



UP Visayas sets 37th Commencement Exercises



Scenes during the UPV's 37th Commencement Exercises.

WHILE the rest of the country had gone back to school or was gearing for the opening of classes, UP Visayas, along with the Constituent Universities of the UP System, has just concluded Academic Year 2015-2016. UPV set

its 37th Commencement Exercises on Friday, June 24, 2016, 4:00 pm, at the Iloilo Convention Center, Megaworld Boulevard, Mandurriao, Iloilo City.

Rico M. Hizon, an award-winning news anchor of the British Broadcasting

Corporation or BBC World News' daily business and finance program "Asia Business Report," was the featured Commencement Speaker.

In addition, UPV had its *Papuri* on June 23, 2016 at 8:00 am in the Auditorium of the Iloilo City campus. The *Papuri* is a University Recognition Program for graduating honorific scholars and special achievement awardees. Ms. Marilyn M. Gellecano, an alumna of UP Iloilo, gave the inspirational message.

A violin concert was performed at the *Parangal* in the afternoon of the same day at 6:00 pm at the same venue. This concert was in honor of graduating students, their parents, the alumni, and benefactors. It featured Pundaquit Virtuosi, a string ensemble led by international violin virtuoso Alfonso "Coke" Bolipata, who performed the works by Mozart, Dvorak, Beethoven, Brahms, Medelssohn, Strauss, Waltzes and the like.

Prior to the Commencement Ceremony on June 24, the Baccalaureate Exercises were held at

1:00 pm at the same venue with Rev. Cris Amorsolo Sian as speaker.

The last commencement activity was the UPV Tacloban College Commencement Exercises on June 27, 2016, 4:00 pm, at the Tacloban City campus. Commissioner Arsenio Balisacan of the Philippine Competition Commission was the guest speaker. (*Lyncen M. Fernandez*)

UPV grants various degrees to 977 graduates

THE palpable energy and excitement filled the grounds, lobby and big hall of the Iloilo Convention Center, Iloilo City on June 24, 2016 as graduates, parents and families, along with the faculty and staff, gathered for the UP Visayas 37th Commencement Exercises.

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Julienne Lindy C. Tiu, a BS Accountancy major from the College of Management, delivered the valedictory address to the graduating Class of 2016. She earned the highest GWA of 1.282 among her peers as *magna cum laude*.

In addition, there were eight others who graduated as *magna cum laude*. They are the following: Reil Gallenero Abucay, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), GWA 1.286; Pauline Mae Garillos Gallo, College of Management CM, GWA 1.369; Angelica Faith Legayada Suarez, CAS, GWA 1.380; Jia P. Marcellano, UPV Tacloban College (UPVTC), GWA 1.392; Cecille Clarisse Valles Suarez, CM, GWA 1.431; Mart Anthony Dacurro dela Peña, UPVTC, 1.434, Ralph Anthony Aranda Gonzales, CM, GWA 1.446, and Vince Neil Bolasco Fuertes, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, GWA 1.447.

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BBC Anchor Hizon challenges Class of 2016 how to dream big



Hizon during his speech at UPV's 37th Commencement Exercises.

WITH a well-modulated voice that has spent countless hours as news anchor of the British Broadcasting Corporation or BBC World News, Rico Hizon filled the big hall of the Iloilo Convention Center with stories on how success came to him as an aspiring broadcast journalist. He was the speaker for UPV's 37th Commencement Exercises on June 24, 2016.

"How do I inspire a generation that wakes up every day to a Facebook wall or Instagram feed saturated with inspirational quotes," he said at the beginning of his message to the graduating Class of 2016.

He said he knows no other way except to tell them of his own story which he describes as, "so massively ordinary which made it so extraordinary."

He added that out of this ordinary story came lessons in life that helped him achieve what he has achieved – a multi awarded news anchor working in a highly respected and prestigious news outfit, the BBC.

These life lessons include the following:

- Lesson No 1 - Your parents' achievements are theirs, not yours. You have to learn to stand on your own two feet and earn achievements that are truly yours.

- Lesson No 2 - There is no shame in starting from the bottom. This is the best place to start because you will get to learn the entire process which would allow you to make informed decisions as you rise to the top.

- Lesson No 3 - Open your mind to learning new skills. We need grow, adapt and learn continuously.

- Lesson No 4 - Embrace your fears and conquer them. Your comfort zone should only be a pit stop and not the destination – breathing space between challenges.

- Lesson No 5 - Be proud of your achievements – but never ever think that you are too good to pick up after yourself. Don't let your achievements get into your head. Stay grounded and humble.

- Lesson No 6 - Family is important. Call your parents and tell them you love them. They raised you, put you through school, stood by your side through all the tough times and cheered you on through the good.

UPVTC holds 40th Commencement Exercises

Marilou Morales



Dr. Arsenio Balisacan addresses the graduating class of UPVTC.

THE University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College held its 40th Commencement Exercises on June 27, 2016 at the Arts and Sciences grounds with 247 graduates. Dr. Arsenio Balisacan, Secretary of the Philippine Competition Commission, was the Guest Speaker.

The UP officials who were present included Faculty Regent Philip Ian Padilla, Alumni Regent Ramon Maronilla, University and

BOR Secretary Lillian de las Llagas, UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa, Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension Ricardo Babaran, and UPV Registrar Jose Go. UPV Prof. Emeritus Merlie Alunan was also on stage. Other visitors were representatives from SGV& Co. Philippines and the Department of Science and Technology.

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Ambassador Wong speaks at the Moving UP Ceremony of UPHSI



The faculty members, UPV Officials and guests during the Moving up ceremony.

GENERAL and former Ambassador to Cambodia Noe Wong addressed the 68 junior high school students who will be moving up to the Senior High School Program during the 1st Moving Up Ceremony of the UP High

School in Iloilo on May 20, 2016 at the UPV Quadrangle, Iloilo City campus. This is on the occasion of the transition to the K-12 program.

The top 10 honor list composed of

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UPV SoTech scores 100% passing rate in May 2016 Chem Eng’g Board Exam

THE UP Visayas School of Technology (SoTech) continues to perform well in the Chemical Engineering Licensure Exam, scoring a 100% passing percentage in the recently released May 2016 results.

Despite being a young program offered only in 2007 and producing its first batch in 2012, the BS Chemical Engineering degree program has always managed to be above the national passing percentage of 64.13%. It is often the top performing school

in the Visayas. For example, the first batch that took the exam in October 2012 had a 90.91% passing rate while the second batch in March 2013 had a 100% passing score.

The new Chemical Engineers are: Lurence John Sago-an Arguez, Joelinne Ann Duhaylungsod Ates, Charles Von Bacabac Laoc, Zaniel John Caceres Barluado, Jemimah Depasupil Borja, Mary Anne Millendes Cortez, Juli Francisco Fernando, Paul Ray-an Aripio Gonzaga, Joseph Ryan Panes Lozada,



School of Technology

March Troy Deo Binas Manlapig, and May Lann Joy Gamuyao Tayona.

