



Albert tells UPV graduates to serve the country

“YOUR generation has a big responsibility in distributing that wealth [that is being made in Asia]. You are not only the future human resources of this dynamic region but also the pool where future leaders can be drawn that will build a cohesive and prosperous nation and region,” Hon. Delia Domingo Albert reminded the graduates of UP Visayas during the University’s 38th Commencement Exercises held on June 23, 2017 at the Miagao campus.

The former Ambassador to Germany and Australia shared her experiences as a career diplomat at the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) wherein she made history as its first female Secretary. She likewise shared insights of her experiences in the ASEAN and how we can still learn lessons knowing how to get along with each other and our neighbor countries. ASEAN was borne out of the desire of the countries in this region to work for peace stability and progress despite cultural and other differences.

She excitedly trooped to DFA after graduating from UP Diliman but was told that she has to have a Civil Service Eligibility and was likewise too young.

“I therefore advise you, fresh graduates to take any civil service examination as soon as you can! You never know when you will need it,” she reminded the graduates.

In a nutshell, she summed up her professional life 5 letter Ds - Dream, Desire, Direction, Determination, and Dedication.

Despite not being able to work at DFA after graduation she looked for various opportunities that would expose her to the international arena. She went to Japan for as seminar, studied and work there until she reached the age that will allow her to work at DFA and had passed the necessary civil service exams.

Her career at DFA started when she was appointed as Appointments and Social Secretary by Hon. Narciso Ramos, then Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

“To graduate from the University of the Philippines is a privilege not many Filipinos can ever experience. As they say “many are called but few are chosen”. Just think of the thousands, perhaps even millions who would wish to be you today.

She was asked to introduce him as guest speaker in an event but said that she found his CV rather dull and boring and decided to introduce him three languages that she knew- English, French, and Japanese. He hired her on the spot because he needed someone “who could diplomatically say ‘no’ in different languages to the many people seeking an appointment as well as countless job seekers.”

“I learned how important it is to be at the right place, at the right time, with the right people and most important with the right credentials,” she pointed out.

As for her ASEAN experience she said that its founding fathers believed that geography is immutable and that neighbors in the region should get to



Albert tells the Class of 2017 to “be of service to our people”

know each other, band together, and face common threats that challenge its very existence.

“It was this determination to keep the peace in the region that has brought ASEAN to where it is today. ASEAN provided that public space where differences were addressed through what we now know as the “ASEAN way” slow, slow, slow through endless consultations or “mushawarah” until consensus or “mufakat” is reached,” she pointed out.

Towards the end of her message, Albert cited the thoughts of newly-appointed UP President Danilo Concepcion who “advocates an

academic culture that encourage and values our utmost commitment of serving the interest of the Filipino people.”

In conclusion, she urged the young graduates with these words, “I encourage you to know more about yourselves as Filipinos and as such a member of the wider ASEAN Community of 10 Ambitious and Energetic Nations and that you all have a role to play in making our Community a better place.”

“Join me in serving our country and our community which has given us the opportunity to be of service to our people,” she ended. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

UP Visayas convenes International Conference on Intangible Cultural Heritage



Participant of the ICIH Conference listen to CHED Chair Patricia Licuanan

OVER 200 scholars, cultural workers, artists, business management experts, and social and natural scientists from the Philippines, Brunei, USA, Liberia, Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore, Korea, and Australia gathered for Pagtib-ong: The UPV International Conference on Intangible Heritage on May 25 and 26, 2017 at Casa Real (The Old Iloilo Provincial Capitol) in Iloilo City, Philippines.

Pagtib-ong (a Hiligaynon word meaning to raise or lift up) aptly captured the goals of the two-day event which were to celebrate cultural distinctiveness and find commonalities among the different countries that joined the first international conference of such kind in the country.

Fifty-nine conference papers and presentations were made in the four plenary sessions and six parallel sessions. Each parallel session consisted of three clusters with a maximum of four speakers each. The sessions were structured according

to topics with scholarly presentations complemented by experience sharing and artist talk. A two-session satellite conference on intangible political spaces specifically dealing with intangible cultural heritage and foreign relations was simultaneously held at St. Anne’s Hall of Assumption School Iloilo City. The conclusions of said satellite event were shared at the last plenary session (a five-person panel discussion) of the Conference.

At the opening program on the first day, Dr. Felipe de Leon Jr., former Chair of the Philippines’ National Commission for Culture and the Arts and ICH expert, talked about the value and practical aspects of intangible heritage. Keynote Speaker Dr. Patricia Licuanan, Chairperson of the Commission on Higher Education, shared the need to specialize in the scholarship aspect of culture and heritage. Assistant Director – General, Intangible Cultural Heritage in Asia-Pacific Region, Dr. Seong-Yong Park,

UPV Tacloban Campus holds 41st Commencement Exercises

TACLOBAN City. The University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC) marked its 41st Commencement Exercises on June 27, 2017 at the UPVTC Arts and Sciences Grounds. The 277 graduates of Class 2017 were led by Kimberly D. Caimbre, BA (Social Sciences) Political Science and Alexis Eugen Castor who both graduated *magna cum laude*. There were 53 other honor graduates.

UPVTC Class 2017 produced 30 graduates of BS in Accountancy, 77 graduates of BS in Management, 28 graduates of BA Communication Arts, 40 graduates of BS Biology, 10 graduates of BS in Computer Science, 33 graduates of BA Psychology, 22 graduates of BA

(Social Sciences) Economics, 28 graduates of BA (Social Sciences) Political Science, two graduates of BA (Social Sciences) Psychology, and seven graduates of Master of Management.

Dr. Rowena Cristina Guevarra, Undersecretary for Science and Technological Services of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), was this year’s Commencement Exercises Speaker. Her message was read by Engr. Edgardo Esperancilla, Regional Director of DOST Region VIII.

A lightning rally participated in by several graduates calling for pressing social issues concluded the 41st Commencement Exercises. (Marilou Morales, UPVTC)



Eng. Esperancilla of DOST Region VIII, reads the speech of Dr. Rowena Cristina Guevarra, DOST Undersecretary for Science and Technological Services



CFOS' students' posters win at 2nd international science graduate scholars' confab



Alolod and Cadiz pose with their respective poster

THE Research posters of Garner Angelo Alolod and Rowena Cadiz, both MS Fisheries students of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, were adjudged 2nd and 3rd placers, respectively, in the technical poster competition, Agriculture/Fisheries/Environmental Science Category at the 2nd International Science

Graduate Scholars' Conference held at the Philippine International Convention Center, Manila on May 24-25, 2017.

Alolod's study was on the "Bioactivity and Functionality of Gelatin Hydrolysates from the Skin of Oneknife Unicorn Fish (*Naso thynnoides*)" while Cadiz's was entitled "Comparative Efficacies

of Tilapia Green Water and Biofloc Technology (BFT) in Suppressing Population Growth of Green Vibrios and *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* in the Intensive Tank Culture of *Penaeus vannamei*.

