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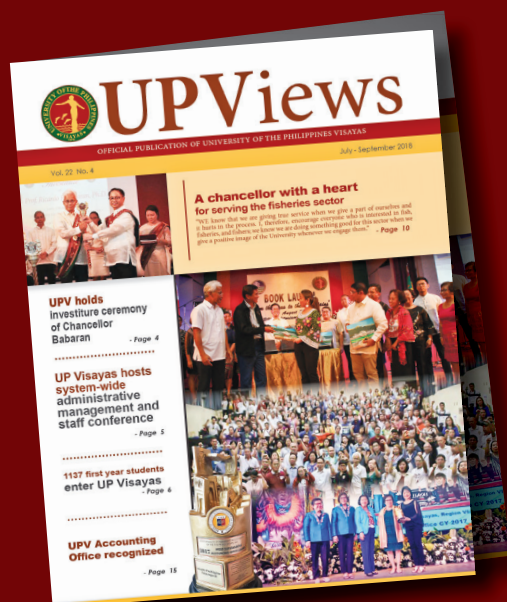
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# UPV holds Investiture Ceremony of Chancellor Babaran

THE University of the Philippines Visayas held the Investiture Ceremony of its 10th Chancellor, Dr. Ricardo P. Babaran, on August 29, 2018, at the University's Little Theater, Iloilo City campus.

CHED Chairman Prospero De Vera and UP President Danilo Concepcion led the investiture rites, together with the members of the UP Board of Regents that include Alumni Regent Ramon Moronilla, Faculty Regent Patricia Arinto, Staff Regent Liza Fulvadora, Student Regent Ivy Joy P. Taroma, Regents Hon. Francis C. Laurel, Hon. Angelo A. Jimenez, Hon. Frederick Mikhail I. Farolan and Hon. Roberto Mj

Lara Secretary of the University and of the Board of Regents.

Executive Vice President Teodoro Herbosa, UP Vice Presidents Nestor Yunque, Jose Dalisay, Jr, Elvira Zamora, and Hector Danny Uy were also present. Chancellors of constituent universities were also in attendance, including Dr. Fernando Sanchez of UP Los Baños, Dr. Carmencita Padilla of UP Manila, Dr. Raymundo Rovillos of UP Baguio, Dr. Sylvia Concepcion of UP Mindanao, Dr. Melinda Bandalaria of the UP Open University, and Atty. Liza Corro of UP Cebu.

Also at hand during the

event were SUC Presidents Dr. Luis Sorolla (West Visayas State University), Dr. Pablo Crespo (University of Antique), Dr. Rogelio T. Artajo (Guimaras State University), Dr. Raul G. Bradecina (Partido State University), Dr. Minerva I. Morales (Catanduanes State University), and other SUC Representatives. Government Officials including Philippine Reclamation Authority Gen. Manager Janilo Rubiato and Presidential Consultant for the Visayas Jane Javellana, UPV's Professor Emeriti, faculty, staff, students, alumni, fishers, and various stakeholders also witnessed the investiture.

Babaran is the 10th Chancellor of UPV who was appointed by the UP Board of Regents on October 18, 2017, after a Search Process.

He is a faculty member of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences where he also earned his BS Fisheries degree. He graduated with the MS Engineering degree from the University of Washington and earned his Ph.D. in Fisheries Science at Kagoshima University in Japan.

Dr. Babaran started his term on November 1, 2017 and will serve for three years. *(Anna Razel L. Ramirez)*



## Legarda, Cimatu lead book launch on Panay-Guimaras traditional knowledge



SEN. Loren B. Legarda and Sec. Roy Cimatu were the guests of honor and the keynote speakers during the launching of the book, "From Seas to the Mountains (Kadagatan tubtob Kabukidan); Panay-Guimaras Traditional Knowledge System" held at the UP Visayas Auditorium, Iloilo City on August 9, 2018, Thursday.

The coffee table book is the product and final output of a project entitled, "Book on Panay-Guimaras Traditional Knowledge Systems for Cultural Resiliency and Sustainable Development" (TKS-CRSD). It was

conceptualized to revitalize the core of Panay-Guimaras culture through a book documenting and featuring traditional knowledge systems (TKS) that impact cultural resiliency and sustainable development.

Divided into five themes, the book features articles and photographs on the following: 1.) Forest and Biodiversity (Forestry); 2.) Water Bodies and the Coastal Environment (Fisheries); 3.) Arable and Habitable Terrains (Agriculture); 4.) Sustainable Arts and Crafts (Arts and Crafts); and 5.) Environmental

Rituals and Traditions (Literature and Rituals).

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) tapped the University of the Philippines Visayas to spearhead the publication of this book. Collaborations were done with other universities namely, University of Antique, Aklan State University, West Visayas State University, Capiz State University, and Guimaras State College for its completion.

"As we launch this book today coinciding with the celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day, it is my hope that we could encourage Filipinos to learn more about our indigenous roots through publications such as this Panay-Guimaras book on traditional knowledge systems," said Legarda, who has been supportive of efforts to document indigenous knowledge systems in all regions in the country.

Cimatu described the book as a "book for prosperity."

"We wanted to preserve in written, as well as visual record, of how traditional knowledge systems and practices promoted cultural resiliency and sustainable development in the islands of Panay and Guimaras," he said.

Anna Razel Ramirez is the Coordinator for the project. The book writers are the following: Dr. John Barrios, (Literature and Rituals), Joyce Christine Colon (Farming Practices and Traditions), Sashah Dioso (Ocean/Marine and Coastal Environment), Martin Genodepa (Arts and Crafts), and Dr. Randy Madrid, (Forest and Biodiversity).

The Editor of the book is Prof. Martin G. Genodepa while the principal photography was provided by Ramon Ramirez. UP Professor Emeritus and anthropologist, Dr. Alicia Magos, served as Chief Editor and Consultant. (*Ms. Lynncen M. Fernandez*)

## UP Visayas hosts system-wide administrative management and staff conference



"YOU are a pillar in the growth and development of the University of the Philippines," said UP Visayas Chancellor Ricardo Babaran to the administrative personnel as he welcomed them to the UPV Miagao campus along with UP System and CU officials and delegates to the 1st UP System-wide Administrative Management and Staff Conference held in its scenic, sprawling campus in Miagao, Iloilo on July 12-14, 2018.

The Conference was held in response to evolving scenarios in the workplace, public demands, and the development of new technologies which affect the administrative

personnel. It has served as a venue for the UP management and workers in discussing how to improve University management by empowering the employees' role in enhancing productivity and public service delivery. At the same time, the Conference also discussed ways by which employees can be protected in the workplace and boost their morale and dignity. It went with the theme: "Serving with honor, dignity and compassion: Reaffirming the role of administrative personnel as partners in governance."

The administrative personnel of all of UP's Constituent Universities

with their respective Chancellor and some officials, participated in the Conference. It kicked off with a welcome dinner on July 11 at the UPV Auditorium of the City campus and ended with a coastal clean-up at the UPV Marine Biological Station in Taklong Island, Guimaras on July 14.

The Conference goals during the two-day lectures and discussions were the following: 1.) Achieving a more competent and productive administrative sector through adequate protections and a proper perspective on public service; and 2.) Strengthening management and personnel partnership.

The topics for the Conference included the following: Empowering the Administrative Support to Operations Strengthening the Employee Development Program; Facets of Public Service: Service with Compassion; Disaster Risk Reduction/Climate Change;

Employee Protection at Work and at Home; Enhancing Health and Wellness: "Life Coaching" - Taking Care of Self and Family during Employment; and Legal Protection of Personnel in the Conduct of Service. The Resource Persons were Hon. Regent Angelo Jimenez; Hon. Regent Frederick Mikhail Farolan; Former VP for Administration Maragtas S.V. Amante; Current VP for Administration Nestor Yunque; Former Congressman Satur Ocampo; and Dr. Henrietta Española, MD.

UP President Danilo Concepcion gave the Keynote Address and reaffirmed his commitment to the staff that included regularization and staff and faculty housing.

The Conference was spearheaded by Vice President for Administration Nestor Yunque and Staff Regent Liza Fulvadora. (*Ms. Lynncen M. Fernandez*)

## UPV SEEDS-TBI start-up gets DOST financial grant to field test e-Procurement software

INFODYNAMICS Technologies, a start-up affiliated with the UP Visayas - Small Enterprise and Entrepreneurial Development Services Technology Business Incubator (SEEDS-TBI), was recently granted a financial grant to field test its software application by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) effective March 2018.

InfoDynamics Technologies

was founded by Engr. Jose Rizaldy G. Harder. Ms. Frediezel G. de Leon, Project Leader of SEEDS-TBI, disclosed that one of its incubates has developed an e-Procurement Software (ePS) designed for the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) of all government agencies. The software complies with government standards and automates the procurement operations of any government institution. The proposed users

of the software are the Local Government Units (LGUs), State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), National Government Agencies (NGAs), Government-Owned and Controlled Corporation (GOCCs), Government Hospitals, Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), and Barangays. Thus, it can be used nationwide in any area of procurement management.

The Small Enterprise and

Entrepreneurial Development Services Technology Business Incubator (SEEDS-TBI) is a multi-disciplinary project organized by the University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV) - College of Management and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST VI). InfoDynamics holds its office at the SEEDS-TBI facility at UP Visayas, Iloilo City. (*Ms. Frediezel G. de Leon*)





# 1,137 first year students enter UP Visayas

BECAUSE of the K-12 program, UP Visayas, along with the tertiary institutions in the country, had no first year student admissions for the past two years. This year the first product of the K-12 program entered college. On August 6, 2018, UP Visayas held its first Opening Exercises after two years to welcome first year students into the folds of the university.

Like the rest of the country's higher education institutions, UPV's student population is composed of the first year, fourth year, and other returning students.

Held at the newly renovated and spacious covered court on the Miagao campus, the Ceremony was an occasion to introduce to the first-year students the officials, various degree-granting units, research and extension services offices and facilities of UPV,

as well as the various support offices and their officials and personnel.

This year's data enrolment reveals that the College of Arts and Sciences remains to have the highest enrolment among UPV's degree-granting units.

The Opening Exercises also included an inspirational message

from an alumna in the person of Ma. Lucia G. Mondragon (BS Management 1992) and the President, LIBCAP Holdings Corporation.

Whelver N. Surnido, a 4th year BS Fisheries student, spoke for the upper class while RB Jann G. Jamindang, 1st year BS Applied

Mathematics responded on behalf of his batchmates.

Chancellor Ricardo Babaran welcomed the incoming first year and returning students, and the faculty, and formally declared the opening of Academic Year 2018-2019. (Ms. Lyncen M. Fernandez)

**The following are the complete data for enrolment that include the first year and fourth/returning students:**

COLLEGE	1ST YEAR	4TH YEAR/RETURNING	TOTAL
College of Arts & Sciences	449	457	897
College of Fisheries & Ocean Sciences	100	97	197
College of Management	225	241	466
School of Technology	74	95	169
UPV Tacloban College	298	292	590
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>1137</b>	<b>1182</b>	<b>2319</b>

## Mondragon challenges incoming first year to excel and give back

"ANG 'Iskolar ng Bayan' ibig sabihin nyan ay pinag-aral ng bayan. I was recipient of this as well as you because you are now here in UP. As such, I strongly believe that it is our obligation to pay it forward in whatever form. This disposition of giving back is an act of self-offering. This is the very symbol of our Oblation."

