of the speakers was Ms. Debbie Damasco-Namalata, an alumna of the University, who is currently the General Sales Manager of San Miguel Brewery. The Keynote Speaker was Ms. Charmaine Bautista-Pamintuan, the Chief Marketing Officer of the Philippine Daily Inquirer. Other speakers included Ms. Yen Gonzales de Felipe and Ms. Kristine Buenavista. The summit was open to all college students who are at least on their 2nd year level and taking up any business-related courses. Winners of the Business Case Analysis Competition received a



Participants of the Business Leaders Summit

Plaque and Cash reward.

The institutions that participated in the summit are the University of the Philippines Visayas, Interface Computer College, West Visayas State University, and John B. Lacson Maritime Foundation University Molo. An estimated 160 students participated in the talks, and six (6) teams composed of four (4) members proceeded to the Case Analysis Competition. The champion of the Case Analysis Competition was Team Riptide of the College of Management composed of the following members: Steffano Gringo, Kaila Satilla, Lenard Alco ran, and Christel Guzman.

According to Edward Marlou Estolas, the Chairperson of the Business Leaders’ Summit, “Events such as these are our stepping stones to the real world that lies ahead, and the turnout of more than 100 participants is a clear manifestation that there is a thirst for more knowledge regarding the competitive industry that we will be entering once we graduate.”

UPV’s Yunque.....

(Jalaur River Basin Component): A project on capacity building for 21 municipalities comprising the river basin of Jalaur directed towards resiliency in relation to Climate-induced disasters. Project ReBUILD was funded by the Government of New Zealand and was managed by

the United National Development Program and the Philippine Climate Change Commission. Yunque was also declared by former President Pascual as his “man on the ground” in rebuilding UPV Tacloban when Typhoon Yolanda hit the Visayas regions in 2013.

He is married to Lorena T. Yunque, a former TESDA Regional Director,

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with whom he has two daughters - Dianne Aster and Vanessa Aura.

The Vice President for Administration is directly responsible for administrative operations specifically in the areas of human resources, finance, and procurement of the University of the Philippines System. **(Anna Razel Ramirez)**

UPVTC psych.....

Philippines joined this year’s ISPQC, with the University of the Philippines Clark Pampanga as Champion and Bulacan State University in Second Place. UPVTC contestants Mar Augustine Chloey Lee, Victor Macasil Jr., and Janara Trixia Perez were trained by Psych Circle adviser Prof. Pierce Docena.

On the second day of the Convention,

the delegates were given the chance to attend a workshop of their choice, which was simultaneously conducted in De La Salle University Manila, Mapua Institute of Technology, and Colegio de San Juan de Letran.

The PAPJA Convention is an annual gathering of psychology students in the Philippines which serves as an important venue for the sharing of

recent developments in the field of psychology as a science, exposure to the practice of psychology through workshops, exchange of ideas, and fellowship. This year’s Convention with around 8,000 delegates from all over the country centered on the importance of mental health in Philippine society. **(Prof. Pierce S. Docena, UPVTC)**

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FR Arinto lectures at TLRC's Forum

FACULTY Regent Patricia B. Arinto gave a lecture on January 30 to February 1, 2017 at Teaching and Learning Resource Center (TLRC), UP Visayas, Miagao, Iloilo. She was the invited Resource Person for the Forum and Workshop on Interdisciplinary Module Writing and Development of Teaching Modules.

During the workshop, the teacher-participants shared some of their strategies and concerns regarding the use of interdisciplinary approach inside the classroom. The workshop focused on the development of self-access resource-based learning modules as a supplementary material in class.

Prof. Marilou Ang-Lopez from the School of Technology (SOTECH) and Prof. Gerald Quinitio from the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) shared that they



FR Arinto (6th from left, 1st row) speaks on interdisciplinary module writing and development.

had been using interdisciplinary teaching strategies in their Food Technology and Fisheries classes.

According to the Division of Social Sciences faculty members Mr. Ruchie Mark Pototanon of Miagao campus and Prof.

Dakila Kim Yee of Tacloban College, the workshop introduced new teaching strategies and approaches.

Prof. Anna Liza Barcelona from the Division of Professional Education remarked that making these self-access materials are advantageous to teachers because they can supplement and help students cope with their lessons.

"It is practically a pedagogical tool and maybe, collectively, this is a learning delivery tool to enable the university to be more inclusive in its approach in making sure that quality pedagogy is available for everyone," said Prof. Donne Jone Sodusta, faculty members of the University.

Dr. Aurora Fe Bautista, a retired faculty member of the Division of Professional Education and a guest participant during the workshop, remarked that her insight from the activity was that interdisciplinary attitude is a perspective that you have to overcome and acquire to make life easier.

Dr. Arinto added a reflection about what makes an effective teacher. "They are the teachers who can, for example, come up with the correct analogy that somehow makes you understand... that comes from curiosity about things, having a broad interest in various fields. Certainly that's one of the things our students want from us. To see us as a model of that," she added.

The said forum and workshop are the first two of the three phases of the TLRC Module Development Program which is funded by the Academic Program Improvement (API).

Forty-three (43) faculty members from various divisions, departments, and colleges of UP Visayas participated in the activity.

