



UP Visayas marks Women's Month



UPV marks Women's Month with various activities.

"WE Make Change Work for Women." With this theme, UP Visayas, through the Gender and Development Program, marked Women's Month with a variety of events that started with a caravan on March 1, 2017 in Iloilo City. This was participated in by the members of UGSAD Regional Gender and Resource Center and GABRIELA Panay and Guimaras chapters.

March 8 was celebrated around the world as International Women's Day. UPV treated its women employees to a pampering day in both its Miagao and Iloilo City campuses. This included manicure, pedicure, full body massage, foot reflex/massage, and haircuts. Another event of the day was an open mic poetry reading.

Other activities included a bazaar, film screening, poster-making contest,

two public forums on 1) women empowerment and 2) changing issues on women empowerment in today's global community – a seminar on

ethical and gender-fair qualitative research with international scholars, a cook-off, and a boodle lunch. **(Lyncen M. Fernandez)**

P4.97M PCAARRD-funded project for CFOS-IA facilities kicks off

UP Visayas and the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD) conducted an inception meeting for the newly approved project on the upgrade and improvement of the research facilities/laboratories of the University on March 22, 2017 at the Institute of Aquaculture (IA), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UPV Miagao campus.

The meeting was attended by the IA Director, Dr. Rex Ferdinand Traifalgar and Prof. Valeriano Corre, Jr. (Project Leader) as well as officials and staff from DOST-PCAARRD, namely, Director Juanito T. Batalon, Dr. Dalisay DG Fernandez, Engr. Wilmar J. Lastimosa, and Mr. Eddie Segundo. Discussed during the meeting were the brief presentation of the project, the DOST-PCAARRD M & E Guidelines, Rules and Regulations in the Implementation of the GIA-funded Projects, expected outputs, and the possible problems that may be encountered in the project implementation.

PCAARRD has approved a total of P4, 969,375.65 budget for the "Upgrade and Improvement of the Research Facilities/Laboratories of the University of the Philippines –Phase 2" in February this year. Specifically, it intends to improve the facilities and laboratories of CFOS-IA. These include (1) the rehabilitation and improvement of the circular concrete reservoir, (2) rehabilitation and upgrading of the broodstock holding and spawning area and natural culture shed, (3) upgrading and rehabilitation of aquafeeds building, (4) rehabilitation and upgrading of the challenge room at the IA multi species complex, (5) conversion of the activity hall into a mariculture fisheries training center at Batan Mariculture Station in Batan, Aklan, and (6) concreting and strengthening of the twelve (12) units 15-tonner tanks. The project will be implemented for 12 months starting

April 1, 2017. In 2013, PCAARRD awarded UPV a grant of P4.8M for the upgrade and improvement of the laboratories and facilities used in the implementation of the National R & D programs and Industry Support Plans (ISP) for shrimp, milkfish, mud crab, aquafeeds resources, and the freshwater fish kill project of CFOS-IA. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos with sources from CFOS-IA)**

1st meeting of Scholars for Humanity International Network held at UPV



UP Manila Chancellor Carmencita Padilla addresses participants of the SHIN.

THE University of the Philippines Visayas, through its Gender and Development Program, hosted the 1st International Meeting of Scholars for Humanity International Network on March 23-29, 2017 at Diversion 21 Hotel, Iloilo City.

An Opening Program with UPV Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Emilia S. Yap and UP Manila Chancellor Carmencita Padilla welcoming the participants was held on March 23, 2017 at the UPV Cinematheque. It was followed by a Film Showing of *Pagrara Sang Patipuron: an Indigenous People's Navigation between Tradition and Modernity* by Jean Claire Dy and Manuel Domes. A Welcome Dinner was organized for the participants in the same venue.

The gathering of scholars from universities and institutions from the United States, South Africa, Australia, and Germany as well as those from the University of the Philippines Constituent Universities, Ateneo de Manila University, and De La Salle

University was geared to spur scholars from around the world to put together their intellect, knowledge, and skills in building a more just, peaceful, and kind world. The said meeting tackled the dominant social justice concerns in the world today and allowed participants to commit to doing their fair share in solving these issues. The gathering comprised of meetings, symposia, and community immersion geared towards developing articles for scholarly publication and plans for public engagement.

Convenor Institutions for the Meeting were the Gender and Development Program Office of UP Visayas under its Director, Dr. Barby Badayos-Jover, and the UP Manila College of Arts and Sciences under its Dean, Dr. Leonardo Estacio, Jr.

Sponsors for the event were the Office of Institutional Linkages, UP Visayas, Philippine Council for Health Research and Development, and UP Manila. **(Anna Razel Ramirez with sources from GDP).**

Olaguer is the new VCA



Olaguer

Prof. Raul O. Olaguer has been appointed by the UP President as the new Vice-Chancellor for Administration of UP Visayas effective February 14, 2017 until October 31, 2017.

Olaguer is a faculty member of the Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences. He has been teaching physics in UPV for 30 years and is an alumnus of Ateneo de Manila University wherein he graduated with a degree in BS Physics in 1974. He earned a Master of Science in Physics in 1984 from the University of the Philippines.

Notwithstanding a short term in office, Olaguer said he will prioritize the following: 1) filling up of vacant items in the plantilla, 2) implement new compensation scheme for non-UP contractual personnel, 3) remove the limit on professional fees that can be reimbursed by employees under eHOPE, 4) adjust the overload teaching honorarium of faculty members, and

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UPV inks MOU with Ocean Univ of China

UP Visayas (UPV) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ocean University of China (OUC) on academic cooperation on April 12, 2017.

Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Encarnacion Emilia Santos-Yap signed the MOU in behalf of the University of the Philippines Visayas. The signing took place during the China –ASEAN FEN President Forum and Workshop on Marine and Aquatic Technology at OUC, Qingdao, Shandong, China. UPV was one of the four (4) ASEAN Universities that signed an MOU with OUC – the leading university in China with particular strength in

oceanography and fisheries science.

The MOU provides, among others, Program for ASEAN Outstanding Young Scientists to work in China, Program for Cultivation of ASEAN Outstanding Female Post Doctors, and International Training Course on Sustainable Marine Aquaculture Technology (20 slots).

Yap was accompanied by Prof. Crispino A. Saclauso, Dean of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) and represented UP Visayas in the said conference. UPV is one of the Associate Members of ASEAN Fisheries Education Network (ASEAN FEN), through CFOS. The conference



VCAA Yap signs MOU with OUC in behalf of UPV.

was participated in by delegates from four regional organizations: ASEAN FEN, China-ASEAN Center for Joint Research and Promotion of Marine Aquaculture Technology, Consortium of

Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Sciences, and European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform as well as 24 other Asian universities and three institutions. (Lenilyn B. Gallos, CFOS)

Chemistry alumnus wins endowed professorship in science in the US



Dr. Dumancas with a fellow from LSUA

DR. Gerard Dumancas, a UPV-DOST Balik Scientist and alumnus of the UPV Department of Chemistry, wins the prestigious Huie Dellmon Trust Endowed Professor in Science title at Louisiana State University – Alexandria (LSUA), USA where he

has been employed as an Assistant Professor since August 2016. The title was awarded during the annual LSUA Employee Recognition on March 30, 2017. Endowed Professors receive a salary stipend as well as additional funds for professional development or travel activities. They are usually awarded for a two-year term.

These professorships were established through private donations to the LSUA Foundation and matched through the Board of Regents Support Fund to establish a \$100,000 professorship endowment. The Endowed Professorship program is a major effort by LSUA, the community, the LSUA Foundation, the Louisiana State University (LSU) Board of Supervisors, and the Louisiana Board of Regents to demonstrate commitment to the quality of instruction by recognizing and fostering faculty excellence.