These were the words of UP Visayas alumna, Ma. Lucia G. Mondragon (BS Management 1992) during her message at the University's Opening Exercises on August 6, 2018 at the Covered Court of the Miagao campus.

The President of LIBCAP Holdings Corporation shared lessons in life that her parents taught her such as the following: 1.) valuing of hard work; 2.) knowing how to manage time; 3.) handling money wisely; and 4.) valuing one's family.

"I grew up in a very traditional, hardworking, and simple household with my parents and four siblings. Both my parents strived to provide financial stability for me and my siblings so that we would not experience all the hardships they went through," she recalled.

Forward-looking, Mondragon also reminded the incoming first

year as well as returning students that UP will prepare them for the real world. "We are trained to survive. UP exposes us to a very diverse social environment in terms of character, belief, stature in life, family backgrounds, and religious belief... it teaches us to be open-minded and to respect each other's individuality."

In addition, she said that UP takes its students through a journey of self-discovery and independence. She emphasized though that the sense of freedom to think and decide for oneself that UP encourages its students to exercise, should always be



paired with a sense of responsibility and accountability.

"So I am encouraging you to bloom where you are planted. 'Kahit saan, kahit ano pa man, galingan mo, gandahan mo,' she said at the end of her message. (Ms. Lyncen M. Fernandez)

## Five literary writers from UP Visayas bag Palanca Awards

A professor emeritus and faculty members from UP Visayas were named winners in the 2018 in the different categories of the Palanca Awards for Literature 2018.

Leoncio P. Deriada, father of Contemporary West Visayan Literature and Professor Emeritus was 3rd Prize Winner for "Dili Baya Ko Bugoy" Short Story, Cebuano Category.

Noel G. de Leon, faculty

member of the UP High School in Iloilo, Division of Professional Education, College of Arts and Sciences bagged 3rd Prize for his poem in Filipino Category "Ang Bata sa Panahon ng Ligalig: Mga Tala sa Loob at Labas ng Bayan ng San Diego."

Early Sol Gadong, faculty member, UP High School in Iloilo Division of Professional Education of the College of Arts

and Sciences clinched the 1st Prize for "Sa Lum-ok sang Imo Suso," Short Story, Hiligaynon Category.

Alice Tan-Gonzales, faculty member, Division of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences was 2nd prize winner for her Short Story Hiligaynon Category, "Haya."

Dulce Maria V. Deriada, faculty member of the Division of Humanities, College of Arts and

Sciences won the 3rd Prize in the Short Story, Hiligaynon Category, for "Candelaria."

The Awarding Ceremonies will be at the Manila Peninsula on October 5, 2018.

The Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature, the longest-running and most prestigious literary contest in the country, is now on its 68th year. (Ms. Anna Razel L. Ramirez)





## UP Visayas inaugurates new faculty and staff housing

NO less than UP President Danilo Concepcion graced the inauguration of the new faculty and staff housing of UP Visayas at the Miagao campus on July 13, 2018.

Built as an apartment type, the staff housing has three floors. The 1st floor has 10 units and each features two bedrooms, a comfort room, and a kitchen. The 2nd and

3rd floors, accessible by stairs, also have 10 units each but are studio types, a one-room affair with bathroom, kitchen, and balcony. A spacious lobby is at the center. The front of the building faces a parking lot while the back looks on a tree-filled space.

Concepcion was joined by UP Vice-President Nestor Yunque as well as UPV officials

led by Chancellor Ricardo Babaran, Vice-Chancellor for Administration Mary Ann Gumban, and Vice-Chancellor for Planning and Development Martin Genodepa. Also present were Chancellors Liza Corro and Sylvia Concepcion UP Cebu and UP Mindanao, respectively.

The new staff housing is truly a welcome development

for the faculty and staff of UPV who wish to live inside the scenic and peaceful campus. Many of them have had to travel from Monday to Friday from Iloilo City to Miagao and back almost everyday.

The units will be made available after policies and guidelines for their occupancy have been formulated. (*Ms. Lyncen M. Fernandez*)

## CFOS formally opens its graduate student offices and laboratories



THE UP Visayas College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) inaugurated its new Graduate Students Office and Laboratory that overlooks the beachfront property of the University's main campus in Miagao, Iloilo.

UP System President Danilo Concepcion was the Guest of Honor during a simple ceremony held on July 13, 2018. The President was in town for the UP System-wide Administrative Management

and Staff Conference hosted by UPV.

Featuring two floors, the new space has two teaching laboratories on the first floor while the second floor has seven offices and four conference rooms.

With these new facilities, UPV continues to strengthen its graduate programs, particularly CFOS, which has the highest number of degree program offerings among its colleges. (*Ms. Lyncen M. Fernandez*)

## 100% passing rate for UPV's Guidance Licensure Examination takers

SINCE 2014, the University of the Philippines Visayas has maintained the 100% passing percentage for the

Guidance Counselor Licensure Examination (GCLE) for five straight years, with five new test-takers coming from the

University this year.

The new passers were all graduates of the Master of Education (M.Ed. Guidance)

program of the University, adding to the 307 of the 471 who took the exam in the cities of Manila, Cebu, and Cagayan de Oro, on August 29-30, 2018.

The UPV GCLE passers are Zyreen Lou B. Faramiran, D'Aaron Q. Fallacorina, Helen Grace Concepcion Q. Fernandez, Bambi Rose M. Española, and Mialo C. Lacaden-Bautista. (*Mr. Jessie L. Labiste Jr.*)







## IMFO conducts fish - farmer friendly sediment quality monitoring training

THE Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanology (IMFO), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas (UPV) conducted an information drive and training on sediment quality monitoring in fish farms in the provinces of Guimaras and Capiz.

The Project was implemented in fish farms in Brgy. Lawi, Guimaras on July 20, 2018 participated in by five (5) fish cage operators. The same activity was conducted in two barangays in Roxas City, Capiz on

July 31 and August 1, 2018. Seventeen fish farm operators and tenants took part in the training.

According to Prof. Sheila S. de Leon, faculty member of IMFO and one of the Project proponents, the conduct of the public service activity was very timely with the repeated massive fish kill events. Sediments, a sink of organic matter underneath fish farms, become toxic to benthic organisms such as worms, crabs, and shells when they receive too much uneaten feeds, feces, and other waste.

She and her team coordinated with the local government units and barangay captains of the subject barangays where the fish farms are situated. They went to individual fish farm operators and tenants to conduct lectures on sediment quality and to train them on the actual use of fabricated samplers to check the sediment quality of their respective fish farms. They conducted a demo and hands-on training on how to do the sampling using the fabricated samplers and

showed how to check the quality of the sediments using the indicators like color, odor, and presence of animals. This then enabled farmers to identify whether their farm has good or poor quality sediments.

A survey was also conducted before and after the training to assess the respondents' knowledge on sediment quality. De Leon said that they plan to conduct similar activity to other fish farm sites (*Ms. Lenilyn B. Gallos*)

## OCEP, DILG holds another series of Training-Workshops on SUC-Assisted Approach in CDP Formulation



THE University of the Philippines Visayas, through the Office of Continuing Education and Pahinungod (OCEP), and in partnership with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region 6, conducted a two-day training-workshop on June 18-19, 2018 at Smallville21 Hotel, Iloilo City. The activity aimed to review the Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) Formulation process and the municipalities' vision using DILG's Rationalized Planning Indicators and Data System (RaPIDS).

The activity was participated in by the core planning team members of President Roxas, Capiz and six (6) municipalities from the Province of Antique namely, Bugasong, Barbaza, Culasi, Hamtic, Pandan, and Tibiao. The Municipal Mayors of the municipalities mentioned were also in attendance.

The two-day training-workshop sought to provide the local

government officials with an all-inclusive guide on the formulation of the CDP, its processes, and the concepts and plans related to it. The activities started with a message from Atty. Anthony C. Nuyda, DILG 6 Regional Director, who emphasized that the compliance of deliverables of the LGUs, specifically the CDP, must be taken seriously.

A series of lecturettes was conducted on the first day of training. Prof. Nicanor Babiera of the UPV College of Management, discussed the Concepts of Development, Cascading Global to Local Development Goals, Development Planning, CDP Planning Process, and the 33 LGU-mandated plans. Ms. Jerilee Camena, UPV-CDP Consultant, extensively explained the CDP, its planning cycle, and how it is distinct from the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP). Ms. Giselle Grace Gerial, DILG 6 DRRM Regional Focal Person, wrapped up



the afternoon with a discussion on the importance of the Rationalized Planning Indicators and Data Sets (RaPIDS) in drafting a municipality's Ecological Profile and CDP.

Prof. Babiera also tackled the process of crafting a Vision Statement and its elements. Each municipality revisited its Vision Statement and deliberated if there is a need to revise it. "Vision Statements must be dynamic and vivid and should represent the whole community," Prof. Babiera said.

On the second day of the training-workshop, each municipality's core planning team was able to present the status of their LGU-mandated plans and showed how they were able to use the RaPIDS tool in revisiting their Vision Statements.

Also present in the said training were officials of DILG Region 6 that include Mr. Christian Nagaynay (DILG6 Planning Officer), Ms. Hershe Pausa (LGOO II, Negros Island Region), Ms. Grace Natalie

Azarraga (Antique Cluster Leader), and Mr. Alan Aldivera (Capiz Cluster Leader). The Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (MLGOOs) of each town was also present during the activity.

This training was part of a series of activities that will be conducted by OCEP and the DILG until the partner municipalities have formulated their CDPs as well as their Ecological Profile and their Local Development Investment Program (LDIP). The OCEP is the extension arm of UPV that implements the "SUC-Assisted Approach in the Formulation of the Comprehensive Development Plan Project" led by Dr. Rhodella A. Ibabao (Director, OCEP and Project Manager) with team members from the College of Management and the College of Arts and Sciences and a representative from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension (OVCRE). (*Ms. Kristine Charisse S. Muyong*)



# UPV alumni from various academic groups reunite for a 4-day affair

THE University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV) celebrated its annual U.P. Alumni & Faculty Homecoming on August 23-26, 2018. Activities were held to gather the alumni and let them reconnect with their respective academic organizations and their alma mater.

The first event was the Alumni Basketball games organized by the UP Alumni Association - Iloilo Chapter (UPAAIC) in coordination with various academic groups. It was sponsored by the UP Hamili Brotherhood and UP Hamilia Sisterhood. The games started in July and culminated on August 22 with the contingent from the College of Fisheries clinching the championship.

The College of Fisheries Alumni Association (CFAA) kicked off the Academic Groups Day celebrations on August 23 with the "Fish Night: Retro Style" reunion event at Westown Hotel.

On August 24 the two-day "Tindahan sa UPHI" homecoming fair was opened at the UPV Basketball Court. It was organized by iAmUPHi in coordination with UPAA Iloilo. Alongside the fair, a whole-day "Fora" was also held at the UPV Auditorium. In the morning, former Solicitor General Atty. Florin T. Hilbay was the Resource Person for the "Politica Sermonem: A Forum on National Issues" sponsored by UP Scintilla Juris and UP Stella Juris. For the afternoon session, the Gender and Development Program invited Retired Police Superintendent Ma. Cecilia Detablan to talk on "Human Trafficking." These were attended by students and professionals

from different universities and agencies in Iloilo City.