With the theme "From Discoveries Today to Innovations Tomorrow," 152 posters competed in three categories. The two other categories were Biology/Health Science/ Food Science/ Chemistry/ Natural Products and Mathematics/ Statistics/ Computing/ Physics/ Material Science.

Thirteen DOST-SEI graduate scholars of UP Visayas participated

in the Conference. Eleven of the participants were from CFOS and two were from the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). Ten competed in the technical paper competition and four (4) participated in a non-competing oral paper presentation.

The participants are all scholars of the Department of Science and Technology-Science Education Institute Accelerated Science and Technology Human Resource Development Program – National Science Consortium (DOST-SEI ASTHRDP-NSC), which also organized the event. *(Lenilyn Gallos with sources from Rowena Cadiz)*

UPVTC prof and student clinch top awards in photo and video competitions



Decena holding his winning trophy

UPV Tacloban's Assistant Professor Pierce Docena's photo essay entitled "Traveling in Tongues" was recently chosen as grand winner of Lakaw Visayas, an online photo essay competition on Visayan culture and heritage sponsored by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the Negros Museum. He received his award during a short ceremony on June 3, 2017 at the Negros Museum in Bacolod City.

Docena's entry was initially chosen as one of the five finalists that competed for online votes through Facebook and was eventually declared grand winner after the scores from the NCCA judges were added to the online votes. In his photo essay, Docena talked about how his two-week solo backpacking trip around the Visayas at the start of the year 2017 helped him gain deeper appreciation for Visayan languages. From Tacloban City, Docena explored the three regions of Visayas by visiting Cebu, Dumaguete, Bacolod, Iloilo, Tibiao and Mararison Island in Antique, Boracay, and Kalibo.

Meanwhile, Stacky John Fernandez was chosen as the Grand

Winner of Instatour, a virtual tour guiding competition. A UPV BS Applied Mathematics alumnus, Fernandez featured various sites of Iloilo in a five-minute video that earned the highest number of video engagements on Facebook. Both Docena and Fernandez received travel cameras and other souvenir prizes during the awarding. *(Source: from UPVTC)*

Acapellago performs at Parangal

THE 2017 graduates, their parents, benefactors, and alumni were honored with a Commencement Concert. This was through a performance by the singing group Acapellago on June 21, 2017 at the UPV Auditorium, Iloilo City.

Acapellago's repertoire at the *Parangal* was composed of the following: 24K Magic, Ulit-Ulit, Hasula, Peroplano, Kahit Maputi Na Ang Buhok Ko, Can't Stop the Feeling, Queen of the Night, Burlesque, and Conga.

Acapellago is a Filipino contemporary a capella group composed of Michelle Pascual, Almond Bolante, Joshua Cadelinia, Ronnel Allen Laderas, and Ricky Gavin Laderas. They won the Grand Champion spot at the *Talentadong Maloleño* (2012) and in the prestigious Akapela Open, a

Traifalgar receives SEARCA professorial chair grant

THE Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) awarded Dr. Rex Ferdinand M. Traifalgar with the SEARCA Regional Professorial Chair on May 2017. The award was given in recognition of his exemplary performance in research in the field of aquaculture for AY 2017-2018.

Traifalgar is an Associate Professor and UP Scientist I of the Institute of Aquaculture, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences. His professorial chair lecture will be on "Probiotic Bacteria from Tilapia Green Water and Bio floc Culture Systems: An Eco-friendly Approach in the Prevention and Management of Early Mortality Syndrome (EMS) Disease Affecting the Philippine Shrimp Aquaculture."

Started in 2011, the SEARCA Regional Professorial Chair was established to give due recognition



Traifalgar

to Southeast Asian experts in the academe who have outstanding accomplishments in the field of social sciences, marine and fishery sciences, environmental sciences, economics, and rural development-oriented fields. *(Lenilyn B. Gallos, CFOS)*



Acapellago

contemporary acapella competition organized by Mr. Ryan Cayabyab, One Meralco Foundation, and the

PLDT-Smart Foundation. They won the Gold Award and were named as

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Balmaceda speaks at 2017 baccalaureate rites



Balmaceda

JUDGE Anne Beatrice Aguana Balmaceda emphasized justice as she addressed the 2017 graduating class and during the Baccalaureate Exercises on June 22, 2017 at the UP Visayas, Iloilo City Campus.

"Justice is a way of life in which we not only treat one another fairly, but we also do our duty, show gratitude for what we have been given, and give God the honor he deserves. Justice means giving to each his due. However, that is not enough. However much a particular person is due, we must be ready to give him more, because each single soul is a masterpiece of God's making," Balmaceda said.

Relating to the situation that the world faces right now, where all forms of injustice are highlighted especially in the media, Balmaceda stressed that "Most people today are quite insensitive to injustice. In all parts of the world, one sees a longing

for greater justice, for a peace that is best preserved in an environment of mutual respect among men and among nations. It is not enough to lament the unjust situations that arise among men and nations. Everyone must consider how he practices justice in ordinary circumstances at work and in one's family, professional and social relationships. We do not love justice if we do not wish to see it fulfilled in the lives of others. As such, justice is not limited to lawyers who fight cases or to us judges who took an oath of impartiality to do our jobs without fear or favor."

She calls on the graduating students to practice justice. "As students, you strive to do your best in your studies. It's a matter of justice with your family who makes sacrifices so you can get a good education and begin to work professionally for your country. It's also a matter of justice with your nation; you must serve others

through your profession. Moreover, a percentage of citizens' taxes go to pay for your studies. So, if the state and your family make such sacrifices, you have the duty to take advantage of the means offered you to get a solid education."

She encouraged the graduating students to act against losing our freedom, especially upon this era of terrorism, "... it should move us to conversion, to scripture, to evangelization, and, above all, to saving the truth, who is Jesus Christ. In the midst of systematic injustice, justice must be done. A Christian leader's job is to work toward the hope at all times. We cannot right every wrong in the world in our lifetimes. But we never give up hope, never stop working for the greater good in the midst of the imperfect systems where our work occurs... we must be persistent in our prayers, in our charity, love and justice."

She underscores also that love is the minimum of justice, "...like when a mother loves all her children,

she loves them all but treats each one differently according to their needs. Justice does not mean giving the same to everyone. In dealing with others, we respond differently to different people depending on their needs- give joy to those who are sad, knowledge to those who lack it, affection to the lonely. And just like the mothers, we need to carry out what justice demands with the spirit of charity- cheerful, self giving, with the spirit of service."