Dr. Dumancas will return to UPV this May 2017 to continue with the second phase of his activities as DOST Balik Scientist in the Department of Chemistry. (Enrique N. Legaspi III with sources from Dr. Gerard Dumancas).

IFPDS holds lecture on the Philippine maritime territories and jurisdictions

THE Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies (IFPDS), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas held an academic program improvement (API) lecture entitled “Philippine Marine Territories and Jurisdictions: Lost at Sea?” on May 3, 2017 at the Audio Visual Hall, Pidlaon Building, UPV, Miagao, Iloilo.

Dr. Crispino A. Saclauso, CFOS dean, gave the welcome message. Saclauso acknowledged the importance of the activity and to have a legal expert with vast experience and deep knowledge on the law of the sea and issues on maritime territories and jurisdictions. He said the expertise of the lecturer could enhance the knowledge of the faculty, staff and students and other participants on topics related to international laws and fisheries policies.

“This is also an opportunity for us to better appreciate our national patrimony and learn ways in protecting and advancing our national interests,” Saclauso said.

Invited to give the lecture was Atty. Jay Batongbacal, Ph.D, professor and director of the Institute of Marine Affairs and Law of the Sea, College of Law, UP Diliman. A well accomplished professional on marine affairs and law of the sea, Batongbacal presented the legal conception of the Philippines’ maritime interests and territories including the difference between the domestic and international perspectives of the country’s terrestrial and maritime territories. He also discussed the challenges in the West Philippine Sea as well as the events surrounding the South China Sea. He

likewise tackled other developing issues in other areas of the Philippine maritime space and the current problems that the country is facing in connection with our maritime affairs.

“Are we now losing our territorial rights?”

This was the reaction of the Filipino expert on China over the developing issues surrounding the Philippine maritime territories and jurisdictions with the friendly dealings of the present administration towards China. Batongbacal is worried that the Philippines is slowly losing its maritime territories to China after President Rodrigo Duterte expressed his desire to have a joint military exercises with China in the internal waters of Sulu Sea. The country is now studying the possibility of forging a visiting forces agreement (VFA) with China for said purpose.

During the Open Forum, Batongbacal said that it is fine to develop friendship and to have bilateral ties with China but “we should not forget that they are our primary competitor when it comes to our maritime territories and jurisdictions.”

The marine affairs and law of the sea expert said that the country should use international pressure and international law to assert its claim in the West Philippine Sea, which according to him is a long and tedious process, hence, “we should start now.”

Batongbacal gave similar lecture in 2014. Dr. Harold Monteclaro, Director of IFPDS, thanked Batongbacal for accepting the invitation despite the latter’s very busy schedule. The lecture

UP signs MOU with UA&P



L-R Dr. Rodel Subade, UA & P Pres. Winston Padojinog, UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa and UAP Executive Director Colin Hubo

THE University of the Philippines Visayas, represented by Chancellor Rommel Espinosa, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the University of Asia and the Pacific, represented by its President, Dr. Winston Conrad Padojinog, on March 13, 2107 at

the Office of the Chancellor, UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus.

The purpose of the MOU is to develop academic and educational cooperation and promote mutual understanding between the two universities. Both universities agree to undertake the following collaborative activities in academic areas of mutual interest based on equality and reciprocity: Exchange of faculty, researchers and technical staff; Exchange of students for academic work and field training; Collaborative research projects; Exchange of information, publications and scientific materials; and other collaborative activities that are deemed mutually appropriate.

The implementation of specific activities based on this MOU will be discussed separately and arranged between the faculty and academic units

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UPVTC celebrates Katbari Arts Festival 2017



Performances during the Katbari Festival

The University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College thru the Division of Humanities and Physical Education celebrated the National Arts Month of February 2017 with the annual Katbari Arts Festival. The month-long celebration was filled with a series of culture and the arts events. This is for enlivening the community with notable artistic presentations by faculty and students as well as by several guest artists.

The celebration opened with a Zumba Dance Exercise participated in by students,

faculty, and staff of UPVTC on February 13. This was followed by Tagay-Sangkay: Food and Wine Festival displaying cuisines of different cultures of the world (February 14). On the morning of February 16, kaRunFuntan: Fun Run, a run for human rights was participated in by members of the UPVTC community. On the evening of the same day, the Division held an open-mic night entitled Mapagpalaya, which staged various spoken word and acoustic performances. The Division through UP

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BS Chemistry student is JENESYS 2017 delegate



Si with the other delegates from the Philippines

KENNETH Wilson Si, fourth year BS in Chemistry student of the College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas, was chosen as one of the delegates of the Philippines for the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youths (JENESYS) held at Tokyo, Japan on

February 27-March 7, 2017 with the theme “Economics: Energy. The JENESYS program, implemented by the Japanese Government through the Japan International Cooperation Center (JICE) and the Japan Information and Cultural Center (JICC), aims

to promote a global understanding of Japan culture, economy, politics, language and foreign affairs by the participating countries to build international relations and cooperation. Si, along with 10 working youth and 11 students from the country and those from Cambodia, Thailand and India, was able to explore the Tokyo and Akita prefectures. Included in the Japan itinerary was the observation activities at Tohoku Electric Power Co., Noshiro Thermal Power Plant, and Kazeno-Matsubara Wind Power Station. They also had the chance to talk with local entrepreneurs of Akita during a luncheon meeting. Moreover, they attended lectures on the Japanese culture,

local government, and economic organization and exchange. Delegates were grouped with those of other countries to experience the Japanese culture and the snow during their homestay in Sembuko City, Akita Prefecture. According to Si, he had a welcoming and hospitable host parents who attended to all his needs. At the end of the program, the delegates had seminar-workshops and presented their action plan to the organizers on how to promote Japan in their county. Si and his co-delegates from the Philippines intend to share their learning and experiences by organizing symposiums and social network. **(Enrique N. Legaspi III)**

UPV participates in the China- ASEAN FEN president forum - workshop



Delegates of the China-ASEAN FEN

UP Visayas participated in the China-ASEAN Fisheries Education Network (ASEAN-FEN) President Forum and Workshop on Marine and Aquatic Technology hosted by Ocean University of China (OUC) on April 11-14, 2017 at Qingdao, Shandong, China. UPV, as an Associate Member of ASEAN-FEN, through the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) was represented by Prof. Encarnacion Emilia Santos-Yap, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Prof. Crispino A. Saclauso, Dean of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences.. Saclauso said “the membership of UPV in the ASEAN FEN augurs well with its internationalization program. To sustain our international network, UPV as a constituent unit (CU) has to allocate resources to meet its commitments and to enable open and constant dialogues with our partners for mutual recognition towards enhanced mobility of manpower across Asia and the world.” Yap delivered a report on the topic “The University of the Philippines Visayas: Facing the Challenges of the Times” at the President Forum on marine and fisheries education, research, and

industry with speakers from other ASEAN universities. The conference was aimed to foster multi-level and all-around maritime cooperation by discussing the aquatic technology cooperation, building a platform for technological innovation and cooperation and by sharing marine and aquatic technology achievements among China, ASEAN, East Asia and European Union. More than a hundred scholars, presidents, deans, and experts from 24 leading universities in fisheries and aquaculture from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the Philippines, Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and China and three other institutions participated and attended the conference to enhance educational research and cooperation in the context of the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road. It was also attended by four (4) regional organizations, namely ASEAN FEN, China-ASEAN Center for Joint Research and Promotion of Marine Aquaculture Technology, Consortium of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Sciences, and European Aquaculture Technology and Innovation Platform. The conference was organized and sponsored by OUC, Qingdao Municipal People’s Government, ASEAN-China Center, ASEAN FEN, and China-ASEAN Center for Joint Research and Promotion of Marine Aquaculture Technology.

