



## 287 students graduate from UPVTC

Jessa A. Amarille

*"Even though I suffered in the past, I can use its memory to learn, be healed, and be a better me now, towards a better future."*  
—Adrian Pantonial

This statement best describes the thoughts and sentiments of the students of the UP Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC) in Tacloban, Leyte, one of the hardest-hit areas when Yolanda struck central Philippines on November 8, 2013. Seven and a half months after Yolanda stormed in and trampled on their future, just like any other survivor, their lives simply must go on.

UPVTC held its 38th Commencement Exercises on June 27, 2014 at the HS

## UPV, Miagao LGU celebrate 4<sup>th</sup> Friendship Day

Lydia G. Callano

JUNE 6, 2014 was a special day for every constituent of UP Visayas and the Municipality of Miagao. For the fourth time, the two institutions gathered to celebrate their friendship and cooperation through a fun run/walk, Mass, breakfast, boodle lunch, games and *binayle* (dance). This year, Miagao LGU was the host. The events, which started before sunrise and ended



Various scenes from UPVTC's 38th Commencement Exercises.

Arts and Sciences grounds. Two hundred eighty-seven

students were conferred various degrees including those students who cross registered in other

UP campuses for the second semester after the typhoon struck  
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before midnight, were graced by UPV and Miagao LGU officials. This year's theme was "*Sa paghirupay kag pagtamdany, nag usbong ang kalipay kag pag-abyanay.*" The whole-day affair was spearheaded by the UPV Office of the Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development and the Office of the Municipal Mayor of Miagao.

This year's celebration was  
**UPV, MIAGAO/10**



Dr. Naret (4th from left) with CSC Chair Duque, VCAA Encarnacion Emilia Santos-Yap, husband Jose Naret, VCRE Ricardo Babaran, daughter Ellen Rose Naret, SCC Executive Secretary Dr. Evelyn Mae Tecson-Mendoza, and DOST Usec Fortunato de la Peña.

## SCC confers SCS scientist rank to UPV researcher

DR. Erlinda S. Ganzon-Naret is one of the five full-time researchers from the University of the Philippines (UP) System who were newly conferred with Scientist Rank in the Scientific Career System (SCS) by the Scientific Career Council (SCC) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) effective June 9, 2014.

Co-chaired by the DOST

Secretary and CSC Chair, SCC awarded the new SCS scientists Scientist I rank on the basis of their recorded and demonstrated scholarship and professional productivity in research and development as well as their overall contributions to scientific progress in their respective fields of specialization.

Naret is a University

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Employees of UPV and Miagao LGU enjoy the Bingo game (above) and the women volleyball and men basketball games (below).



## Elsevier awards CFOS faculty for excellence in journal reviewing

*Liberty N. Espectato*

DR. Merlina N. Andalecio, faculty member of the Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, UP Visayas, has been awarded by Elsevier a Certificate of Excellence in Reviewing. This award is given in recognition of her high quality of work as a peer reviewer of the Ocean and Coastal Management Journal.

According to Dr. Luaine Bandounas, Associate Publisher of the Ocean and Coastal Management, peer reviewers

provide a vital contribution to the advancement of scientific knowledge by taking time to help others publish their papers. She said in her email message to Andalecio, "reviewing manuscripts is not easy, but your dedication, attention to detail, and professionalism shines through in your work."

Aside from being a peer reviewer of the Ocean and Coastal Management, Andalecio has also served as a member of its Editorial Board since May 2011 up to the present.

The Certificate of Excellence



*Andalecio*

in Reviewing is awarded only once a year to a small hand-picked selection of reviewers identified by journal editors and editor-in-chiefs of Elsevier-published journals.

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## UPV prof is 2014 Metrobank Outstanding Teacher regional finalist



*Sadaba*

DR. Resurreccion Sadaba, a faculty member of the Division of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas, is one of the nine regional finalists in the higher education level chosen by the preliminary board of judges for the 2014 Metrobank Foundation Search for Outstanding Teachers (SOT). Sadaba is the sole finalist from the Visayas who received the notice dated May 30, 2014 from the award-giving body.

Sadaba will advance to the semi-final judging of the Search for an interview and teaching demonstration scheduled on June 10 at the Metrobank Plaza Penthouse, Makati City. The newly conferred UP Scientist I hopes to make it as one of the national finalists and eventually, win the most-coveted award for the higher education

competition. "I'll do my best and leave the rest for God to decide," he said, considering the award as the "Olympus" in the teaching profession. Sadaba has received various professional and community service awards in the municipal, regional, national, and international levels from various reputable groups.

The Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI), in partnership with the Department of Education (DepEd) and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), launched this year's Search for Outstanding Teachers (SOT) in January.

With the theme, "Launching Dreams towards Nation Building," the Search honors the teaching profession, recognizing those who exhibit competence, remarkable dedication to their work, and effective educational leadership as well as their various community involvements.

Now on its 30<sup>th</sup> year, the Search is open to all teachers in the elementary, secondary, and higher education levels in both public and private schools throughout the country.

The winners will receive cash prizes with a medal, trophy, and a plaque of recognition for their school. (*Lenilyn B. Gallos, with sources from <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Search-for-Outstanding-Teachers/304317546272102>*)

## Two UPV grads are 2014 TOSP national finalists

*Teresa Hortillo*

THE 2014 Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines (TOSP) national finalists have been identified after a rigorous selection process by the National Screening Committee on 21 June 2014 at the RFM Corporate Center in Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila.

Two honor graduates of Class 2014 of the University of the Philippines Visayas have been chosen as national finalists. They are Mr. Jerry Ian L. Leonida, Bachelor of Science in Fisheries, *magna cum laude*, and Mr. Friez Arban D. Perales, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Marketing), *cum laude*.

Prior to their having been chosen as national finalists, Leonida and Perales were awarded as among the Ten Outstanding Students of Region VI on April 24, 2014 at the Provincial Capitol, Iloilo City. As national

finalists, they will attend a seven-day formation program on August 1-7, 2014. The formation program will culminate with the 2014 TOSP National Awarding Ceremonies on 7 August 2014 at the Heroes Hall, Malacañang Palace, Manila.

The search for the TOSP is an annual event being organized by the RFM Foundation with support from its partners, which include the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The TOSP, as an awards program, honors the country's most notable students at Malacañang Palace and by the President of the Republic. It recognizes the best among the graduating college students who not only excel academically but also dedicate themselves as exceptional leaders and community servants in order to make a difference in their respective circles. (*Source: TOSP National Secretariat*)



*Leonida*



*Perales*

## TLRC holds 18th Summer Bridge Program

Sharon G. Gargaritano

THE year 2014 marks the eighteenth year of the implementation of the Summer Bridge Program (SBP) by the Teaching and Learning Resource Center (TLRC) of UP Visayas since its first implementation in 1997. During the first few years of implementation, there were only more or less 20 incoming freshmen who participated in the program as compared to later years when participants reached to an average total of 150 students. For 2014, there were 218 participants.

The TLRC, in collaboration with the Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics (DPSM), conducted the 18th SBP on May 20 – 29, 2014, UP Visayas, Miagao, Iloilo.

Eight faculty members of UPV, also known as “SBP Faculty Tutors,” were tapped to share their expertise in mathematical skills. They were Prof. May Pison, Prof. Marierose Chavez, Prof. Leah Araneta, Prof. Filame Joy Catinan, Prof. Lindley Kent Faina, Mr. Kent Christian Castor, and Ms. Christi Florence Calina from the Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences (DPSM-CAS). The Faculty Tutor from the Division of Social Sciences, CAS was Dr. Gay Defiesta.

The 8-day SBP began on May 20, 2014 with an Opening Program and an orientation about the program and an open forum at the Audio-Visual Room, Interactive Learning Program, Tomas Fonacier Hall. The program was organized through the concerted efforts of the TLRC staff spearheaded by the Director Dr. Zoilo S. Andrada, Jr., who also presented the SBP history and some pointers on how to survive life in UP. Prof. Pison emphasized that only the UP System, among other universities in the country, offers the Summer Bridge Program and students who were chosen are very much privileged. Prof. Catinan encouraged the participants not to be negative about Mathematics since it is part of everyday life, whether one likes it or not; and the secret to loving and learning Math like a pro is sticking by the good old adage,

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## UPV Art Gallery features Anthony Castillo's photo installation

MOMENTS of Clarity, an installation of photographs of Ilonggo artist Anthony Castillo, was opened for public viewing at the UP Visayas Art Gallery, Iloilo City campus, on June 13, 2014. This was made possible through the effort of the UPV Chancellor's Committee on Culture and the Arts (UPV-CCCA).