SoTech Dean Emeliza Lozada expressed elation over the results of the licensure exam and vows to continue the plan to improve the laboratory facilities of the School. **(Lyncen M. Fernandez)**

IFPT shares expertise on fisheries post-harvest technology in Capiz

Lenilyn B. Gallos

THE Institute of Fish Processing Technology (IFPT) continues to share its expertise in fish processing technology through the delivery of public service and outreach programs. The Institute was invited to give two separate lectures on post-harvest technologies for oysters and fish in the Province of Capiz in June.

Ms. Ernestina Peralta of IFPT gave a lecture on post-harvest technologies for oysters on June 3-4, 2016 in Pontevedra, Capiz relative to the training on oyster culture organized by the South East Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) in collaboration with the Swiss Church Aid-Task Force Mapalad (HEKS-TFM). Peralta presented the importance of processing and the concepts of value addition to oyster products. The participants were also taught some ways of making oyster products such as dried and smoked

oysters with added flavors and spices other than the usual salt-fermented one. They were also trained how to improve their packaging to increase the marketability of the oysters.

Peralta was also invited to speak on fish smoking and fermentation before selected participants from Brgy. Dayhagan, Pilar, Capiz on June 22-23, 2016. The lecture tackled the importance of proper handling and freshness of fish in processing, food safety on oyster/mussel as raw material, proper packaging, and storage of finished products. She also introduced the basic steps of fish smoking and conducted a hands-on activity using the available fish product such as mackerel, sardines, round scad, oyster, and mussels, which are abundant in the community.

The training was also requested by the HEKS-TFM.

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“Addressing the concern on the database recording of fish catch in fisheries management will be a great contribution of UPV to the local government units,” Monteclaro stated in an accomplishment report submitted by the Institute to the Office of the Vice Chancellor for

Research and Extension dated July 21, 2016.

Ms. Liberty Espectato, IFPDS faculty; and Ms. Ruby Napata and Ms. Genna Serofia, IFPDS research and extension personnel served as facilitators of the activity. **(with sources from IFPDS)**

Gellecanao speaks at the UPV Papuri 2016



Gellecanao inspires UPV honor students.

AN alumna of UP Visayas, now a practicing accountant in California, was the featured speaker of the UPV *Papuri* 2016 program on June 23, 2016, 8:00 am, at the Auditorium of the Iloilo City campus.

Marilyn M. Gellecanao (nee Magno) is a BS Business Administration major in Accounting (1983), *magna cum laude* graduate of the College of Management where she likewise earned her Master of Management (major in Business Management) in 1998.

Gellecanao has been connected with SAGE Publishing as a Senior Financial Analyst since 2012. SAGE is a leading independent, academic, and professional publisher of

innovative, high-quality content. She is described as a performance-driven business strategist with over 25 years of progressive and high integrity finance and accounting experience in prominent global organizations and in various industries and most recently in publishing, manufacturing, engineering, retail, and utilities. She is a US Certified Public Accountant and a member of the California Society of CPAs.

Papuri is a University recognition program for graduating honorific scholars and special achievement awardees. **(Lyncen M. Fernandez with sources from the College of Management)**

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the following in alphabetical order: Kathlyn Mae A. Abancio, Rowela Marri G. Berizo, Gretel May S. Camiring, Julyhendy L. Carreon, Kristine Lousie C. Castrojas, Vanessa Joy C. Denoman, RB Jann G. Jamindang, Raye Gerele C. Montañó, Franco Miguel M. Nodado, Miammie P. Pamplona, Maio Vendell V. Sabidong, Arielle Timothy G. Sinon, and Brenda Lee I. Ufano.

In his message, Wong recounted his struggles as a poor young boy from Janiway, Iloilo who helped his mother make both ends meet by selling bread to the nearby towns of Zarraga, Passi, and Pototan. He also talked about his difficulties and hardships as a young student who had to walk more than a kilometer and a half four times a day, five days a week despite the weather conditions.

Going to high school in UP

was even more challenging for the barrio lad which had an inferiority complex and a poor self image. These experiences, however, did not deter him from pursuing his dreams, saying, “My dear tenth graders, realize that what you have or don’t have should never define who you are or what you can become. You are all destined for a higher calling that may someday invite you to take a path less travelled.”

He emphasized the significance of the K-12 program as he had experienced such by enrolling in the pre- engineering program of UP College Iloilo before transferring to UP Diliman for the Mechanical Engineering program. “The bonus years of education that helped me in college are given to you now. Embrace them. Make lemonade even if you think that two added years are lemons. Grades 11 and 12 are not for rest and recreation. Spend time

to grow more into maturity that will serve you well in the University. Maturity will be the extra fuel that will help you cross the finish line, stay afloat on rough waters, and bounce back after a fall.”

He prodded the parents to “continue to provide a loving home environment with strong family ties so your children can continue to trust a world that sometimes can be unfair and unforgiving. Suspend your judgment and listen to what they say or cannot say. Provide for their needs but make them work for what they want.”

To the members of the faculty, he asked them to “ build a solid K-12 multi-disciplinary program that also offers opportunities to excel outside academics. Do not test for memory because Google is fingertip-ready to anyone who has internet. Invest in sports , arts, and culture for they are great

equalizers in a highly competitive world. Sure, we will always need lawyers, doctors, architects and businessmen.; but the country also needs teachers, athletes, farmers, writers, and composers.”

To the students who were moving up, he had this long-term challenge for their bucket list, “Aspire to be guest speaker in a Commencement Exercise such as we have today. To me, being your Guest Speaker is a great honor because you think that my life has meaning enough to inspire others. May the story of your lives be a narrative that gives honor and glory to God, our county, and our alma mater and your family.”

The ceremony was also attended by Faculty Regent Philip Ian Padilla, Chancellor Rommel Espinosa, UP High School Principal Dr. Lourdes Zamora, and members of the faculty of UPHSI. **(Anna Razel Ramirez)**

CCCA launches books on Panay culture and heritage



Variuos scenes during the book launch.

THE UP Visayas Chancellor’s Committee for Culture and the Arts launched three books on Panay culture and heritage on June 28, 2016 at the UPV Gallery lobby, UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus.

Prof. Martin Genodepa introduced the books and their authors. These are: *Kalampay*, the fifth in the series of 13 titles of the *Suguidanon* of Panay published by the University of the Philippines Press and *Sibod* and *Mumunting Tinig* by Dr. Christine Muyco.

UP Press launches *Kalampay*, *Suguidanon* (Epic) of Panay



Ramirez (extreme left), with UP Press Authors.

The University of the Philippines Press launched *Kalampay*, Book 5 of the *Suguidanon* (Epics) of Panay on May 27, 2016 at the Balay Kalinaw, UP Diliman, Quezon City. *Kalampay* was launched with 13 new other titles published by the UP Press.

UP Press Director J. Neil Garcia and Prof. Jerry Los Baños presented the book to Anna Razel L. Ramirez, Associate Researcher and overall project coordinator for publications of the *Suguidanon* (Epics) of Panay.