"With the enthusiasm and the energy that you have showed in the last three days, I really feel so secure that this will be a very successful program not only of the TLRC but of the University," said TLRC Director Dr. Zoilo S. Andrada, Jr. in his closing remarks during the workshop. (Trexie Jane A. Perez, TLRC)

UP honors original UP Sablay weavers

THEY were ordinary folks eking out a living through their weaving skills using the traditional looms. They were the original weavers of the UP Sablay, the University's official academic attire.

When the University of the Philippines decided to depart from the western-oriented toga worn by its graduates during graduation rites in the early 90s, it created a Sablay Committee to come up with an academic apparel that would reflect, among others, UP's sense of nationalism.

From the design generated by the Sablay Committee, the weavers of Arevalo and Oton, Iloilo, submitted their own woven sample. This prompted a visit from Dr. Virginia Monje, one of the members of the Committee, to check the quality of their work and if the weavers can generate the expected numbers of Sablay needed by UP for its graduates nationwide.

The rest, as they say, was history.

First introduced in 1990 and officially adopted in 2000, the UP Sablay, is now

UP High School Students wins Gold in WVRAA



(L-R) Layson & Parangan together with their coach Prof. Catequista

HEATHER Angelique Parangan and Marc Leo Layson, Grade-10 students of University of the Philippines High School in Iloilo grabbed the championship trophy during Western Visayas Regional Athletic Association (WVRAA) Meet. The competition was held on February 06, 2017, at Buenavista, San Jose, Antique.

They competed against six other pairs in the Junior Category of the Latin American Dance Sport Competition. Under the guidance of Prof. Imelda Catequista as their coach, Parangan and Layson wowed the crowd and did a great performance at the dance floor that made them brought home gold medals.

Parangan and Layson will represent the Region VI in the 2017 in Palarong Pambansa this coming 23rd of April with the venue yet to be announced. Aside from being superb dance performers, they also managed to excel in their studies and in extra-curricular activities. Layson is governor of the Goldies, while Parangan is the president of the Science Club. They serve as an inspiration to many young aspiring dancers and their fellow students at the UPHSI. (Kyla Agnes Ramirez, UPHSI)

Faculty Regent consults with UPV constituents

"THE faculty members are the most important resource of UP and they are expected to excel."

So said newly elected UP Faculty Regent Dr. Patricia Arinto who was in UP Visayas Miagao campus in the morning of February 2, 2017 at the UPV Iloilo City campus in the afternoon to meet and consult with the faculty members.

Arinto set the tone by saying that the gathering is really just a "getting-to-know-you" meeting. Nevertheless, the faculty members present were able to raise some issues and concerns. In a nutshell, these were as follows: if UP is really bound to follow CHED Memorandum Order 23, Series 2009 requiring students to undergo On-the-Job Training (OJT); safety implications for students undergoing OJT; difficulties for students in securing a permit to do their practicum in other UP units and government agencies; difficulty in attracting highly qualified faculty members to teach on the Miagao campus; explore the possibility of sharing faculty members among UP units offering the same or similar academic

programs as an inter-CU collaboration, faculty members to observe a Code of Ethics; the need to orient new faculty administrators on administrative and governance matters; the need to mentor young faculty members; the need for peer evaluation among faculty members; and observance of collegiality among the faculty members.

Arinto was a former director of the UP System Information Office (1997-1999). She started her career in UP at the Department of English and Comparative Literature, College of Arts and Letters, UP Diliman in 1989. In 1999, she moved to the UP Open University.

The current FR is no stranger to UPV, being a graduate of the UP Visayas Tacloban College with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts degree, magna cum laude. She earned her Master of Arts in Comparative Literature degree from UP Diliman and her Doctor in Education degree from the Institute of Education, University of London.

Her term as Faculty Regent started on January 1, 2017 and will be for two years. (Issanne S. Villaruel)

Pag-ambit x Bahandi celebrates regional cultures and traditions



Cultural performances from indigenous groups and local bands

PAG-AMBIT x Bahandi, an event celebrating the diversity of regional cultures and literary-musical traditions was held last October 25 at the UPV Covered court. The event was spearheaded by the UP Hamili Brotherhood-UP Hamilia Sisterhood, in partnership with Kamaragtas, a college-based organization for History students and enthusiasts and in cooperation with the UPV Chancellor's Committee on Culture and the Arts, University Student Council (USC) and the College of Arts and Sciences Student Council (CAS-SC).

Pag-ambit, which means "sharing" in Hiligaynon and Karay-a, is an annual food festivity that includes different regional organizations in promoting their own culture through presentation of food, dance, poetry etc.

Bahandi on the other hand is a Cebuano and Waray-waray term for wealth. "In the context of the activity, it refers to our cultural wealth - Komposo, Dayaw, Luwa, Binalaybay, Ambahan are some examples of our Bahandi," said Sashah Dioso, one of the organizers under UP Hamili Brotherhood and UPV Kamaragtas.

The different participating regional/cultural organizations such as UP Akeanon, UP Capizenos, UP Negrense, UP Pandananon, and UP TuBao (TubongMindanao) showcased different kinds of delicacies that were famous in their respective provinces and offered them free

for the guests to taste.