Castillo, a UPHSI Batch '92 alumnus, has been producing pen and ink drawings and relief sculptures in wood since 2007, which show his endeavor to take hold of, and understand, his personality with a bipolar disorder. The photograph installation, Moments of Clarity, is his fourth solo exhibition where he ventures into photography. It presents various pictures of the artist's home and immediate surroundings after his depression.

“Capturing a moment has a calming effect on me,” the artist wrote at the left side of the wall of the Art Gallery. Castillo's photos were randomly installed at the other side of the wall with dates mostly taken in early June 2014.

According to Prof. Martin Genodepa, faculty member of the



Castillo's photo installation.

Division of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences, UPV, artist, and curator of the photos, Castillo's “collection of images may intimate the initiatory befuddled state of Castillo's mind even as it intones his frantic desire to regain a sense of oneness and blend with the regular routine and rhythm of everyday existence.” He added that the pictures captured Castillo's effort to re-connect with his comfort zone and suggest his attempt to find a normalizing assurance from his domestic environment after a period of alienation from it during

his time of dejection.

The opening was attended by Friends of UPV for the Arts, Inc., UPHSI Batch '92, UPV faculty and staff members, and other invited guests. Former UPV Chancellor Minda J. Formacion, President of Friends of UPV for the Arts, Inc. Prof. Gaudelia Doromal, and invited guest Mr. Manuel Villa, Jr. led the ribbon cutting.

“Moments of Clarity” ran until July 11, 2014 at the UPV Gallery. (Lenilyn B. Gallos; with sources from UPV-CCCA)

## UPVTC celebrates 41st anniversary

Jessa A. Amarille

THE University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College celebrated the 41st anniversary of its establishment as a college on May 23, 2014 at the UPVTC Multi-Purpose Building.

“An Paghimugso,” a Waray-Waray term which means “coming into being,” was the celebration's theme. The people who played crucial roles in the establishment of UPVTC as a college joined the celebration. Hon. Ferdinand Martin G. Romualdez, Congressman of the 1st District of Leyte, represented the late Governor Benjamin Romualdez. It was during the administration of Governor Romualdez when Resolution No. 85 of the Provincial Board of Leyte was passed. The Resolution petitioned for the establishment UP in Tacloban City to provide quality education for Region VIII.

Prof. Querima Q. Jopson, UPVTC's College Secretary, narrated the history of UPVTC during the program. She said UPVTC was established on May 23, 1973 when the UP Board of Regents granted the University

President the authority to open a UP branch in Tacloban City, which was inaugurated on July 2, 1973.

Former Commission on Audit Chairperson and Associate Justice Atty. Francisco S. Tantuico Jr., UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa, and other UP and UPV officials were also present during the celebration.

UPVTC Dean, Dr. Anita G. Cular, assisted by Associate Dean Prof. Anida Bernadette B. Lorenzo, gave special recognition to Hon. Romualdez and Atty. Tantuico for having been instrumental in UPVTC's establishment.

In her welcome message, Dean Cular stressed that the activity was a special affair because it was not only a celebration of the 41st anniversary of UPVTC's establishment but also a commemoration of the College's recovery from the devastation caused by typhoon Yolanda. She congratulated the students, faculty, and personnel of the College for staying strong and resilient in the midst of the Yolanda aftermath.

To make the event more memorable, Prof. Dulce Anacion from the Division of

Humanities presented her painting “Paghimugso” as a token for UPVTC. According to her, the painting symbolizes the rebirth of UPVTC after the destruction it suffered from typhoon Yolanda.

The UP An Balangaw Performing Arts Group, The Nightingales, UPVTC's singing trio, and Ms. Rosary Jasmine C. Padilla, a UPVTC student and soprano, graced the affair with their artistic and musical performances.

“Harampangug Sasaro,” a sunset soiree with poetry reading and musical numbers followed the Opening Program. Selected students, faculty members from the Division of Humanities, Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, Division of Social Sciences, and Division of Management, and members of the administrative staff of the college performed in the said activity. After the soiree, the students held a short party with band and group performances.

The anniversary celebration was spearheaded by the Division of Management led by its Chairperson Prof. Arvin L. de Veyra.



# Nagoya University donates car to UPVTC

**Jessa A. Amarille**

A brand-new Toyota Innova car was donated by the Nagoya University of Japan to the University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College during a turnover ceremony held on May 6, 2014 at the UPVTC Arts and Sciences grounds.

The turnover ceremony was attended by Dr. Mamuro Tsuda of Nagoya University who was accompanied by his wife Prof. Yolanda Tsuda, UPVTC Dean Dr. Anita G. Cular, Associate Dean Prof. Anita Bernadette Lorenzo, the Division Chairs of



**Dean Cular with Dr. Tsuda**

UPVTC, some faculty members, administrative staff, students, and representatives from Toyota.

After formally handing over the key to Dean Cular, Dr. Tsuda said in his message that the car was

the fruit of the combined efforts of the students and faculty and staff members of the Nagoya University of Foreign Studies, Nagoya University of Arts and Sciences, and the Nagoya University Arts

and Sciences Junior College.

According to him, a group of students, upon hearing the news of the devastation caused by typhoon Yolanda in the Philippines, raised funds to help the victims of the catastrophe and chose UPVTC as the beneficiary. They decided to use the collected amount to purchase a new car and donate to UPVTC.

Dean Cular expressed her gratitude in behalf of the UPVTC community. She said that the donated car will serve as the new official service vehicle of the College.



**Prof. Dumagpi (left) addresses the incoming Grade 7 students of UPHSI.**

## UPHSI orients incoming Grade 7 students and parents

UPHigh School in Iloilo (UPHSI), UP Visayas, through the efforts of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), conducted a one-day orientation for incoming Grade 7 students and their parents at the UPV Auditorium, Iloilo City campus, on June 9, 2014. The school opened on June 16, 2014 for Academic Year 2014-2015.

UPHSI Principal Prof. Rosario L. Dumagpi welcomed the 80 new students and their parents. She underscored the importance of the Orientation Program to both the parents and students to familiarize them with UPHSI, its faculty, and staff members and its rules, policies, and guidelines.

The UPHSI principal emphasized to the students that the school wants diligent students who abide by the school rules and regulations. She also reminded them of the cut-off grade that they should maintain in their math, science, and computer subjects.

She said that parents should also be aware of what is expected of their children as UPHSI students. She asked the parents for their full support and cooperation so that their

children can meet the school's expectations.

Prof. Anelyn Yabillo presented the academic policies while Prof. Raphael Belleza discussed the policies on scholarship. Dr. Evelyn Ortigas and Prof. Dominique Maquiran talked about student discipline and student activities and welfare, respectively.

The discussions were followed by an open forum followed the discussions and a message from Prof. Ruben M. Gamala, Director of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA).

In the afternoon, the students had the chance to know their peers through several activities spearheaded by the UPHSI Junior Peer Counselors and Student Council. UPHSI Guidance Counselor Ms. Juvy T. Janco presented the counseling and related services. The students had a virtual tour of the UPV campus through a video presentation. They also met students from other grade level and toured the Iloilo City campus.

The UPHSI Junior Peer Counselors and Student Council facilitated the annual activity. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos)**

## UPVTC receives awards from CHED Regional Office 8

**Pierce S. Docena**

FOR UP Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC), it was a day of giving and receiving.

Together with other higher education institutions (HEIs), UPVTC participated in several activities in celebration of the 20th founding anniversary of the Commission on Higher Education Regional Office 8 (CHED RO8) on May 15, 2014.

The celebration started in the morning with a motorcade around Tacloban City and ended at St. Paul School of Business and Law (SPSBL) in Campetic, Palo, Leyte.