Balmaceda graduated her BS Psychology degree from the University of Santo Tomas and her Bachelor of Laws at the University of the Cordilleras in Baguio. She is a candidate of the Master of Laws at the San Beda Graduate School of Law. She is currently presiding judge of the MTCC Branch 1, Iloilo City. An Executive Judge of the City Courts of Iloilo, she was also voted as the Vice President for Visayas of the Philippine Women Judges Association. She is married and is a mother of three girls. (Anna Razel L. Ramirez, IPO)

Fisheries professionals convene in UPV



The first gathering of fisheries professionals draws a crowd of participants.

LITAN inspires 56 UP High School in Iloilo movers with his journey and "life-defining moments" during the Moving Up and Recognition Program on May 25, 2017 at the UPV Quadrangle, Iloilo City.

Taking the audience back to his memory lane, "I can still remember my thoughts during my own high school graduation. I sat in the auditorium without parents, money nor direction in my life. I did not have the luxury of choices that parents lay to their children to help them determine their future. All I had was hope, a dream, and confidence in the education UP had given me. I feel that this had put me above the rest. I realized that with nothing, I had nothing to lose if I follow my intuition. My misfortune ironically also created windows of opportunity and perspectives which otherwise I would not have known. If anything, my presence here this afternoon is a testament to what I call a triumph of the spirit. By divine providence or fate, I had been dealt with life-changing moments that test character and mettle. Without counsel of an elder or a parent, I responded to engage those life-changing moments in a way I knew how."

He urges the movers to recognize these life-defining moments. "Many of you will also face defining moments that may break your spirit or lift your mind to achieve greater things... courage and perseverance oftentimes prevail in the midst of what seemingly looks like insurmountable odds."

Litan declared proudly that he is a certified C student. Quoting President George W. Bush who once said to Yale University graduates, "To those of you who are graduating this afternoon with high honors, awards and distinctions, I say, 'Well done.' And as I like to tell the C students: You too, can be president." Citing President Donald Trump of USA and Rodrigo Duterte, who would relate to such statements Litan affirmed that one can really become president even if he was a C student. "Yes, I was a C student and I am now president of my own company. I remember that in my

time, our sections were classified as best, better, and good. I happened to be in the last group. From second year high school onto graduation day, our section was the happiest bunch of crazy underachievers.

For the past 15 years, I have been in the business of finding employment for a variety of qualified workers overseas. It is one of the most fulfilling jobs as you literally have in your power with one sign of a pen the ability to change the course of life of a person and his family. Sometimes, it is a thankless and stressful job that may tend to let you see the worst in others. I live the dream of running my own company Profile Overseas Manpower Services, Inc..."

He related his life story before he lived his dream, "I was an orphan who arrived in Manila on board a ship in 1979 with more than a few hundred pesos in my pocket. Home was the sala of an apartment where 6 female cousins lived. I was in and out of the university, sometimes working, sometimes studying, and sometimes doing both as I had to finance my own needs and existence... but I had youth on my side and fire in my belly. Those were the days that strengthened my resolve to make something out of myself. Part of the high points of his life were his participation in the passage of the landmark law that brought cheaper medicines to the population in 1988. He was tasked by the health minister at that time to lead the media battle against multinational pharmaceutical companies that were against providing people choices in order to bring down prices of medicines.

He would talk with fondness about his wife. Mine came when I met a dark, dimpled lady whom I had the chance of knowing only a day before. I sat beside her in the tourist bus on those four hours oblivious of what was going on around us. I knew right after that journey that she was the ONE, the woman I would marry." His wife passed away but was the one who motivated him to take scholars. Through her intercession,

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MORE than 250 licensed fisheries technologists and members of the Asosasyon ng mga Propesyon sa Pangisdaan ng Pilipinas, Inc. (APPP) from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao gathered and participated in the first APPP Seminar-Workshop and Business Meeting held on June 16, 2017 at the Training Rooms, Graduate and Continuing Education Building, UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus. Dr. Crispino A. Saclauso, Dean of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) of UPV gave the opening remarks. He recognized the significance of the undertaking as part of the continuing professional development and capacity building of the fisheries professionals.

Ms. Lily Ann R. Baldago, retired Regional Director of the Philippine Regulations Commission (PRC), Region VI; Dr. Catalino R. dela Cruz, member of the Board of Fisheries; and Mr. Wilfredo G. Yap, Executive Director of Sante Foundation were the guest speakers.

Baldago lectured on "Ethics/ Code of Conduct of Professionals." This aimed at raising the level of awareness of the participants on ethics and code of conduct in the practice of their profession. She strongly recommended for the participants to study and apply the

provisions of the Code of Ethics, enabling laws, and other related laws in the practice of their profession.

To increase the knowledge of fisheries professionals on the requirements of the practice of their profession, expectations, and challenges confronting their profession, Dela Cruz discussed about "On Becoming a Fisheries Professional." He reminded the fisheries technologists that in order to succeed in their professional practice, they should know and should be aware of the current developments and requirements of the PRC that will influence and guide their life, career pathways, and progression.

Yap, on the other hand, presented the "Status of Fisheries and Aquaculture in the Philippines." He showed how the country is lagging behind other countries in the fisheries industry for a long time. He attributed this to lack of sustainable fisheries management and ambivalence in national policy. He underscored the importance of a clear and supportive national program that is based on science as well as on national strengths. With these as base, it would be easier to push for more investments in aquaculture production, conservation and

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UPV conducts Quality Assurance W/F on Academic Programs



Resource persons answer questions from the audience

THE University of the Philippines Visayas conducted a Workshop-Forum on Quality Assurance (QA) for UPV Academic Programs on May 29-30, 2017 at the GCEB Training Rooms, UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus.

Dr. Philip Ian S. Padilla, former Faculty Regent, delivered the lecture on "Quality Assurance in Higher Education Institutions." This preceded the forum on Stakeholder's Expectations and Experiences moderated by Prof. Ma. Elisa Baliao. The Resource Persons invited for the forum were the following: 1) Ms. Marie Pearl Marjorie Doronila, HR Recruitment Specialist, Reed Elsevier Philippines; 2) Dr. Amado Saquido, Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of Asia and the Pacific; 3) Engr. Neil Ravena, Iloilo Government; 4) Mr. John Marlou Salido, Chairman,

College of Management Student Council; 5) Prof. Severa Katalbas, Associate Dean, UPV College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Gail Tan-Ilagan, Professor of Psychology, Ateneo de Davao University; and Mr. Robert Sazon, Entrepreneur and UPV Alumnus.

The Workshop on the Expected Learning Outcomes (ELO) was facilitated by Dr. Aurora Fe Bautista, former faculty member of UP Visayas and the UP Open University.

The Lecture on the UP High School in Iloilo Experience on the K-12 Program was given by Dr. Lourdes Zamora, UPHSI Principal. It was followed by a plenary discussion on the Proposed Curricular Changes during the K-to-12 Transition and Consolidation of Service Courses in UPV Academic Programs.