Furthermore, these regional organizations also performed during the event proper, sharing poems, jokes, and songs to the audience in their native languages. Various student organizations such as the UPV Literati, UPV Karatula and UPV Choristers also showcased their talents that night along with the dance group of the College of Fisheries.

Angkan ni Durupan which features Rolina "Durupan" Gibaliga, Bahandi's main performer last year, is a Panay Bukidnon epic-chanter, komposo maker and performer, embroider, and Binanog dancer performed the richness of culture of the Indigenous People of Calinog with her two siblings.

Ugyon Taliambong, a group of individuals coming from various fields of arts promoting local culture and community arts wowed the crowd with their contemporary tribal fusion.

Noel Alamis, a local Kinaray-a artist who is famous for his songs like "Probinsyana Gwapa" and "Diskarte ni Lolo," also performed.

Pag-ambit which was established in 2013 was done in August in time for Buwan ng Wika and Bahandi which started last year was executed in October in time for Indigenous People's (IP's) month. This was the first time that the two separate events were held together in one night.

the official academic costume of UP. It has created a distinctive mark in our national landscape for being the most unique academic apparel, particularly during Commencement Exercises. The Sablay allows the students and faculty members, cool comfort during the sweltering heat of the summer when the Commencement Ceremonies were still held during this time and likewise in the month of June when the temperature becomes humid.

But more than this, the Sablay is replete with symbolisms. It stands for nationalism, a character that UP is highly noted for and which UP continues to inculcate to its students. The Sablay honors our indigenous culture by using the indigenous alphabet called baybayin or katitikan. The curving design resembles a sprouting plant that signifies life. The geometric designs in zigzag and diamond patterns are designs that are normally found in the garments and other objects of the indigenous people of our

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The Original UP sablay weavers pose for a commemorative photo with (seated, L-R) Mrs. Jiz, Dr. Monje and VCRE Babaran

UP Antiqueños reenergize for 2017

SAN Jose, Antique, Philippines – The UP Visayas Office of Alumni Relations (UOV-OAR) visited the UP Alumni Association Antique Chapter on January 2017 at the New Antique Capitol Building. Part of the visit under the “Kamusta Ka Iskolar ng Bayan” program was to reconnect with the alumni in the provinces, organize or reactivate alumni groups, and work with them in producing events. This with the hope gathering more alumni to promote fellowship among the Isko and Iska in the Visayas, as well as to rekindle the deep rooted spirit of oblation that spells selfless service to the community and giving back to the university.

Antique now boasts of sprouting new commercial establishments in the town proper of San Jose. The popularity of the tourist attractions in the towns outside the capital, the ever-growing number

of cultural events and festivals, and the dynamic promotion of local products all around the province have turned the province of Antique into a bustling community.

A number of UP alumni gathered to meet with UPV OAR to discuss future possibilities on how to contribute in this fast-paced development of the province. A set of officers was elected to handle the preparations for its upcoming events January 20, 2017. Heading this newly-energized UP Alumni Association (UPAA) Antique is its long time President, Mr. Nicolasito S. Calawag, Antique’s Provincial Agriculturist, who was again reelected for another term. Together with him are the other officers and members of the board: Mr. Erwin E. Ilaya as Vice President, Ms. Marilu B. Baculna as Secretary, Dr. Susan F. Atienza as Asst.



Office of Alumni Affairs Director Tanoy (seated, right) and OAR staff with Antiqueño Alumni

Secretary, Ms. Emma O. Feranil as Treasurer, Ms. Susima Q. Nermal as Asst. Treasurer, Ms. Emmerald A. Villavert as Auditor, Mr. Kristoffer Ryan T. Gidaya as Asst. Auditor, Mr. Rey John M. Sandoy as Business Manager, Mr. Francisco P. Fullon, Jr. as Asst. Business Manager, Ms. Saredith Camiña-Sola as PIO, Mr. John Jowil D. Orquia as Asst. PIO, and Ms. Mary Joy Hiñola-Muescan, Mr. Richard C. Garcia, Ms. Lumen Marie Rose C. Quanico, Ms. Arlene A. Villaram, Mr. Joseph C. Negrillo, Ms. Jondale Mae A.

Garcia, Ms. Roma P. Romero, and Mr. Eddie C. Gonzaga as members of the board. They were sworn in by Prof. Amy D. Tanoy, Director of UPV OAR. The new officers will serve for a term of one year.

UPAA Antique Chapter is an independent organization and maintains close coordination with the UPV Office of Alumni Relations for projects, fund drives and other activities involving the university such as the yearly UP Alumni & Faculty Homecoming and other alumni related activities. *(GC Castro, OAR)*

Topor inspires teachers in 1st Lambunao Educ Summit



Dr. Topor poses with Mayor Jason Gonzales

OVER 1,000 teachers and LGU personnel of the Municipality of Lambunao gathered at the Iloilo Convention Center on February 18, 2017 for the Lambunao Education Summit 2017 with the theme: “Teachers for Lambunao: A Partnership for Quality Education.”