This was followed by a short program at the SPSBL Auditorium where the CHED Regional Director, Dr. Maura Consolacion Cristobal, acknowledged the support of the various HEIs and honored their achievements by giving awards to those who had

produced first placers in board exams for the past 20 years and those with top 10 placers in board exams for 2013.

Dean Anita Cular received two awards for UPVTC, that is, for producing a first placer in the 1993 Philippine Certified Accountants Licensure Examination (Ms. Josephine Adreinne Abarca) and for having a top 10th placer in the same board exam in 2013.

The program ended with a gift-giving activity and soup kitchen service for 100 identified poor families in a nearby barangay sponsored by several HEIs in the region.

Dean Cular, College Secretary Querima Jopson, and Office of Continuing Education and *Pahinungod* Coordinator Pierce Docena represented the College and donated 200 packs of relief clothes.



**Dean Cular (2nd from left) receives the award for UPVTC from CHED RO-8 for being an achiever in the CPA board exams for the past 20 years.**





## UPVTC GDPO and OCEP conduct GST for MARINA RO8

**Pierce S. Docena**

THE Gender and Development Program Office (GDPO) and Office of Continuing Education and *Pahinungod* (OCEP) of UPV Tacloban College (UPVTC) conducted a Gender Sensitivity Training (GST) to officers and employees of the Maritime Industry Authority Regional Office 8 (MARINA RO8) held on May 10, 2014 at Baybayon ni Agalon Resort, Albuera, Leyte.

Around 50 MARINA employees and their partners participated in the GST, which specifically aimed to make them more aware of gender and sexuality issues inside and outside the workplace.

GDPO Coordinator Prof. Ervina Espina shared basic concepts on gender, gender and development (GAD), and some pertinent laws on GAD while OCEP Coordinator Prof. Pierce Docena clarified certain issues on sexual harassment and discussed concepts on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.

The GST ended with a workshop during which time the participants were grouped and asked to role play gender and sexuality issues in certain contexts (home, school, workplace, place of worship, community) and to offer practical steps that could be done to address those issues.

## Filipino Community of Guam gives financial assistance to UPV

MS. Nilfa Moncada Milan, President of Western Visayas College of Science and Technology (WVCST) Alumni Association—Guam, handed over Php20,000 to UP Visayas Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa as cash assistance for the UPV Miagao campus in a simple turnover ceremony at the Conference Room of the Graduate Program Office, Iloilo City campus on June 30, 2014.

The effort is part of the group's Yolanda Rehabilitation Project. According to Milan, the UP alumni in Guam requested the former if they could allot a certain amount to UPV. They had heard of what happened to the UPV Water System due to the extensive flooding and soil erosion brought about by the onslaught of Super Typhoon Yolanda that hit the region on November 8, 2013. Yolanda caused more than a million pesos in damages to the water system.



Chancellor Espinosa (seated 3rd from left) receives the cash donation from Mrs. Milan (seated 2nd from left) of the Filipino Community of Guam.

Espinosa said the financial assistance would be used as an additional fund for the rechanneling and restoration of the access road to the collector well located at the Miagao campus. The UPV Water System supplies potable water to the entire

University and some areas in the Municipality of Miagao.

The Chancellor thanked the benevolent donors for their support to the University. The event was witnessed by other members of the Filipino Community of Guam. (Lenilyn B. Gallos)

## UPV-USC holds 2014 Convention, elects new officers

**Janerie V. Octavio**

THE UP Visayas University Student Council (UPV-USC), the highest body of student representation inside the university, held its annual convention at the conference room of the UPV administration building, Miagao campus on June 15-17, 2014.

College Student Council representatives including UPV Tacloban, gathered to elect their officers and committee heads for the new academic year and to get equipped with the essential

knowledge they will need as new student leaders of the university.

Outgoing USC Chairperson Keysie Gomez gave the opening remarks. Mr. Eduardo Gabral, National Chairperson of *Kasama sa UP* gave a talk to further enlighten the student leaders' understanding of UP and the education situation. Hon. Anna Razel Ramirez, Staff Regent, was also present to discuss the UPV situation and its role in the UP System. Furthermore, the USC representatives participated in the talk given by the Director of the Office of Students Affairs (OSA),

Professor Ruben Gamala, about the functions of the office and the Socialized Tuition System while Hon. Neill Macuha, new Student Regent, discussed the national situation.

During the flag ceremony on June 16, the USC representatives met with the administrative staff to introduce themselves as well as inform them about their hopes for the university. They then proceeded to the convention venue where Hon. Macuha gave a talk on the parliamentary protocol. Mr. Shawn Kemp Capucion, outgoing USC Vice Chairperson, discussed the UPV-USC Constitution before facilitating the election for the new set of UPV-USC officers with Ms. Begerie Belle Agustin, outgoing committee head of the Community Rights and Welfare.

Ms. Vanessa Aura Yunque, CAS USC Representative, was elected USC Chairperson of UPV. New committee heads were also appointed for 2014 to 2015. The convention then became the venue of the first UPV-USC meeting of the newly elected officers where they conducted their campaign formation and activity planning for the year.

The oath taking and team building of the new officers were held on June 17, 2014 at Balay Lampirong.

A courtesy call with Chancellor Rommel Espinosa and a city tour of guests and speakers completed the 3-day

## UPV librarians share knowledge on records recovery measures

**Sharon Rose Galorport**

MS. Ana Mones, University Librarian, and Analiza Linaugo, Head Librarian of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) Library of the University of the Philippines (UPV), served as part of the team of resource persons during the "Training/Seminar on the Formulation of Guidelines and Strategies in Disaster Risk Reduction and Recovery Measures of Government Records" on May 20 – 22, 2014 at the Eurotel Hotel, Station 2, Island of Boracay, Malay, Aklan.

The training/seminar was organized by the Philippine Association of Records Officers and Archivists (PAROA) in coordination with the Alliance

of Cultural Heritage Association of the Philippines (ACHAP) as part of the continuous training offered by PAROA, which aims to prepare personnel in all government agencies for protecting government records from serious destruction brought about by natural and man-made calamities. It therefore focused on the formulation of strategies in protecting public records from risk and the sharing of best practices of participating government agencies on Disaster Risk Management as far as Records Systems is concerned.

Mones talked about disaster preparedness while Linaugo concentrated on disaster prevention. Dr. Reysa Alenzuela, Dean of Cabalum

Western College and consultant librarian of Iloilo Doctor's College, gave the overview and discussed disaster response. Digitization was tackled by Stephen Alayon, Chief Librarian of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), while Dr. Isamu Sakamoto, a paper conservator, records recovery expert, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) representative, talked about the recovery of government records. Florabel Fumar, a staff member of UPV Tacloban College Library, also shared her experiences on what happened to the government records of Leyte and Tacloban after Typhoon Yolanda hit the area on November 8, 2013.

## UPV hosts PPSA 2014 Int'l Conference

DESPITE its postponement from April 10-11, 2014 to May 2-3, 2014 due to the threat of Typhoon Domeng whose path passed the Province of Iloilo, the Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA) 2014 International Conference still drew a good crowd at the UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus.

During his welcome Remarks, PPSA President Herman Joseph S. Kraft, expressed his appreciation to UPV for hosting the conference that had about 80 participants from the Philippines and abroad.

Mark Thompson, Professor of Politics at the Department of Asian and International Studies, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, City University of Hong Kong, delivered the keynote lecture that delved on "The Challenges of Comparative

Political Analysis."

Various papers were presented that revolved around this year's theme, "Gazing out: Locating Asia in the Philippine Political Worldview." These included topics on security, reintegration programs for communist New People's Army and the MNLF, Philippine and US relations, ASEAN integration, revisiting colonial history, renewable energy, child labor, gender division in labor, reproductive health, Chinese language policy in Asian countries, decentralizing education, ASEAN power relations, ASEAN economy, global migration, film and political economy, allegories in Philippine society in horror cinema, Philippine-Japanese trade relations, Philippine FDA harmonization with ASEAN

standards, bureaucracy in municipal health and agricultural offices, rebels, insurgents and revolutionaries, K12 and its implication in the teaching of political science, education, representing communities during disasters (particularly Yolanda), democracy, elections particularly on electoral integrity, governance, fisheries and the academe, civil societies, social media relations, parenting, climate crimes, and religion and politics in Muslim countries.