Attendance of Yap and Saclauso to the conference was supported by OUC. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos, CFOS)**

BS Food Tech alumna shines in Canada



Vilalnueva (left)

MARIE Chona Rosali – Villanueva, BS Food Technology, 1997 alumna of the UP Visayas School of Technology was awarded the distinction as “District Specialist of the Year” in Central Canada by Steritech on March 14, 2017. Steritech is a company that provides food safety and operational assessments in restaurants, groceries and supermarkets, convenience stores, hotel and lodgings, and retail stores. It conducts more than 200,000 assessments annually not only for customer satisfaction but also for the enhancement of customer experience. Considered as a market and industry leader for nearly 30 years, it pioneers and provides innovative solutions that mitigate risk and drive growth. Villanueva was an instructor at the Western Visayas College of Science and Technology (now Iloilo Science and Technology University) for 11 years before migrating to Toronto, Ontario, Canada in 2009. Seeing the need to improve

her credentials, she acquired a Diploma in Culinary Management at George Brown College, Toronto and graduated with honors. While studying and right after graduation, she worked in various restaurants in downtown Toronto as grade mange, line cook, and pastry chef. In 2014, she was hired as a Quality Management Specialist in The Steritech Group. Her work entails providing an objective but positive experience, while educating an assessment team on the “how” and “why” behind the standards that were put in place in various locations. At the end of an assessment, the team highlights what were accomplished well and areas that need room for improvement. This gives giving the locations the real-time knowledge and insight on what they need to improve on. According to Doug Sutton, President, Brand Standards Steritech, “the recognition as District Specialist of the Year is earned by delivering a combination of outstanding productivity, consistently excellent service delivery defined and measured as The Ultimate Steritech Experience.” The awardee is also recognized by making additional high-impact contribution to the district team’s overall performance, has a positive can-do attitude, a willingness to take on additional accountability and has an unwavering commitment to our service fundamentals.” **(Lyncen M. Fernandez)**

UPHSI hosts PCOO #ASEANSchoolTour



UPV students listen to ASEAN orientation

STUDENTS and faculty members of the University of the Philippines High School in Iloilo (UPHSI) welcomed representatives of the Presidential Communications Operations Office

(PCOO) during the Iloilo leg of the #ASEANSchoolTour held on March 7, 2017 at the U. P. Visayas Auditorium, Iloilo City campus. The #ASEANSchoolTour is part of

a series of events that are being held in the Philippines as part of the meetings of ASEAN leaders. This year, the ASEAN is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its establishment, with the theme “Partnering for Change, Engaging the World.” In her Opening Remarks, UPHSI Principal Dr. Lourdes Zamora emphasized how this generation of high school students are at an advantage due to the opportunities that the ASEAN offers. Dr. Kevin Villanueva, UPHSI faculty member under the University’s Balik-PhD Program, oriented the audience on “The ASEAN Way” by sharing about the history and objectives of the ASEAN. Dr. Villanueva highlighted the unique quality of the Association which provides all member countries with equal levels of authority when discussing common interests among them. Karl Louie Fajardo, Director of the

Strategic Communications Division of PCOO, led an interactive lecture which included a fun instruction on the unique characteristics and features of the ASEAN member countries. There were animated laughter among the students and faculty members as they learned how to say “thank you” in the languages of Southeast Asian nations. The Program was capped by the singing of the ASEAN Hymn led by UPHSI faculty member Ms. Sharie Faith Biñas, followed by the turnover of ASEAN promotional paraphernalia to UPHSI students. **(Rowella Marri Berizo, Franco Miguel Nodado, and Early Sol Gadong)**



GPO conducts seminar-workshop on research and publication for graduate students



The discussion was lively during the S/W

THE Graduate Program Office (GPO) conducted a Seminar-Workshop on Research and Publication for graduate students on April 8 & 22, 2017 at the UPV Iloilo City campus. This activity served as a venue for graduate students to develop their interest and hone their skills in identifying researchable problems and issues and eventually acquire the capability and confidence to do research. Since this will not be given credit in any course in their graduate programs, amateur researchers will be more or less comfortable as they altogether build up and grow in their research capabilities.

The objective of this activity was to provide graduate students a nurturing environment and opportunity to develop their ability for critical inquiry and independent research, especially those who had not experienced doing any research in their undergraduate

years. This will help fulfill UPV's mandate of being a graduate and research University.

A total of 43 graduate students from the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and College of Management (CM) attended the First Batch of the seminar-workshop held on April 8 at the Tea Room of the UPV Cafeteria, majority of whom were second year Master of Management students and who are currently enrolled in Mgt. 299 (Management Research). Others were students of the Master of Education and Master of Chemistry programs either enrolled in their Special Problem courses or first year students who opted to undertake the Plan A with Special Problem instead of the Comprehensive Examination. Also present were Dr. Joy C. Lizada, a CM faculty, who handles the Mgt. 299 course and 2 alumni from the MEd and MChem programs.

The Resource Persons for this batch were Dr. Marshaley J. Baquiano of the CAS Division of Humanities and Prof. Jonny B. Pornel of the CAS Division of Professional Education. Baquiano talked about Research and Publication in the Social and Psychological Perspective. She discussed the process of writing research and challenged the researchers to find their passion, understand the issues, be involved, be concerned, make a stand, do research, and publish. On the other hand, Pornel shared his experiences and techniques to increase their chance to publish a Research Paper.

Part II of the seminar-workshop was held on April 22 at the GPO Audio-Visual Room at the Graduate and Continuing Education Building and participated in by 40 students from

the CAS and College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS). Participants from the CAS are graduate students who are taking up Master of Education, Master of Chemistry, and Master of Science in Biology programs while those of CFOS are Master of Science in Fisheries and PhD students. Most of the participants are currently doing their Special Problem, thesis, or dissertation while some are still in their first year but opted to pursue their degree program with a Special Problem instead of the Comprehensive Examination. Former Faculty Regent Philip Ian Padilla and Prof. Frances Nievaes, Chair of the Division of Biological Sciences, were also present.

Dr. Gay Defiesta of the CAS Division of Social Sciences and Dr. Nathaniel

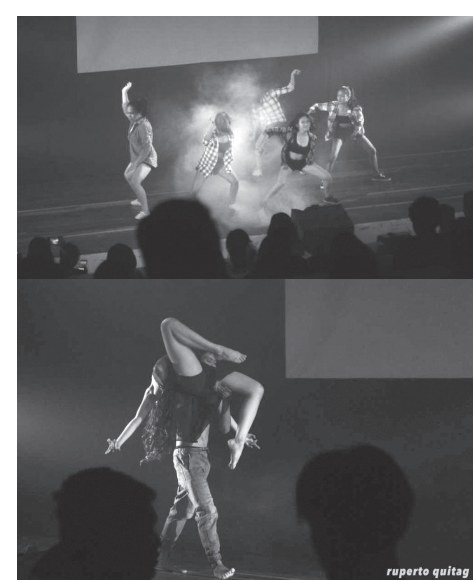
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Hublag brings back ICONOPOP

THE UPV Hublag Dance Company performed another dance concert entitled "ICONOPOP OVERLOAD" on 29 – 20 April 2017 at the CFOS AV Hall, UPV Miagao campus. The dance concert showcased the music of contemporary icons such as Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, Britney Spears, and more. This concert is the fourth installment of the Iconopop series. Routines have a mixture of dance genres: contemporary, hiphop, and jazz. This is another opportunity for the company to showcase the members' passion and talent in the art of dancing.

The UPV Hublag Dance Company is a performing organization of the University of the Philippines Visayas. The organization has existed in the University for 16 years now, serving as a dance company for dancers enrolled in the university. It is headed by their Adviser and Artistic Director, Prof. Robert Rodriguez.