The restructuring of the Philippine Education System to K-12 program poses many challenges to the government and the clamor to promote quality education moved different stakeholders in the Municipality of Lambunao to gather in a one-day Summit that inspired and united education stakeholders to find solutions to the challenges that the Philippine Education System is facing.

Spearheaded by Lambunao Mayor, Hon. Jason R. Gonzales, the Summit brought together teachers, LGU representatives (Barangay and Municipal Officials), community members and other stakeholders to discuss ways in troubleshooting the Municipality’s problems, among which, are the low National Achievement Test (NAT) scores and high dropout rates. District Supervisors and School Principals presented not only the accomplishments but also the challenges that their schools are facing.

Former Department of Education Secretary Bro. Armin Luistro, the Keynote Speaker, shared his observation when he was still with DepEd that “the best schools are those who are partnered with involved LGUs, specifically at the Barangay level.” He further underscored that it is possible for the Municipality of Lambunao, which is composed of 73 Barangays with about 80,000 population, to aim for zero dropout and reduction in

percentage of non-readers.

Among the invited speakers was Dr. Vivian Azucena-Topor of the Department of Chemistry, CAS-UPV who inspired the teachers with some guiding principles in becoming an effective educator. She encouraged teachers to 1) own their calling, 2) work hard, 3) make a difference, 4) invest on others (students), and 5) leave a great legacy. Awarded as the Community Biochemist in the “2016 The Many Faces of the Teacher (TMFT)” organized by the Bato Balani Foundation Inc., Dr. Topor also shared her experiences as a TMFT Honoree and told them that her passion in teaching pushed her to come up with innovative ideas to make her chemistry classes fun and exciting for her students. She created games such as ChemTrump, ChemSquabble, ChemFactory, ChemSearch and ChemPuzzle. Dr. Topor also shared how she partnered with the Department of Agriculture (DA) and LGUs in Region VI to train technicians on how to use the Cassava Cyanide Color Wheel Test Kit which she developed in 2016.

The afternoon session of the Summit focused on a Workshop in identifying problems, gaps, and possible solutions to the identified problems and ended with commitment setting and launching of the “Teachers for Lambunao”.

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country from Batanes to Tawi-tawi. Because the patterns are designed in such a way that they flow continuously and rhythmically, they speak for and represent the diverse cultural communities in the Philippines. The same patterns also stand for UP’s continuous pursuit of knowledge, cultural enrichment, and scientific advancement.

On January 26, 2017, UP honored the 10 original weavers of the UP Sablay during a simple Recognition and Awarding Ceremony held at the lobby of the Library inside the Main Building of the UP Visayas Iloilo City campus.

Those honored were: Lourdes Balajediong, Myla Ballesteros, Roberto Ballesteros, Evelina Gonzaga, Merlinda Gonzaga, Nimfa Larida, Avelina Masculino, Hortensia Napawit, Beatriz Pulmo, and Lory Tomulto.

Workshop for the creation of MS Chemistry Program held

THE CAS-Department of Chemistry conducted a workshop entitled “Planning for the Creation of the MS Chemistry Program” at the Teaching and Learning Resource Center, UPV Miagao Campus, on 25 – 27 January 2017. The activity is part of the Academic Program Improvement (API) of the Department.

Attended by the faculty and staff of the Department, the three-day workshop reviewed the capability of the Department of Chemistry to develop and offer a graduate program course on the Master of Science in Chemistry. It also evaluated the Department’s available resources which included, but are not limited to its, faculty profile, library resources, stock room facility, laboratory standards, and instrumentation capacity.

Dr. Vivian A. Topor, Chair of the Curriculum of the Department, presented the results of a survey which she conducted in 2013 which assessed the need for an MS Chemistry program in the Region. She also shared the preliminary evaluation of the Department’s faculty resource that would meet the requirements in creating the new program according to

the policies and standards as stipulated in the CHED Memorandum Order No. 08 series of 2011.

Prof. Steve P. Janagap, Chairperson of the Department of Chemistry, conducted an assessment of the capability of the Department to offer the MS Chemistry Program. Mr. Leandro G. Gamarcha and Ms. Scarlet F. Dumalay, on the other hand, discussed the role of the Analytical Service Laboratory as a support unit. They likewise presented the inventory of available laboratory equipment and facilities.

On the second day of the workshop, Prof. Jay O. Martizano discussed the competency standards and curriculum requirements of the MS Chemistry program according to the CHED guidelines. This was followed by the identification of core and elective courses, as well as possible research thrusts.

The 3rd and final day of the workshop was devoted to the setting of the guidelines for thesis writing and a graduate seminar. A presentation of the proposed MS Chemistry program capped the three-day activity.

Prof. Prudencia.....from page 4

of the Philippine Fish Systematics and Taxonomy, founding member of the Asian Fisheries Society, and founding adviser of the UP Ichthyophilic Society, a College-based organization of CFOS.