The fifth in the series of 13 titles of the *Suguidanon* of Panay which will be published by the UP press tells of *Matan-ayon* (Ayon), the beautiful wife of *Labaw Donggon* (Abaw), who was lured to go to the protruding back of a Kalampay (crab) posing as a little island with inviting ripe betel nut trees. The *Kalampay* was sent by the powerful *Masangladon*, a man

Matan-ayon (Ayon), the beautiful wife of *Labaw Donggon* (Abaw) who was lured to go to the protruding back of the *Kalampay* (crab) which posed as a little island with inviting ripe betel nut trees. *Kalampay* was chanted by Federico Caballero and was researched more than 20 years ago by anthropologist and UP Professor Emeritus, Dr. Alicia Magos and her associate researcher, Anna Razel L. Ramirez in the hinterlands of Central Panay. The book published the epic chants which were translated into the nearest *Kinaray-a*, Filipino

who is interested in *Matan-ayon* and who lives in *Panibhyungan* – a place underneath leading to the seaworld.

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Suguidanon is a long narrative delivered in the form of chants and tells stories about romances and battles in a maritime setting. The publication of the *Suguidanon*, probably one of the longest in Southeast Asia, was made possible through the support of the UP Visayas administration and the University of the Philippines System. (Anna Razel Ramirez)

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of the Philippines in 2002. In 2007, Cabalfin was a delegate to the International Terracotta Festival in Dumaguete City. He was awarded Most Distinguished Ilonggo in the Field of Visual Arts in 2008.

Dagway sang Pamantan-on is the 8th solo exhibition of Cabalfin whose clay works had been represented in

major ceramics and pottery group exhibitions in the Liongoren Gallery and Pinto Art Gallery.

Dagway sang Pamatan-on is co-presented by the UPV Gender and Development Program and the Chancellor’s Committee on Culture and the Arts. (Source: CCCA)

and English. Dr. Magos is Professor Emeritus of UP Visayas and Anna Razel L. Ramirez is Publication Circulation Officer at the Information and Publications Office at UPV.

Sibod is an ideology and is expressed in binanog dance, music, and folkways of the Panay Bukidnon. In this book, Dr. Christine Muyco provides the magic key to enter a remarkable world where music, dance, and gesture are woven together to create a fabric of human meaning. It is a must-read for the people in Philippine culture and arts according to Elena Rivera Mirano, Professor, University of the Philippines, Diliman. The book was published by the Ateneo de Manila University Press.

Mumunting Tinig, which is authored by Dr. Christine Muyco and different composers, provides children’s choirs in the Philippines and abroad a broad range of experiences in musical and vocal styles. The pieces found in the book promote the Filipino culture as

these feature Filipino works as well as themes that reflect the culture, nature, and life of the islands and its people.

The pieces in *Mumunting Tinig* present different approaches toward creative interpretation, expression and musical excellence. Its publication was supported by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.

Dr. Muyco is a professor at the College of Music in UP Diliman and is an *Ilongga*.

Panay Bukidnon Gawad Manlilikha ng Bayan Awardee Federico Caballero was present during the event and chanted excerpts from the *Kalampay* Epic. Dr. Ricardo E. Babaran, UPV Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development, expressed the support of the University for such a noteworthy undertaking in culture and the arts. Cultural enthusiasts, culture bearers as well as representatives from various schools and cultural establishments also attended the event. (Anna Razel Ramirez)

UPVTC Celebrates First Literature Month



An exhibit (left) and a seminar on teaching literature (right) featuring multi-awarded writer Prof. Alunan (rightmost) were just two of the many activities held during UPVTC’s Literature Month celebration.

FOR the first time, the University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College, through the Division of Humanities, Leyte-Samar Heritage Center, and UP Ideopraxist, celebrated the National Literature Month in April 2016. The celebration was themed “Pagsubay: Tracing Our Roots, Celebrating Leyte-Samar Literature.”

A series of activities was conducted for the said celebration: April 15, “Pagsubay: Panikangan,” an opening program that formally opened the “Black-out Waray Poetry Exhibit” along the AS Corridor and “Subay Exhibit of Leyte-Samar Writers and Poets” in front of the Multipurpose Building; April 21, “Pagsubay: Pagtutdo” with Prof. Emeritus Merlie Alunan, a seminar on teaching literature participated in by the Division of Humanities faculty members and literature professors

from other educational institutions in Tacloban; April 25, “Pagsubay: Forum on the State of Leyte-Samar Literature and Prospects in Literary Education,” with Dr. David Genotiva (a literary critic and educator of Eastern Visayas Literature) and Prof. Alunan, another forum attended by literature teachers and students from several universities and colleges in Tacloban City. The celebration was capped off by “Pagsubay: Pasundayag,” a night of Leyte-Samar songs, dances, and other literary pieces staged by several literature classes under the Division of Humanities.

The event was in accordance with Presidential Proclamation No. 968 series of 2015 signed in February 2015. The Division of Humanities intends to continue holding this celebration every year, said Prof. Irma Tan, Chair of the Division of Humanities. (IPO)

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The graduates of UPV are broken down as follows:

COLLEGE	UNDERGRADUATE	GRADUATE	TOTAL
Arts and Sciences	332	28	360
Fisheries and Ocean Sciences	63	16	79
Management	186	56	242
School of Technology	51	0	51
Tacloban	236	9	245
			977

The UPV Tacloban College had a separate Commencement Exercises on June 27, 2016 on campus with Commissioner Arsenio Balisacan

of the Philippine Competition Commission as the guest speaker. (Lyncen M. Fernandez with sources from the Office of the University Registrar)

UPVTC conducts teaching enhancement program for Junior and Senior High School teachers

John O. de la Cruz

MAHAPLAG, Leyte—The Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics (DNSM) of UPV Tacloban College (UPVTC), in cooperation with the Department of Education- Division of Leyte and the local government of Mahaplag, conducted a three-day teaching enhancement program for the Junior and Senior High School teachers in the Area Five of DepEd—Division of Leyte on June 17-19, 2016.

A total of 102 participants coming from the schools under Area Five including Abuyog National High School, Javier National High School, Mahaplag National High School, Mahaplag National High School-Upper, Manlilisd National High School, Polanghohon National High School, Hampipila National High School, and Libertad National High School, attended the said event.

With the shift in curriculum, DNSM immediately conceptualized a program that would address the needs of the newly hired Senior High teachers as well as existing Junior High faculty members who will handle courses in Senior High School. The Teaching Enhancement Program for Junior and Senior High School Teachers is an extension program aimed to improve and develop the teacher's competency particularly in the Core Curriculum and Specialized Subjects of Senior High School.

"The mission of the College [UPVTC] is to develop professionals and leaders by providing opportunities for a UP education to qualified secondary and tertiary education graduates," said Dr. Eulito V. Casas, Jr., DNSM chair, in his opening statement.