In line with the Academic Groups Day celebrations, the College of Arts and Sciences had "CAS Family Movie Time" followed by the "Skimmers' Soiree," both at the UPV Cinematheque.

UP Validus Amicitia also organized its first "night bike ride" dubbed as Vayk Fest. It started and culminated at the UPV grounds and traversed various streets of Iloilo City.

August 25 was the most fun-filled day. The yearly fun run, "Run UP! 8," kicked off the day at SM City grounds with over 400 runners. This event was organized by UP Silak Brotherhood and UP Silab Sisterhood. These organizations also treated the retired faculty and staff to a "Golden Lunch" at the new College of Management (CM) Building.

The annual "Homecoming Mass" sponsored by UP Scintilla Juris and UP Stella Juris was held at the UPV Auditorium. It was followed by the most-loved alumni brunch of UP Validus Amicitia named "VARrio Fiesta," which was held at the lobby of Graduate and Continuing Education Building (GCEB).

The Election of UPAA-IC Members of the Board was held at the PA Rooms. Five new members were elected to the Board to succeed five outgoing members.

The UPV Dormitory Balay Ilonggo and the UPV Cinematheque had their "Open House," while UPHS Batch 81's "Dugo kay Isko" blood drive was conducted at the New High School Building.



Through the day, various academic groups conducted their respective activities in line with the Academic Groups Day. "Goldies Day," spearheaded by iAmUPHi in cooperation with the various high school batches, was held at the UPV Auditorium. It was overflowing with food, games, and dancing. The Biological Sciences Division had their "Clovers' Nook" exhibit at the SWF Lobby while the Social Sciences Division had the "Redbolts Olympics" at the Student Lounge.

The College of Management held "Bluechips: Back to Base Version 2," a fellowship lunch at the New CM Building. It was organized by the College for the different alumni from "Scions," "Tycoons," and "Magnates" - academic groups of BS Accountancy, BS Management and BSBA (Marketing), respectively. The School of Technology (SOTECH) Alumni Association organized "SOTECH Socials," an intimate lunch for their alumni followed by their yearly "Bingo!" games at the GCEB for all to enjoy.

Capping the festivities was the U.P. Alumni & Faculty Homecoming Dinner & Awards Night held on August 26 at Diversion 21 Hotel. Medals

were given to senior Jubilarians from various classes as a form of honor and recognition. Five UPV Outstanding Jubilarians in their respective fields were given Oblation trophies and medals. The guests for the night included UPV Chancellor Dr. Ricardo P. Babaran, UP VP for Administration Prof. Nestor G. Yunque, and UP System OAR Director and AVP for Public Affairs Dr. Wendell P. Capili. The night ended with fun and more dancing.

During the festivities, the campus was adorned with the various academic colors to promote the "United Colors of UPV," an invitation to the various academic organizations to gather themselves and work with each other for a better UP Visayas. The UPV Office of Alumni Relations' (OAR) Pabalon Souvenir Shop also released new product lines: The Acad Collection, with Acad Tees and Acad Mugs, that went with the theme.

The annual UPV Homecoming is organized by the UPV OAR in cooperation with UPAA-IC and other alumni associations, school organizations, university units, and administrative offices. (Mr. GC Castro)

## Jubilarians celebrate in university homecoming



THE University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV) held its annual "U.P. Alumni & Faculty Homecoming Dinner and Awards Night" at Diversion 21 Hotel on August 26, 2018. It was the highlight event of the four-day homecoming festivities that gathered the alumni and allowed them to reconnect with their respective academic organizations and Alma Mater.

The alumni spent time catching up with old classmates and teachers in a casual gathering during the afternoon pre-program cocktails. The Processional of the UP officials and UPAA Board of Directors and the Jubilarians started the program. UP Alumni Association Iloilo Chapter (UPAAIC) President Dr. Gil Joseph

F. Octaviano, III led the UPAAIC members of the Board to welcome the rest of the guests.

Joining the processional were UPV Chancellor Dr. Ricardo P. Babaran, Vice Chancellor for Administration Prof. Mary Ann T. Gumban, Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development Prof. Martin G. Genodepa, Dean of the School of Technology Prof. Emeliza C. Lozada, Dean of the College of Management Prof. Arthur P. Barrido, Jr., UP Vice President for Administration Prof. Nestor G. Yunque, and UP System Office of Alumni Relations Director and UP Assistant Vice President for Public Affairs Dr. Wendell P. Capili.

This year's awardees for the UPV

Outstanding Jubilarians and the Senior Jubilarian groups, celebrating 50 years to 70 years after their UP graduation, joined the processional as well and were given medals. Among the Senior Jubilarians were the Gold Jubilarians from the High School Class of 1968, and the Diamond Jubilarians of High School Class 1958.

Junior Jubilarians were also acknowledged during the opening. A few of the biggest delegation this year were the groups of Ruby Jubilarians from High School Class of 1978 and Coral Jubilarians from High School Class of 1983.

UPAAIC President Octaviano, UPV Chancellor Babaran, UP VP Yunque, and Guest Speaker Police SSupt. Benigno Durana, Jr. all gave their messages to the alumni.

UPAAIC launched its project "Salakyan Para sa Iskolar ng Bayan," a raffle for the benefit of the UPAAIC special projects and UPV. A brand new Toyota Avanza will be at stake along with other great prizes such as three units MacBook Pro, three Asian Tour Package, and other consolation

prizes. The Grand Draw will be on February 16, 2019.

The UPAA Antique Chapter and UPAA Aklan Chapter newly elected Officers and Members of the Board took an oath with Chancellor Babaran as Inducting Officer.

The highlight of the affair was the Awarding Ceremonies for the 2018 UPV Outstanding Jubilarians. Five alumni who are experts in their own field were honored and given Oblation Trophies.

UPAAIC also gave recognition to the outgoing members of the Board and awarded them with the Oblation Trophy for their service. The newly elected incoming members of the Board were also introduced.

Giving excitement to the night were the performances of various Jubilarians groups. HS '78, HS '83, HS '93, and HS '68 Jubilarians all gave dance numbers, which the crowd loved.

UPV Office of Alumni Relations Director Prof. Benmar B. Panaguiton delivered the Closing Remarks, thanking all who have been part of this year's Homecoming celebrations.

The annual UPV Homecoming is organized by the UPV OAR in cooperation with UPAAIC and other alumni associations, school organizations, university units, and administrative offices. (Mr. GC Castro)



# Leonida presents paper, poster in int'l conferences



MR. Jerry Ian L. Leonida, Instructor of the Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanology (IMFO), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas (UPV) presented

a paper and poster in two separate international conferences.

An Erasmus Mundos scholar currently pursuing his Master of Science in Marine Environment and Resources in Europe, Leonida recently presented a paper entitled "Population and reproductive biology aspects of the vinegar crab *Episesarma mederi* H. Milne Edwards, 1853 (Decapoda, Sesarmidae) from a tropical mangrove area in Capiz, Philippines" at YOUNARES 9, an international conference for young marine researchers and experts. It was held on September 11-14, 2018 at the Carl von Ossietzky University of Oldenburg, Germany.

The study discussed the

population aspects of the structure of the gonadal maturation stages of *E. mederi* in Capiz, Philippines to establish information on the reproductive biology aspects of the species. Leonida's co-authors in this study are Prof. Juliana Baylon, Shaira Ballon, Elilyn Farrah Belle Barredo, and Shirley Golez.

With the theme, "Oceans across boundaries: learning from each other," YOUNARES 9 gathered researchers and experts working in various scientific fields and marine regions of the world.

On August 13 - 25, 2018, Leonida participated in the São Paulo School of Advanced Science (SPSAS) on Ocean Interdisciplinary Research and Governance as poster presenter

on a similar topic. This was held at the São Paulo University Oceanographic Institute, São Paulo, Brazil

Sponsored by the São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP), SPSAS-Ocean was organized by the Oceanographic Institute (IOUSP), the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) and the Institute of Advanced Studies (IEA/USP), with the support of Interdisciplinary Climate Investigation Center (INCLINE), Brazilian Network for Monitoring Coastal Benthic Habitats (ReBentos), and other collaborators.

Leonida likewise attended the 5th International Conference Progress in Marine Conservation 2018 at OZEANEUM Stralsund, Germany on September 3-7, 2018. The Conference was organized by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation. (With sources from IMFO) (Ms. Lenilyn B. Gallos)

## Chem prof and alumni poster presentations are finalists at the 8th Fisheries Scientific Conference

THE Department of Chemistry professor and alumni were finalists in the 8th Fisheries Scientific Conference held at the Hotel Jen, Metro Manila on September 5-6, 2018. The theme of the Conference was "Fisheries RDE: Pagkaing Sapat para sa Lahat," which underscored the Department of Agriculture's constant effort to develop new technologies and innovations that will help the fishery sector contribute to the end-goal of providing available and affordable food for all.

The Conference had plenary sessions as well as spotlight presentations for BFAR scholars, parallel sessions, and poster presentations. At the poster presentation, Prof. Jay O. Martizano of the Department of Chemistry presented a poster entitled "Smartphone-Based Colorimetric Reader for Phosphate Analysis" with Mr. Christian Jake M. Acasio, Ms. Edcyl Lee A. Salac, and Prof. Ann Selma C. Morata as co-authors.

Mr. Emmanuel Deniola, a recent graduate of the Master of Chemistry program at UPV, also presented a poster with Mr. Robert L. Magdaug, Prof. Steve P. Janagap, Dr. Gerard G. Dumancas, and Prof. Jay O. Martizano as co-authors. The paper was entitled "Optimization of Electrospray Ionization-mass Spectrometric Parameters for the Analysis of Chloramphenicol in Fish Using Design of Experiments." Both posters were considered finalists



for the best poster presentation at the Conference and were part of the top 10 posters overall.

The Conference was sponsored by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI). (Ms. Jilma Fernandez Portillo)

## Dean Yap to CFOS students: 'You have more responsibilities now'



PROF. Encarnacion Emilia S. Yap, dean of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), the flagship college of UP Visayas, underscored the responsibilities of being a student of UP.

Yap extended a welcome to the incoming and returning students of the College for the Academic Year 2018-2019 during the CFOS Orientation Program conducted on

August 7, 2018 at Audio Visual Hall, CFOS, UPV Miagao campus.

In her address, Yap stressed that the students, being the first batch to enter UP under the free tertiary education of the government, have bigger responsibilities to serve the Filipino people and the country.

"You are the first graduates of the senior high school and the first to enter UP under the free

tertiary education program of the government, which simply implies that you have more responsibilities now. You are expected to pay back to the very people who are technically providing you this free education in this University," Yap said. "You have to serve the country because you will be provided with the best education in the country, considering that you are here in UP."

Yap emphasized to the students that they have to provide service especially to the fisheries industry in the country.

CFOS is implementing the latest revision of the BS Fisheries curricular program, which was revised with the implementation of the K to 12 basic curriculum program.

Held at the, UPV Miagao campus, the Orientation Program was aimed to give new students an overview of their life in the University and the edge they need to start the year off with success.

The new students were introduced to the College, its faculty members, REPS, and administrative staff, among others.