The company members are from the different colleges and schools from the University. They perform



Hublag performance

a variety of genres in dance, such as contemporary and hiphop. It is the lone recipient of the title University Performing Group for five consecutive years as awarded by the Chancellor's Committee on Culture and the Arts. (Enrique N. Legaspi III)

IFPT conducts 'A Bilateral Academic Symposium on Food Science and Postharvest Fisheries'

THE Institute of Fish Processing Technology (IFPT), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) conducted an Academic Program Improvement (API) lecture on "A Bilateral Academic Symposium on Food Science and Postharvest Fisheries" at the Conference Room, Faculty Center, CFOS, UPV Miagao campus on April 3, 2017.

Invited as Resource Speakers were Dr. Zwe-Ling Kong and Dr. Chi-Chon Kong of the National Ocean University of Taiwan (NOUT) who shared their academic knowledge and expertise. A professor of the Department of Food Science, NTOU, Dr. Zwe-Ling Kong discussed about "The Immunological Perspectives of Fucoxanthin on Colorectal Cancer and Stroke." His lecture focused on inflammation and disease, inflammatory bowel disease and colorectal cancer, and stroke damage. Dr. Chi-Chon Kong, on the other hand, lectured on the "Laboratory Information on Management System and Food Supply Chain."

The API lecture was in support of the Quality Management Systems Initiative of IFPT on internationalization. It is also aimed to facilitate the academic relationship of the Department of Food Science, NTOU and IFPT-CFOS, UPV on collaborative research programs and other academic program pursuit.

Moreover, the activity is in line with the current revision of the MS Fisheries program of the Institute, particularly the Fish Processing Technology track as well as Ph.D. Fisheries for added courses on the Postharvest Fisheries track. This undertaking is in relation to the current demands of time to make the curricular offerings more relevant; attuned to the present developments in technology; and responsive to the need of quality researchers, employees, mentors, and future leaders in the industry.

The lecture was attended by the faculty members, staff, researchers, and graduate students of the Institute. (Lenilyn B. Gallos; with sources from IFPT-CFOS)

Department of Chemistry holds 2017 Chem Tournament – Iloilo League

THE UPV Department of Chemistry in partnership with UPV Chemistry Society and C&E Publishing, Inc. held the 2017 Chem Tournament – Iloilo League on March 22, 2017 at the CAS 2nd floor lobby and ILP-AVR, UP Visayas, Miagao, Iloilo.

The main objectives of the tournament are the following: 1) to provide Grade 9 students a venue to get acquainted with one another and play chemistry games, and uncover their interest in chemistry; 2) to provide high school students and their teachers the opportunity to know more about the BS Chemistry and Master of Chemistry programs offered by UPV; 3) to provide opportunities for students and science teachers to see the facilities of the Department as well as UP Visayas through a tour of laboratories and the Museum of Natural Sciences; and 4) to give the Department of Chemistry the opportunity to showcase its BS Chemistry and Master of Chemistry programs through presentations and collect feedback from the participants and their coaches.

CAS Dean Resurreccion Sadaba welcomed the participants, while VCAA Encarnacion Emila S. Yap gave an opening remark. Senior Sales Manager for Visayas of C&E Publishing, Inc., Ms. Eloisa Chin delivered a PEP talk relating her own misconception of chemistry as a difficult discipline. Delegates (Grade 9 students) and coaches represented secondary schools in the Divisions of Iloilo City and Iloilo Province. The energetic members of the UPV Chemistry Society served as facilitators, while the faculty and staff of the Department of Chemistry served in the various committees that spelled success for the event.



Students enjoy the Chem Tournament's various activities

Games played in the 2017 Chem Tournament are ChemTrump, ChemPuzzle, ChemSearch and ChemFactory.

The winners listed by school are as follows: For ChemTrump, Badiangan National High School bagged the 1st place, Sinogbuhan National High School got 2nd place, and Guimbal National High School got 3rd place. For the ChemPuzzle, Guimbal National High School won 1st place followed by Sinogbuhan National High School, then Camangahan National High School as 2nd and 3rd places, respectively. Guimbal National High School bagged the 1st place for the ChemSearch while Sinogbuhan National High School placed 2nd and Binaba-an National High School named

3rd place. For ChemFactory, Guimbal National High School won the 1st place award, followed by St. Louise de Marillac School of Miagao in 2nd place and Sinogbuhan National High School in the 3rd place.

In addition to the cash prizes and certificates that the winners received, they were also given copies of "CHEMSEARCH" & "CHEMPUZZLE," "CHEMTRUMP" cards and "CHEMFACTORY" game sets courtesy of Dr. Vivian A. Topor, author and developer of the four chemistry games played in the Chem Tournament. The cash prizes were sponsored by the Integrated Chemists of the Philippines – Panay Chapter, Inc. and C&E Publishing, Inc. (Enrique N. Legaspi III)



Faculty enhancement in chemometrics and statistical genetics held

THE Department of Chemistry of the College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas, conducted an Academic Program Improvement (API) project to enhance faculty capability in chemometrics and statistical genetics on 03 – 05 January 2017 at the Interactive Learning Center, UPV Miagao Campus. The activity was attended by the faculty members of the Department of Chemistry, Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics, Division of Biological Sciences as well as teachers from the Department of Education and chemists/researchers



Participants of the API project

from other government agencies (DOST, BFAR, Maridan Industries Inc.). The three-day workshop

was aimed at (1) strengthening the capabilities of the faculty members in chemometrics and statistical genetics using the R program, (2) identifying possible research proposals that will employ chemometrics and experimental design, and (3) at revising

and updating the current chemometrics course outline used in the Master of Chemistry curriculum.

Dr. Gerard G. Dumancas, a DOST Balik Scientist Program (Short-term Category) was the invited Resource Person for the event. Dr. Dumancas' field of expertise is in the area of chemometrics, statistical genetics, molecular genetics, and bioanalytical chemistry.

He is presently a tenure track Assistant Professor of Chemistry at Louisiana State University – Alexandria, USA. He obtained his BS Chemistry (cum laude) at UP Visayas and his PhD in Analytical Chemistry with specialization in Chemometrics from Oklahoma State University, USA. *(Enrique N. Legaspi III)*

OVCRE organizes M & E consultations and workshops on UPVs' regular public service grants



Dr. Ricardo Babaran, VCORE, and Prof. Ma. Joji Tan, OCEP Director with the staff of OVCRE and OCEP, and the Ad Hoc Committee

THE Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension, through UPV's Ad Hoc Committee for the Monitoring and Evaluation of UPVs' Regular Public Service Grants, organized a series of consultations and workshops on the second quarter of 2016 up to the first quarter of 2017. The purpose of the activities was for the establishment of the UPV Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (UPVPMES) for Regular Public Service Grants. Participants composed of teaching and non-teaching personnel and of University officials Inc. Fragment. Officials from the National Economic and Development Authority-Region VI served as resource persons in the formulation of the UPVPMES.

The UPVPMES aims to provide a system for the integration, coordination, and linkage of all monitoring activities in UPV; provide up-to-date information on the overall status of project implementation at each level, for planning and budget allocation; identify problems/issues that impede project implementation for remedial actions, resolution, and final action through an

appropriate body.

The Manual can also serve its intended users in the following areas: provide information on lessons learned in project implementation for planning and implementation of future similar projects; assess if implemented projects are aligned with the University's thrusts and plans and with regional and national development goals and plans; and provide a venue for the greater participation of non-government organizations (NGOs) and civil society organizations in the development planning process.

The Operations Manual (OM) was approved with revisions by the Chancellor's Advisory Council (CAC) during the February 14, 2017 meeting. The Manual will be tested for efficiency and effectiveness to selected PS grants prior to its full implementation. The Ad Hoc Committee also submitted the proposed amendments in RAE 2015-12-074 (Guidelines for Implementing Public Service Activities and Extension Work) to align with the needs of the intended users of the Manual *(Dr. Rhodella Ibabao, CM)*.