Envisioned as a center for academic excellence in the field of math, biology and computer science in the Region, the Division formulates and conducts research and extension programs within the discipline. Thus, DNSM offered the following enhancement programs: Chemistry (Prof. Olga Corales), General Biology and Earth Science (Prof. Irene L. Tan, Mr. Marjhun A. Ricarte, Mr. Rey T. Verona, and Mr. Daniel C. Licayan), Statistics and Probability (Prof. Rosabella B. Montes), Empowerment Technologies (Prof. John D. Ultra,

and Prof. Victor II R. Romero), Practical Research (Dr. Rolly G. Fuentes) and Disaster Readiness and Risk Reduction (Prof. Margarita T. de la Cruz). The workshop gives more focus on the reinforcement of content rather than the pedagogy.

The Department of Education Regional Office No. VIII viewed the proposal of DNSM as an opportunity to further improve and develop their secondary teachers. Through Division Memorandum No. 160, s. 2016, Dr. Ronelo Al K. Firmo, Schools Division Superintendent, encouraged the participation of Grades 9, 10, and 11 teachers for Science and Math, ICT, and Disaster Readiness and Risk Reduction Coordinators of the schools under Area Five in Leyte.

Mahaplag National High School, through Mr. Rowen C. Lipardo, school principal, hosted the three-day activity. Hon. Daisy A. Lleve, Mayor of the Municipality of Mahaplag, shouldered the snacks and lunch of the participants on the third day as well as the accommodation for the resource speakers and the working committee.

"Indeed, we are now pages ahead of our students," said Mrs. Natividad Malasaga, a participant from Mahaplag NHS-Upper, "To the resource speakers, thank you so much for sharing your invaluable knowledge and giving your precious time to us. I can say that we are now Senior High School-ready!"

Overall, the participants of the said event rated the enhancement program excellent. They find it a very useful tool specially those who are unfamiliar or have less background on the subject. However, they wish to undergo more similar trainings in the future.

The teaching enhancement program was spearheaded by Mr. Marjhun A. Ricarte, DNSM faculty, with the co-program coordinator, Dr. Noel C. Ayoc, Mahaplag NHS-Upper teacher.

The K-12 program is a widely adopted educational system in the world. The Philippines implemented this particular program as part of the ASEAN integration. The K-12 program embraces kindergarten and 12-year elementary and secondary education compared to the 10-year basic education program.



The working committee, coordinator, resource speakers (front), and the participants (back) of the Teaching Enhancement Program for the Junior and Senior High School Teachers at Mahaplag National High School.



Dr. Topor (4th from left, 1st row) with some of the faculty of the Dept. of Chemistry with the participants of the briefing

Dept Chem, CAS holds technical briefing on cassava cyanide content in Aklan

Anthony Salvador B. Albaladejo
Enrique N. Legaspi III

UPON the invitation of Ms. Charmae Antipatia, the Cassava Focal Person of the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office 6, the Department of Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences, University of the Philippines Visayas conducted a public service activity on 14 June 2016 at the Kusina sa Kalibo in Kalibo, Aklan. The purpose of the public service activity was to give technical briefing to focal persons for cassava in the Aklan province.

The participants were composed of 18 focal persons for cassava from the different municipalities of Aklan headed by Ms. Flordeliza Cortes, Provincial Corn Coordinator of DA-Aklan. To address issues and concerns on cassava and corn more effectively, the two commodities are lumped together in the Department of Agriculture.

A brief talk about cassava varieties,

cynogenesis, acute and chronic effects of cyanide in the human body, and a way of determining cassava cyanide using the Color Wheel Test Kit was given by Dr. Vivian Azucena-Topor, Project Leader in the development of the Cassava Cyanide Color Wheel Test Kit. The said test kit was developed through the funding assistance of the UPV Foundation, Incorporated and the CAS Department of Chemistry.

Topor then demonstrated to the cassava focal persons how to determine the cyanide content using the Cassava Cyanide Color Wheel Test Kit. It was followed immediately by a hands-on training of the cassava focal persons using samples collected from the Iloilo Province.

At the end of the activity, the CAS Department of Chemistry through Topor donated four test kits for the use of Aklan Province, which was represented by Cortes.

CFOS conducts training on tropical fisheries for Kagoshima University graduate students

Lenilyn B. Gallos

THE College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) conducted an Advance Lecture on Tropical Fisheries for the graduate students of the Faculty of Fisheries, Kagoshima University (KU), Japan from 22~30 June, 2016.

Nine (9) Master of Science Fisheries students participated in the training. They attended a series of lectures, which included the following: Lecture 1: Political, Social, Economic Situation, Science and Education in the Philippines by Dr. Rodelio Subade, Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences; Lecture 2: Aquaculture in the Philippines by Dr. Crispino A. Saclauso, Dean, CFOS; Lecture 3: Capture Fisheries in the Philippines by Dr. Gerald F. Quintio, Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanology, CFOS; and Lecture 4: Fish Processing in the Philippines by Prof. Loda Nacional, Institute of Fish Processing and Technology, CFOS.

The Japanese students had an exposure trip to the South East Asian Fisheries Development

Center-Aquaculture Department (SEAFDEC-AQD) Igang Station in Guimaras and Main Station in Tigbauan, Iloilo. They visited the CFOS facilities on the Miagao campus, the Marine Biological Station (BMS) of the University in Taklong Island in Guimaras and the Iloilo Fishing Port. Various student activities were conducted with the assistance of selected fisheries students. On the last day, they prepared and presented their reports that summarize all the learning they had throughout the training.

Dean Saclauso hoped that the students would apply the knowledge and experiences that they had gained in the 8-day training to their studies when they went back to Japan.

Dr. Munechika Ishizaki accompanied the participants. He expressed his gratitude to the University for the continued support and for giving them the opportunity to learn about aquaculture in the country.

This collaboration between UP Visayas and KU is now in its 10th year.



Graduate students of Kagoshima University, Japan lead by Dr. Dr. Munechika Ishizaki (standing 7th from left) pose with Dean Saclauso (standing 6th from left), IFPDS Director Monteclaro (standing, 8th from right) and facilitators of CFOS during the culminating activity of the 8-day training.



Civil Service Commission and Pag-ibig benefits discussed in UPV

THE All UP Workers Union, in cooperation with the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Administration and the Human Resource Development Office of U.P. Visayas, organized two forums for government employees (including those working in UP) on May 13, 2016 at the Training Rooms of the Graduate and Education Building of UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus.

Director Rodolfo B. Encajonado of the Civil Service Commission (CSC) Regional Office 6 discussed the benefits the civil servants are entitled to as mandated by the government. He also talked about the different leave privileges allowed by CSC that include the following: vacation leave, sick leave, maternity leave, paternity leave, adoption leave, rehabilitation leave for job-related injuries, solo-parent leave, special leave privileges,

anti-violence against women and children, special calamity leave, and special leave benefit for women. This is in addition to the current leave privileges enjoyed by UP employees because of the Collective Negotiation Agreement between UP and the AUPWU.