The workshop was organized in response to the aim of the University to develop excellent academic programs on par with national and international standards. During the period of the K-12 Transition and ASEAN Integration, UPV has embarked on a massive review, updating, and improvement of the academic content of all its courses and curricular programs in relation to UPV's niche and national priorities.

The activities during the workshop/forum were all geared towards facilitating the ongoing curricular revisions and updating of UPV's academic programs. It was organized by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and the Committee on Quality Assurance under Vice Chancellor Emilia S. Yap. *(Anna Razel Ramirez)*

COP/BIDANI joins NNC in the launching of Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition

THE Philippine Plan of Action for Nutrition (PPAN), country's blueprint of actions for nutrition improvement was launched on May 2, 2017 at the Grand Xing Imperial Hotel, Iloilo City.

Health Secretary and National Nutrition Council Governing Board Chair Dr. Paulyn Jean B. Rosell-Ubial led the Ceremonial Turn-over of PPAN 2017-2022 to the Iloilo Province represented by Governor and Chair of the Provincial Nutrition Committee, Arthur D. Defensor, Sr. This turn-over was symbolic of the services provided under the PPAN, wherein the Iloilo province is one of the 38 priority areas of PPAN because of the large numbers of stunted children. Based on the National Nutrition Survey (NNS) conducted by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) in 2015, 33.4% or 3.8 million children are stunted while 7.1% or 807,057 are wasted. It also showed that overnutrition manifesting as overweight and obesity are emerging health concerns among children and a major problem among adults with 18 million Filipinos who are overweight and obese.

Assistant Secretary of Health and NNC Executive Director Maria Bernardita T. Flores presented the PPAN 2017-2022 and expressed hope that the new plan of action will be embraced not only by nutrition implementers, but most especially by the Local Government Units (LGUs) and by the Filipino people.

The launch also highlighted an exhibit of the eight nutrition-specific and nutrition-sensitive programs of the PPAN. Two of these programs are the National Nutrition Promotion Program for Behavior Change in communities and Nutrition in Emergencies, which COP/BIDANI can focus on to contribute in the attainment of the goals of PPAN.

The Participants were composed of the members of the regional media groups organized by NNC, Chairs of the Regional and Provincial Nutrition Committees, from NGOs, and the academe involved in nutrition as well as international development partners. COP/BIDANI was represented by Prof. Josephine Firmase and Remedios Huesca.

The COP/BIDANI is an extension arm of the College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas, Miagao, Iloilo. *(Remedios T. Huesca, COP/BIDANI)*

IMFO, UPFG hold 4-day training in the management of Miagao MPAs



Various photos during the training

THE Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanology (IMFO) and the UP Fisheries Guild (UPFG) of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, UP Visayas, provided a series of trainings to assist in the management of the declared Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the Municipality of Miagao on May 2-5, 2017 on the UP Visayas Miagao campus.

The "Miagao MPA Management and Community Capacity Building Extension Program" was participated in by the representatives of the Miagao Municipal Agriculture Office, Bantay Dagat, Miagao Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (MDRRMC), volunteer community divers, fisherfolk organizations, barangay officials, and fishing community of the barangays with MPAs, namely: Brgys. Damilisan, Calampitao-Gines, and Lanutan. The activity also aimed to establish the regular monitoring of the status of the declared MPA sites and to strengthen the fisherfolk organizations in these barangays.

Prof. Jerry Ian Leonida, IMFO Public Service Program Coordinator, spearheaded the undertaking. Leonida said that the event served as the launching of the public service program of the Institute and UPFG, one of the student organizations of CFOS. UPFG has been instrumental in instituting the MPAs of Miagao when Leonida was a student and president of this student organization in 2014. "This time, UP Fisheries guild aimed to continue the public service activities it started by making the MPAs fully functional and not just as paper parks. It should be true to its purpose."

The week-long public service activity included the following: 1) GIS Lecture and Training for Bantay Dagat and Municipal Agriculture Office staff to provide technical support in the monitoring and enforcement

of the regulations for the protection of the MPAs; 2) Basic Resource Assessment Training for Volunteer Community Divers to equip the identified volunteers from barangays with MPAs with technical skills in the assessment and monitoring of their resources; 3) Resource Assessment of the Three Established Marine Protected Areas of Miagao to train the Bantay Dagat personnel and volunteer citizens in monitoring and evaluating of the status of the declared MPAs; and the 4) Capacity Building Lecture Series for Miagao MPAs Fisherfolk Communities to strengthen community involvement and to tackle the information management, education, and outreach phase of the MPA management process.

The lectures also included alternative livelihood and finance management advising. The Resource Persons were the faculty members of IMFO, and experts from the Iloilo Provincial Agriculture Office, a non-government organization, and a private institution.

The training was organized in partnership with the Office

of the Municipal Agriculture (OMA)-Miagao, non-government organizations specifically Danvele Legacy, Inc. and Center for Community Transformation and a private company, Pilmico Food Corporation.

Leonida said the future plans are the following: 1) continuation of the hands-on activity of the OMA-Miagao, Bantay-Dagat, and MDRRMC personnel after the procurement of their GPS units; 2) formal diving and resource assessment training of the identified community divers; 3) resource assessment of the remaining unassessed MPAs and then regular monitoring; 4) holding of more capacity building lectures and trainings and lectures and hands-on training on value addition of fishery products and gender roles in the fishing communities; and 5) formalization of the arrangements between Danvele Legacy Inc., Center for Community Transformation and Pilmico Food Corp. for the livelihood programs proposed during the last lecture series. *(Lenilyn B. Gallos with sources from Prof. Jerry Ian Leonida, CFOS)*

DPSM conducts API Workshop on the revision of the BS Statistics program

LEARNING Resource Center, Miagao, Iloilo. The Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics (DPSM) Statistics Cluster conducted an Academic Program Improvement (API) Workshop which was participated in by faculty members of the BS Statistics program with the aim of improving the proposal for the revision of the BS Statistics curriculum to conform with the new GE framework and AUN standards.

Dr. Erel B. Barrios served as

a resource person for the activity. He is a Professor of Statistics at UP Diliman and formerly the Dean of the UP School of Statistics. During his deanship, the School was accredited by ASEAN University Network – Quality Assessment (AUN-QA), and became the only Center of Excellence for Statistics in the Philippines.

The activity was steered by Dr. Barrios by sharing the different aspects of implementing the AUN Standards in the BS Statistics curriculum.

Moreover, he guided the faculty members during the 2-day workshop that revolved on the following topics: Workshop 1 - Formulation and review of the background, rationale, goals, and outcomes of the program; Workshop 2 - Revision of study plan; Workshop 3 - Justification for courses to be instituted, revised and deleted; and Workshop 4 - Finalization of the proposal for the revision of the UPV BS Statistics program curriculum. *(Daniel David M. Pamplona, DPSM)*

IFPT conducts smoked bangus training to OFW family of Dumangas, Iloilo



Dr. Pelarta lectures on fish handling and Spoilage (Inset: Participants experience hands-on preparation of Bangus)

THE Institute of Fish Processing Technology (IFPT), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, conducted a two-day training in processing smoked bangus for members of the Federation of OFW

Family Circle of Dumangas, Iloilo on May 30-31, 2017 on the UPV Miagao campus.