Pre-Retirement and Entrepreneurship Seminar conducted

THE Human Resources and Development Office of UP Visayas organized a Pre-Retirement and Entrepreneurship Seminar for the soon-to-retire UPV personnel on April 19 and 20, 2017 at the Graduate and Continuing Education Building of UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus.

Discussed during the 1st Day of the seminar which focused on pre-retirement were the following: "Retirement Benefits Outside the GSIS Program Process Flow" given by HRDO Chief, Ms. Ella O. Tidon; "Requirements for Retirement" by Ms. Ninfa Bauno, Administrative Officer V of HRDO; "Benefits and Privileges of Retired UPV Employees Cooperative Members" by Ms. Jocelyn Genesila, Chair of the Board of Directors, UPVEC; "GSIS Retirement Program eligibility Requirements, Processing of Retirement Claims and Other Relevant Information" by Ms. Eleanor Gregorio, Branch Manager of GSIS Iloilo; and "Benefits and Privileges of Senior Citizens" by Mr. Elpidio D. Azuelo, Head of the Office of Senior Citizen Affairs, Iloilo City.

During the 2nd day of the Seminar, the participants who are interested to go into business were briefed about the principles and ideas of entrepreneurship. Specifically, it focused on the risk and rewards of

going into business, how to start a business, giving cues on one's personal entrepreneurial competencies, how to generate business ideas, how to prepare a business plan, and how to look for capital. Ms. Shayne Jornadal from the Department of Trade and Industry Iloilo, the invited speaker for this topic, also gave some tips about the different forms of business and how to register one's business.

Mr. Kurt Maurice S. Tugaff and Ms. Grace M. Benedicto, also of DTI Iloilo, lectured on the Fair Trade Laws that would later govern the participants businesses. Ms. Mariane Bebit-Tajanlangit of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines Region VI talked about "Trademarks, Patents, and Copyrights." The "Agri-Business Potentials of Native Chicken Production" was discussed by Dr. Jaime C. Cabarles, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Resources and Environment Sciences of Central Philippine University. Ms. Dewie Mae Deala-Casas from Landbank of the Philippines gave a list of a whole other Investment Opportunities for Retirees.

The participants stated that the seminar was very useful as it gave them something to look forward to because of these options to take on upon retirement. *(Anna Razel L. Ramirez)*

Chem Tournament goes to Negros

THE Department of Chemistry, in partnership with UPV Chemistry Society and C&E Publishing, Inc., held the 2017 Chem Tournament – Negros Island Region League on April 1, 2017 at Bago City Elementary School, Negros Occidental.

Dr. Ma. Ana C. Ebon, Education Program Supervisor I (Science) of DepEd Division of Bago City, welcomed the participants while Dr. Roy B. Basa, Science Supervisor of DepEd Negros Island Region, gave the Opening Remarks. A total of 60 Grade 9 students with their coaches from 15 secondary schools in the Negros Island Region joined the tournament. The Team, composed of Dr. Vivian A. Topor as Overall Chair, Ms. Janica G. Divinagracia, president of the UPV Chemistry Society (Lead Facilitator), along with the faculty, staff, and ChemSoc facilitators were welcomed by Hon. Nicolas M. Yulo, Mayor of Bago City. He shared his enthusiasm for more UPV-Bago City-DepEd future collaborations.

The games that were played in the 2017 Chem Tournament were ChemTrump, ChemPuzzle, ChemSearch, and ChemFactor. These were developed by Dr. Vivian A. Topor to make learning of chemistry fun, exciting and enjoyable, and therefore correcting students' misconception that chemistry is a difficult subject.

The winners listed by school were as

follows: For ChemTrump, Don Bosco Technical Institute - 1st place; Ramon Torres Louisiana National High School - 2nd place; and Ramon Torres Malingan National High School – Atipulan Extension - 3rd place.

For ChemPuzzle, Ramon Torres National High School - 1st place; Mansilingan Agro-Industrial National High School - 2nd place; Isabela National High School - 3rd place. For ChemSearch, Ramon Torres National High School - 1st place; Ramon Torres Dulao National High School - 2nd place; and Isabela National High School - 3rd. Place. For ChemFactory, Bocana National High School - 1st place, followed by Isabela National High School - 2nd place and Ramon Torres Ma-ao Sugar Central National High School - 3rd place.

All the winners received cash prizes, and certificates, and plaques of recognition. The cash prizes were sponsored by Prof. Edna Callejas-Mijares of the Callejas-Mijares Scholarship Foundation and the Integrated Chemists of the Philippines-Bacolod Chapter. The Department of Chemistry is grateful for the support of the DepEd Division of Bago City through its Schools Division Superintendent, Dr. Ma. Lorlinie M. Ortillo, who arranged the venue and provided the accommodation for the Chem Tournament facilitators. *(Mr. Enrique N. Legaspi III)*

Pornel, Muyargas conduct writeshop training program

THE Educational Research: A Training and Writeshop Program, a one-year public service program for public school teachers of the Department of Education organized by Prof. Jonny Pornel (Division of Professional Education) and Prof. Moniq M. Muyargas (Division of Social Sciences) took off with its first leg of training conducted on April 22, 2017 at the District of San Joaquin, Iloilo.

The 40 teachers who participated initially expressed their mixed emotions about the conduct of research. However, after the first set of exercises and activities, their varied sentiments turned into excitement as they realized that these opportunities for educational research can improve their conduct of the teaching-learning process. The participants are expected to generate their own research problems, collect and analyze data, write their action research outputs, and apply their findings in the teaching-learning processes.

Public Service and Research have been at the core of the UP Visayas thrusts; hence, faculty members of the Division of Professional Education and Division of Social Sciences of the College of Arts and Sciences initiated this project for the University to extend its help and services beyond its borders.

This public service project offers an



Muyargas trains Miagao teachers to do research

opportunity for the university to engage public school educators to ground their teaching process in the rigors of scientific research while establishing the link between the community and the academe. It is the first Regular Public Service Grant approved by the OVCRE and among the first to be piloted for the Monitoring and Evaluation process of the same office.

The project also includes project leaders Prof. Early Sol Gadong (Division of Professional Education), Dr. Marshaley Baquiano (Division of Social Sciences) and Administrative Staff, Ms. Jenelie Acosa (Division of Professional Education.). *(Source: Division of Professional Education)*

WINFISH inducts 2016-2018 BOT Officers

THE National Network on Women in Fisheries in the Philippines, Inc. (WINFISH) held the Induction of its 2016-2018 Board of Trustees and Turnover Ceremony on April 10, 2017 at District 21 Hotel, Iloilo City. The said event was organized in cooperation with UP Visayas Gender and Development Program and Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Region VI. Dr. Lucille M. Nava, Congressional Representative from the Lone District of Guimaras acted as the inducting officer.

Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa gave his welcome message during the event and expressed the commitment of UPV to continue in strengthening its efforts to better serve and promote

inclusive development for women and men in fisheries and aquaculture. The said event also served as a venue for the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between UP Visayas and WINFISH, establishing UPV-GDP as the WINFISH Secretariat and UPV as host institution. The MOA was signed by Chancellor Espinosa and the newly-inducted President of WINFISH, Regional Director Remia A. Aparri of BFAR Region VI.

Furthermore, a Strategic Operational/ Action Planning was done the following day which was participated by the newly-inducted BOT officers and other members of WINFISH.

WINFISH is a network of professionals and individuals interested



Newly inducted BOT Officers

in improving the status of women especially in the fisheries industries. It is considered as one of the extension networks of UPV GDP, along with Ugsad Regional Gender Resource Center and the Balay Balay Child

Minding Center. The GDP has served as the secretariat of WINFISH for the past 17 years and continues to facilitate the implementation of its programs, activities and projects. (Dana Lee M. Durana)

Anti-stress program empowers teens

STRESS has been one of the factors affecting the behaviors of teenagers. In response to this, the UPV Office of Alumni Relations organized the Personality Enhancement Program dubbed PEP4: PEP TALK! which has become an ongoing summer activity. This year, the 4-day workshop was held on April 17-20, 2017 at the Alumni Terrace and Conference Room.