Atty. Stanley F. Alayon, Attorney IV of the Home Development Mutual Fund (HDMF) in Iloilo, presented the different programs that Pag-ibig offers to its members. These are the following: housing loans, multi-purpose loans, calamity loans, and provident savings. According to Alayon, Pag-ibig fund also offers housing loan restructuring programs.

Moreover, he said that the Pag-ibig loyalty card that was recently introduced will allow participating members to avail of discounts from Pag-ibig partner institutions and



Guests and participants during the forum

establishments, including school tuitions and medicine costs. To know more about its programs, Alayon

encouraged the audience to visit the HDMF official site at <http://www.pagibigfund.gov.ph>. (Anna Razel L.

Balay Balay Child Minding Center soon to rise in the UPV Miagao campus



Chancellor Espinosa (left) leads the ground-breaking ceremony for the Center along with VCA Yunque (holding the rope), Dr. Badayos-Jover (center), and VCPD Belleza (right).

“TODAY, we mark another milestone in our path to a more gender sensitive society. We are breaking ground for the Balay Balay Child Minding Center (BBCMC) here on the Miagao campus,” says UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa during the Groundbreaking Ceremony of the BBCMC on June 20, 2016, UP Visayas Miagao campus.

Espinosa said that the BBCMC is a service mandated by Executive Order No. 340. Section 1 of the EO states that all national government agencies and government-owned and controlled corporations shall provide day care services to children of their employees under five years of age and should be provided either within their office facilities or in the areas accessible to the parents.

UP Visayas, through its Gender and Development Program (GDP), opened its first child-minding center in the Iloilo City campus in 1999, the second one in Miagao in 2014 and, recently, the UPV Tacloban College opened the Duyan Child Minding Center in its campus.

Dr. Mary Barby Badayos-Jover, Director of the UPV GDP, welcomed the 33 pre-school children currently enrolled in the Miagao BBCMC as well as their parents, and other guests. She thanked the support of the UPV administration for making it possible for the 1.6M BBCMC building to be constructed. At the moment, the BBCMC in Miagao is located in a limited area at the basement of the College Union Building.

The brief ceremony included the participation of the children who placed some items inside the time capsule. The blueprint of the building was placed by Chancellor Espinosa. He led in the burying of the time capsule along with Vice-Chancellor for Administration Nestor G. Yunque, Vice-Chancellor for Planning and Development Evelyn Belleza, Campus Development Maintenance Office Chief Rolando Jamero, Engr. Mario Morano, and Dr. Jover. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

Dept Chem, CAS holds curriculum review

Anthony Salvador B. Albaladejo
Enrique N. Legaspi III

The Department of Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences, U.P. Visayas conducted the Academic Program Improvement Project entitled “Curriculum Review of the BS Chemistry Program” at the Assemblage Point Resort and Convention Hub, Lawigan, San Joaquin, Iloilo on 31 May 2016 to 03 June 2016. Thirteen faculty members, including Dr. Rolly Fuentes of UPV Tacloban College, and four academic support staff participated in the four-day live-in seminar-workshop.

The activity aimed to revise the existing the BS Chemistry Program of UP Visayas and align it with recent developments such as the implementation of the K-12 Program in the country. Its other objectives included the following: to establish the program goals, structure, and requirements and to develop syllabi for the Chemistry courses to be instituted.

Dr. Aurora Fe Bautista served as the facilitator and the main resource person of the seminar-workshop. During the first day of the activity, Prof. Jay Martizano talked about the topic, “Establishing the Program Structure and Program Requirements of the BS Chemistry Program.” Prof. Rica Cainglet discussed “UP’s New GE Framework” and Prof. Steve P. Janagap, the Chairperson of the Department of Chemistry, presented the “Mission, Vision, and Goals of the

UP System, UP Visayas, CAS and the Department of Chemistry.” Janagap also lectured about “Setting the BS Chemistry Program Goal.” Bautista discussed the last topic for Day 1, which was on “Outcomes-Based Education.”

Day 2 began with the lecture of Bautista on “Redefining the Program Outcomes (CHED and the Department of Chemistry Program Outcomes).” The first workshop involved the making of the OBE syllabi by the Organic and Analytical Chemistry clusters, which was followed by the presentation of their outputs. In the afternoon, the Inorganic, Physical and Biochemistry clusters also had a workshop on the creation of their respective OBE syllabi. Day 2 ended with the presentation of outputs by the Inorganic, Physical and Biochemistry clusters.

A workshop on the creation of new core and elective courses for Biochemistry and Organic Chemistry was held on Day 3. This was followed by presentation of outputs by each cluster. In the afternoon, a workshop by the Physical and Inorganic Chemistry groups was held and their outputs on the new core and elective courses were also presented.

The seminar-workshop concluded with the presentation of the proposed study plan for the BS Chemistry program.



Participants of the curriculum review

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It was the third time since 2014 that the College held the Ceremony at the Arts and Sciences grounds. A lightning rally headed by the graduates concluded the ceremony.

Class 2016 produced two *magna cum laude* and 41 *cum laude* graduates.

The Commencement Program was followed by a dinner where the multi-awarded UP *An Balangaw* Performing Arts Group performed some OPM classics and popular Waray folk songs.

On the day before the Commencement Exercises, June

26, a Baccalaureate Service for the graduates was also held. The speakers for the ecumenical service were Pres. Ricardo Aban (Tacloban Stake President, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints), Fr. Jan Ian Brylle Callera (Resident Priest, Sacred Heart Church, Tacloban City), Ms. Jinky Mae Manalo (Ministry Head, LifeCare Department, New Life Tacloban), and Rev. Cesar Tumandao (Administrative Pastor, United Church of Christ in the Philippines, Dulag, Leyte). Ms. Arianne Kris Villegas, BS Biology,

shared her reflections before the end of the program.

On the evening of the same date, the College sponsored the very first Parangal in honor of UPVTC graduating Class 2016 and their parents. The program was made special with the UP Arco String Quartet and Prof. Edna Marciel Martinez (conductor), as guest performers. UP Arco is a multi-awarded and internationally acclaimed orchestra of the University of the Philippines College of Music.

They have performed in a number of festivals in Europe and have been recently given the the Best String Orchestra Award, 2nd Festa, in Venice, Italy. UP Arco’s role had been significant in gathering support for the College after super typhoon Yolanda struck.

The holding of Parangal 2016 was spearheaded by the Division of Humanities, Leyte-Samar Heritage Center, with the support of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.



Ang Pagpapahayag 2.0 of UPV

Jude Vincent E. Parcon

THE UPV Communication and Media students enrolled in CMS 110 (Development Media) for A.Y. 2015-2016 presented *Ang Pagpapahayag 2.0* on May 19, 2016 at the CFOS AV Hall.

Ang Pagpapahayag 2.0 is the CMS 110 students' culminating activity that includes a medical mission in the morning and a showcase of the various forms of folk media such as *komposo*, *sabayangpagbigkas* and *binalaybay* in the afternoon. These folk media are utilized as a means for people to express their views, sentiments, and aspirations

geared towards development.