UPV faculty members and REPS presented 10 papers either as a lone author or with shared authorship. From the Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, they were the following: Dr. Rosalie Arcala-Hall, Dr. Mary Barby Badayos-Jover, Prof. Pepito Fernandez, Jr., Clyde Ben Gacayan, Prof. Hannibal Eguico Camua, and Dr. Rodelio Subade; from the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, Liberty Espectato, Genna Serofia, and Dr. Carlos Baylon; from the UPV Tacloban College, Prof. Ladylyn Mangada.

Former UP President and one-time UPV Chancellor, Dr. Francisco "Dodong" Nemenzo, was also one of the participants and presented a paper entitled, "The Arab Spring." (Lynceen M. Fernandez)



(L-R): Thompson, Kraft, and Chancellor Espinosa at the PPSA International Conference.

## Orientation for parents of incoming first year students held

**Teresa Hortillo**

THE University of the Philippines Visayas, through the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), conducted an orientation for parents of incoming first year college students on May 31, 2014 at the UPV Auditorium, Iloilo City Campus.

Prof. Emilia Encarnacion S. Yap, UPV Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, gave the opening remarks while an inspiring and enlightening message to the parents was given by Dr. Rommel A. Espinosa, UPV Chancellor, who is a parent himself.

Relevant information about the University and its policies were presented to the parents. These included information on the Registration System by Prof. Jose A. Go, University Registrar; support services such as the 1) Socialized Tuition System and Scholarship by Ms. Marites E. Geonanga, Scholarship Officer; 2) Guidance, Counseling and Personal Effectiveness Program by Mrs. Jeanette C. Gallo,

Guidance Coordinator; 3) Student Conduct and Discipline and Student Organizations by Prof. Ruben M. Gamala, OSA Director; 4) Health Services by Dr. Chona M. Parreño, Medical Officer at the Iloilo City Campus; and 5) Residential Services by Mrs. Ma. Beatriz M. Valencia, Dorm Manager of Balay Ilonggo.

A video presentation about the University was likewise shown to the parents to give them a glimpse of what their sons and daughters would experience in UPV. The UPV Guidance Services Specialists (GSS) and Dormitory Managers and some OSA personnel were also introduced to the parents.

Ms. Melissa Ann T. Gabriel, faculty member of the School of Technology, gave an overview of their programs, emphasizing to the parents that BS in Food Technology is not a "cooking class."

Ms. Therese Arianne T. Samson, an incoming BS in Food Technology student; Mr. Ralph Anthony A. Gonzales,

an incoming fourth year BS in Accountancy student; and Mrs. Susana E. Gajardo, a parent with older children who graduated from UPV gave the parents some ideas about what are in the minds of some of the University's stakeholders.

An open forum followed, which was moderated by Mrs. Mylene M. Mondejar, GSS. The frequently asked questions were about the registration procedures and fees, the new Socialized Tuition System, scholarships, and concerns about dormitory accommodation. The OSA Director and Coordinators of the different support services responded to the parents' queries.

Prof. Ruben M. Gamala, OSA Director, gave the Closing Remarks. Ms. Maria Aurelia Estela L. Pador, GSS, served as the Master of Ceremonies.

In the afternoon, three shuttle buses of the University were utilized for the parents' tour of the Miagao campus. Some of the GSS served as tour guides.

## History Cluster faculty hold workshops for curricular review

**Elmer L. Jover**

MEMBERS of the UP Visayas History Cluster for the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), aim to revise the 1984 BA (History) curriculum to cohere with the overall niche of UP Visayas by focusing on maritime and archipelagic history. To this end, History faculty members underwent a two-part Academic Program Improvement (API) activity on June 9-14, 2014 in Metro Manila.

CAS Dean and a faculty member of the History Cluster herself, Dr. Ma. Luisa E. Mabunay, led the group with a brainstorming workshop together with various experts. Dr. Joeefe Santarita, former faculty member of the History cluster and current College Secretary of the Asian Center, facilitated this activity, which was held at GT-Toyota Building, UP Diliman, Quezon City.

Among the experts who joined the critical exchanges were Dr. Vic Villan (Historical Linguistics), former UP President and UPV Chancellor Dr. Francisco "Dodong" Nemenzo (Political Science), Dr. Jay Batongbacal (Maritime Law), Dr. Ed Gomez (Marine Scientist), Dr. Manuel Bonifacio (Sociology), Dr. Patricio "Jojo" Abinales (Comparative Politics and Southeast Asian Studies), Dr. Celestina Boncan (History), Dr. Ed Gonzalez (Public Policy), Dr. Zosimo Lee (Philosophy), and Atty. Raphael Perpetuo "Popo" Lotilla (Law).

The consensus for holding a conference addressing these concerns was a concrete outcome of the exchanges. Plans are underway for this conference to be jointly organized with the Center for West Visayan Studies at the Iloilo City campus on 6-7 November 2014.

The workshop was followed by the visits to various sources of historical research, such as the Ateneo de Manila University Archives, museums in the Malacañang Compound, University of Sto. Tomas, the Mabini Shrine at PUP, Fort San Julian Naval Museum in Cavite, Pambansang Museo, Ayala Museum, Museo Marino of AMOSUP, and the All Japan Seamen's Union, as well as the Museo Marítimo of the Asian Institute of Maritime Studies, among others. Relevant books and reading materials were also acquired for use by the History cluster for the continuing tasks of curricular revision.



# CCCA holds photography workshop for IOs

INFORMATION Officers (IOs) of the various offices of UP Visayas and interested faculty and administrative staff members underwent a one-day workshop on photography conducted by the Chancellor's Committee for Culture and the Arts (CCCA) at the Training Rooms, Graduate and Continuing Education Building, Iloilo City campus on May 14, 2014.

Dubbed as "My UPV" Photography Workshop, it aimed to equip the IOs with skills in photography, "which is helpful for them in performing their functions," said CCCA Special Assistant Celia F. Parcon.

In her welcome remarks, Parcon said the activity "is in response to the challenge of the Office of the Vice President for Public Affairs for the various constituent universities to undertake projects that will raise the level of awareness of the public on the role of UP as the shaper of minds that shape the nation." She underscored the importance of photography as a superior form of information dissemination and documentation and one way to assist the University in collecting quality photographs that can be used in building its image and public affairs activities.

World-renowned photographer and UPV alumnus Manny Librodo, former president of the Photographic Society of Iloilo (PSI) Dr. Israel Gonzalez, and UPV faculty member of the Division of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences Mr. Emmanuel Lerona were the resource persons for the

workshop. Librodo gave tips and tricks in taking better or standout pictures. To augment Librodo's lecture, Gonzalez shared some important tips on how to capture moments and to document events while Lerona talked about the technicalities of using the camera to get a good shot, tips when taking photos, making a portfolio, and editing.

The speakers emphasized the essence of a background, foreground, good light, shadows, patterns, a good subject, and most importantly, knowing your camera, among others in order to have quality and standout photos. They showed the participants samples of their works.

"An effective photo is a well-exposed and well-composed



*The workshop speakers and participants.*

photo that communicates an idea or tells a story," Lerona stressed.

The participants were divided into three groups to take pictures around the campus during the workshop. Before the end of the activity, Librodo demonstrated how to edit

pictures using Adobe Photoshop, a computer software that could help enhance the quality of the photos.

CCCA will launch the "My UPV" Photography Contest for 2014 in August. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos)**

## UPVTC Chorale holds benefit concert

**Stephen Lagarde**

SIX months after super-typhoon Yolanda hit Tacloban, the UP Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC) Chorale held its 2014

annual concert entitled, "Springin' Back" on June 20, 2014 at the Ritz Tower de Leyte, Tacloban City.

"Springin' Back" is the fourth annual concert of the UPVTC

Chorale since its revival in 2009. Its title is based on the notion of resiliency, a current rehabilitation buzzword which refers to the ability to spring back from an adverse situation most especially in Yolanda-devastated areas.

Like all other annual concerts of the UPVTC Chorale, this year's event was a special musical project that assert that, show the ability of survivors to recover, rebuild, and move on with their lives despite, a horrendous calamity like Yolanda. The concert was, to a large extent, the UPVTC Chorale's way of participating in the great task of helping to alleviate the wide-ranging needs of the community by contributing a significant part of its proceeds to the Darangpan Fund, a noteworthy financial assistance program for deserving UPVTC students.