UP alumni experts, composed of professors who are also psychometricians, psychologists, artists, and urban planners, talked to teenage participants. They discussed physical and psychological changes that occur in the bodies of teenagers. They also facilitated fun activities that revolve around stressors, stress levels, and possible responses to help the kids cope with such stresses.

The participants had a great time understanding stress as it relates to their everyday life and their environment. They also enjoyed the sessions where they had a chance to compose poems and hugot lines (quotes on unrequited love or attention), paint their thoughts on canvass, and hand-paint their own t-shirts. The musical jam session held



Participants of the PEP TALK

during their last day gave them a stress-free fun time singing and jamming with the UPV Rhapsody Band. During the culminating activity, the participants displayed their output at the UPV Cinematheque for their parents to see. In their graduation speeches, the participants extended their heartfelt thanks to their parents for letting them join the program, which they totally enjoyed and learned so much from. They expressed enthusiasm to be part of the next PEP workshop. (GC Castro, UPV OAR)

TUKLAD Trail Run at UPVMiagao

“FOR an event like TUKLAD, the UPV Miagao campus is truly an ideal place to conduct such an event. We are sitting on a 1,200 hectare land area, a huge portion of which is made up of forested slopes and hills. The 6K and 12K categories you will explore today is just a fraction of this huge campus. There are more hills, rivers and forests waiting to be explored,” says UP Visayas Vice-Chancellor for Administration, Prof. Raul Olaguer, during his welcome remarks (as he speaks in Filipino) for TUKLAD.

TUKLAD is a trail run organized by Pretty Farm Boys (running group) in partnership with the Miagao LGU, the UP Alumni Association – Iloilo Chapter and UPV which was held on April 30, 2017 inside UPV’s scenic Miagao campus.

Speaking on behalf of UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa, VCA Olaguer also said that UPV is glad to have been chosen as the venue for what many believed was the 1st organized

trail run in the Province of Iloilo.

Miagao Mayor Macario Napulan likewise welcomed the guests and participants. A medical doctor by profession, the Mayor himself is a health enthusiast and expressed his enthusiasm that the town of Miagao hosted the event.

About 200 runners showed up. With a 6K category meant for newbies in trail running (including Mayor Napulan) and the moderately challenging 12K for the more seasoned runners, the race took off and finished at the grounds of UPV’s Administration Building. The route included a view of the beach front property of the campus overlooking Panay Gulf, a climb up the zigzagging 133 steps from the beach, undulating steep uphill and downhill roads, a long flight of very steep stairs leading to hills, mini forests, creeks and grasslands.

The winners for the 6K Female Category are: Lorena Demontaño, champion; Roniela Sigre, 1st runner-up; and Mariejol Dureza, 2nd runner-up. The winners for the 6K Male Category are: Rene John Ello, champion; Teddy Sobremisana, 1st runner-up; and Icey Molavin, 2nd runner-up.

The winners for the 12K Female Category are: Abigail Odelmo, champion; Charrie Gacho, 1st place; and Ednelyn Lopez, 2nd place. The winners for the 12K Male Category are: Dedmark Galapin, champion; John Ray Onifa, 1st place; and Arnold Nacionales, 2nd place.

UPAA-Iloilo President Rosendo Caesar “TRES” Arandela III, expressed his thanks to the participants for joining TUKLAD. He likewise thanked his fellow organizers, the Miagao LGU and the UPV administration for making the event possible. He added that he is looking forward to the next TUKLAD. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

Al fresco jam sessions at the Alumni Terrace



Alumni guests belt out their favorite songs

UPV Office of Alumni Relations started yet another event for the alumni. The Alumni Café Jam is an afternoon of fun and music organized by UPV OAR and sponsored by various alumni groups, classes, batches, or associations. It is a small gathering set in an intimate musical al fresco jamming session at the Alumni Terrace aimed at strengthening alumni groups, associations, classes or batches by giving them a venue to meet and reminisce on their good old UP days.

The kick-off session held on March 24, 2017, sponsored by UP High School Batch ’92, was a great success. Among

those who graced the event were UPV Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development Prof. Evelyn Belleza, UPV Friends for the Arts Prof. Dea Doromal, members of UP Hamili/Hamilia Alumni Association, organizers of the upcoming Tuklad Trail Run – Pretty Farm Boys, and UPAA officers and members of the Board of Directors. UPHS Batch ’92 Class President and also UPAA President Rosendo Arandela III headed the first session.

The launch paved the way for other individuals and groups to signify sponsoring the next few months’ sessions.

These include UP Hamili/Hamilia Alumni Association, UPHS Batch ’89, and SoTech Alumni Association, among others.

The second session held on April 21, 2017 was a meaningful gathering with the UP Hamili/Hamilia Alumni Association in celebration of the 52nd anniversary of the UP Hamili. Their very own Pablito Araneta, who headed the event, also provided the live acoustic musical performance reminiscent of their times.

This event is open exclusively to UP alumni members only. The venue can accommodate up to 30 persons. (GC Castro, UPV-OAR)

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C. Añasco of the CFOS Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanology were the Resource Speakers for this batch. Defiesta discussed about the peer-reviewed journal and why do we publish a scholarly journal. She also talked about the usual process and the flow from submission to acceptance of articles for publication. She emphasized that the articles with a high chance of being published are those which are well written, and well organized, with a sound methodology, cutting edge, new, innovative, and relevant. According to her, when you submit your articles for publication, there are three possible decisions: 1) your papers are accepted with minor revisions, 2) your papers are accepted with major revisions, and 3) your papers are rejected. She also explained the reasons why some articles are rejected.

Meanwhile, Añasco talked

about research and publication. According to him, to prepare your Research Proposal you have to choose a research topic, do library work for review of related literature, and select the appropriate materials and methods. For the implementation, you have to prepare experimental set-up/for field work, conduct laboratory/field work, and process/analyze your data. He added that for the publication of a thesis write-up, you have to get the UPV template for thesis and dissertation and stick to the IMRAD format. For the publication of journal articles, you need to choose the right journal and avoid predatory journals. He emphasized that whenever your articles are rejected, you have to handle the rejections calmly and rationally. You just need to revise your articles and submit to a new journal until such time that your articles are accepted. (Jocelyn O. Jinon, GPO)

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that will carry out the specific projects in the future.

This MOU takes effect on March 13, 2017 and shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years. The agreement may be renewed by mutual written consent of both institutions.

Signing as witness to the MOU is UA &P Executive Director and Vice Chairman for Research and Extension

Operations Committee, Colin Hubo. Also present during the MOU signing is Dr. Rodel Subade of the Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas.

On a pleasant note, Padojinog and Hubo are both alumni of UP Visayas, having graduated their undergraduate degrees in this University. (Anna Razel L Ramirez)

UMPIL awards Magos with Gawad Paz Benitez



Dr. Magos poses with other awardees

THE Unyon ng mga Manunulat sa Pilipinas awards the Gawad Paz

Artist turns Panay IPs folk stories into visual art



Some of Saldito's works

MGA Sugidanon sang Tumandok (Narratives of the Native): Paintings by RF Salditos opens on 4 April 2017 at the UP Visayas Art Gallery in Iloilo City.

Salditos, whose forays into the mountainous areas of Panay got him interested in local lore, created over 20 paintings in mixed media to capture these stories in tangible form.