Prof. Conlu was born on April 27, 1930 in Ibajay, Aklan. She finished her Bachelor of Science in Education, major in Biology, from the University of Sto. Tomas in 1952. She also earned her Master of Science in Zoology from the same University in 1960. She took up a special training course in Marine Taxonomy (Fishes) and Planktology as a UNESCO fellow at the Oceanographic Institute in Nhatrang, Vietnam in 1957. She was a Colombo Plan Fellow at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia for her Diploma in Marine

Biology in 1961. She became a UNESCO fellow again in Advanced Courses in Marine Biology: Marine Vertebrates and Fisheries at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark in 1964.

She represented the country in the international European Ichthyological Congress in Warsaw, Poland and Budapest, Hungary in 1979 and 1988, respectively.

Prof. Conlu joined our Creator on February 26, 2017. She may have passed away, but her legacies remain. She will always be remembered by her colleagues, students, peers and family. *(Lenilyn B. Gallos with sources from Soledad Garibay, UPV-MNS and Melchor F. Cichon. Prof. Prudencia V. Conlu: Ichthyologist Par Excellence. Otolith. 1995)*

Also feted was Ms. Evelyn Jiz who was responsible of putting together this group of Sablay weavers to work on and produce the UP Sablay.

The honorees were each given a Certificate of Appreciation signed by UP President Alfredo Pascual and a blown-up picture of each of them weaving with their looms. Taken by Lyncen Fernandez in 2008 as a documentation effort of the UP Sablay Committee, the photographs were blown up

and mounted on a canvass.

Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension, Dr. Ricardo Babaran, gave the Welcome Remarks on behalf of Chancellor Espinosa. He said that the Ceremony was “indeed rightfully conducted to honor the original weavers of the UP Sablay” and that UP Visayas was privileged to host this event in their honor. *(Lyncen Fernandez with sources from <http://www.ovcrd.upd.edu.ph/blog/2010/03/09/up-sablay/>)*

Pascual turns over.....from page 1

laude, from the College of Law in 1983 and his LL.M., from the University of London in 1986 as a Chevening Scholar, where he specialized in commercial arbitration, securities law, international finance, and international economics and trade law.

He was elected member of the Batasang Pambansa in 1978 and served until 1986 as a representative of the youth sector. He was appointed Associate Commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission in 1996 and served until 2000.

President Concepcion served as President of the De la Salle University from 2000 to 2002 on secondment from UP. He returned to UP in 2002 and served in various capacities as Associate Dean of the UP College of Law, Head of the UP Law Center, and Director of the Institute of Judicial Administration until May 2006. He was appointed Vice President for Legal

Affairs of the UP System in February 2011 and was elected as the 14th Dean of the College of Law in June 2011. In 2015, he was appointed Executive Director of the Bonifacio Global City.

Currently, he sits at the Board of Governors of the Philippine Red Cross. He also teaches at the Philippine Judicial Academy and is a member of its Civil Code Committee. President Concepcion is a member of the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Governing Board as well as the Supreme Court of the Philippines’ Committee on Legal Education and Bar Matters.

Aside from being an academic and an administrator, President Concepcion has rendered a distinct public service by giving free legal advice over radio and television for the past 15 years, most notably in DZMM Teleradyo’s Usapang de Campanilla. *(AR Ramirez with sources from the UPSIO)*

UPVTC BS Accountancy student joins JENESYS exchange program



Voloso

JEFFREY C. Voloso, a fifth year BS Accountancy student from the Division of Management, UP Visayas Tacloban College, was among the 12 college students and 10 young professionals from the Philippines who took part in the recently concluded Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) program. The program, with the theme “Economics – Small and Medium Enterprises,” was held on January 29 to February 7, 2017 at various locations in Japan, including Tokyo and Osaka.

The delegates from the Philippines, along with the other delegates from the

ASEAN region, were welcomed by the Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Tokyo upon their arrival. They were then divided into sub-groups, with Voloso joining the group that took part in the activities in Osaka.

His group learned about regional industries and future developments on economic cooperation between Japan and the ASEAN region at the Entrepreneurial Museum of Challenge and Innovation (EMCI) and the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI).

The group also visited the Monodzukuri (Manufacturing) Business Information-center Osaka (MOBIO), a government-supported facility which exhibits innovative manufacturing products and technology developed by local inventors.

Afterward, the participants visited the Higashiomu Municipal Government, a model project for the revitalization of the local economy through partnerships between the local government, non-profit organizations, and local industries and communities, where they participated in a lecture on the Symbiosis-Oriented Development of Higashiomu City Project, the Nanohana Eco Project, and the Aito Marguerite Station, all of which are local

initiatives with the vision of making a self-sustaining, people-oriented, and empowered local community.

The participants were also immersed in Japanese culture through various activities. They took part in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony and visited historical and cultural landmarks such as the Osaka Castle and the Kiyomizu-dera Temple.

At the end of the program, the delegates presented a synthesis of their experiences and their respective actions plans on how to promote and enhance cooperation between

Japan and their respective home countries.

The JENESYS program is implemented by the Japanese Government through the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) and the Japan Information and Cultural Center (JICC), in partnership with the National Youth Commission (NYC). It aims to promote a global understanding of Japan and the participating countries in building a basis for future friendship and cooperation. *(Carlo Angelo T. Negado, with sources from Jeffrey C. Voloso, UPVTC)*

Ramirez is New IPO Director

ANNA Razel Limoso- Ramirez was appointed Director of the UPV Information and Publications Office (IPO) effective January 1, 2017 until October 31, 2017.