The Institute gave lectures and hands-on training to the participants on smoking bangus. Dr. Jose Peralta, IFPT Director, welcomed the participants and lectured on fish handling and fish spoilage. Prof. Loda Nacional talked about the principles of fish smoking while Prof. Rhoda Mae Simora discussed the use of the Analytical Services Support Laboratory.

The participants were introduced to the IFPT Processing Laboratory with the assistance of Ms. Rosana Alama and Mr. Joebert Eclar. They experienced “hands-on” preparation

of the solution for hamonado, soaking of the boneless hamonado and chilling, preparation of brine solution and soaking of bangus, smoking, packaging, and storing.

The participants were former overseas Filipino workers, wives, mothers, and spouses or relatives of OFWs of the Municipality. The training was in coordination with the Iloilo Provincial Government to assist the organization in establishing a means of livelihood for its members. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos, CFOS)**

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Grand Champion of the A Capella Championship 2015 (International Category) in ITE College Central, Singapore. They also represented the Philippines and won first runner up in the Vocal Asia competition in Taiwan and proclaimed Grand Champion in the Aka Acapella VIII in Singapore. They were recognized by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts as one of the outstanding Filipinos in the field of Music and received the *Ani ng Dangal* trophy. The group was signed up by Viva Records in 2015 with their performance showed in TV commercials and You Tube videos.

This year’s Parangal Committee was chaired by Prof. Martin G. Genodepa and had the following as members: Prof. Joel Labos, Prof. Mary Rose Rebueno, Juvy Janeo, Noemi Grace Palmares, Fryia Jaye Guzman, Prof. Anna Liza Barcelona, Prof. Donne Jone Sodusta, René Trance, Ms. Maureen Kaye Ongo, Sharie Biñas, John Niño Sacmar and Ruperto Quitag. **(Anna Razel Ramirez, IPO)**

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management of fisheries resources, and sustainable management of aquaculture. He also encouraged them to view aquaculture as a means to reduce fishing pressure. The resource persons likewise shed light on some issues and concerns raised during the open forum.

Topics discussed during the workshop which sought to improve the association were the following: 1.) Role of the APPP/Fisheries Professional in Nation Building, 2.) How to Strengthen the APPP, and 3.) Recommendations to Improve the Fisheries Industry.

Dr. Carlos C. Baylon, president of APPP and former Dean of CFOS-UPV, walked through the draft of the operational guidelines in the implementation of the RA 10912 otherwise known as “Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016” for Fisheries.”

APPP is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as a non-stock and non-profit organization. It is duly accredited by the PRC as the bonafide professional organization for fisheries technologists. It is organized to advance the interests and promote the welfare of licensed fisheries technologists through the initiative of the faculty members, research staff, and graduate students of CFOS.

APPP plans to hold its next general assembly on June 2018 **(Lenilyn Gallos, CFOS)**

UPV organizes Career Fair 2017



The Career Fair 2017 gives future graduates possible employment opportunities

UP Visayas, in partnership with the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) of the Province of Iloilo, conducted the UPV Career Fair 2017 on May 10 and 11, 2017 at the GCEB Training Rooms, Iloilo City.

Various government agencies freely gave their time in introducing their agencies’ functions and possible job opportunities to the participants. These government agencies were the following: Philippine Overseas Employment Authority (POEA), National Economic Development Agency

(NEDA), and Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).

Prof. Ruben M. Gamala, Director of the Office of Student Affairs, welcomed the guests during the Opening Program. Mr. Kenneth Lerona, a UPV alumnus and Arthaland Marketing Communications Manager, was invited as a Keynote Speaker. He talked about his early years as an employee and how he was able to rise through the adversities.

Different private companies were also invited to talk about their

companies and the job opportunities they offer. On the second day, the private companies were also given a chance to interview UPV graduating students. The participating companies were the following: ABC360, SEAFDEC, Teach for the Philippines, Santeh Feeds Corporation, Sandoz Pharmaceuticals, Reed Elsevier, SunLife Canada, Metrobank, Coca-Cola FEMSA, Transcom Worldwide Inc., and Philippine Airlines.

There were 139 attendees during the Opening Program on May 10, 2017 and 183 participants were interviewed and assessed during the second day of the Career Fair.

The Event garnered an average of 3.52 out of 4 in the evaluation that was conducted on the participants. Moreover, the companies gave an average of 3.60 out of 4 in their evaluation of the activity, which was descriptively tagged as “Excellent.”

The Conference was organized to guide the graduating students as they transition to career persons. The Office of Student Affairs, headed by the Guidance and Counseling Services Unit, organized the Career Fair in coordination with PESO Head Mr. Francisco Heler. **(Paula Osiam)**

IFPDS conducts IEC campaign for management of marine sanctuary in Damilisan, Miagao



Damilisan fisherfolks listen to UPV experts

THE Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies (IFPDS) conducted an information, education, and communication (IEC) campaign for the sustainable management and operation of the newly established marine protected area (MPA) on May 5 and May 13, 2017 at Brgy. Damilisan, Miagao, Iloilo.

The campaign sought to improve

the community participation, disseminate information, and increase the level of awareness of the community on the importance and conservation of the MPA, prohibited activities and respective penalties through the conduct of the forum on May 5.

Faculty members of the IFPDS, namely Prof. Caridad N. Jimenez,

Prof. Liberty N. Espectato, and Prof. Joshua Regalado served as the resource persons for technical information related to the marine sanctuary. The said MPA served as the learning site of the graduate students of the Master of Marine Affairs of IFPDS this trimester. MMA students Kristine Bundal and Emy Mooc presented to the community their data from the biophysical assessment and focus group discussions. Four (4) tarpaulin signages on the prohibited activities as provided by the municipal ordinance in protecting the sanctuary were donated to the Barangay Council on May 13, 2017. These signages were translated in the local dialect.

The activities were participated by the community members, fisher folks, Barangay Council, and Marine Sanctuary Management Board of Brgy. Damilisan. **(Lenilyn Gallos with reports from IFPDS)**



Bringing health services closer to the community through 2nd Medical, Surgical, and Dental Mission

THE Health Services Unit, in cooperation with Dagyaw sa Kaaraydan (Volunteer for Healing), conducted the 2nd Medical, Surgical and Dental Mission at Relocation I, Brgy. Lumangan, Miagao Iloilo on May 21, 2017. Other than the members of the Dagyaw sa Kaaraydan Medical Mission Team, there were also doctors and nurses who volunteered to participate. This activity is a way of sharing generosity and volunteerism for the people of the community concerning their health.