His main source was Lola Elena Gardoce, a binukot. She was one of several women who were secluded and specially assigned to serve as transmitters of epic traditions. Lola Elena was awarded by the Cultural Center of the Philippines the Gawad

Benitez to UP Visayas Professor Emeritus, Dr. Alicia P. Magos, during its 43rd Congress on April 29, 2017 at the Rizal Library, Ateneo de Manila University.

Dr. Magos was cited “for her life devoted as a researcher, teacher, and extension worker in the field of socio-cultural anthropology. She is instrumental in establishing the School for Living Tradition in the Village of Garangan in the mountain of Central Panay that revitalized the epic chanting and other indigenous art like the ancient tradition of needle work called panubok of the Panay Bukidnon. As

the head researcher and chief translator of the Sugidanon or the Panay Epics, published by the Univeristy of the Philippines Press, she did not only make available these masterpieces to the Filipinos but also to the whole world in need of great narratives to remind us of our humanity.”

UMPIL or the Writers Union of the Philippines is an organization of Filipino Writers that promote Philippine literature. This year’s chair is Dr. Michael M. Corozza while the Secretary General is Dr. John Iremil A. Teodoro. (A. R. Ramirez, with sources from UMPIL)

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Ideopraxist (student organization of all BA Communication Arts students) also hosted an Arts Quiz Bee for high school students in the city and for students of UPVTC.

The celebration also included several lecture-forums by notable resident and guest artists: February 22, Performing Life/Living Performance: Performance Studies as Discipline and Field of Knowledge, with Prof. Joycie Dorado Alegre, faculty member of the Division of Humanities, as resource person; February 23, An PaglarahanInop ha Pintura: Selected Myths and Legends of Leyte, a lecture-forum and exhibit by Prof. Dulce Anacion (a multi-awarded visual artist and faculty member of the Division of Humanities) and speeches from Dr. Victor Sugbo (former faculty member of UPVTC-Division of Humanities), Dr. Marietta Arinto (retired professor in English and Arts of Leyte Normal University), Mr. Nemesio Baldesco (UMPIL awardee), and Dr. Rolando Borrinaga (local historian and faculty member of UPM-SHS, Palo); February 24, Ulyab: Puniashan Kahuwasan (Spark Up, Dawn of Redemption) A Music, Poetry, and Performance Forum by guest artists Dr. Dinah Roma (National Book Awardee) and Ms. Alegria Ferrer, Soprano (Aliw Hall of Fame Awardee). Ulyab: Puniashan Kahuwasan was followed by a poetry and musical performance event in the evening with guest artists Mr. Nemesio Baldesco and special performances from Prof. Merlie Alunan (UPV Professor Emeritus and multi-awarded poet) and UP An Balangaw Performing Arts Group. The month-long celebration was concluded by the most anticipated environmental theatre performance Kalarakan 2017 with this year’s title Naliaw: Nabitik (The Enchantment of Awakening into the Circus of True Love). The spectacular show was organized by Theater Arts 109 (Directing) Class under the tutelage of Prof. Joycie Dorado Alegre.

The theme of Katbari Arts Festival 2017, “Larabhan Pangabathanaton Katungod” (Burning Passion for our Rights) is in response to the alarming status of extra judicial killings and other human rights violation in the country. It is also a way of raising social awareness through the arts among the audience. The theme also serves as a message that each one has to take hold and protect their respective rights with ‘burning passion’. (Marilou Morales)

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colleagues, friends, parents of patients, even by those who never met him.

Many anecdotes point out to Drey’s height. Drey was a tall person who we all looked up to – literally and figuratively. But he also struggled with his 6-foot frame. He wanted to be invisible to avoid attention. He wanted to focus on studying, on learning, on becoming the best version of himself. It was even more difficult to stay hidden when you belonged to an elite force of academic achievers... In high school, Drey was part of a group of friends who called themselves Heterogenius 7. They were composed of Doc Drey, our valedictorian Danileen who is in Korea, Doc Pelita, Doc Nolen who is in Belgium, Mark Jan and Lester who are in Manila, and Katrina who is in Canada. Genius befits them perfectly. They were a group of students who excelled both in academics and extra-curricular activities. They all graduated with honors.

Drey performed exceptionally in Biology – his favorite subject. From understanding the human body to dissecting the milkfish and the frog, to taking blood samples for blood-typing, Drey was the man. He was passionate about learning Biology because he knew it would be a good preparation for the profession he wanted to pursue...

How Drey survived and continued to excel after high school will make you admire him more. Despite financial challenges, he persevered to become a doctor. And indeed, he became a doctor and served the less fortunate in far-flung areas. He went to where help was needed the most, and he gave his best – to heal the citizens physically and emotionally, to change the system for the better.

....And, despite being in a distant region, Drey always communicated with his family. He sent messages to his mother every night. The life story of Drey is something that should be shared, to awaken sleepy hearts, to strengthen weary spirits, to inspire this generation and the coming ones.

...As you fight your individual struggles, do not forget that Drey always had the courage to overcome many difficulties. When you face trials and your values will be tested, do not forget that Doc Drey held on to his principles and made a positive difference.

Courage and selflessness, compassion and love – these are values instilled to Doc Drey by his parents and were further developed when Drey was in school and when he worked in rural communities. He never wanted fame or fortune. He just wanted to serve the country, to serve humankind...

So continue to believe, to have faith in this country and in this world, to work hard to make a difference, to uphold your values despite the challenges. There is a Doc Drey in you and me. Let us be inspired by the heroism, the bravery, the sincerity, and the honesty of our beloved brother.

We thank God for sharing Drey with us. We thank Drey’s family for their kindness and generosity. We thank our teachers for molding Drey to become an excellent individual.

Together, let us continue to pray for justice for our dear friend, for our hero.”

UP Visayas and UPHSI also released a statement that condemns the killing of Dr. Perlas and demanded that justice be served. (Anna Razel L. Ramirez)

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5) grant of service recognition pay to faculty administrators.

“We cannot be granted additional items that we may need unless these vacant items are filled up. When the Chancellor appointed me to this position, I immediately sent out an advisory to all offices and units to request for authority to fill up the vacant items of their units. Only the concerned units can initiate such request.”

He said that he does not have the numbers as to how many items have been approved by UP President Danilo Concepcion but pointed out that many units (in UPV) have already posted announcements of hiring.

“Once we go through the process of filling up vacant items, those occupying lower positions for so many years now, will have the chance to go up the ladder. The casuals and even the job order personnel can apply to the vacant positions. This is one way of regularizing our employees. However, not all will be regularized due to the insufficient number of vacant items. But, we will look for ways to, at least, convert the job order personnel into casuals,” he added.

He also said that during the interim period that these job order personnel have not yet been made regulars or casuals, UPV will implement the new compensation scheme for non-UP contractals that was recently approved by the UP Board of Regents. Under this scheme, he pointed out that the wages of job order personnel will be increased substantially but this is still subject to availability of funds.

“We will look for money [for this].

The chancellor is very supportive to all of these,” he emphasized.

He said that the filling up of vacant items, regularization of employees, moving of job hires to casual status, and implementation of new compensation scheme will be done simultaneously to improve the economic condition of the UPV employees, specially the rank and file.



In addition, Olaguer stated that the removal of the limit on professional fees that can be reimbursed by UP employees under the eHOPE program is another priority, revealing that the proposal to this effect has been submitted through the UP System FPOC (Fiscal Policies and Operations Committee).

The Vice-Chancellor said that there is also the need to adjust the overload teaching honorarium for faculty members.

“The present honorarium rate is still based on the year 2000 salary rate. While the basic salary was increased since then, the overload honorarium rate remains the same. A proposal to increase the rate will be submitted in the next System FPOC meeting,” he pointed out.

Lastly, he said that the move to request the granting of service recognition pay to faculty administrators is something that he will also strong support and work on.