Limoso - Ramirez is a graduate of Bachelor of Arts in Broadcast Communications and Community Development and Master of Management in Rural Development Management from U.P. Visayas.

She is currently Publications Circulation Officer II of the IPO. She has been Member of the UP Board of Regents from 2013-2015 as Staff Regent. She is Associate Researcher of the 10 Sugidanan (Epics) of Panay with 13 volumes for which she is also Project Coordinator for publication at the UP Press.

Limoso-Ramirez is currently Project Coordinator for the creation of the UPV- DENR book on “Panay Guimaras Traditional Knowledge Systems for Cultural Resiliency and Sustainable



Ramirez

Development” in collaboration with West Visayas State University, University of Antique, Aklan State University, Capiz State University and Guimaras State College.

Rara, as she is fondly called by her colleagues in UP Visayas is married to Ramon Ramirez, with whom he has three children: Ethan, Kyla Agnes and Caiden.

UPV Employees Cooperative conducts 23rd general assembly



Atty. Cangrejo receives Certificate of Appreciation as a speaker

THE UP Visayas community gathered at the UPV Auditorium of the City campus on February 11, 2017 for the 23rd UPV Employees Cooperative Annual General Assembly (GA).

The two-part GA started with the talk of Atty. Arturo Cangrejo, Chief Cooperative Development Specialist, Provincial Cooperative Development Office, Province of Iloilo. Cangrejo emphasized that it is more profitable to invest in cooperatives than to keep money in the bank for the following reasons: members get more patronage refund and dividends from Cooperatives than in a bank and even from GSIS,

the coop can be the member’s savings and retirement program plan, and the member’s money in the Cooperative is invested in a profitable business and, for which he/she, as Coop a member, has a say on how the business should be run.

With a noted plateauing in the income of UPVEC, Atty. Cangrejo also encouraged it to expand its business and diversify into safe investments such as real estate and franchises.

“We need to continue promoting the culture of saving and investment through cooperatives and secure the future of members by investing their money well,” he pointed out.

The new Platinum Members (those whose investment has reached P 100,000.00) and the Continuing Platinum Members were recognized.

Part Two of the GA proceeded with, among others, the Approval of the Minutes of the 22nd General Assembly, the Chairperson’s Financial Report, Confirmation of Resolutions/Issuances/ Policies, and the Approval of the Amendments and By-Laws.

In addition, the proposed budget for 2017 was also presented and approved as well as the appointment of Ma. Eliza Yap-Isagan as External Auditor for 2017.

The GA concluded with the presentation of newly elected UPVEC officers and the raffle of major prizes. *(Lyncen Fernandez)*

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efforts for rehabilitation through resource sharing and other relevant collaborative undertakings. It aims to be at the forefront of efforts in promoting the people’s interest, highlighting local realities and contexts and linking them with broader development issues and agendas.

The projects capitalize on robust partnerships for disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. It utilizes these as platforms for pursuing small island

resilience that is grounded on the principles of participation, inclusivity, empowerment, and sustainable development.

The RISE-Gigantes Project is implemented by UP Visayas through the UPV Foundation Incorporated and is largely supported by Christian Aid, UNICEF, Foundation for the Philippine Environment, the SURGE Project, Philippine Life Saving, and ICODE. *(Anna Razel Ramirez with Sources from Rise Gigantes Webpage)*

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conducted by Jose A. Ingles, et.al of the College of Fisheries, UP Visayas in 1992 entitled “Studies on the Fishery of Batan Bay, Banga Bay and Vicinities;” the Local Government Cooperation for Coastal Resource Management (LGC-CRM) Project (March 1993-April 1995); a Seminar-Workshop on Batan Bay Resource Management held on December 11, 1997; and the Sagibin sa Dagat Para sa Kabuhayan/Batan Bay CRM Phase 2 Project funded by LGSP-CIDA (February – October 1998).

The participants were divided into five groups during the workshop. The groups from Altavas, Batan, New Washington, Province, and DENR were tasked to list down the different CRM initiatives in Batan Bay and tributaries which their respective LGUs, institution, or agency have implemented. They were also asked to include the strategies and approaches

employed in the process including the responses of the stakeholders towards these initiatives as well as the issues they have observed n in the implementation of these CRM initiatives. Representatives from each group presented their output.

Ms. Genna D. Serofia, University Extension Specialist of IFPDS-CFOS, gave the synthesis of the group outputs before the Certificates of Participation were distributed. Dr. Catedrilla thanked the participants for their inputs and told them that her team will study the results and come back to present the report and some recommendations. Dr. Yasmin P. Tirol, ASU faculty member and Campus Director of ASU New Washington, gave the Closing Remarks

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Management category, the speakers were Prof. Jonny B. Pernel who focused on the topic, “Student’s Perceptions of Mathematical Research Class.” Dr. Ma. Evelyn S. Or tigas discussed on the “Correlates of Teachers’ Oppressive Practices in Classroom Management,” and Prof. Giabelle A. Saldaña lectured on “Mentoring the Mentor: Exploring the Knowledge, Experience, Confidence of the Teachers in the Face of Bullying in the Elementary and High Schools of Iloilo City.”