In the medical consultation conducted, there were 87 patients, 57 of whom were adults and 30 children. There were 30 patients for the dental service and 31 for the circumcision. The REAL Medical Laboratory and



Residents of Brgy. Lumangan benefit from the UPV HSU medical mission

Diagnostic Center provided supplies and services for Random Blood Sugar (RBS) and Blood Typing Test prior to the medical consultation. There were 35 patients who availed themselves of the RBS while 37 for

blood typing.

Through the help of our donors and sponsors, patients, specifically those who underwent circumcision, were given complete doses of medicines. Other patients were also given initial

doses and multi-vitamins.

The services were extended to residents of Brgy. Igpajo, Brgy. Sag-on, and Brgy. Bugtong Lumangan. **(Sarina Nacita, HSM)**

UPV Well Com conducts lecture forum on obesity and aging



Lapascua of DOH Region VI talks to the UPV community on how to fight obesity and how to age well.

“BEING healthy starts from the womb that ends on the tomb.

With this in mind, the UPV Healthy Lifestyle and Wellness Committee (WellComm) organized a lecture forum on Obesity and Aging on July 14, 2017 at the audio-visual room of the Miagao Interactive Learning Program. Mr. John Richard Lapascua, Senior Health Program Officer of the Department of Health (DOH), Region VI was the resource person.

Lapascua gave a highly comprehensive lecture that included the DOH’s approach for a healthy Filipinos called “Pilipinas Go 4 Health.” There are seven components to this campaign: 1) Go Smoke-Free, 2) Go Relax (encourages adequate rest, sleep, relaxation, and exercise to fight stress), 3) Go Slow sa Tagay (moderate drinking), 4) Go Drug-free, 5) Go Lusog (proper health management), 6) Go Sigla (stress on exercise), and 7) Go Sustansya (healthy eating).

According to the World Health Organization, obesity is a disease in which excess body fat has accumulated to such an extent that health may be adversely affected. Lapascua noted that obesity is a problem that Filipinos face alongside malnutrition. Our population have been shown to have a greater proportion of fat deposits at the abdomen, called visceral adiposity, which brings about increased risk for heart attacks and stroke.

Furthermore, he pointed out that medical complications due to obesity are:

1. Pulmonary Diseases such as Abnormal Function, Obstructive Sleep Apnea, Hypoventilation Syndrome
2. Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease
3. Gall Bladder Disease
4. Gynecologic Abnormalities:

Abnormal Menses, Infertility, Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome
5. Osteoarthritis, gout, Phlebitis
6. Cardiovascular and Cerebrovascular Diseases, and
7. Cancer: Breast, Uterus, Cervix, Colon, Esophagus, Pancreas, Kidney, Prostate

He emphasized that in fighting obesity, the time-tested formula of proper eating including the ‘kind of food eaten’ and ‘portion control’ is still

Zumba is back in UPV

IN its continued advocacy for a healthier UPV, the UPV Healthy Lifestyle and Wellness Committee (UPV WellComm) has revived the weekly Zumba in the Iloilo City and Miagao campuses starting June this year.

Recent studies such as those done by the Mayo Clinic state that “sitting is the new smoking.” The same study warns that a “sedentary life is not only linked to weight problems but also poses greater risks of cancer and heart diseases.”

It studied the sitting habits of 800,000 people over a 15-year period. Its findings revealed that people who sat in front of the screen for more than four hours have increased risks of death by any cause by 50% and risks of heart attack, chest pain or similar ailments by 125%.

UPV office employees, who sit in front of the computer eight hours a day, five days a week, sit while travelling to and from work, and sit while watching TV at the end of the day are truly having a sedentary lifestyle.

UPV WellComm hopes that the desk-bound employees, even the students and the faculty, would join the hour-long Zumba for a chance to

the best way to go.

As for the prospects of aging, Lapascua explained the in order to age well, one has to be consistent in eating right and engaging in regular exercise.

Those who are in their 40s and 50s should at least have 30 minutes of being physically active daily by engaging in exercise or sports activities. Such include muscle strengthening and flexibility as well as balance and coordination. Physical activities should be encouraged in the workplace.

In conclusion, Lapascua said that aging well means taking care of one’s spiritual vitality. These vitalities include:

1. Physical and Mental Fitness
2. Material Well-being
3. Positive Attitude
4. Healthy Relationships
5. Good Nutrition, and
6. (Fulfilling) Your Heart’s Desire.

Lapascua ended his talk with a quote from Seneca, “As for old age, embrace and love it. It abounds with pleasure if you know how to use it. The gradually declining years are among the sweetest in a person’s life.” **(Lyncen M. Fernandez, IPO)**



Miagao employees look forward to the weekly Zumba.

exercise and fight off the sedentary lifestyle.

Though held only every Tuesdays at 3:30-4:30 pm at the Iloilo City campus and Thursdays at the Miagao campus, WellComm hopes that it would be a start to get the community into a regular habit of exercising. Certified Zumba Instructor Rommel Deala has been booked by the Committee to lead the sessions until the end of the year.

The WellComm welcomes suggestions from the UPV community on health, fitness, and wellness programs that might be incorporated in its program of activities. **(Lyncen M. Fernandez, IPO)**

*Litan inspires
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today the Pearl Aurice P. Litan and the Pearl Aurice P. Litan-Philippine Cabin Crew Charities, Inc. Scholarship grants combined send 18 high school students to UPHS Iloilo and UP Integrated School Diliman and 23 students to the ERDA Technical and Vocational Secondary School in Pandacan, Manila .

“In the course of your life, a moment or opportunity might surface that will define you and your life. Opportunities take many forms, even in the form of death, failure or tragedy. Make sure to discern wisely when they come but always follow your heart because it is where passion and tenacity reside. Life being what it is, there is no guarantee that the smartest person gets....”

He also emphasized, however, that the present generation is way, way different from his own. “You grew up in an era where information and many things are just a click of a finger away. Strangely though, we are still governed by the same time honored values that shape our lives and destiny. School has a clear path to follow while life doesn’t. Life is not fair so stop deluding yourself into thinking it is.”

“Learn how to appreciate the finer things in life,” he prods “... even vicariously at the moment. In your journey towards success, expose yourself to the things that surround success. Learn to appreciate art in its various forms, whether it be classical music, jazz or opera; or dance like ballet and contemporary; or literature, art and refinement purifies your soul. Knowing how to appreciate art will serve you in good stead in many ways.”

“As you work your way up the social ladder, you will note that education is not the end all and be all. Education is just part of your persona. Character and integrity are the other half of you. They are the foundation of which Trust is anchored on. Be prepared to fight for what is yours. Learn to be discerning of people you encounter. Look beyond their actions and what they see in you... Pay it Forward. Many of you have probably worn with great pride and embrace the distinction as Iskolar ng Bayan.”