More than 40 residents from recipient barangays, Brgy. Igtuba and Brgy. Baybay Sur, took part in the medical mission in partnership with the Asian Medical Students Association – West Visayas State University Chapter (AMSA-WVSU). These recipient barangays were identified as they had been involved in the CMS 110 field work between April – May 2016. The medical mission included a free medical consultation and provision of medicines.

In the afternoon, the women, youth

IFPT conducts livelihood training to Yolanda affected fisher folks in Estancia, Iloilo

Lenilyn B. Gallos

THE Institute of Fish Processing and Technology (IFPT), College of Fisheries and Ocean Science, conducted a 3-day training on the Importance of Fish Freshness and Proper Handling of Fish Introduction to Postharvest Technologies and Value Addition to fisher folks affected by Typhoon Yolanda in Estancia, Iloilo. Thirty affected men and women participated in the livelihood training held on April 6-8, 2016.

Ms. Ernestina Peralta and Ms. Rose Mueda of IFPT were the resource persons/trainers. They lectured on the importance of fish freshness in processing, the proper handling of fish, and fish processing technologies. They also recommended considering the availability of fish resources in the area and applicable community-level livelihood technologies and introduced the participants to proper processing techniques like the salting

ratio, preparation of shrimp paste with added flavors such as sweet/spicy and guisado style, and production of fish paste and sauce.

The participants were also trained on the preparation of marinades and process flow of production of pickled fish (*lamayo*) and *hamonado* as well as the production of fish burgers and nuggets.

The said training was organized by the UP Visayas Foundation, Inc. (UPVFI) upon the request of the Parish of the Holy Rosary to assist the Yolanda affected community to improve their livelihood.

The municipality of Estancia, which is known as a center for commercial fishing in the country because of its bountiful marine resources, was one of the towns that were greatly hit by Yolanda in 2013. *(with reports from Ms. Ernestina Peralta)*

UPV Library conducts ASFA training



ASFA participants listen to the orientation on how to use the ASFA program.

THE UP Visayas Library in Miagao conducted a five-day training for librarians of selected SUCs on the use of ASFIS or the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Information System on May 2-6, 2016.

ASFIS is an international cooperative information system for the collection and dissemination of information covering the science, technology and management of marine and freshwater environment.

The principal information product of ASFIS is ASFA (Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstract), an abstracting and indexing service covering the world's literature on the science, technology, management, management, and conservation of marine, brackish water, and freshwater resources and environments, including their socio-economic and legal aspects.

ASFA has a partnership with about 50 countries including the Philippines as well as with four United Nations agencies (FAO, IOC, UNDOALOS, UNEP) and 11 more international partners.

UP Visayas, through its College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), is a partner. Its current Librarian Chief, Ms. Analiza Linaugo has had several trainings on how to use the ASFIS. Linaugo initiated and proposed the training which was funded by FAO.

The participants of the training are composed of eight librarians from

the following SUCs: Aklan State University, Bicol University (Tabaco Campus), Bohol Island State University (Candijay Campus), Iloilo State College of Fisheries, Mindanao State University Naawan, Pangasinan State University (Binnaley Campus), Samar State University (Mercedes Campus) and Western Philippine University (Palawan).

At the end of training course, it is expected that the participants would have understood the rules, authority lists, formats, codes and procedures (i.e. the ASFA methodology) used in the preparation of bibliographic descriptions, abstracts, and indexing of records to be submitted as input to the ASFA Bibliographic Database. In addition they would have also known how to prepare the ASFA data input using the www-ISIS-ASFA software.

Chancellor Rommel Espinosa and Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Encarnacion Emilia Yap, welcomed the participants during the brief opening program on May 2 at the Umali Hall Conference Room, CFOS, UP Visayas, Miagao campus. They expressed hope that a sharing of library materials among the SUCs to improve fisheries knowledge research will be strengthened. *(Lyncen M. Fernandez with sources from the UPV Library)*



CMS 110 students and organizers had a picture taking after the program.

and senior citizen sectors from Brgy. Igtuba and Brgy. Baybay Sur proved that folk media is still a very good means to express their aspirations for development in their local community.

The senior citizens from Brgy. Baybay Sur performed a touching komposo that highlighted their need to have a sufficient and appropriate provision of medicines. On the other hand, the youth of Brgy. Baybay Sur sang a pop song that conveyed a message of their need for love and security. The empowered

women of Brgy. Baybay Sur sang an upbeat komposo that emphasized their important role as homemakers.

Moreover, the women and the youth sectors of Brgy. Igtuba presented a *sabayang-pagbigkas* that focused on unemployment and the importance of education, respectively. Also, the senior citizens of Brgy. Igtuba performed a komposo with its main message on proper information dissemination, especially on matters that concerned them.

The UP Oblation Bike Trail Adventure



The Oblation Bike Trail adventure uniquely combines thrill, athleticism and environmental stewardship.

LIKE most bike trails, the path is never paved, smooth or even. Rough roads, uphill climbs and steep, downhill paths that pull your descent and increase your chance of tumbling, are all part of the game. Throw in obstacles like huge, gnarled roots of trees, a brook or a river here and there and the adventure is complete.

This could have described the UP Oblation Bike Trail that the UP Alumni Association – Iloilo (UPAAI) organized on May 1, 2016 at the sprawling UP Visayas Miagao campus but there is more.

Half-way through the trail, each of the competing bikers had to get down and plant a tree at the Alumni Park that is being developed on top of the many hills found inside the scenic Miagao campus. This was what made the event unique from other bike trail competitions - riding, competing, enjoying and investing in the future of our environment.

There were three categories in the competition which include individual male; individual female; and team consisting of five members, mixed. The winners of the male individual category are: Leo Lam, 1st Place; Von Philip Lauron, 2nd place; and JM Villa, 3rd place. In the female individual, the winners are: Mariejol Dureza, 1st place, Ana Christia Lauron, 2nd Place; and Julie Ann Lauron.

For the team category the winner is Team Lyncen Oblation that has the following members: Anthony Salvador Albaladejo, Jethro Talledo, Tse De Pamaylo, Carl Niel Calvo and Clyde Magallanes.

The winners received cash prizes, medals, certificates and finisher's shirt. In addition, there was also a 3K Run for Fun side-event that drew participants from the UPV alumni, students, faculty, staff, and Miagao runners.

Dr. Ray Alindong, President of UPAAI, along with Prof. Amy Daquilanea-Tanoy, Director of the UPV Office of Alumni Affairs, thanked the support of the participants and the UPV Administration. They also acknowledged the following sponsors: the municipalities of Guimbal and Miagao; 2B Bike Store; Abbot Nutrition; Atty. Dennis Ausan, COMELEC Region VI Director; Bayer Philippines; Bistro Carcos (Dr. Rowena Cosca); Dr. Melanie Ausan-Tendencia; GEA Marketing/Planet Cycle Shoppe; Iloilo Society Commercial; InterMed; PharmWord; Pepsi Cola Philippines; Sari-Sari Breadstore; SV More, and Team Sports.