For Communication Arts and Sining ng Komunikasyon, Prof. Ma. Joji B. Tan talked about, “Learning Strategies of ESL Learners”. Ms. Michelle M. Celeste discussed “Ang Manunudlo Bilang Dokyumentarista: Isang Karanasan sa Paglikha ng Kagamitang Pampagtuturo while Ms. Pamela S. Caday focused on the topic “ Paglinang ng mga Culture-based na Aralin bilang Suplemental na Kagamitang Pampagtuturo sa K-12 na Kurikulum.”

For the Learning Experiences and Traditions category, on the other hand, the following were the discussants: Prof. Leopoldo G. Ayukil on “Mythical

Creatures Believed by High School Students: A Challenge in Teaching Science to the K-12 Learners;” Ms. Mialo C. Lacaden-Bautista on “College Students’ Motivations, Ability, Beliefs, Values and Goals for Their Choice of STEM Course, Persistence in, and Aspiration for STEM Careers;” and Ms. Eunice Marie A. Serilo on “Ang Pagdihon sa Balay Turun-an: An Initial Exploration of the Pedagogy of Panay Bukidnon School for Living Traditions in Central Panay Island, Philippines”.

For the Social Science & Literature Category, the speakers were Dr. John E. Barrios who talked about “Panitikang Rehiyonal at ang Pagsasalang Pampanitikan sa Filipino sa Kanlurang Bisayas;” Prof. Jonevee B. Amparo on “Ebalwasyon sa Paghahanda at Pagpapatupa ng Mother Tongue Based— Multilingual Education (MTB-MLE) sa Iloilo City;” and Mr. Rene C. Trance on “A View from the Past: Maps on Iloilo in the 19th Century.”

The Grade 9 Research I students of the UPHSI, together with their instructor, Prof. Early Sol Gadong, facilitated the event. *(Fennie Mae Tanangonan, UPHSI)*



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Pres. Pascual feted by UP Visayas

“PAGPASIDUNGOG, Pagdayaw, Pagpasalamat - to honor, to praise, to thank...these are the thoughts and emotions echoed by UP Visayas as it gathered its faculty, REPS, staff and students for a tribute to UP President Alfredo E. Pascual on February 15, 2017 at the Grand Xing Imperial Hotel, Iloilo City.

A 5-minute video produced by the Information and Publications Office opened the tribute that highlighted the achievements of the Pascual administration.

All sectors of the community – the students, faculty, staff, REPS- expressed their acts of pagpasidungog, pagdayaw, pagpasalamat, through speeches, songs, dances, a violin solo and a skit.

President Pascual, whose moniker

is PAEP in the UP community, also received a two-foot statue of the sea goddess, Luyong Kabig, as a gift in grateful appreciation for his most valuable support to the mandate of UP Visayas in protecting the sea and its marine life. According to the Suguidanon (Epics) of Panay, “Luyong Kabig is a goddess of the undersea world. She is a powerful deity governing all sea creatures including Bagsang, the seven-headed sea snake. She is both wise and strong because she settled a long conflict between two brave people – Labaw Donggon from the terrestrial world and Masangladon from the undersea world.”

Current UPV Tacloban College (UPVTC) Dean, Dr. Virgildo Sabalo, particularly pointed out how the PAEP

administration massively poured in its support to UPVTC in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yolanda wherein it suffered massive damage.

For his part, UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa pointed out that PAEP’s leadership has significantly increased UP’s budget particularly its MOOE to 350% while a 250% increase in the budget of constituent universities was also assured.*

“I thank you for this wonderful and heart-rending tribute, which showcased the immense talents of UP Visayas...your presentations and your many kind words,” said President Pascual in response.

He likewise thanked the organizers who put the program together and Chancellor Espinosa and the UPV executive officials who worked

with his administration in achieving strategic thrusts toward academic and operational excellence. He also made mention of the deans, the heads of various offices and units, and the students for their “commitment to honor excellence,”...which “have served as an inspiration for our administration for the past six years.

Towards the end of his speech, Pascual said that he continues to believe in UP’s worth and its role in the country’s future.

“Even after my service is done, I shall continue to make myself available to the call of my Alma Mater,” he ended. Thereafter, the president was swarmed by those who attended and requested for a photo opportunity with him. (*Lyncen M. Fernandez*)



President Pascual appreciating tribute given b UP Visayas Photo credit: Gian Niño Genoveza

PAEP facilitates upgrade of UPV infrastructures and programs

PRESIDENT Alfredo E. Pascual, the 20th President of the University of the Philippines (U.P.) is a charismatic leader who made a difference. His competent leadership of the national university with over 58,000 students and 12,000 teaching faculty and staff in 17 campus sites across the country made unparalleled contributions in making the national university a relevant vehicle in building the nation.