Your UP education also deserves a part of your glory. Thank UP in any way you can.

Litan graduated his high school at the University of the Philippines College of Iloilo High School in 1977 and his A.B. Journalism at the University of the Philippines Institute of Mass Communication, 1986. He is currently President/Chairman of Profile Overseas Manpower Services. He is married to the former Pearl Aurice P. Litan and father to two children – Mariel Bernadette and Julien Matthew. **(Anna Razel Ramirez, IPO)**

UPV launches Visayan books



Prof. Emeriti Alunan and Magos present their books during the launch. They were joined by UP Press Director Neil Garcia, GAMABA Awardee Federico Caballero and Anna Razel Ramirez.

THE University of the Philippines Visayas launched five books during “*Pagtib-ong: The UPV International Conference on Intangible Heritage*” on May 26, 2017 at Casa Real (The Old Iloilo Provincial Capitol), Iloilo City, Philippines.

Three books were those of Prof. Merlie Alunan – “*Sa Atong Dila*,” “*Susumaton*,” and *Our Memory of Water* published by University of the Philippines Press, Ateneo de Manila University Press, and Ateneo de Naga University Press, respectively.

“*Sa Atong Dila*” and “*Susumaton*” capture in the printed word the voice

and the language of oral literature. The Stories in these books are direct transcripts, presented exactly as they were told, to enable the reader to echo the storyteller’s voice as he reads. The books are both documents and tributes to the Waray storytellers speaking in their own tongue.

“*Our Memory of Water*” is a collective experience of authors from Region 8 about Super Typhoon Yolanda. Through literature and language, the book was an expression of loss, pain, and healing of the writers and other survivors, making it a valuable contribution to the

regional literature.

Prof. Merlie Alunan is a Professor Emeritus of UP Visayas Tacloban College. Her life work has also been honored all over the world. Her latest project is an anthology of Waray Literature entitled *Tinalonay*. Her poetry has been recognized by the Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature. The KWF has awarded her the title of *Kampiyon ng Wika* for her work in encouraging young writers to use their mother tongue. Her book *Sa Atong Dila* received the National Book Award for translation in 2016. Prof. Alunan continues to write books that support the work of writers in the Visayan mother tongue.

The other books that were launched were two titles from the *Epics of Panay – Pahagunong* and *Sinagnayan*. A part of a series of *Suguidanon* (Narratives) of the Panay Bukidnon, the epics reflect the worldview of the early Visayans. *Pahagunong* tells about a deity from the urugan (upper world), who gazes down the *pagtung-an* (middle world) to the wide open sea and saw a beautiful lady bathing at the sea coast. But he has to contend with the brave *paubari*, the maiden’s guard. This led to a long fight until

Laonsina, a deity arbiter from the sky-world devises a scheme to end it.

Sinagnayan relates about how Labaw Donggon (Abaw) was tasked by his strong-willed wife *Matan-ayon* with the difficult mission of defeating *Sinagnayan*, a brave warrior whose life is concealed in an egg, kept inside the heart of a golden lion.

The epics were chanted by Gawad Manlilikha ng Bayan Awardee Federico Caballero. They were researched by renowned and multi-awarded Visayan anthropologist Dr. Alicia Magos and her Associate Researcher Anna Razel L. Ramirez in the hinterlands of Panay in the early 1990’s. The epics delivered in archaic Kinaray-a were translated in three languages: Contemporary Kinaray-a, Filipino, and English. It was published by the University of the Philippines Press. (*Neyah Grace Cartago, IPO*)

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gender equality and elimination of violence against women and children.

Dr. Mary Barby P. Badayos-Jover, GDP Director and a member of the Philippine Commission on Women’s National GAD Resource Pool, Dr. Gay Defiesta, Coordinator of the UPV Anti-Sexual Harassment Office, and Atty. Sharon Millan, member of the UPV GAD Focal Point System’s Technical Working Group served as resource speakers.

Gender and Development (GAD) mainstreaming has been an ongoing priority of the Philippine government. Thus, a number of policies have been put in place to mainstream gender sensitivity within government institutions, including local government units (LGUs). Such policies include the creation of GAD Focal Point system, the annual GAD Plan and Budget, as well as relevant laws like the Magna Carta of Women and the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act.

The fulfillment of all these and other GAD mainstreaming mandates and mechanisms are expected to be carried out at the municipal and even barangay levels. It is therefore imperative that local government officials and employees are aware of issues related to gender relations as well as the capacity to carry out interventions that will address gender-based discrimination and ensure gender-fairness in work relations and service delivery. (*Dana Lee Durana, GDP*)

IA trains students from UA and NIPSC

TWENTY-THREE (23) incoming 4th year B.S. Fisheries students from the University of Antique (UA) and eleven (11) from the Northern Iloilo Polytechnic State College (NIPSC) attended the On-the-Job Training Program of the Institute of Aquaculture, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences from April 17 to June 02, 2017. As a continuing program, this was the third time for UA students to undergo the OJT while it is the first time for NIPSC students. The training program is granted upon



UA and NIPSC students together with the Institute of Aquaculture staff

request of the schools and colleges which are engaged in fisheries education. As an extension service program of CFOS, the training was a

way of strengthening and equipping students of other universities and colleges with the current technologies and basic principles in fisheries. Lectures and laboratory exercises were provided to actively involve the CFOS faculty, staff, and researchers (UPV and Project-based personnel) in the program.

“It is not the end but just the beginning of a more productive collaboration with your school,” says Dr. Rex Ferdinand M. Traifalgar, Scientist and Current Director of the Institute of Aquaculture. The OJT Program successfully ended with a simple Closing Ceremony held on separate dates at the Conference Room, Umali Hall, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, Miagao, Iloilo. (*Soledad S. Garibay and Marie June C. Esprela, IA*)

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Scenes during the Pagtib-ong


discussed “Sharing and Network Building for ICH Safeguarding in the Asia-Pacific Region.”

UP Vice Presidents Nestor Yunque (Administration) and Jose Dalisay (Public Affairs) represented System Officials. Former Antique Governor Sally Perez represented and read Sen. Loren Legarda’s message at the program.

Traditional Filipino food and crafts were sold and a photo exhibition of Filipino Living Treasures was set up at the venue’s hallways. Incidentally, two Filipino Living Treasures graced the event: Alonzo Saclag who is a musician and dancer from Kalinga, and Federico Caballero a Panay Bukidnon epic chanter. Cultural performances and a film screening were also held in the evenings after dinner.

Pagtib-ong: The UPV International

Conference on Intangible Heritage is project of the University of the Philippines Visayas under the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension. Institutional partners include the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, the Commission on Higher Education, Department of Tourism Western Visayas, Office of International Linkages, University of the Philippines, and the International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO (ICHCAP). Governor Arthur Defensor of Iloilo Province and Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog of Iloilo City hosted the dinners. Prof. Martin G. Genodepa was Chair of the organizing committee of the conference. (*Anna Razel Ramirez and Prof. Martin Genodepa, UPV*).