Ms. Luningning Aballe-San Jose, an alumna of the internationally renowned Philippine Madrigal Singers and Vocal Coach of the ABS-CBN Star Magic, served as the chorale's Vocal Coach and Guest Conductor of the concert. It also featured Ms. Clarian Liz Avila, a recent voice graduate (soprano) of the UP College of Music.

According to a review written by Mr. Jess de Paz, Artistic Director of the Leyte Dance Theater and ALIW Lifetime Achievement Awardee for 2013, "the concert was impressive in terms of the overall enthusiasm and performance quality of the

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*Members of the UPVTC Chorale.*

## OAR opens Alumni Terrace

**GC Castro**

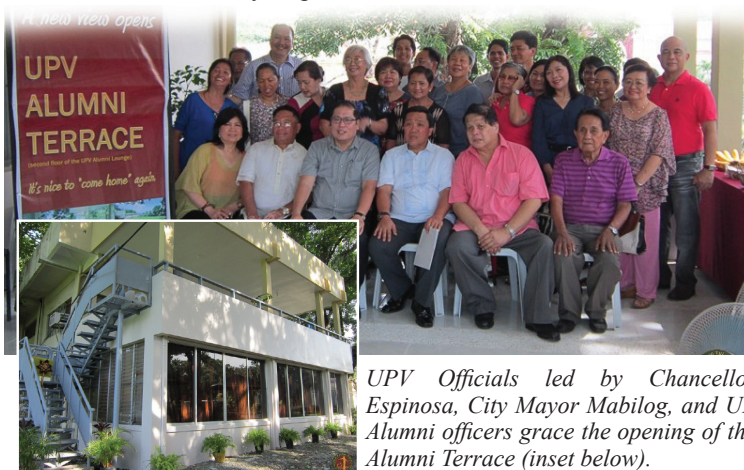
THE UP Visayas Alumni Terrace was formally opened

on May 28, 2014. The opening was led by Iloilo City Mayor, Hon. Jed Patrick Mabilog, and

UPV Chancellor, Dr. Rommel Espinosa. Present during the event were other UPV officials, some faculty and staff members, UP alumni, and officers from the City Government.

The completion of the Alumni Terrace was made possible through funding support from Mayor Mabilog. UPHS Batch '75 has likewise committed to refurbish the newly constructed facility.

The Alumni Terrace is open for various alumni activities like meetings or small gatherings. It is the latest addition to the Alumni Lounge which brings closer the fulfillment of UPV OAR's dream of making it "your home in UPV."



*UPV Officials led by Chancellor Espinosa, City Mayor Mabilog, and UP Alumni officers grace the opening of the Alumni Terrace (inset below).*



## Pol Sci prof joins author workshop in Hamburg, Germany

DR. Rosalie Arcala-Hall, Professor of Political Science and University Scientist 1 of the Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, U.P. Visayas joined the two-day author workshop on "Power sharing and changing power relations" at the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA) in Hamburg, Germany on June 6-7, 2014.

The workshop, which was organized by Dr. Andreas Mehler, included 12 scholar-researchers from institutions in the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, and the Netherlands and was sponsored by the German Foundation for Peace Research. The workshop objective was to situate the various papers in a theoretical framework that linked negotiated bargains to end conflict with power relations outcomes. The papers examined diverse dimensions of power shifts and power sharing arrangement across a

variety of cases in Africa and Asia. These featured both quantitative (large N cases) and qualitative (single or comparative case studies). The workshop endeavored to fine-tune the papers into chapters for a book which will be submitted to a prestigious publication outfit in the US or Europe by 2015.

Hall's paper centered on military power sharing and its effects on the security sector, using the Moro National Liberation Front integration into the Philippines Army from 1996-1999 as a case. Some of the comments generated included the following: 1) inclusion of survey data about Muslim public perception of MNLF integration (as opposed to elite views); 2) effect of military integration on the regional population's sense of security and whether the military integration presented opportunities or influence for inclusion in economic and political terms; 3) the

broader context of informal power constellations (warlords; lawless elements); and 4) its link with the MNLF's ascension to formal political power in the autonomous government.

Arcala-Hall was invited to the workshop and book project by Dr. Caroline Hartzell of Gettysburg College (USA). Hartzell and Hall collaborated previously on a multi-country book project on military mergers under Dr. Roy Licklider of Rutgers University. The book from that project, "New Armies from Old: Merging Competing Military Forces after Civil Wars," edited by Roy Licklider and published by Georgetown University Press (2014) is now out. Hall's chapter contribution is entitled "From Rebels to Soldiers: An Analysis of the Philippine Policy of Integrating Former Moro National Liberation Front Combatants into the Armed Forces." (Source: Division of

## OSA conducts psych testing for 1st year students

**Teresa S. Hortillo**

THE Office of Student Affairs (OSA) of UP Visayas conducted a Psychological Testing for incoming first year students for Academic Year 2014-2015 on June 3-4, 2014. There were four sessions held each for Miagao-based and City-based students.

Guidance Services Specialists (GSS), namely Mrs. Mylene M. Mondejar, Mrs. Jeanette C. Gallo, Ms. Maria Aurelia, Estela L. Pador, and Mrs. Teresa S. Hortillo administered the test to 577 new students of the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, and School of Technology at the Miagao Campus. Ms. Monica P. Espinosa supervised a total of 202 new entrants of the College of Management at the Iloilo City campus.

The Miagao campus-based GSS were assisted by student volunteers who manned the registration, assisted in the distribution of the test materials, helped in the physical arrangement of the venue, and served as proctors during the testing sessions. The volunteers were from the Peer Facilitators and DUCES (Delegates of Untainted Commitment to Effectuate Service - OSA leadership trainees).

The GSS assigned in the CM, Ms. Espinosa and Ms. Salgado, were assisted by four student volunteers who are also officers of the CM Student Council. Ms. Gallo, Coordinator of the Guidance and Counseling Services Unit, went to both campuses to oversee the conduct of the psychological testing.

According to OSA, all new students (including transferees) of UPV in the Miagao and Iloilo City campuses who failed to take the psychological tests on June 3 and 4 will be accommodated in August after the enrolment period.

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Tacloban and other places in Region VIII. Six graduated with a degree in Master of Management, 28 for Bachelor of Science in Accountancy, 94 for Bachelor of Science in Management, 20 for Bachelor of Arts (Communication Arts), 27 for Bachelor of Science (Biology), 30 for Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, 22 for Bachelor of Arts (Social Sciences) Economics, 32 for Bachelor of Arts (Social Sciences) Political Science, and 28 for Bachelor of Arts (Social Sciences) Psychology.

Twenty students graduated *cum laude*. The honor graduates are as follows: BS in Accountancy - Sarah G. Go-Aco, Kim Cathryn P.

Gorgonio, Marc Joseph T. Loyola, Karen Lou C. Lampayan, and Gerald C. Tobias; BS in Management - Ysabelle Kryss G. Lucas, Daniel Salvador B. Morillo, and Jane C. Reglo; BS Biology - Arvin Dominic G. Agner, Joshua Mari T. Bobares, Ralph John Gil V. Labaclado, and Daniel C. Licayan; BASS Political Science - Rosalie S. Almaden, Ivy N. Casilan, and Grace Anne B. de Veyra; and BASS Psychology - Angelika O. Ambal, Regina D. Ayaso, Audrey L. Cumla, Normae C. Ecija, and Marinel L. Octa. BS Biology graduate, Arvin Dominic G. Agner is the class valedictorian for 2014.

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President and CEO, Rizalina G. Mantaring, was the commencement speaker. Mantaring stressed in her commencement address that the new graduates must make their lives count.

UPVTC's Commencement Exercises was delayed for two months this year because the College had to adjust its schedule for the second semester of A.Y. 2013-2014 due to the devastation caused by typhoon Yolanda. The opening of classes for the second semester was moved to January as the College had to undergo rehabilitation and recovery. (Lenilyn B. Gallos)

## SCC-DOST.....from page 1

Researcher and the current Station Head of the Brackishwater Aquaculture Center, Institute of Aquaculture, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, UP Visayas in Brgy. Nabitasan, Leganes, Iloilo. She is a licensed Fisheries Technologist with a Ph.D. in Agriculture.