Representing the first year BS Fisheries students, Marcel Jaudian laid down his expectations of being an undergraduate student in UPV. Jaudian is hoping that they will get all the support that they need from their professors as well as from the upper class for them to graduate on time.

Amethyl Ledres and Lex Limjuco, both fourth year BS Fisheries students, shared their experiences and gave some tips on how to withstand the stress and pressures and survive UP. The upper class students gave their commitment of support for the entering students. (Ms. Lenilyn B. Gallos)





## CFOS-IFPT trains Taiwanese students

THE Institute of Fish Processing Technology (IFPT), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas offered a summer internship for the undergraduate students of the National Taiwan Ocean University (NTOU), a national university in Zhongzheng District, Keelung, Taiwan.

Three undergraduate students

of NTOU, namely, Yin-Ting Chou, I-Chen Li, and Chien-Yen Huang were trained at the IFPT for two months from July 1 to August 31, 2018. The training provided them with the skills and knowledge on post-harvest fisheries.

The student interns were exposed to various research projects conducted by the Institute. Among these projects

were the sorption isotherms of dried endemic species of the Philippines and the low-salt fermented mussel sauce as a potential functional food and post-harvest technologies for the Philippine green mussel.

The students were incoming 4th year BS Food Science students of the Department of Food Science, College of Life Sciences, NTOU

under Dr. Yu-Wei Chang.

UPV, through CFOS, entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with NTOU for academic collaborations.

Mr. Lhumen Tejano, an instructor at IFPT, has just returned from the UPV-NTOU sandwich program after a year of research in NTOU. *(Ms. Lenilyn B. Gallos, with sources from IFPT)*

## Aton Ini, Kita Ini: Fostering Unity through Melodies

THE humble yet quaint Leyte-Samar Heritage Center radiated with energy and burning passion for local music as students and staff members of the University of the Philippines Visayas - Tacloban College gathered collectively on August 17, 2018 to celebrate the flourishing growth of the Region's local music industry.

Aton Ini, Kita Ini was created as a welcoming, chill-out party for the first batch of freshmen after the implementation of the K-12

Curriculum. The event was organized through the collaborative efforts of Jai Records, a frontrunner in local music production, UP Halcyon, a socio-civic organization committed to serving the community with utmost dedication and quality service, and the Leyte-Samar Heritage Center, a pioneer in the advancement of regional and cultural advocacy of the Eastern Visayas region, headed by Dr. Stephen Q. Lagarde.

Johndee Campo and his soulful music kick started the event, which

engaged the audience as they sang along. Yssa Romano, with her beautiful renditions of popular OPM songs, maintained the lively mood as the spectators started singing with their hearts.

The show continued with Angel Rose Tambal's dulcet, original songs. The 76 Receipts took the stage, and the hearts of the ladies (and friends from the LGBTQIA community) as they serenaded the crowd with their own take of the most popular OPM

songs as well as their originals. Capping off the program was the crowd-favorite and talented Lady Suzette who blew off the roof of the Leyte-Samar Heritage Center as she hit each pitch of her songs perfectly leaving people with their mouths open.

The night ended as the audience brought with them this fun and unique experience as well as the reminder to continue appreciating and supporting the growing local music industry and the artists in the Region who truly showcase the diversity and talent that Eastern Visayas has. *(Ms. Maxin Ong and Ms. Lianne Ponferrada)*



## UPV, UA seal more collaborations through MOU

MORE research undertakings and extension services initiatives were sealed after UPV and UA signed the Memorandum of Understanding on August 29, 2018 at UPV Little Theater Iloilo City.

Dr. Ricardo Babaran, Chancellor, and Dr. Rolly Fuentes, Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension signed in behalf of UPV while University of Antique was represented by its president, Dr. Pablo Crespo, Jr. and Vice President for Research, Extension and Continuing Education, Dr. Nannette Dionisio.

This has been the 11th MOU between UPV and a partner SUC, which will facilitate a further coordination of both units in extending research capabilities, facility use, co-mentoring instructions, and public service activities.

Both state universities pledged to align their commitment with the CHED's mandate of producing, disseminating, and applying new knowledge to the wider community.

This signing of commitment happened right after the Investiture of Chancellor Babaran as 10th

Chancellor of UP Visayas and was witnessed by UP President Danilo Concepcion, CHED Commissioner Prospero De Vera III, and the presidents of other state universities

in Visayas, Dr. Luis Sorolla of West Visayas State University, and Dr. Danilo Abayon of Aklan State University. *(Ms. Mary Li Nulada)*







## FEATURE

# A chancellor with a heart for serving the fisheries sector

“WE know that we are giving true service when we give a part of ourselves and it hurts in the process. I, therefore, encourage everyone who is interested in fish, fisheries, and fishers; we know we are doing something good for this sector when we give a positive image of the University whenever we engage them.”

Dr. Ricardo P. Babaran, 10th Chancellor of UP Visayas, has this to say during his speech delivered during his Investiture Ceremony held at the UP Visayas Little Theater, Iloilo City campus on August 29, 2018.

Babaran, full professor and UP Scientist, has always been an ardent and dedicated researcher in marine fisheries, particularly capture fisheries. He said that he decided to go ahead and have the Investiture held despite it being late (almost 10 months after he was appointed) because he wanted to give due recognition to all who have contributed immensely into helping him become what he is today. He also wanted to give honor to the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), pointing out that it is “the institution that gave me the institutional platform to engage with the country’s poorest sector.” He wanted to focus on

the sector that UPV is mandated to serve – the fishers, specifically, but more broadly, residents of coastal communities.

### The Making of a Chancellor

The Chancellor paid homage to his parents, particularly his mother, who he said was responsible for building his character and that of his seven siblings.

“My parents taught me and my brothers about the value of honesty, industry, and love for work; they also demonstrated to us how to serve with dedication - all character-building values, which I believe are necessary for the job of a UPV Chancellor,” he pointed out.

He recounted that his love for fisheries started in his childhood wherein fishing was part of his life.

“... even at an early age, I did different things that, I think, eventually mattered in my current career. I would wake up sometimes early in the morning to go out fishing. Fishing was something I enjoyed doing, whenever there were opportunities to do so. I did not pay much attention to insect bites; occasional leech bites did not even bother or deter me. During those mornings, I kept

wondering to myself as to why very few of my playmates were not into fishing when it is so much fun,” he recalled.

Babaran revealed that he also wanted to be an engineer like his father but financial constraints led him to instead avail of the FEM scholarship program for fisheries that brought him to UP Diliman.

He recalled that it was his mother’s determination that made it possible for him to continue with his studies. She put together and collated the necessary papers for him to take the examinations for the fisheries scholarship program.

### From UP Diliman to UPV Miagao

In Diliman, fisheries students were discriminated against by non-fisheries students. I have met non-fisheries classmates who openly wondered what there was to learn about fisheries and wondered even more whether fisheries students need four years just to learn how to capture fish with a hook and line. Of course, we now know how ignorant questions like these are, long harbored by students during our time, and perhaps even now, are among the reasons why there is less appreciation for

the fisheries discipline and why, as a result, fish-based industries in the country are now faring poorly,” he lamented.

The FEM scholarship program, according to him, was part of a much bigger national agenda for the fisheries sector. It was decided that the College of Fisheries, then based in Diliman, was to be transferred in Iloilo and merged with the UP College Iloilo, UP Tacloban College, and UP Cebu College. The merging formed into another Constituent University now called UP Visayas with broad mandates in fisheries and marine sciences.

“Many of the Fisheries Batch 1980 must have performed well in the eyes of the College of Fisheries administrators at that time because five of us got invited to join the College. In my case, I was offered to proceed to graduate school along disciplines that were completely different from fisheries - naval architecture and ocean engineering,” he recalled.

He studied at the University of Washington with a study plan that included a lot of required mathematics and engineering courses at the undergraduate level. He said these should have been taken before he did graduate school but managed to handle the



difficulties. He had to request for an extended stay, however.

"Because of the turbulent political conditions here in the Philippines in the mid-1980s, UPV fellows and other Filipinos I met in the US asked me why I should still go back when so many others back home were trying so hard to get out of the country. Of course, I was always conscious that my study abroad was funded through a World Bank loan. Despite the troubled times, it never occurred to me to renege on my obligation. There was also an overpowering feeling to contribute something, to make a difference at home," he emphasized.

#### **Casualties in the Miagao Transfer**

Babaran said he returned from his studies in 1990 "only to witness a general discontent brewing among the so-called Miagao pioneers, my fisheries peers."

"The rather confused state of UPV's affairs in Miagao and all sorts of dire stories were disconcerting. He said these included disrupted lives such as broken families, broken marriages, loneliness, a sense of isolation, alcoholism, and families who were dislocated after the death of a family member who was the UP employee."

"It was difficult to work with the right state of mind when faced with a condition like that. I think only those with a firm resolve to embrace what Miagao is all about, in relation to what UP did to get us there, stayed on. I also believed even then that those who fully understood how much the people of Miagao sacrificed to host us there, will continue to see the relevance of UPV's main campus in our lives here in UP."

#### **The Making of an Administrator**

When Babaran became Director of the CFOS Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanology, he was already doing initiatives on research linkage collaborations. The 10-Year Japan Society for the Promotion of Science – Department of Science and Technology between UPV and Kagoshima University, along with other SUCs in the Philippines

and other universities in Japan, according to him, brought UPV back from near stagnation towards a more mainstreamed role as a Constituent University. The program allowed many UPV faculty members across colleges and 10 other universities in the Philippines to find partner scientists from various Japanese universities.

The Chancellor credited the Core University Program for paving the way for him to meet Prof. Tatsuro Matsuoka of Kagoshima University Faculty of Fisheries. He said Matsuoka led the team that was responsible for mentoring him and allowed him to get his Ph.D. degree.

"I learned that the Japanese are generally very formal, but when a certain degree of trust or mutual respect between partners is attained, they consider you as your friend, and the word of a friend usually carries a bigger weight than a signed contract," he observed of the Japanese culture.

He also noted that the Core University Program taught him how to deal with international partners more effectively and he was introduced to new processes that were helpful to him when he became Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension.

"I learned that careful planning was the key to successful outcomes. This is an important point to stress at this juncture as we are all talking about zero-based budgeting. I also realized that it was all right to commit mistakes provided the act of committing mistakes is part of the learning process," he explained.

"After my exposure to the Japanese way of doing research, I realized that the things I can now do are limited only by my capacity to imagine. This, I think, was quite powerful in guiding my subsequent activities," he noted.

#### **Search for Greater Relevance for UPV**

"UPV contributes a paltry number to the manpower needs of the country at the Ph.D. level. As an administrator for a Constituent University that is primarily mandated to address the concerns of fishers, it is incumbent upon us as

constituents of the National University to realize that this mandate was not given to a single college of UPV," he pointed out. He said the burden of bearing the load to help the entire fisheries sector has to be shared by every academic unit of UPV.

Babaran also said that UPV should assist SUCs throughout the country in generating collective knowledge related to fisheries and "all collateral disciplines, especially in an environment that is made more challenging by the archipelagic nature of the country."

He said this was the reason why UPV went out of its way to invite presidents and representatives of SUCs to grace the Investiture Ceremony.

"Their presence here symbolizes a joint declaration of our institutions to work together for a common cause. We need to truly anchor our activities in addressing the problems that hobble society and learn how to mobilize our partners," he elaborated.