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UP Cebu Phil-LiDAR 1 & 2 Projects turn over regional maps for Western Visayas

UP Cebu Phil-LiDAR 1 & 2 Projects turned over 475 maps, including 48 maps for the Province of Iloilo on May 18 & 19, 2017 at the UP Visayas Auditorium, Iloilo City. The maps given to the Iloilo Province consisted of 10 hazard maps and 38 resource maps for agriculture and renewable energy sources.

Present during the turnover were UP System Vice Pres. for Administration Nestor G. Yunque; UP System Vice Pres. for Development Elvira Zamora; UP Cebu Chancellor Liza D. Corro; UP Cebu Phil-LiDAR 1 Project Leader Dr. Jonnifer Sinogaya; UP Cebu Phil-LiDAR 2 Project Leader Prof. Judith R. Silapan, DOST Region VI Director Engr. Rowen Gelonga; Iloilo Provincial Administrator Dr. Raul Baniyas, Mayor of Balasan, Iloilo; Manuel Ganzon, Deputy Administrator for Administration of the Office of the Civil Defense; Kristoffer James Purisima, Asst. Regional Director of NEDA 6; Atty. Raul S. Anlocotan; UP Visayas Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa; UP Visayas Vice Chancellor for Administration Raul R. Olaguer; and UP Visayas Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development Evelyn T. Belleza. Representatives from



UP Cebu Chancellor Liza Corro and Dr. Jonnifer Sinogaya (rightmost photo) show a map sample for Western Visayas. Attending the turnover were UP, Nestor Yunque, UP Elvira Zamora and Chancellor Rommel Espinosa

different municipalities of Region VI were also present to accept and witness the turnover of the maps.

The High-resolution hazard maps of the 22 river basins covered by Phil-Lidar 1 were presented to the different provincial offices. Resource Maps (agricultural, coastal, forest, hydrological and renewable energy) representing six provinces produced by Phil-Lidar 2 were also handed over. These are products of an intensive six-year (2011-2017) research in the

Region by a team experts from UP Cebu headed by Dr. Jonnifer Sinogaya (Phil-LiDAR 1) and Prof. Judith R. Silapan (Phil-LiDAR 2).

Phil-LiDAR 1, officially termed as Nationwide Hazard Mapping, addresses disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation. The resource information generated from this project is significant and useful in providing the information requirements of various sectors in the country.

Phil-Lidar 2, on the other hand, formally known as the Nationwide Detailed Resources Assessment, produced detailed resource maps for various applications: production

of high value crops, irrigation assessment, aquaculture production, forest protection, and discovery of renewable energy sources.

Phil-LiDAR 1 and 2 are both DOST - directed researches. One of the objectives of this project is to utilize LiDAR data to complement ongoing programs of various government agencies such as the Department of Agriculture, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Department of Energy.

UP Visayas, being recognized as UP Cebu's partner for the realization of the Phil-LiDAR projects, organized the Turnover Ceremony. *(Neyah Grace Cartago, IPO)*

Tree planting with Hon. Albert



Hon. Albert is joined by Regent Farolan (8th from L.), Chancellor Espinosa (10th from L.), and the UPV faculty, staff and students

SHE came to speak and to plant trees.

After dispensing with her duty as the featured speaker for UPV's 38th Commencement Exercises on June 23, 2017, Hon. Delia Domingo - Albert was back in the Miagao campus first thing in the morning the next day - June 24, 2017 to plant trees, specifically 70 avocado and guyabano trees. The event was organized upon her request a month or so prior to her arrival at the Miagao campus.

Despite an extensive search by the staff of the UPV Site Development and Reforestation Project (SDRP), only a handful avocado saplings were found. Instead, other fruit-bearing trees were substituted to reach the requested number. The identified site was an area off the back of the UPV Executive House. The UPV SDRP staff prepared the area a day before the tree planting.

The former Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs revealed that she was inspired to conduct such an activity when Washington Sycip, one of the founders of the famed SGV & Co. firm, requested that trees be planted inside the UP Diliman campus when he was asked to be its Commencement Speaker. The area is now known as the UP - Washington Sycip Garden of Native Trees. She

pointed out that a similar project can be done in UPV Miagao.

She added that she chose the number 70 because that is her age, and avocados and guyabanos primarily because they are known to be excellent health foods. She also noted that there is a growing demand for them.

Chancellor Rommel Espinosa welcomed Albert along with Hon. Frederick Mikhail I. Farolan of the UP Board of Regents. They joined the volunteers from the UP Vanguard and staff from the UPV SDRP, Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Planning and Development, the Information and Publications Office, and Prof. Pepito R. Fernandez, Jr., in planting the trees.

Albert concluded her second visit to Miagao with a tour of the hablon weaving industry in Barangay Indagan managed by the Indagan Primary Multi-purpose Cooperative. This was followed by a quick tour of the campus, and the Public Market. The final stop was at the Sto. Tomas de Villanova Parish Church in the town proper of Miagao wherein Mayor Macario Napulan received her and toured the church with her.

The Municipality of Miagao provided a police escort for the former diplomat and also sent staff from the Department of Tourism during her tour. *(Lyncen M. Fernandez, IPO)*

UPV SoTech scores 90.91% in Chemical Engineering exam

THE BS Chemical Engineering program of the UP Visayas School of Technology (SoTech) continues to perform well as its graduates scored a 90.91% passing rate in the May 2017 Chemical Engineering Licensure Exam.

The new chemical engineers are the following: CARMELO CABIGONA CABANILLA, KRISTY MAE MANTATAO DONASCO, EL NIÑO BRAVO ESTORES, JORGE ALBERTO

HARADJI ILEJAY, CLARENCE PACIFICO LOPEZ, LOREJANE SINAYON PABUALAN, JEARIE MAE BELL GARCIA PO, GLEVEE EVIOTA RABACA, RODGIN GRACE DE RAMA REGENCIA, VIENAMAE ESCARE VILLARUZ.

Since SoTech started offering the BS Chemical Engineering program in 2007 it has been scoring a high passing percentage in the Licensure Examination. *(Lyncen M. Fernandez)*

GDP conducts Gender Sensitivity Training for Ibajay LGU



Dr. Badayos addresses Ibajay LGU participants

THE UPV Gender and Development Program conducted a 2-day Gender Sensitivity Training (GST) for Local Government Officials and Department Heads of the Municipality of Ibajay, Aklan on June 1-2, 2017 at Casa Pilar Beach Resort, Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan. The activity was participated in by 27 top LGU and department

heads as well as local government officials of the municipality.

The 2-day GST sought to provide the participants with an understanding of the basic concepts on gender relations and dynamics and to increase their awareness of the various global and Philippine initiatives toward