The SCC cited her significant contribution to the development of the low-cost effective aquaculture diets that utilized non-conventional feedstuffs like processed terrestrial leaves of swamp cabbage, sweet potato, seeds of pigeon pea, green pea, and agricultural by-products that could replace fish meal partially or completely in formulated diets to sustain fish production and

reduce water pollution. She has initiated researches mostly on the identification of alternative plant proteins, which are economically viable and environmental friendly.

The four other new scientists from the UP System were from UP Los Baños, namely, Dr. Nely S. Aggangan, Dr. Edwin P. Alcantara, Ms. Cristian M. Bajet, and Dr. Susan Mae F. Calumpang.

CSC Chairman Francisco T. Duque III and DOST Undersecretary Prof. Fortunato T. De La Peña conducted the oath-taking of the new Scientists I together with six other awardees from the Philippine Carabao Center, PhilRice, and National Museum of the Philippines at Eastwood

Richmond Hotel, Quezon City on June 30, 2014.

As scientists, they are entitled to an automatic increase in salary grade corresponding to the rank, benefits, and entitlements under the Republic Act 8439 or the Magna Carta for Scientists, Engineers, Researchers, and other S&T-related Personnel in the Government.

The SCS a DOST-CSC merit program, is a system of recruitment, career progression, recognition, and reward of scientists in the public service as a means of developing a pool of highly qualified and productive scientific personnel. (Lenilyn B. Gallos; with sources from Dr. Erlinda G. Naret)



## Gender sensitivity seminar held for Miagao rebel returnees

**Amie Claire Tatud**

THE University of the Philippines Visayas Gender and Development Program (GDP) organized a gender sensitivity seminar for the 30 members of the Rebel Returnees for Peace and Development (RRPD) of Miagao, Iloilo on 14 May 2014 at the UPV Conference Room of the Administration Building.

### TLRC .....from page 3

“constant practice makes perfect.”

Mind-bending yet fun-filled activities such as the “Amazing Race” were held during the last day of the SBP on May 29, 2014. In the culminating activity, the participants were given the opportunity to work together as a team, thereby fostering camaraderie among the group. In the “Intersection Quiz Bee,” a team of three students needed to beat other competing teams for the correct answer to a particular Math question under time pressure. Certificates of completion were given to all SBP participants as proof of their hard labor.

According to some of the participants, “When I found out that I passed the UPCAT, I was beyond ecstatic. But then I found out that I had to undergo the Summer Bridge Program, I was at first a little disappointed. But when the program started, I realized that I was one of the lucky ones because we had the chance get to study Math 11 in advance. Our stay in UPV for the SBP was surely awesome and unforgettable. Besides helping us gain new friends, we were able to expand our knowledge, improve our skills, and correct previous errors in doing Math. “The SBP equipped us with enough armor to face whatever challenges we will be facing in Math as we embark our first step towards the academic life in UP”.

The SBP is designed to enhance the general mathematical skills of selected incoming freshmen students tagged as “bridge participants” before they enter the University. Likewise, the SBP presents a bird’s eye view of what academic life is all about in UP.

Meanwhile, the UPV Tacloban College will also conduct the SBP for no less than 85 incoming freshmen students of UPVTC on July 22 to August 6, 2014. The program will be spearheaded by the newly appointed TLRC Coordinator for UPVTC, Prof. Flordeliz Dacuyan. The following faculty members from the Division of National Sciences and Mathematics (DNSM) will serve as SBP faculty tutors: Prof. Rosabella Montes, Prof. Annie Lyn Yusiong, Mr. Junmar Gentuya, and Ms. Racquel Tabornal.

The activity was in conjunction with the rebel returnee group’s celebration of the Women’s Month and was facilitated by Dr. Rosalie Arcala Hall, a faculty member of the Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, whose current UP System Research Grant project involves the rebel returnees as subjects. The seminar featured a lecture by Dr. Mary Barby Badayos-Jover, GDP Director, on the differences of gender and sex, the roles of each gender that society has dictated, and gender

biases and overcoming them. Other activities also included 1) a workshop-discussion in which the participants were divided into two groups and wrote everything that they could think of when they heard the words *babaye* (woman) and *lalaki* (men), respectively; and 2) a short film on gender biases which showed that although women worked harder both at the office and at home, they were paid relatively lower salaries than their husbands.

Based on the reactions and commentaries by some

participants, they appreciated having learned about gender and everything that went with it. According to one participant, having been born and raised in a far flung barrio, the seminar made him question his ideas about the unwritten rule in gender relations. In his own words “*Kung lalaki ka, sa uma ka maubra. Kung babaye ka, sa balay kag di ka pag pa eskwelahon kay mamana ka man lang.* (If you are a man, you work in the farm; if you are a woman, you are in the home and not worth sending to school because you are marriage-bound)”. Another participant added that in the village, men were tasked always to do the heavier jobs usually at the farm (tilling the land, taking care of the animals, chopping wood, and fetching water) while women are left alone to take care of the children. Women were seldom allowed to leave the house and they usually got married at a very young age, thereby limiting their opportunities.



The RRPD members with Dr. Mary Barby Badayos-Jover (seated, 6th from left).

## UPVTC holds children’s summer fair

**Pierce S. Docena**

SOUNDS of laughter and cheer permeated the Arts and Sciences area of UP Visayas Tacloban College during the children’s summer fair organized by the Help Direct Initiative and Einstein Catholic Preschool in partnership with the UPVTC Office of Continuing Education and *Pahinungod* (OCEP) on May 18, 2014.

The project proponent, Ms. Janice Lin, UPVTC Economics Instructor and Einstein Preschool Principal, expressed her desire to come up with an event that would give children a chance to come out of their homes and do something fun and educational, which saw fruition in the children’s summer fair dubbed as “*Pahalipay* 2014.”

Around 200 children including their parents or guardians participated in the event. The children were divided into four age groups (toddler, preschool, early school age, and late school age). A nipa hut was assigned to each of these groups and UPVTC student-volunteers facilitated the

indoor activities.

After a solemn mass and an opening program in the morning, the children participated in fun games and other educational activities such as nature walk, storytelling, and art workshops. They received coupons which they could exchange for prizes and other treats. Another highlight of the event was the appearances and performances of mascots like SpongeBob SquarePants, Minion, and Jollibee.

Some employees of the Philippine National Police, Bureau of Fire Protection, Red Cross Rescue Team, and the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center were also present to show the children what they usually did in their jobs. They brought small uniforms so the children could play dress-up and have their pictures

taken with an actual police officer, firefighter, rescue worker, and doctor.

The parents and guardians also listened to short lectures aimed at helping them deal with their children better. OCEP Coordinator Prof. Pierce Docena shared some highlights of children’s cognitive development and talked about the Multiple Intelligences Theory while Ms. Janice Lin discussed developmentally appropriate, fun, and educational activities for children at home and clarified some issues on child abuse prevention.

*Pahalipay* 2014 was made possible through the assistance of sponsors, which included Jollibee, Maybank, Nissan, Goldilocks, Toyota, Coca-Cola, Pagpaguitan Photography, and other donors who contributed in various ways.



The children participants to the Children’s Summer Fair.

### ERRATUM

In the March-April 2014 Issue of the UPViews, in the article entitled, “Honest guard returns ATM card” the name of Security Guard Steve Montallana was misspelled as Montillana.

We apologize for the error.



## UPV Library, Rotary, and PA conduct another book drive

THE UP Visayas library, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Iloilo West and the Philippine Army's 62nd Hunter Battalion, conducted another book drive, this time in Tapaz, Capiz on May 26, 2014.

Nine boxes of high school books were turned over to the Tapaz National High School while three boxes were donated to the Mawang Elementary



*Representatives from UPV Library, Rotary Club of Iloilo West, and Philippine Army with the students and teachers of Tapaz National High School in Tapaz, Capiz.*

School, also in Tapaz, Capiz. The books were donated by Price Waterhouse Coopers, an international accounting firm based in Manila. Prior to the donation, the UPV library staff sorted the books into various age and high school levels.