The Chancellor also said that there is a need to change the way research is being done. "We do research actively asking for issues that beset our people and designing solutions for them," he pointed out.

"It is important to realize that we all need to work together as partners by focusing on the needs of all stakeholders, not just the big and well-endowed corporations. Our outputs are just as important if we solve pressing issues that afflict the small and underprivileged sectors of our society. All of them have problems that open opportunities for us to render service. But such service must always be done with honor and excellence," he also added.

The Chancellor invited Dr. Loel Losanes, CFOS alumnus and Filipino head of Japan's Hikari Corporation, probably the largest producer of golden south sea pearls throughout the world.

He said discussions have been initiated to address pressing issues that beset their operations, not just about the organism that they are culturing but about a wide range of issues that will

surely benefit them but would also give positive results to their host communities.

Also invited were the members of the Kamamado fishers from Guimaras, many of whom are elderly women who supplement their daily income with P40 they get from selling the equivalent of 2 liter-sized containers of captured cardinal fish.

"Through this group, we will mobilize a major program that will promote responsible fisheries, which I believe will position the Philippines more strategically in relation to the ornamental fish industry that generates \$7-8B annually. I honestly believe that we can innovate solutions that will lighten their daily struggles."

#### **Emerging Plans**

Also in his speech, the Chancellor identified three major aspects of UPV's operations that will be restructured to have better outcomes for the entire country in relation to its mandate in the fisheries and aquatic sciences. These are the reintroduction of the Graduate School, the implementation of a comprehensive quality assurance system that extends beyond academics, and the deepening of UPV community engagements.

Babaran also reiterated his support for the bid of the UPV Tacloban College to eventually become the next Constituent Unit of UP. "I am glad to be making this declaration before nine of the 11 sitting members of UP's Board of Regents because UPV will need your support," he said to them who were present during the ceremony.

At the end of his speech, Babaran honored his mother once more "for sacrificing her UP education to be a mother to her eight naturally born children" who are now professionals in their respective sectors field.

He also acknowledged his wife Riza who, he says, has qualities like her mother and his daughter Hannah for understanding his commitment and dedication to serving the University. He likewise thanked the UPV community for its support. (Ms. Lyncen M. Fernandez)







## IPRC conducts BMIS-related activities in Tubungan

THE Indigenous Peoples Resource Center (IPRC), under the supervision of the Center for West Visayan Studies (CWVS) of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), conducted activities related to the Barangay Management Information System (BMIS) on August 3 and August 13, 2018, at Tubungan, Iloilo. Participants in

the activities were the 10 barangays of the said municipality that are beneficiaries of the project, "Enhancement of the Indigenous Peoples Resource Center in UP Visayas." These barangays have presence of indigenous peoples/indigenous cultural communities (IPs/ICCs). The training on Data Collection was conducted on

August 3 and participated in by survey enumerators composed of barangay officials, barangay health workers, and barangay service point officers while the training on Data Encoding was conducted on August 13 and participated in by data encoders composed of barangay secretaries and volunteer encoders.

University Extension Associate Marianito Ramirez of the College Outreach Program (COP) of the College of Arts and Sciences was tapped to conduct the trainings together with IPRC Project Manager Prof. Jorge Ebay and staff Sashah Dioso and Faith Reforma. **(Mr. Sashah Dioso)**

## UPIS organizes book donation drive



THE UP Ichthyophilic Society (UPIS), a duly recognized college-based, socio-academic student organization based at the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas (UPV), conducted a book donation activity on September 24, 2018 for the UPV Main Library, Miagao campus.

Ms. Ma. Noven Grace Ylayron, UPIS president, led the turnover of the books and other reading

materials to Ms. Analiza Linaugo, University Librarian, and Ms. Analisa Erazo, Librarian of the CFOS Library.

The fisheries-related and business books including magazines, past issues of National Geographic, Asia and Middle East Food Trade, among others, were donated by MIDA Trade Ventures, International. UPIS hoped that these reading materials would benefit students from

the CFOS and other library users.

Linaugo and Erazo were grateful to the UPIS for this initiative. They assured the student organization that these materials will be available and accessible to all users of the Library.

The undertaking is one of the activities that UPIS is conducting in line with the celebration of its 53 years founding anniversary. **(Ms. Lenilyn B. Gallos)**

## Educ 291 M.Ed. students roll out public service as Finals output

MASTER of Education graduate students ran a free seminar for public and private school teachers as a public service in lieu of final exams at the GCEB Audio Visual Room, UP Visayas Iloilo City on September 1, 2018.

The public service activity was rolled out under the supervision of Educ 291 course instructor Professor Anna Liza Barcelona.

Educ 291, being "A Reading Course in Education," the M.Ed. graduate students and their

professor agreed to demonstrate knowledge integration from the course readings through conducting a free seminar entitled "Muklat: Recognizing the Educational Panopticon."

The 10 M.Ed. graduate students enrolled in the class each invited three or four public and private school teachers as participants in the free seminar which tackled how to cope with educational surveillance.

"Educational surveillance

may come in the form of Performance-Based Bonus (PBB) requirements, Individual Performance Commitment and Review (IPCR), or Daily Lesson Log (DLL), among others," Abigail Bayona said.

Another student, Glen Dave Horbino added: "While we cannot escape the educational panopticon, we can adapt once we recognize what it is and what it is doing to us."

The goal of the public service is to raise awareness among

the participants about what the educational panopticon is, how educational surveillance happens, and what it looks like in everyday circumstances.

The participants were asked to draw how they would cope with educational surveillance following their attendance in the seminar.

The 10 M.Ed. graduate students who organized the free seminar and served as speakers and facilitators were Abigail Bayona, Albert Amor, Jr., Glen Dave Horbino, Genevieve Serilo, Eunice Marie Serilo, Milorenze Joting, Ivy Justiniani, Meryl Panuncio, Rio Castanares, and Mayflor Tacardon. **(Ms. Abigail R. Bayona)**



# Yap, Garibay participate in the 8th Fisheries SciCon

PROF. Encarnacion Emilia S. Yap and Ms. Soledad S. Garibay of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas (UPV) participated in the 8th Fisheries Scientific Conference (SciCon) held at Pasay City, Metro Manila on September 5 - 6, 2018.

Yap, dean of CFOS and faculty member of the Institute of Fish Processing Technology

(IFPT), was one of the plenary speakers for fisheries post-harvest. She lectured on the topic, "Post-harvest fisheries in the Philippines: Where are we now and where do we go from here?"

Meanwhile, Garibay, University Researcher of the Institute of Aquaculture, presented a paper at the parallel session for aquaculture. Her paper was

entitled "Algal Paste Application in Aquaculture."

With the theme, "#FisheriesRDE: *Pagkaing Sapat Para sa Lahat*," the Conference gathered national and international researchers, students, and stakeholders in the field of fisheries to showcase the latest and relevant researches and advancements in aquaculture,



fisheries post-harvest, and capture fisheries.

The Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources-National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (BFAR-NFRDI) organizes the fisheries science conference every two years. (Ms. Lenilyn B. Gallos)

## CFOS reaches out to other SUCs



BEING at the forefront of fisheries education in the country, the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas, is reaching out to students and graduates of other fisheries schools.

CFOS, through Prof. Victor Marco Emmanuel Ferriols, faculty member of the Institute of Aquaculture (IA), conducted enrichment lectures in fisheries to push for more fisheries

technologists. The activity was held at the College of Fisheries and Food Sciences, Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology (ZSCMST), Zamboanga del Norte on September 1-2, 2018.

Ferriols recounted his personal experience when he took the Licensure Examination for Fisheries Technologists administered by the Philippine Regulation Commission (PRC) and showed the participants the ropes. Ferriols, a BS Fisheries 2008 graduate of CFOS, topped the Fisheries Technologist Licensure Examination in October 2009 with a rating of 89.00%. He graduated magna cum laude and was Class Valedictorian.

"The CFOS is conducting activities like this knowing that the country still lacks the critical mass of experts in fisheries to face the issues and concerns of this sector. By helping other SUCs, we are fulfilling our role as the National College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences. We should not be content with being the only top performing school when it comes to the PRC, but, instead, we should be paving the way for other universities to be there with us at the top," Ferriols said.

The undertaking was attended by participants from ZCMST, Mindanao State University, and personnel of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) from the neighboring regions. (Ms. Lenilyn B. Gallos)

## CFOS graduate students attend training in Japan

FOUR graduate students of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas traveled to Japan to participate in research training from August 16 - September 27, 2018 at Kagoshima University (KU).

Modesto Mendel Intoy, Mary Sharolen Jean Leyson, Hannah Kamelle Segador, and Carl John Matas Saromines attended a 40-day exchange student program under the Summer Session for Postgraduate (Master) Programme on Tropical Fisheries

with International Linkage of KU. They are the Master of Science in Fisheries (Aquaculture) graduate students of CFOS chosen to participate in the international linkage program sponsored by the Japan Student Services Organization (JASSO).

The student-participants were ecstatic to be accepted in the Program. They were grateful to the College and the University for this opportunity. They looked forward for a great learning experience with the Japanese professors as

well as from participants from other countries.

UPV and KU have a strong background on exchange of scientists in the field of fisheries. UPV, through CFOS, is one of the member schools in the Philippines of the Postgraduate (Master) Programme on Tropical Fisheries with international linkage (ILP) since 2015.

The students attended lectures and conducted hands-on laboratory experiments, and field and individual research. (Ms. Lenilyn B. Gallos)



## UPV Accounting Office recognized



THE Commission on Audit has recognized the UP Visayas Accounting Office as one of the 2018 Outstanding Accounting Offices of the country.

The awarding ceremony was held during the Annual Convention and Seminar of the Association of Government Accountants of the Philippines (AGAP), Inc., at the Iloilo Convention Center,

Megaworld Blvd., Mandurriao, Iloilo City on October 17, 2018.

Ms. Jocelyn Genesis, Chief Accountant of UP Visayas, claimed the award together with UPV Vice Chancellor for Administration Mary Ann Gumban and Ms. Eleanor Ravena, also of the UPV Accounting Office.

UP Visayas Accounting Office was cited for the quality, timeliness, and accuracy of UPV's Fiscal Year 2017 financial report. (Ms. Anna Razel L. Ramirez)



# IPRC tapped for the KALAHI-CIDDS IP sensitivity training

THE Indigenous Peoples Resource Center (IPRC), under the supervision of the Center West Visayan Studies of the College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas, was tapped by the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CIDSS) Program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office 6 to facilitate the discussion on Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practice (IKSPs) and how it can be integrated in programs and projects of Local Government

Units (LGUs) in Region 6. This was held during the Indigenous Peoples Sensitivity Training which was divided in three batches and held on August 29-31, September 3-5 and 10-12, 2018 at SEDA Hotel, Iloilo City.

IPRC Project Officer Sashah Dioso gave an overview on IKSPs using the local context, how IKSPs are preserved and protected, and how LGUs and development workers could harness IKSPs in planning and implementing development projects. Two other topics were tackled in the said training. These included

the following:  
1.) Legal Considerations in Working with IPs/ICCs by Engr. Darrel Honorario of

the National Commission for Indigenous Peoples Regions 6 & 7; and 2.) IP Social Situation and Rights-Based Approach of Implementing Projects in IP Areas by Sonny Estoloso of the Commission on Human Rights.