Guided by his vision, “A great University for the 21st Century that takes the lead in the development of a globally competitive Philippines”, Pres. Pascual implemented reforms, pro-grams, and projects that redefined UP as a research-intensive university with the primordial end of providing excellent public service to the nation. He promoted the internationalization of the university by modernizing the teaching pedagogy and institutionalizing quality assurance in the whole organization. He worked on strengthening the whole UP system with policies that benefit the students, faculty and staff. He provided a supportive environment for academic excellence by working on the financial adequacy which enabled the smooth and efficient operations of the university system to meet the challenges of the ASEAN integration and globalization. His corporate way of maneuvering the resources and assets of the university and strategic linking with the alumni brought an unparalleled generation of funds which fueled his programs for all - stu-dents, faculty and staff alike. His flagship program for an integrated automation of the informa-tion system for the whole university dubbed as eUP was once a lofty dream and now a successful reality. This system-wide integrated information system sharpened the decision making process at different levels of management, sped up the service delivery to various sectors, and strength-ened the internal control in every level.

Support to UP Visayas

President Pascual cascaded his vision to UP Visayas as in all other

constuent universities and implemented support programs seeing to it that the infrastructure needs and facilities in all campuses of UP Visayas are included in the improvements of the whole UP system. As an administra-tor with a heart, his humanitarian spirit was best exemplified in the aftermath of the Typhoon Yolanda when he gave an immediate prioritization focusing on the rehabilitation of the Tacloban campus and the development of the Sta. Elena property. His immediate financial support enlivened the spirit of the students, faculty and staff and gave hope to the victims to move on after the disaster. This is well treasured by all as a resounding positive move of a leader who stood up during crisis and gave hope to those who are in dire need.

The President openly challenged all UP constituents and sectors to own up the liability of serv-ing the country in his reverberating statement of “We must succeed not because we have a reputation to maintain but we have a country to serve”. In this challenging statement he is in effect enjoining each one to have a fair share of contribution to national development. Towards this end he provided each constituent university with all the financial support and resources needed by everyone to step up to this challenge. Focusing on human capital development, he funded the scholarship of ten (10) faculty members from the College of Management taking up a specially offered off campus program of the National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG) to improve on the faculty profile of the college and make it globally competitive. As a coupling support, he approved and funded the rehabilitation of the College of Management building at the Iloilo City campus thereby providing the faculty and students a better teaching and learning environment.

To ensure a total campus development that will support the human capital build up in the university as aligned in his vision, a huge capital outlay of more than 1.5 billion pesos

for the construction of multifarious UPV infrastructures from 2011-2020 was already approved. These include the following: Road Network Leading to the New Academic Core Zone, School of Technology (SOTECH) Building , Regional Research Center - Phase 3, College of Management (CM) Building - Phase 1, Event Center cum Sports Com-plex, 2-Storey Extension of the High School Building (Classrooms and Home Technology Food Laboratory), UP Visayas Tacloban Campus at Sta. Elena – Phase 1 (Administration Building with Academic Facilities, Housing Facilities & Site Development), College of Arts and Sciences Expansion, Professional Education Building, Amphitheater, Student Union Building, and College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Building.

The modalities of greater public service to the nation was identified by President Pascual as a continuing commitment of the national university. As such his outcry is “UP Padayon”. This is embedded in his research and extension agenda which benefited UP Visayas greatly. New windows for grants and research fellowships were created and increased by the President for UPV and for the three year period (2014-2016) a total budget of 14.5 million per year and was segregated to fund the following research windows under the OVCRE: Regular In-house Re-search, Leveraged, Mentored and Creative Work windows which support the junior faculty and REPS of the University; Small budget, In-House Research for (undergraduate students); Thesis and Dissertation for graduate students) windows to provide support fund for student’s research works; Public Service Initiative window is for public services done by the faculty and students to provide public services with long term benefits to an approved beneficiary; Research Dissemination Grants have allowed faculty and REPS of the University to present their papers in international conferences; Publication Support Grant introduced

in 2012 provides authors with up to US\$1,000 for publication costs in international journals. These support windows are fueling the enthusiasm of the faculty and (REPS) Research and Extension Personnel to inrease and accelerate research and extension activities.

He challenged the students in saying, “..... you studied in UP not to become the nation’s privileged intellectual elite but this nation’s hope....” As an enabler he increased the financial support for the students in order for them to live up to this challenge and declared that no students should be refused enrollment even in the latter’s financial distress.

Recognizing the basic necessities that could empower the employees of the university, em-ployee welfare programs were initiated by the President. These include monetary employee benefits such as rice and grocery allowances, provision of the Service Recognition Pay (SRP) for retiring staff members and REPS as an incentive for optional retirement at age 60 until just before age 65 of eligible staff members with at least 25 years of service to UP. The benefits also included the Enhanced Hospitalization Programme (eHOPE) for the faculty, staff, and REPS of the University. This health program provides an increased financial assistance for hospi-talization expenses incurred during confinement up to an accumulated maximum amount of Php 80,000 per year and also provides financial assistance for medicine related to the covered confinement. This is an expression of the President’s concern for the welfare of the employees and speaks well of how much he values the dignity and welfare of the human resources of the university.

For all these and many more

MADAMO GID NGA SALAMAT MAHAL NAMING

PRESIDENT ALFREDO E. PASCUAL! (*Anna Razel Ramirez with sources from System Website and UPV Offices*)