The UP and UPV sponsors likewise recognized were the following: the UP High School in Iloilo Batches 1989, 1991, and 1992; UP Vanguard, Inc.; UP Silak Brotherhood; UP Silab Sisterhood; UP Scintilla Juris; UP Stella Juris; UPV Mountaineers; UPV NSTP; UPV Reforestation; UPV Security Service Force; UPV Health Services Unit; UPV Campus Development and Maintenance Office; and the UPV School of Technology Alumni Association headed by its President Johanna Jamero.

Many of the participants remarked that they will be back next year for more "UP Oblation Bike Trail Adventure." *(Lyncen M. Fernandez with sources from UPAAI)*

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•Lesson No 7 – Never how far you roam, never forget where you come from. Never forget the land of your birth. It is the culture that shaped you into the person that you are now.

•Lesson No 8–Learn to be a team player. You cannot do everything alone, and you shouldn't have to. Work well with others and more will be accomplished in less time.

Towards the end of his speech Hizon repeated that his story is indeed massively

ordinary, adding that it is the story of 99% of the people in the workforce. "It is the story of achieving success through old fashioned hard work, patience, diligence, and a positive attitude. The road is long and there are no shortcuts," he pointed out.

"Dream well – dream big – dream with a purpose – dream for a nation and dream for the next generation," he challenged the Class of 2016. *(Lyncen M. Fernandez)*

IFPDS conducts training on fish catch monitoring in Ajuy, Iloilo

Lenilyn B. Gallos

THE Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies (IFPDS), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, UP Visayas conducted a training-workshop on fish catch monitoring in Barangay

Nasidman, Ajuy, Iloilo on June 27, 2016. Spearheaded by IFPDS Director Dr. Harold Monteclaro as Project Leader, the one-day public service activity



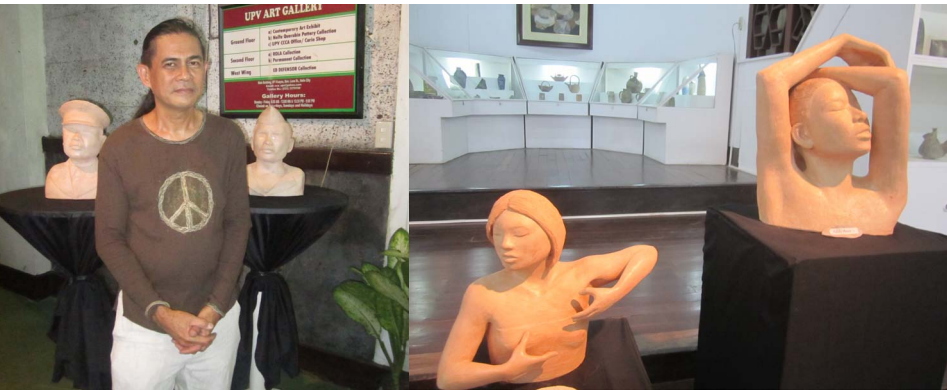
IFPDS Director Harold Monteclaro (standing 8th from left) and Mr. Joshua Regalado (right photo) administered the training-workshop on fish catch monitoring to the municipal representatives of LGU-Ajuy, barangay officials and fisherfolk of Brgy. Nasidman.

benefited 27 participants composed of the representatives of the municipality, barangay officials, and fisherfolk of Brgy. Nasidman. The local government unit of Ajuy requested for the technical assistance of the Institute to train the fisherfolk of the island barangay in order to address its concern for the availability of baseline data on fish catch. The objective is to capacitate the participants in coming up with a community-based fish catch monitoring system, record keeping, and to increase their awareness on the importance of community-based fisheries management. Mr. Joshua Regalado, IFPDS faculty member and Monteclaro served as the resource persons. They gave lectures on the importance of the conservation and management of the marine and

coastal resources, the value and benefits of monitoring fish catch as a tool for a good and effective fisheries management, and how to conduct fish catch monitoring or data collection. The participants were taught how to fill-up the catch monitoring form as well as how to analyze and interpret the gathered data. The Institute is planning to conduct a follow-up training to further teach the participants on how to gather other information needed for a comprehensive report on fish catch monitoring such as collecting, sampling, and validating or assessing data. The IFPDS also plans to hold similar series of activities in other municipalities with Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in Panay Island in the future.

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Cabalfin exhibits at UPV Art gallery



Alan Cabalfin during his exhibit.

ILONGGO multi-media artist Alan Cabalfin celebrates the enduring power of youthfulness in his latest terracotta sculpture exhibition *DagwayPamatan-on* at the UPV Art Gallery beginning on 11 March through 29 April 2016. *Dagway sang Pamatan-on* is a collection of 25 portraits of real women and men from his hometown of Leon, Iloilo. The rural subjects willingly posed for the homegrown artist who has been fascinated by the

idea that youthfulness is a state of mind and not just a stage of human life. Cabalfin finished BS Architecture from UP Diliman and has had several solo exhibitions of his paintings, prints and ceramics in Iloilo, Manila and, the USA. He was a Philippine delegate to the 1995 International Workshop in Ceramics in Tokoname, Japan. His short film *Dihon* received 2nd Place from the Film Academy

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Linaugo is University Librarian

Anna Lisa M. Erazo

MS.Analiza G. Linaugo has been appointed as the new University Librarian of UP Visayas effective January 2016 to December 2019. Ms.Linaugo is a licensed librarian and a graduate of the degree, Master of Library and Information Science, at U.P. Diliman Institute of Library Science in 2009. She has served as a School Librarian and Library Coordinator at Southville International School and Colleges in Las Piñas before joining the UPVisayas Library as College Librarian II in 2011.



Linaugo


SoTech hosts visiting US prof

WITH a grant from the USAID STRIDE, the UP Visayas School of Technology (SoTech) hosted the two-week visit of Dr. Paul Takhistov in the Philippines from March 6-17, 2016. Dr. Paul Takhistov is a Professor at the Department of Food Science, Rutgers the State University of New Jersey, and holds advance degrees in Chemical Engineering and Physical Chemistry. He is an expert in the field of novel food materials and processing while his research interests is focused on understanding the physical and chemical interactions in multiphase food systems at micro-and nano-scales that allow rational choice and manipulation of foodstuff to improve their safety and quality. His group is currently performing several research projects on the design of novel nano composite materials for functional food applications and nutraceuticals delivery and safety such as edible packaging and personalized nutrition. Takhistov teaches core undergraduate courses such as Food Processing Technology and Food Product Development and a graduate level course Colloid and Interface Science. He leads a Master in Business and Science program in Food Science. Takhistov's itinerary included a series of class lectures with undergraduate students, introduction and updates on novel technologies in food processing and engineering, interaction with students on graduate study opportunities and possible collaboration, and a public lecture on nanotechnology-based biosensors for quality evaluation. The lectures provided faculty researchers, food technologists from the industry, and thesis students some fundamental information on functional foods, applications of