Workshops and sharing of experiences by IP leaders were also part of the training and

were facilitated by KALAHI-CIDSS staff members. The participants in the training were the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Worker Officers (MSWDOs), IP Focal Persons, development workers, and community volunteers from IP communities all over the Region. *(Mr. Sashah Dioso)*



## Babaran, Napulan leads the groundbreaking of DOST PCAARRD-UPV Fisheries TBI building

DR. Ricardo Babaran, Chancellor of the University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV) and Mayor Macario Napulan of the Municipality of Miagao, Iloilo, led the groundbreaking of the new building of the Fisheries Technology Business Incubation (FTBI) named "Coastline 5023: DOST PCAARRD-UPV FTBI" at UPV Miagao campus, 40 kilometers south of Iloilo City. The ceremony was held on September 25, 2018.

Located at the Wet and Dry Laboratory Complex of the Institute of Aquaculture, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, the P6M edifice will serve as an innovation hub for the faculty, staff, students as well as private individuals or group of individuals who are interested in creating a new business in the field of agri-fishery through the technology business incubation process. The on-stilt building with a total floor area of 210 sq. meters, will have office space, co-working space,

training rooms and conference rooms, among others, to promote technology business creations in the field of fisheries.

Chancellor Babaran said the Fisheries TBI project is funded by the Department of Science and Technology -Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD) under the Agri-Fishery Technology Business Incubator (TBI) Program. The two-year project was approved and implemented last year with a grant of Php13.7 million aimed to deploy UPV technologies and innovations generated under through university spin offs and start-ups.

Speaking in behalf of the incubatees, Mrs. Lorlie Noblezada, an incubatee from Miagao, was thankful to the assistance of the Fisheries TBI in reviving their family salt-making business. Through the knowledge and technologies learned from the free

training and seminars conducted by the project, their salt products are now sold nationwide and even reached France. She is hoping that the project will continue to give chance to the poor to improve their living.

Ms. Milyn Leghid, Business Manager, serves as the Project Leader, together with Dr. Victor Marco Emmanuel Ferriols of CFOS as Project Staff, lead the implementation of the project in UPV. *(Ms. Lenilyn B. Gallos)*



## Naret is alumni achievement awardee

DR. Ganzon-Naret, a Scientist 1 from the College of Fisheries & Ocean Sciences, UP Visayas was awarded the 2018 University of San Agustin (USA) Alumni Achievement Award in the field of Environment, Science & Technology held on July 13, 2018 in Iloilo City during the 65th Anniversary of USA, the first University in Western Visayas.

Ganzon-Naret was among the 13 Outstanding Alumni who received the award. As a Researcher for more than 38 years, she has been able to publish several scholarly articles in ISI peer-reviewed journals which gave her an opportunity to become a recipient of various international publication awards given by the UP System.

Due to her commendable performance, she was conferred as Scientist 1 by the Department of Science & Technology (DOST) and Civil Service Commission (CSC) on June 9, 2014. She was also recognized by the local government of Miagao, Iloilo as "Outstanding Miagaowanon," in 2016 for her great contribution in the same field. *(Ms. Anna Razel Ramirez)*



# CFOS faculty members, REPS grace DOST-6 S&T event



TWO faculty members and two researchers of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), took part in the conduct of the Regional Science and Technology Week (RSTW) held at Roxas City, Capiz on August 29-31, 2018.

Prof. Rex Ferdinand Traifalgar, Prof. Fiona Pedroso, Ms. Rose T. Mueda, and Ms. Ernestina M. Peralta graced the annual S & T event of the Department of Science and Technology 6 (DOST-6) as Resource Persons at the S & T fora.

Traifalgar and Pedroso are the director and faculty member, respectively, of the Institute of Aquaculture. Mueda and Peralta, on the other hand, are Research, Extension and Professional Staff (REPS) of the Institute of Fisheries Processing Technology (IFPT).

Traifalgar lectured on the "Application of Probiotics in Shrimp Culture: Locally Isolated Probiotics." Pedroso discussed "Grow-out Culture of Mussel Using Logline Method."

Mueda presented two lectures at the fora. She shared her knowledge and expertise on Low Salt Dried Fish and All Natural Fish Jerky and Depuration of Mussel to Address Safety and Quality.

Peralta talked about Low Salt Fermented Mussel Sauce as Functional Food and Ingredient.

Themed, "Innovation for Collective Prosperity (Siyensya Para Sa Kauswagan Sang Tanan)," this year's RSTW was aimed to showcase DOST's innovations and remarkable accomplishments in science and technology through the conduct of S&T Expo, S&T Fora, YES! Youth Explorers of Science, and Project Visits in the province of Capiz. *(Ms. Lenilyn B. Gallos)*



## Students gain access in GE Portal

CONTINUING its aim to provide academic support to students in terms of supplemental resource materials, the Teaching and Learning Resource Center facilitated the registration of students with G.E. courses in the semester to the G.E. Portal which started on August 1, 2018.

The G.E. portal is an online archive which provides students access to resource and reading materials, course modules, and other supplemental references for the G.E. courses.

The courses covered by the G.E. Portal are Math 10, Philarts 1, Kas 1 or Hist 1, STS 1, Comm 10, SAS 1, Ethics 1, Wika 1, Science 11, and Arts 1.

Information such as email address and course information were surveyed from students in order to determine the specific courses they were to be registered in.

The G.E. portal, which is UP system-wide, then sent them an email and registration information as well as access instructions.

The resource materials posted in the portal will be available all throughout the semester to supplement students' needs in their G.E. courses. *(Mr. Czar Ian Esquivel)*

## Economics research class holds research forum on expenditure for selected goods at UP Visayas



STUDENTS in the Economics Research class for AY 2017-2018 under the supervision of Prof. Alice Joan G. Ferrer presented the results of their undergraduate research in a Research Forum on Expenditure for Selected Goods by Households in Miagao, Iloilo at the MILC, College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas, Miagao, Iloilo on 12 July 2018.

These goods included canned goods and instant noodles by Christell Ann Pagayon and Razel Mae Calitina; fresh fish by Precious Magtulis and Neneth Ammen;

sugar-sweetened beverages by Katrina Anne Bulaoro and Faith Fuentes; alcoholic beverages and cigarettes by Caryl Angel Mae Caburnay and Shemaiah Queeny Shua Bautista; and electricity by Ellen Grace Galaura and Jan Chael Pon-an.

The Research Forum was held to share the results of the studies conducted among 1039 households from all 119 barangays in the municipality of Miagao in order to contribute useful information for policy making and program design to

the local government of Miagao. The research is part of the requirements of the BS Economics program. Bound copies of the research reports for the LGU of Miagao were received by Mr. Jayfel Conato, representative of the Office of the Municipal Mayor, who also delivered the message of Mayor Macario Napulan.

The half-day event was attended by more than 70 participants composed of Punong Barangays, Kagawads, and representatives of local offices. Prof. Nilo C. Araneta, Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, welcomed the participants, including the representatives from the Office of the Municipal Mayor, Municipal Health Office, and Iloilo 1 Electric Cooperative. The Forum was organized by the research class. *(Mr. Jan Chael Pon-an)*

## Pol Sci faculty receives scholarship for Harvard Conference, wins Maybank Impact Challenge

CLYDE Gacayan, Political Science faculty member at the College of Arts and Sciences, has been awarded a scholarship for the 2018 Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) Asia Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on August 16-20, 2018.

Gacayan participated in the Social Policy and Justice

Track of the five-day academic program that focused on the theme "Sustainable Disruption." Six hundred delegates from more than 83 countries took part in discussions, seminars, field trips, and impact challenges.

Gacayan also won the Maybank Impact Challenge at the last day of the conference

together with Meagan Mygun of the University of Warwick, Saksham Gupta of the Indian Institute of Technology, Mayu Kikuchi of Boston University, Kanina Anindita from Indonesia, and Sreeraj Rajmohan from India.

The Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations

is the largest student event in Asia and a partnership between the students and faculty of Harvard University. It offers a sustained academic program and a forum of exchange to facilitate discussion of the most important economic, political, and social issues relevant to the Asia-Pacific region. *(Ms. Meekela Jain)*





## Amar presents paper at AQUA 2018 in France

DR. Mary Jane Amar of the Institute of Aquaculture, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas presented a paper at the World Aquaculture Society (AQUA 2018) meeting on August 25-29, 2018 at Montpellier, France.

Amar, University Researcher and Scientist I, presented a paper entitled "Endogenous probiotics improve survival and immunity in Black Tiger Shrimp *Penaeus*

monodon." This was presented under the Antimicrobials, Prebiotics, and Probiotics Conference Session.

A global aquaculture event with participants coming from more than 60 countries, AQUA 2018 highlighted the latest researches and innovations in aquaculture, one of the most important food production industries in the world.

Held every six years, AQUA

2018 covered all aspects of global aquaculture through the conduct of the scientific conference, trade exhibition, industry forums, workshops, student events, and receptions. It is co-organized by the European Aquaculture Society (EAS) and the World Aquaculture Society (WAS).

AQUA 2018 was previously held in Prague (2012), Florence (2006), and Nice (2000). (Ms. **Lenilyn B. Gallos**)

## UPVH WelCom organizes lecture-forum on Medical Nutrition Therapy

"THERE are no fad diets that truly work because most of them are really not sustainable. Eating a balanced diet, portion control, and exercise are still the way to healthy living."

So said Ms. Josephine V. Ismael (M.B.A., R.N.D.), Universal Health Care Implementer of the Department of Health – Regional Office VI, during a lecture-forum entitled, "Medical Nutrition Therapy: Food for Well-being"

organized by the UP Visayas Healthy Lifestyle and Wellness Committee and held 2018 at the MILC AVR, UPV Miagao campus on July 27.

Ismael also said that the word diet should not have a negative meaning as it is often associated with restrictions and eating bland, unpalatable food. She explained that diet simply means the food and drink we regularly consume according

to a regimen or routine of time and amount.

"The trick is really to have a proper diet filled with a balanced combination of the go, glow, and grow food," she explained.

Ismael defined Medical Nutrition Therapy as the use of specific nutrition services to treat an illness, injury or condition whereas nutrition is the food that people eat and how the bodies use it. Food refers to any

edible material that supports the growth, repair, and maintenance of the body.

"There is really no good food or bad food, only a good or bad diet," she elaborated. "A lifestyle that promotes balance through healthful practices and attitudes should include proper nutrition and physical activity. A healthful lifestyle is the key to good health," she emphasized.

HRDO Chief Ella Tidon welcomed the guest and participants on behalf of Vice-Chancellor for Administration Mary Ann Gumban. (Ms. **Lyncen M. Fernandez**)

## Genodepa presents paper in Korean Forum on Intangible Heritage

PROF. Martin Genodepa of the Division of Humanities and UPV Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development presented a paper titled "General Education: The Vehicle for Safeguarding ICH in Tertiary Education in the Philippines" in the 2018 International Forum Unlocking the Potential of Tertiary Education for Intangible Cultural Heritage Safeguarding in Somerset Palace Hotel Seoul, South Korea on July 17, 2018.