University Librarian Ms. Ana T. Mones and Dr. Rosalie Hall, a political science professor of the Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, with husband Bruce Hall, coordinated the book drive. The Philippine Army provided the trucks and the

manpower that transported the books from the UPV Iloilo City campus to Tapaz.

Tapaz, Capiz is a developing community with a marginalized indigenous community. It was also hit by the Typhoon Yolanda. Although there was no casualty, homes were destroyed, seriously disrupting the economy and education sector. Electricity in the Mawang Elementary School was reconnected in April this year.

In addition, an anonymous donor from Japan donated school supplies for the pupils while

Yakult drinks were also given out by the Panay distributor of Yakult together with the Rotary Club of Iloilo West.

The turnover of books took place at Tapaz National High School during their "graduation ceremony" for the *Brigada Eskwela*.

The first book drive done by the UPV Library, Rotary Club of Iloilo West (with Rotary Club Miagao - District 3850), and the Philippine Army was held on September 16, 2013 for four national high schools in Miagao, namely, San Jose National High School, Alejandro Firmeza Memorial National High School, Palaca-Damilisan National High School, and Bacolod National High School. The next one was on January 14, 2014 for the Gov. Evelio B. Javier Memorial National High School in San Remegio, Antique. *(Lyncen M. Fernandez; with sources from Bruce Hall)*

### UPV to assist Miagao in CRM

THE main campus of UP Visayas is located in the scenic coastal town of Miagao. With the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) as its flagship college, recognized by the Commission of Higher Education as a Center of Excellence in Fisheries Education, it is fitting that UPV should render whatever assistance or service it can give to the Municipality of Miagao in managing its coastal resources.

Through Executive Order No. 021, signed by incumbent Mayor Macario N. Napulan, the Municipality of Miagao organized the Municipal Technical Working Group that will implement its coastal resource management programs and named UPV as one of its members.

Now called the MTWG-CRMP, the group is expected to perform the following responsibilities: 1) ensure that the CRM Plan is formulated, legitimized, and implemented in a timely and effective manner; 2) coordinate with other agencies, persons, and organizations which can be tapped as partners in the CRM Program implementation; 3) conduct an information campaign and consultation with CRM stakeholders to better understand the situation in the field as well as to disseminate the ideas and information on CRM to stakeholders and the wider public; and 4) perform other relevant functions as local laws may mandate or as the Municipal Mayor may instruct.

The EO was signed on March 14, 2014. Dr. Rommel A. Espinosa, UPV Chancellor and Dr. Carlos C. Baylon, faculty member of CFOS, were UPV's representatives. *(Lyncen M. Fernandez)*

## UPV organizes UP Chancellor's Cup

UP Visayas organized a two-month long "UP Chancellor's Cup" for men's basketball which started on June 2, 2014. The composition of teams were loosely organized per building, and per department, division or institute while smaller units were merged with others so that they can also form their own teams. The men play three times a week (MWF) during



the afternoon. The event was organized for the health and

well-being of the employees. *(Lyncen M. Fernandez)*

### UPV and Miagao.....from page 1

unique in many ways. UPV and LGU personnel shared resources, worked as a team, and made things happen within two weeks.

One special feature of the celebration was the first Miagao and UPV Day Fun Run/Walk. *(See story on page 12)*. A Mass officiated by Fr. Mark Lester Senina at the Miagao Parish Church followed the race and the free breakfast at the Municipal Grounds.

A friendship game on women's volleyball and men's basketball games were held at the UPV Covered Court. UPV won in both games.

Another big event was the Boodle Lunch. Every UPV and LGU office brought adobo, achara, fruits, rice, and drinks placed on banana leaves that were laid on long tables. Before the lunch began, Mrs. Cosette Defensor, wife of Gov. Arthur

Defensor, gave a message on behalf of her husband. Drivers, students, vendors, and other people were also invited to partake of the food.

Another new activity in this year's celebration was the Bingo. Nine LGU and UPV personnel went home with P1,000 each while one LGU employee won the grand prize of P4,000.

The *Binayle* capped the day. UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa opened the program and stressed the strengthening ties between UPV and the Municipality of Miagao. Vice Mayor Leonardo Naldoza, on the other hand, gave the welcome address and encouraged everyone to enjoy and celebrate the friendship between UPV and Miagao.

Raffle draws were also conducted in between numbers of the program. One of the program highlights was the

Box Hopper, a traditional event wherein a group of young ladies from the crowd was asked to dance by men through a bidding of roasted native chickens.

UPV and the Miagao LGU selected one pair each (a male and a female) as their representatives. They were Fernar Novilla and Ann Rhea Servano for UPV and Rodan Niñonuevo and Sheryl May Dedoroy for the LGU.

Ms. Dedoroy of the LGU and Mr. Novilla of the UPV emerged as the 2014 Miss UPV-Miagao and Consort, respectively. Ms. April Gem Nerpiol of the LGU, the 2013 Miss UPV-Miagao Day, turned over her crown to her successor with the assistance of Vice Chancellor Ricardo Babaran.

Babaran also delivered the closing remarks expressing his gratitude to everyone who came, participated, and made the event successful.



## UPPFI conducts financial literacy seminar

FOR the first time, the UP Provident Fund, Inc. (UPPFI) conducted a Financial Literacy

Seminar and Fund Orientation for the faculty and staff members of UP Visayas at the Iloilo City and

Miagao campuses on June 19, 2014 to encourage membership and financial awareness.

Provident Fund Executive Director Prof. Joselito Florendo facilitated the activity in both campuses, which aimed to educate the UPV employees on wealth management and financial responsibility as well as to present the benefits of the Fund.

Florendo lectured on Financial Fitness, which highlighted the basic concepts

in saving and investing. After the lecture, he gave a short quiz to the participants to determine whether they were financially fit or not. He also gave some tips on how to avoid scammers.

The participants asked questions about the Fund during the open forum. A video presentation about UPPFI was also shown. The team also took the opportunity to give an update on the upcoming election. *(Lenilyn B. Gallos)*



*UPV faculty and staff members pose with UPPFI Exec. Dir. Florendo (seated, 3rd from left) .*

### UPVTC Chorale

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new batch of performers. The UPVTC Chorale is indeed a performing group that is able to fuse music, dance, and other art forms together."

Mr. Archie Joven Lesiguez, Contract Songwriter of Octo Arts EMI, Viva Records, ABS-CBN and Manila Genesis, also wrote that the concert has "displayed the UPVTC Chorale's versatility and adaptability to any kind of musical genre. The concert was both entertaining and engaging."

As the official show choir of UPVTC, it traces its origins to the choirs that have been organized since the establishment of the College as a distinct academic campus in the 1970s. Initially handled by Mrs. Elsie Abellera during its early years, the previous groups were later pursued by Prof. Stephen Q. Lagarde, its current Choirmaster.

Upon Lagarde's return from UP Diliman where he finished his Ph.D. in Philippine Studies, Dr. Marieta B. Sumagaysay, former UPVTC Dean, and Prof. Irma R. Tan, current Chair of the Division of Humanities, strongly suggested the revival of choral singing in the campus.

Today, the UPVTC Chorale is an officially recognized student organization, which consists of students from the various academic programs of UPVTC. Its three-fold purposes include the following: 1) to provide students with a musical experience that is on a par with nationally recognized choral groups; 2) to promote goodwill between UPVTC and the community where it belongs; and 3) to promote the musical identity of Region VIII and the overall Filipino culture of which it is part. It is for this reason that the Chorale continues to engage itself in the performance of choral arrangements created by well-known choral arrangers and composers. At the same time, it also supports local musicians by performing arrangements and compositions that are within the principles and framework of sound musical compositions and arrangements.

Since its revival, the UPVTC Chorale has undertaken the following annual concerts: 1) "Music 'n' Motion" with Danceworks Company in 2010; 2) "Musika! Musika!" in 2012; and 3) "Amazingly Choral!" in 2013. It will continue to hold annual concerts and other performances that are well within the artistic standards set by the field of choral music.