nanotechnology in the food industry, and practices in quality control and evaluation. Takhistov also joined the SoTech faculty for a visit to start-up food processors in Guimaras Island which are being assisted for technical support by the School and its alumni. A research project was discussed and will be proposed to the USAID STRIDE program. The highlight of Takhistov's visit is the creation of the Center for Food Industry Support and Innovation. This center is envisioned to provide business and technology expertise to start-up ventures and help in establishing food and value-added agri-aqua business in Western Visayas and surrounding regions. The Center is a multidisciplinary initiative of SoTech in collaboration with other UPV units. It has a high potential for achieving value-added success through the use of highly qualified and experienced personnel, a well-developed work plan with strong emphasis on economic development, and a commitment to community partnership. The creation of such a center as a "go-to-point" for the local food industry and producers will facilitate industry-academe collaboration. Takhistov will actively participate as mentor of this undertaking. In this connection, an initial roundtable discussion was conducted on March 15, 2016 at the GCEB AVR, UPV City campus with representatives from the Department of Science and Technology, Food and Drug Administration, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources, and Department of Trade and Industry. The lead agencies found the concept necessary in accelerating regional economic growth. (Lyncen M. Fernandez with sources from School of Technology)



Students listen to Dr. Takhistov as he shares the educational culture in Rutgers University.



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UP V inks MOA with PPP for LGU capacity-building interventions



Usec. Palacios (sitting second from the left) and Chancellor Rommel Espinosa (3rd from left) with UPV Officials and PPP staff.

THE University of the Philippines Visayas signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Private Public Partnership (PPP) Center of the Philippines on May 20, 2016 at the AV Hall, GCEB, UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus.

Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa inked the agreement with Undersecretary Andre C. Palacios, Executive Director of the PPP Center.

Witness to the signing were Dr. Evelyn Belleza, Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development, and Ms. Kathleen B. Geslani who represented Ms. Feroisa Francisca T. Concordia, the Director of Capacity Building and Knowledge Management Service of the PPP Center.

The PPP Center of the Philippines has the primary mandate to facilitate the implementation of the country's

PPP programs and projects, provide technical assistance to national government agencies (NGAs), government-owned or controlled corporations (GOCCs), state colleges and universities (SUCs), local government units (LGUs) and private sector to sustain national economic growth.

The agreement stipulated that the PPP will partner with UP Visayas as its Local Capability -Building Institution (LCBI) in the provision of capacity-building interventions to LGUs in various locations. The PPP Center shall provide the initial trainer's training to UP Visayas and will assist in updating its expertise on PPP to help position it as an adjunct learning center on PPP.

UPV, with the assistance of the PPP Center, shall review the LGU's capacity-building needs and provide appropriate approaches with the end goal of enhancing the technical knowledge of the same in undertaking PPP program and projects.

The Parties will collaborate in the development of required documents and delivery of services relevant to the PPP program, including mechanisms to improve the same. They will also jointly develop and implement a selection criteria for LGU participants; the PPP Center shall provide advice on appropriate modules and learning materials.

The Parties shall collaborate in preparing a work program that will include developing, adapting, and disseminating PPP related tools, materials, mechanisms and best practices that will aid LGUs in managing and marketing their infrastructure and investment programs. UP Visayas will designate a focal person to oversee the overall implementation of the capacity training program and act as chief liaison with the PPP Center.

The signing of the MOA was attended by University officials and staff and PPP personnel. (Anna Razel L. Ramirez)

UPV HSU and Dagyaw sa Kaarayadan bring health services to Brgy. Lumangan, Miagao

Sarina Nacita



UPVHSU and Dagyaw sa Kaarayadan volunteers in action.

THE UP Visayas Health Services Unit, in cooperation with the Dagyaw sa Kaarayadan (Volunteer for Healing), brought health services to Brgy. Lumangan, Miagao, Iloilo through a medical, surgical, and dental mission on May 29, 2016. There were 140 residents availed themselves of the consultation, 91 of whom were adult and 49 were very young children. Fifteen availed themselves of the circumcision and 23 for the dental services. In addition, 82 were recipients for blood typing and 77 for a random blood sugar testing, including

residents from the nearby barangay.

Free medicines and multivitamins were given after the consultation. Pain relievers and antibiotics were also given to those who had undergone circumcision.

Twenty-three volunteers who participated in the said medical, surgical, and dental mission, 11 of whom are medical doctors and dentists. The UPV HSU is grateful for the support of the volunteers, sponsors, and donors who shared their time and resources for the success of the activity.

UPV, APhiO service project benefits 156 boys



ACNA President Garcia (9th from right) and Prof. Fernandez (1st from right) pose for a photo souvenir with medical volunteers and organizers.

A total of 156 circumcision operations on boys, ages 6-13 years-old, 10 dental procedures, medical consultations, and provisions of medicines to 12 patients were accomplished by UP Visayas through the Alpha Phi Omega (APO) Alumni Council of North America (ACNA), UPV-Health Services Unit, and the Alpha Phi Omega Kappa Gamma (UPV Chapter).

The blistering heat on the Saturday of May 14, 2016 did not deter the volunteer doctors and nurses of APhiO and UPV from

delivering these services. They were joined by three medical volunteers from the 82nd Infantry Battalion of the Philippine Army in Camp Monteclaro, Brgy. Igtuba, Miagao, Iloilo. ACNA President Alexander Garcia, responsible for overseeing and facilitating the funds for the project, as well as Prof. Pepito "Sonny" Fernandez, Jr. who was the project proponent and coordinator, were present during the event.

On December 18, 2015, UPV, APO-ACNA, through the Alpha Phi Omega Kappa Gamma (UPV chapter), partnered to adopt Barangay Malagyan in Miagao Iloilo. The service project chose Malagyan, the biggest relocation site of residents affected by the establishment of UPV in Miagao, as the recipient of a year-long Feeding and Nutrition Program for children, Well-Baby Clinic, Medical Clinic, and Dental Services both for adults and children.

On January 16, 2016, the first feeding program for 50 children was conducted as well as the medical and dental services at the Barangay Malagyan Health Center. The feeding program also included the giving out of multivitamins to the children and is done every Saturday at the Health Center. Meanwhile, the dental and medical services are held every month. The service project will run for a year. The circumcision procedure was an additional service given to Brgy. Malagyan in response to its request. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

UPVTC-DH Sponsors 2nd Basic Art Summer Workshop



Trainers and students enjoy the teaching and learning process during the summer art program.

THE UPVTC Division of Humanities once again sponsored a Basic Art Summer Workshop on April 11-May 6, for kids 6-14 years old. The 26-day training was led by the multi-awarded visual artist in Eastern Visayas, Mr. Nel Zabala, as the art trainer. The topics covered during the training were drawing, watercolor painting, oil pastel art, oil paint, and art craft. The workshop was participated in by 52 kids, enrolled by their parents with a registration fee of ₱2,000 to cover the trainer's fee and other art materials.

Since its inception last year, the workshop has continually aimed at honing the skills of children interested in the field of the visual arts, said Prof. Irma Tan, DH chair. The activity also served as an income-generating project of the Division.