The forum was participated in by delegates from 19

universities from 11 countries in the Asia Pacific. Prof. Amareswar Galla, eminent culture scholar, and museum expert who taught in the University of Queensland (Brisbane), the Australian University (Canberra) and Visiting Professor, Conservation, School of Planning & Architecture (SPAV, India), was the Speaker.

The international forum was organized by the UNESCO Bangkok Office, Korea National University of Cultural Heritage, and International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible



Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (ICHCAP) under the auspices of UNESCO.

VCPD Genodepa also proceeded to Buyeo also in South Korea on July 18-19 to attend the first Higher Education Network Meeting hosted by ICHCAP and the UNESCO ICH section together with UNESCO Bangkok Office. The meeting explored the possibility of integrating ICH in the existing programs or create ICH-related courses and

degree programs of Asia-Pacific universities. The meeting held at Korea National University of Cultural Heritage resulted in an agreement to establish a higher education network called as the Asia-Pacific Higher Education Network for Safeguarding Intangible Cultural Heritage (APHEN-ICH). Genodepa was one of the five persons who was requested by the organizers to draft the statutes of the network. (Ms. **Beverly Nuevaespaña**)

## IFPDS, EDF conduct training-workshop on fisheries science and management

THE Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies (IFPDS) of the UPV College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, in cooperation with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), conducted a training-workshop on Fisheries Science Management on June 25-26, 2018 at the Graduate and Continuing Education Building, Iloilo City campus.

The two-day training-workshop was attended by faculty members and researchers from UPV, Western Philippine University, and Partido State University, as well as staff from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Region VI and BFAR-National Stock Assessment Program Region VI.

The training-workshop aimed to introduce participants to data-limited methods in assessing fish and invertebrate stocks. These methods can aid the fisheries resource managers in determining reference points and formulate harvest control rules for different fisheries. The training-workshop also enabled participants to share

and discuss different approaches that they use in stock assessment.

Liese M. Carleton from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) presented stock assessment methodologies that utilize mean length and data of fish and invertebrates.

The activity involved lectures, discussions, and lab exercises using the mean-length-mortality (MLZ) software package for R studio developed by Dr. John Hoenig and researchers from VIMS. (Mr. **Joshua M. Regalado**)



# KUFF grad students thankful of training at UPV



TWO graduate students from the Kagoshima University Faculty of Fisheries (KUFF), Kagoshima, Japan were grateful for the training experience at the University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV).

Nishida Saori and Miyakawa Akira, Master of Science Fisheries students of KUFF, said that they learned a lot from the 10-day training on “Advances in Tropical Fisheries” facilitated

and conducted by the University through the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) from June 25 to July 6, 2018.

“I would like to express my sincere thanks to the kindness and support of UPV. The program is a very good opportunity for me to learn something new from the Philippines,” said Akira.

Meanwhile, Saori said that she really enjoyed the learning experience.

Akira and Saori conducted brief studies during the training with the assistance of four graduate students of the CFOS. Major in Aquatic Animal Nutrition, Akira’s study was on the “Survey on Food Characteristics and Consumption of Milkfish in Iloilo, Philippines.” Saori’s interest was on seafood processing. She conducted a study entitled “Comparative and Sensory Evaluation of Philippine and Japanese Soy Sauce.” Both presented their reports during the culminating activity at the Audio Visual Room, Graduate and Continuing Education Building, UPV, Iloilo City campus on July 5, 2018.

Dr. Munechika Ishizaki of KUFF expressed his deepest gratitude for the University’s continued support to the success of the international linkage program. UPV, through CFOS, has been conducting the training to KUFF for 11 years since the program started in 2007.

CFOS Dean Yap, on the other hand, said that the training is an opportunity for UPV to share its knowledge and technologies on tropical fisheries and for the Japanese students to learn the culture in this part of the world.

In August, four graduate students of CFOS attended 40-day training in KUFF. They are Modesto Mendel Intoy, Mary Sharolen Jean Leyson, Hannah Kamelle Segodor, and Carl John Matas Saromines. (Ms. Lenilyn B. Gallos)

## RedT Network kicks off with Research Proposal Writing Boot Camp at SSU

CATBALOGAN CITY, Samar—The University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV), in partnership with the Samar State University (SSU), organized a three-day Research Proposal Writing Boot Camp for the Red Tide (RedT) Network members at Samar State University-Mercedes Campus on June 13-15, 2018.

Forty-five faculty members and researchers from the main and other satellite campuses of SSU participated in the activity. The three-day workshop was aimed at developing and enhancing the participants’ research proposal writing skills. Further, the activity

was aimed at improving and packaging project proposals about Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) and related studies already prepared by the participants.

Experts from UPV served as Resource Persons and facilitators for the said workshop. Dr. Victor Marco Emmanuel N. Ferriols, Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension of UPV, talked about the contents of a research proposal, highlighting the importance of the line item budget and work plan.

On the other hand, Dr. Rolly G. Fuentes, UPV Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension,

shared his knowledge on writing research titles, formulating research objectives, and citing references. Dr. Leni Yap-Dejeto, RedT Network Program Leader, gave important points on how to improve the rationale of the participants’ individual research proposals.

The presentation of Dr. Marshaley Baquiano, UPV Scientist, centered on how to write effectively a review of literature.

Assist. Prof. Rosabella B. Montes delivered a presentation, which guided the participants in formulating appropriate research designs and in choosing suitable statistical methods for their

proposed studies. In day two, Dr. Marilyn D. Cardoso, University President of SSU, visited the boot camp. The President could say nothing but words of admirations and gratitude for the support extended by UPV through the RedT Network initiative.

At the end of the boot camp, the participants packaged and submitted ten research proposals. The proposals did not just focus on the biophysical aspect associated with HABs but also touched other areas such as social sciences, information technology, and engineering. (Mr. John O. de la Cruz)

## UPV inks MOA with NVC for the Establishment of Aklanon Studies Center

THE University of the Philippines Visayas signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Northwestern Visayan Colleges (NVC) of Kalibo, Aklan for the project, “Establishment of Aklanon

Studies Center in NVC” on July 5, 2018 at the UPV Graduate Program Office (GPO) Conference Room, Iloilo City. The Project aims to enhance the capacity of NVC in the documentation, dissemination,

and preservation of the historico-cultural heritage of Aklan. It also aimed at developing the information database on Aklanon Studies leading to the establishment of the Aklanon Studies Center in NVC.

The agreement was signed by UPV Chancellor Dr. Ricardo P. Babaran and NVC President Mr. Allan Angelo L. Quimpo. Prof. Jorge S. Ebay, CWVS Director, and Mr. Sashah B. Dioso, CWVS University Research Associate, served as witnesses to the signing. (Mr. Sashah Diosho)

## UP Visayas hosts UKEAS education fair

UP Visayas hosted the UKEAS “International Study Abroad Education Fair” on September 27, 2018 at its Iloilo City campus.

According to its website, UKEAS is an education consultancy which provides free and impartial counselling and application services for international students wishing to study at high schools, colleges, and universities in the United Kingdom.

It was founded in Taiwan in 1993, and, since then, has helped thousands of students to study in the UK. Having grown considerably, it now has offices in Taiwan, China, Vietnam, the Philippines and Nigeria, as well as a base in the UK.

UKEAS has gained a great deal of experience in assisting students to meet their study-abroad goals. Its counselors are professional and

well versed in all aspects of the UK education system.

Admission to the event was FREE and it was open to the public. The prospective participants registered through this link: <https://www.ukeas.ph/registration/registration-form.php>

The activity was coordinated by the UPV Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs. (Ms. Lyncen M. Fernandez)





# UPV holds personal effectiveness classes to aid in the adjustment of freshmen



The Office of Students Affairs, in partnership with the National Service Training Program, held Personal Effectiveness Program (PEP) sessions on August 18 and September 1. These sessions covered a variety of topics that were designed to help the freshmen in

their adjustment to the University.

On August 18, 2018, students from both the Miagao and City Campuses convened at the UPV Covered Court. The NSTP Orientation was held in the morning, and the First wave of PEP sessions, which discussed

the rationale of PEP, lobbying of expectations, and support systems, was held in the afternoon. There was a total of 814 attendees.

During September 1, 2018, the students from the Miagao Campus held the PEP Sessions at the covered court while students from the City Campus convened at the GCEB Rooms and the UPV Auditorium in the City campus. Simultaneous talks were done in both campuses covering topics on Values, Self-Awareness, Studying Effectively, Budgeting, and Time Management. The Guidance Services Specialists facilitated the topics. The UPV Peer Facilitators assisted in the Miagao Sessions while the UPV DUCES assisted the City Sessions. Student Assistants from NSTP and ROTC also assisted in the two-day event. There was a

total of 210 and 548 participants from the Iloilo City campus and Miagao campus; respectively.

In an effort to put emphasis on mental health, the afternoon session of September 1 was devoted mostly to talks on mental health. Dr. Marshaley Baquiano, a registered psychologist and faculty member in the Division of Social Sciences, spoke to the students of the Miagao campus on mental health issues and how to respond to people who confide about their problems. Meanwhile, Dr. Eunice Sermonia, a psychiatrist, served as the Resource Speaker for the City Campus students. Aside from issues and awareness on mental health, Dr. Sermonia also invited mental health advocates who gave their testimonials on mental health. (Ms. Paula Khryss P. Ushiyama)



Pres. Concepcion joins coastal clean-up at Taklong Island National Marine Reserve



Former Sen. Manny Villar awards Sheena Escordial, UPV 2018 summa cum laude, with a medal and grant of P20,000.00.

## UP Visayas and Louisiana State University—Alexandria sign MOA

THE University of the Philippines Visayas and Louisiana State University—Alexandria (LSUA) signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on July 16, 2018, at the UP Visayas Iloilo City campus. The agreement formalized the partnership that was forged in August 2017 when the two institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) during which both parties pledged to cooperate, in a spirit of greater understanding, to deepen friendly relations and ties and to foster collaboration.

The MOU was initiated through the effort of Prof. Steve

P. Janagap, who was then Chair of the Department of Chemistry, and Dr. Gerard Dumancas, an alumnus of the Department of Chemistry and of UPV who chose the department as his host unit for his engagement as a DOST Balik Scientist scholar.

The MOA took effect in August and will remain in force for five academic years. It will allow student, faculty and researcher exchange between the two Universities which will strengthen not just their academic and research agenda but also the exchange of ideas from the experts of the two institutions.

Dr. Gerard Dumancas signed the MOA on behalf of the Chancellor of LSUA, Prof. Guiyou Huang, Ph.D. UPV was represented by its Chancellor, Prof. Ricardo P. Babaran, Ph.D.

The Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Gay D. Defiesta, whose office facilitated the final draft of the terms stated in the MOA, acted as witnesses together with the current Chair of the Department of Chemistry, Dr. Danilo O. Ortillo. Also present were VCRE Dr. Rolly Fuentes, Assistant to the VCAA of UPV, Prof. Juhn Chris Espia who is in charge of



the Internationalization program of UPV, Associate Dean of CAS, Prof. Nilo C. Araneta, Dean Arthur P. Barrido of the College of Management, and faculty members of the Department of Chemistry. After signing the papers, Dr. Dumancas presented Chancellor Babaran with a token from LSUA. (Ms. Jilma Fernandez Portillo)



# UPV conducts orientation on Data Privacy Act (RA 10173)

UP Visayas conducted an orientation for its employees on the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (RA 10173) through its designated Data Protection Officer, Mr. Wilfredo Palete, Jr., on July 10, 2018, at the Miagao, Iloilo campus.