Olaguer said that he has still other priorities but these are what he wants to focus on for now. He knows that realizing them is another thing and hopes that the UPV community will work things out together to make them happen. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)



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Balay-Balay Child Minding Centers conduct culminating programs



The children of Balay-Balay

THE UPV Gender and Development Program Balay Balay Child Minding Centers (BBCMC) on the Iloilo City and Miagao campuses conducted their culminating activities on March 21 and 22, 2017, respectively. The BBCMC Iloilo City campus held its activity with the theme “One Step Along the World I Go” at the UPV Auditorium while its Miagao counterpart conducted its activity with the theme “Every Child is

Special” at the CFOS AV Hall, UPV Miagao Campus.

Ms. Augil Marie Robles, Instructor of Psychology at the Division of Social Sciences, CAS, UPV Miagao served as guest speaker in the BBCMC Iloilo City campus culminating activity. Ms. Robles’s inspirational message focused on the importance of “play” in the child’s development. On the other hand, Ms. Teresa Hortillo, Guidance Specialist at the UPV Office of

Student Affairs, gave a lecture about Multiple Intelligences at the BBCMC Miagao’s culminating activity.

The Balay Balay Child Minding

Center is an extension project of the UPV Gender and Development Program that supports the implementation of Executive Order No. 340, mandating government institutions to respond to the needs of working parents by providing a place for socialization for 3-5-years-old children while they are at work. To date, BBCMC has already provided early childhood care and early formative education in a secure environment to more than 500 children from the city campus and 50 children in Miagao. BBCMC started in 1999 at the Iloilo City campus while BBCMC in Miagao started in the last quarter of 2014. **(Dana Lee M. Durana)**

IMFO profs share knowledge on use of nets to Miagao fishers



Monteclaro and Quintio as lecturers

PROFESSORS Dr. Harold M. Monteclaro and Dr. Gerard F. Quintio of the Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanology (IMFO), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas shared their knowledge on the use of fine meshed nets as well as their operation and effects on fish catch and fisheries resources to fishers of the Municipality of Miagao at the newly constructed Miagao Community Fish Landing Center on March 15, 2017.

Monteclaro and Quintio were invited by Miagao Mayor Macario N. Napulan as Resource Persons during the latter’s conduct of seminar/orientation on the use of fine meshed nets to fishers and barangay captains/officials of the 22 coastal barangays of said Municipality.

The results of a study by Monteclaro on the use of beach seine (sahid) in three different fishing sites in Miagao and San Joaquin were presented. His study showed that different fishing sites have different fish catch composition and that the kind of fishes caught in the morning differ also from those caught in the evening.

Quintio, on the other hand, discussed the use of the lift net (bentahan) and the composition and diversity of its fish catch.

A representative from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR), Mr. Matthew Doyola, talked about the disadvantages of using fine meshed nets in fishing to the fisheries resources.

Fine mesh nets refer to nets/webbings used in fishing with a mesh size of less than three (3) centimetres when stretched. The use of such in fishing is prevalent in Western Visayas. BFAR is regulating the use of these nets in Philippine waters and allows its use only for catching some species of fish like milkfish fry, prawn fry, marine aquarium/ornamental fishes, and other species which by nature are small but already mature such as dilis, alamang, and hipon, among others. Hence, the

fisherfolk are allowed to use these gears in catching the aforementioned fishes during the open season from October to March in accordance with the 2008 Comprehensive Fishery Code of Miagao.

Monteclaro expressed the willingness of the University, particularly CFOS, to provide technical advice and other related information in marine fisheries to Miagao and the affected fishers if needed. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos)**

UP Ichthyophilic Society on 3rd medical mission



UPIS volunteers in action

THE UP Ichthyophilic Society (UPIS), an academic-based student organization from the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, has always been mindful that UP, as a state-funded institution, has a moral obligation to give back to the community through various kinds of public service endeavors.

Now on its 3rd medical mission run, entitled, “Tagapagtaguyod ng Sector ng Pangisdaan,” UPIS It was able to provide medical, dental and circumcision services to 117 beneficiaries coming from 23 barangays of Miagao, Iloilo. It was held on April 29, 2017 at the Covered Court of the UP Visayas Miagao campus.

UPIS partnered with: the Asian Medical Students’ Association-

IT has become an event that is looked forward to by the UP Visayas community as part of the Women’s Month celebration.

This year’s Cook Off, dubbed “Chopped: UPV Edition,” had six competing groups that showcased their culinary skills during the March 9, 2017 competition at the grounds of the Administration Building, Miagao campus.

The contest was open to academic groups, student organizations, and the UPV faculty and staff who should enter as a group with three members. Only the first six groups to register first can join the contest.

Group 4 from the Office of Student Affairs was proclaimed winner with their entry, “Popeye’s Chicken” and received a cash prize of P 3,000.00. The rest of the participating groups each received consolation prizes of P 1,000.00. They are the following: Group 1 from the School of Technology (BS Food Technology students) with their menu: “Chicken a la Mama;” Group 2 – from the SOTECH Student Council with their entry: “Fishroom;” Group 3 – from the College of Arts and Sciences with their entry “Fish Fillet ala CAS with a Twist;” Group 5 – from the Central Administration with their menu: “Fish Sprikisteak and FishBook;” and Group 6 – from the Campus Development and Maintenance Office with the menu

– “Chicken Adobo and Sarsiado with Zucchini Salad.”

Each group brought its own charcoal-fired stove (kalan), pail, basin and dipper, cooking pans, knives, chopping board, measuring cups, spoons, mixing bowls, cooking utensils, and cleaning supplies. They were required to prepare an entrée and plated out a serving for the three judges.

Patterned after the TV show “Chopped,” a basket with five required ingredients was supplied to each team and must be incorporated into the dish.

The winning entry was scored according to food safety (proper attire and hygienic practices), culinary skills, flavor, and presentation. A boodle lunch that followed drew a large crowd from the UPV community. **(Lyncen M. Fernandez)**

Dr. Perlas remembered at UPHSI Tribute



Perlas

A brief memorial for UPHSI alumnus, Dr. Dreyfus “Toto” Perlas, was held during the UPHSI Flag Ceremony on March 6, 2017. Perlas, a graduate of UPHSI batch 2002, was slain by an unidentified gunman at Kapatagan, Lanao del Norte on March 2, 2017.

Present were his former classmates and teachers in UP High School in Iloilo who have nothing but good words about the person who dedicated his life to serving the poorest of the sick as Doctor to the Barrio volunteer.

Prof. Giabelle Saldaña, his former teacher, described Drey as a diligent student who was always friendly to everyone.

In a message, Ms. Ysabella Cainglet delivered a tribute message on behalf of Narra Batch 2002 for Dr. Perlas. An excerpt of the message follows:

“...Sadly, we lost another UP High family member. We mourn the passing of a classmate and a friend who sincerely worked for a noble cause. But we are here to celebrate the life he lived, to honor a true and selfless Iskolar ng Bayan.

These past few days our newsfeeds have been filled with stories of how Drey lived and how he touched lives. Testimonials have been given by

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WVSU, the Order of Asclepius-WVSU, St. Therese-MTCC Hospital, the 31st (Bayanihan)(INF) Brigade 31D, the 82nd Infantry (Bantay Laya) Battalion 31D, Dental Team 1, and the Municipality of Miagao.

In addition, UPIS also teamed up with other UPV student organizations that included the following: Sigma Beta Sorority and Beta Sigma Fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega (Kappa Gamma Chapter), Public Health Pub and the UP Vanguard Fraternity.

Sponsors of the event were the following: Pascual Pharma Corporation, Pascual Laboratories, Inc., Cathay Drugs, DOH Region 6, the Iloilo Provincial Capitol and the Miagao Rural Health Unit. **(Lyncen Fernandez with sources from UP Ichthyophilic Society)**