## UPV, Hilti sponsored organic bamboo treatment lecture-demo

*Lydia Callano*

Hilti Foundation, in coordination with the UP Visayas Office of the Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development, sponsored a lecture-demonstration on organic bamboo treatment at the Community-Based Bamboo Enterprise (CBBE) Bamboo Factory at the UPV Miagao campus on June 27-28, 2014.

The resource speaker was Mr. Thierry Cayot, a French inventor-entrepreneur based in Bali, Indonesia, and the participants were 19 project staff and personnel of the UPV Community-Based Bamboo Enterprise (CBBE), CBBE Community Nodes, Homeless Peoples' Federation, Inc. and Hilti Foundation.

In the afternoon of the second day, a group composed of three Indonesians, five Thais, four Vietnamese, and led by Mr. Nicholas Taylor of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP),

visited the treatment facility of the CBBE Factory. They were visiting affordable, green, and resilient housing projects, and one of their destinations was the housing project of Hilti Foundation at San Isidro, Iloilo City. During this visit to the factory, Ms. Milyn Leghid and Marjorie Cajeben of the UPV CBBE and Mr. Cayot shared their experiences in bamboo processing.

The product that was demonstrated was Freemite 200. It contains chili, garlic, salt, neem, borax, camphor and 12 plant

extracts, making it 99% organic. It acts as a non-toxic and natural treatment for termites, pests, and more than 500 parasites in wood, bamboo, rattan, garden soil, and foundations of buildings and houses. A natural nano-extender was added so that the treatment solution would become stable over a long period of time (six years as of date and counting). It is ISO-certified but research and development are continuous for higher cost effectiveness, efficiency, efficacy and convenience, according to the resource speaker.



*The participants pose with the resource speaker (left). The speaker demonstrates how to do the organic bamboo treatment (right).*



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## About 300 runners join the 1<sup>st</sup> Miagao and UPV Day Fun Run/Walk

DESPITE a short preparation of just one week, the 1st Miagao and UPV Day Fun Run/Walk drew an unexpected crowd at the crack of dawn on June 6, 2014. The Fun Run/Walk was the opening salvo of the

4th Miagao and UPV Day, celebrated annually by the two institutions.

Two hundred race bibs were prepared by UPV for a free registration for the event but these were easily "sold out" as a great number of people

wanted to join the event. Those who had not availed themselves of the free registration and race bibs were encouraged to participate just the same. However, only those who had registered and were given race bibs

could claim token prizes prepared by the organizers.

The crowd, estimated to be about 300 people, gathered at the newly renovated grounds of the Miagao Municipal Hall for a short program before the gun start of the "race." Pastor Antoni Afdo of the Miagao Fundamental Baptist Church led the Opening Prayer. This was followed by a warm-up routine led by Prof. Katherine Anecita of the Department of Physical Education, College of Arts and Sciences, UPV. Miagao Mayor, Hon. Macario Napulan, expressed his hopes that the Miagao and UPV Day would continue to forge stronger ties of friendship and mutual cooperation between the two institutions.

Token prizes were given to two categories of winners, the Miagao and UPV Group and the Open Category Group. The winners of the Open Category were as follows: for the men, Eric Baclan, 1st; Albert Catubig, 2nd; Jonas Daligdig, 3rd; Franckleen Valle, 4th, and Peter John Nadanza, 5th. The women winners were the following: Chickie Mae Nacionales, 1st; Mae Flor Mooc, 2nd; Maria Lourdes Maraño, 3rd; Girlie Jill Momblan, 4th; and Alyssa Faye Azarraga, 5th.

For the Miagao and UPV group, the winners for the male category were the following: Rufino Tomaquin, 1st, UPV; Neil Selestian, 2nd Miagao LGU; Marjun Temtero, 3rd, Miagao LGU; Samuel Nievaes, 4th, UPV; and Jose Darrel Alcala, 5th, UPV.

Meanwhile, the following were the winners in the female category: Ann Rhea Servano, 1st, UPV; Analyn Nobleza, 2nd, UPV; Maricel Selestian, 3rd, Miagao LGU; Rosalie Piccio, 4th, UPV; and Jilma Fernandez, 5th, UPV.

The organizers of the event were Lyncen M. Fernandez for UPV and Franco Carlo Monteclaro for the Miagao LGU. Logistical support were provided by the UPV Security Service Force, Care Best International Janitorial Services, and the Miagao PNP. (Source: Lyncen M. Fernandez)

## *Pambansang Seminar-Workshop sa Filipino itinaguyod ng UPV Sentro ng Wikang Filipino*

Sydna M. Lozada

ANG UPV Sentro ng Wikang Filipino (SWF) sa pakikipagtulungan ng Pambansang Komisyon para sa Kultura at mga Sining ay nagtaguyod ng Pambansang Seminar-Workshop sa Filipino na may temang "Wika at Mass Media: Pagtuturo at Pagkatuto" na ginanap noong Mayo 7-9, 2014 sa Faith Village Conference Center sa Boracay. Layunin ng pambansang seminar-workshop na lalo pang mapalago ang kasanayan at kagalingan sa pagtuturo at pagkatuto sa wika at mass media ng mga guro; makapaglahad ng mga maunlad na inobasyon at estratehiya sa pagtuturo gamit ang mass media; at mapahalagahan ang mga rehiyunal na wika, literatura at kultura sa larangan ng edukasyon.

Ang tatlong araw na aktibidades ay nagsimula sa isang oryentasyon ng programa na binigay ni Prof. Jose Julie E. Ramirez, direktor ng proyekto at pangkalahatang tagapag-ugnay ng UPV Sentro ng Wikang Filipino at sinundan ng mensaheng pambungad ni Dr. Ricardo P. Babaran, UPV Vice Chancellor para sa Pananaliksik at Ekstensiyon. Tinalakay naman ang iba't ibang paksa sa pagtuturo

at pagkatuto ng wika at mass media sa papel na binasa ng mga sumusunod na tagapanayam na sina: Dr. Roland B. Tolentino, dekanong ng College of Mass Communication ng UP Diliman, "Mga Kritikal na Perspektiba sa Wika at Media"; Dr. Christian George C. Francisco ng De La Salle University – Dasmarias, "Pormulasyon ng Wika sa Mass Media"; at Prof. Felizer Louie Lozada ng Western Institute of Technology, "Literatura at Sine Filipino".

Pagkatapos ng mga lektur ay nagkaroon ng workshop na pinangasiwaan nina Michle Celeste ng Dumangas National High School, Pamela Caday ng Tagingan National High School, Jinky Perez ng Iloilo State College of Fisheries (ISCOF)-Dingle at Merlyn Hechanova ng Western Visayas College of Science and Technology-Dumangas. Samantala, nagtapos ang tatlong araw na gawain sa pamimigay ng sertipiko sa mga delegado nina Dr. Babaran at Prof. Ramirez. Si Prof. Antonio C. Galang Jr., kasalukuyang tagapag-ugnay ng UPVTC SWF, ang nagsilbing tagadalo ng programa sa loob ng tatlong araw.

Ang mahigit na siyamnapung

(90) delegadong guro, prinsipal, superbisor at superintendent ay mula sa Aklan State University, Bataan Peninsula State University, Caraga National High School-Davao Oriental, Central Philippine University, Colegio de las Hijas de Jesus, Dumangas National High School, Iloilo State College of Fisheries, Leon National High School, PD Monfort College-WVCST, Southern Iloilo Polytechnic College, South Mansfield College-Muntinlupa, St. Pauls College-Pasig, Surigao City Pilot School, Tagingan National High School, Tagum City National High School, Tarlac State University, University of Southeastern Philippines-Mindanao, UPV Tacloban College; at mula sa mga Division ng Cavite City, La Carlota City, Rizal-Rodriguez, Surigao City at Urdaneta City-Pangasinan.

Ang pambansang seminar-workshop sa Filipino ay sinuportahan ng Kagawaran ng Edukasyon at Komisyon ng Lalong Mataas na Edukasyon sa pamamagitan ng pagpalabas ng DepEd Advisory No. 161, s. 2014 na may petsa Abril 4, 2014 at CHED Kalatas na may petsa Abril 1, 2014.



(Nakaupo, mula kanan): Sina Prof. Galang, Jr. Prof. Ramirez, Dr. Babaran at Dr. Tolentino kasama ang mga delegado