The Data Privacy Act (DPA) was created in response to the ever-growing use of the Internet in the Philippines for business particularly through digital economy and international trade relations and for personal use with the Filipinos' heavy penchant for social media, thus the need to strengthen privacy and security protections.

The DPA's purpose is "to protect

the fundamental human right of privacy, of communication while ensuring free flow of information to promote innovation and growth." (Republic Act. No. 10173, Ch. 1, Sec. 2). The National Privacy Commission was established to enforce and oversee the DPA.

In a nutshell, this means that personal information should be safeguarded not only by the person concerned but by the company or institution to which he is connected. Personal information refers to "any information, whether recorded in a material form or not, from which the identity of an individual is apparent or can be reasonably and

directly ascertained by the entity holding the information, or, when put together with other information, would directly and certainly identify an individual." (National Privacy Commission Tool Kit)

Personal information includes sensitive personal information that covers an individual's race, ethnic origin, marital status, age, color,

and religious, philosophical, or political affiliations. This also includes an individual's health, education, genetic or sexual life, and any proceeding for any offense committed or alleged to have been committed by such person, the disposal of such proceedings, or the sentence of any court in such proceedings.

The disclosure of personal information when needed for a legitimate purpose should have the consent of the person concerned and should only be used for the purpose intended. (Ms. Lyncen M. Fernandez)



## CWVS organizes Seminar-Workshop on Local and Oral History Research in Antique

THE Center for West Visayan Studies (CWVS) of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) conducted a two-day seminar-workshop on local and oral history research at the Main Campus of the University of Antique (UA) in Sibalom, Antique on August 16-17, 2018.

The activity aimed to train educators and students to do research on Antique history and culture and to foster academic cooperation between UP Visayas through the CWVS and UA through its Sentrong Wika at Kultura (SWK) in the preservation of cultural identity

and promotion of local history and culture of the province.

In his message to the participants, Prof. Aries Cabahit, UA-SWK Director, emphasized the need for Antiqueños to look into their identity through documenting and understanding

local history and culture. The seminar-workshop was part of the series of activities in line with the celebration of Buwan ng Wika at UA. The lectures and workshops were conducted and facilitated by Dr. Randy Madrid of the Division of Professional Education and Mr. Sashah Dioso, University Research Associate of CWVS. (Mr. Sashah Dioso)



## Napata attends fisheries value-chain development program in Japan

MS. Ruby Napata, University Research Associate (URA) of the Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies (IFPDS), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas attended a course program on Value-Chain Development for Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources in Hokkaido, Japan. Conducted at Hokkaido University, the program ran from August 18, 2018 until September 22, 2018.

The Program enabled the participants to gain advanced knowledge and skills and practical experiences on value-chain development to promote sustainable fisheries resources management.

Value-Chain Development for Sustainable Use of Fisheries Resources is one of the Knowledge Co-Creation Program of the Japan

International Cooperation Agency (JICA) implemented as part of the Official Development Assistance of the Government of Japan. It is attended by officers, researchers, leaders of fishers' or fish processors' groups particularly from Cambodia, Cote d'Ivoire, the Philippines, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Panama, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam.

The sole representative from the Philippines, Napata together with 11 other participants learned about new approaches in Japan, such as adaptive control of the fishing pressure with value chain development and utilization of unutilized resources, to develop sustainable value chains on fisheries products through lectures, practices, and field visits. (Ms. Lenilyn B. Gallos)

## CFOS retired faculty granted Professor Emeritus title

DR. Liberato V. Laureta, Jr., retired faculty member of the Institute of Aquaculture, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, received his appointment as Professor Emeritus conferred by the Board of Regents during its 1334th Board of Regents Meeting on April 06, 2018, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, University of the Philippines System, effective upon his retirement on May 23, 2017. Along with this title are all the rights and privileges as well as duties and obligations attached to the position in accordance with the rules and regulations of the University and the Constitution and Laws of the Republic of the Philippines.

Laureta is the author of the book titled "Compendium of the Economically Important Seashells in Panay, Philippines." The compendium is an important contribution to the knowledge on seashells of Panay Island. Other than that, the book is a valuable material for the study of Philippine marine fauna. For over twenty years, Dr. Laureta taught fisheries subjects on Invertebrates and Aquatic Ecology to the undergraduate students of



the University. His research for the past decade centered on the biology and hatchery of some commercially important mollusks in the Region and on the development of a strategy for the sustainable production of the oriental angelwing, *Pholas orientalis*, one of the most sought bivalves in the country. Before his retirement, he has also served as the Program Leader for the DOST funded program on mussel titled: "Enhancement of Hatchery and Nursery Practices for a Reliable Supply of Quality Seeds for the Green Mussel (*Perna viridis*) Farming. Dr. Laureta is the first CFOS-IA Professor who received the title of Professor Emeritus. (Ms. Soledad S. Garibay with reports from Dr. Jane Amar, CFOS-IA)



# BS Economics graduates present research paper at EnerCon 2018



JAN Chael L. Pon-an and Ellen Grace F. Galaura, both Bachelor of Science in Economics graduates, presented a research paper during the 2nd International Conference on Energy Economics (EnerCon) held at Acacia Hotel, Muntinlupa

City, Metro Manila, Philippines on July 19-20, 2018.

Pon-an and Galaura, belonging to Class 2018 and both graduating with Latin Honors, presented their paper titled "Determinants of

electricity expenditure among households in Miagao, Iloilo, Philippines" in a parallel session on Microeconomics of Electricity Consumption and Generation. They were also joined by their undergraduate

research adviser, Dr. Alice Joan G. Ferrer.

The theme of EnerCon 2018 was "Energy and the environment: Challenges and opportunities amidst ASEAN integration towards inclusive growth." The Conference aimed to gather stakeholders in the energy sector to contribute information concerning sustainable energy adoption and development in the Philippines and in ASEAN.

Some prominent speakers and guests present at the event were Hon. Cesar Enrique A. Virata (former Prime Minister), Hon. Sherwin T. Gatchalian (Senator), Hon. Vicente S. Perez, Jr. (former Energy Secretary), and Dr. Cielito Habito (former Socioeconomic Planning Secretary).

The two-day event was organized by the Department of Economics of the College of Economics and Management, University of the Philippines Los Baños. (Mr. Jan Chael Pon-an and Ms. Ellen Grace Galaura)

# UPV Tacloban College snatches 3rd consecutive championship win at NAQDOWN Visayas

THE University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC) has secured its third consecutive championship in the Visayas hub of the National Accounting Quiz Showdown (NAQDOWN). The NAQDOWN is an annual nationwide inter-school academic quiz bee competition held simultaneously in four hubs across the country, namely, NCR, Luzon,

Visayas, and Mindanao.

Denmark L. Dichosa and Magic M. Vidad, senior BS Accountancy (BSA) students of the Division of Management, accompanied by their adviser Mr. Joseph Brian M. Ruales, bested 28 other participants from Accountancy schools across the Visayas Region by placing first and second places, respectively, in the Visayas hub of the NAQDOWN

held at the University of San Jose - Recoletos (USJ-R) in Cebu City on July 15, 2018.

Previously, Kim D. Limosnero, a magna cum laude BSA graduate from the UPVTC Class of 2018, won the NAQDOWN Visayas 2017 while Alexis Eugene Castor, a magna cum laude BSA graduate from the UPVTC Class of 2017, won the NAQDOWN Visayas 2016.



Now on its 11th year, the NAQDOWN is organized by the National Federation of Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (NFJPIA), in collaboration with Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) and SGV & Co., as part of the celebration of the Philippine National Accountancy Week. (Mr. Joseph Brian M. Ruales)

# CWVS and Tinukib Foundation conduct Local History Writing Seminar-Workshop

THE Center for West Visayan Studies (CWVS) of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and Tinukib Foundation, Incorporated conducted a seminar-workshop on local history writing at Casa Gamboa Museum in Jaro, Iloilo City on August 23-24, 2018.

The activity aimed to introduce to the participants the basics of local history writing and to highlight the significance of local history and culture in establishing the identity of a locality and its people. In the morning of Day 1, four papers on local history and culture were presented. University of the Philippine Visayas professors Rey Carlo Gonzales and Marie Joy Sumagaysay discussed "Forms of Kalingawan (entertainment) of

Ilonggos during World War II" and "Ilonggo Food and Culture Musing," respectively. In the afternoon, Professor Joyce Christine Colon of West Visayas State University, the consultant of Casa Gamboa, discussed "Ancestral Domain Claims of Indigenous Peoples of Panay" while CWVS University Research Associate Sashah Dioso discussed the "Contributions of Indigenous Beliefs and Practices in Natural Resource Sustainability in Pandan, Antique."

Lecture-discussions on historiography and local history by Prof. Colon and repositories of local historical sources by Mr. Dioso then followed the paper presentations.

On Day 2, discussions and workshops on local history writing, documentation of sources, and the

conduct of oral history interview transpired. Prof. Colon and Mr. Dioso served as discussants and facilitators. Day 2 ended with an inspiring message from Iloilo's prolific historian and public servant, Board Member Demy Sonza.

The participants of the said activity were tourist guides, local tourism officers, local historians, cultural workers, graduate students, and members of indigenous people.

The activity is the third to be conducted by CWVS for this year.

The same activity was conducted in Aklan in partnership with Northwestern Visayan Colleges (NVC) on May 28-29 and in Antique in partnership with the University of Antique (UA) on August 16-17. The Center, in fulfilling its mandate to document, preserve, and disseminate Western Visayan history and culture, hopes to conduct more similar activities and establish linkages with institutions to strengthen local history research in the Region. (Mr. Sashah Dioso)





## 2nd gathering of fisheries professionals held in UPV

MEMBERS of the Asosasyon ng mga Propesyonal sa Pangisdaan ng Pilipinas, Inc. (APPP), gathered for the second time during the training-seminar conducted on August 23-24, 2018 at the Auditorium, UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus.

Prof. Encarnacion Emilia S. Yap, dean of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas (UPV) welcomed 500 members of the Organization from other parts of the country. In her message, Yap underscored

the importance of the seminar in compliance with the new CPD Law or the Republic Act 10912 entitled Continuing Professional Development Act of 2016.

Yap said the gathering was an opportunity for the fisheries professionals to increase their knowledge about their field, to re-establish their networks, and to affirm their commitment to the Philippine fisheries industry.

PRC fully implemented the requirement for CPD in the

first quarter of 2017.

Under the law, fisheries professionals are required to have 27 credit units of the CPD programs for the renewal of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) identification card for 2018. The required CPD credit units for fisheries will increase to 45 effective 2019.

The training-seminar was



graced by three (3) experts in the field, namely, Prof. Nygiel B. Armada of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) Fish Right Project, Dr. Arlene N. Satapornvanit of the USAID Ocean Project, and Ms. Amor Diaz of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR).s. **Lenilyn B. Gallos)**

## People of Dumarao treated to Sarswela

“SARSWELA: Padayon ang Istorya,” a set of excerpts from select Ilonggo Sarswelas was again restaged by the UP Visayas Alumni Community Theater (UPV ACT) at the Dumarao Sports Complex on August 4, 2018.

Dumaraonons were treated to four Sarswelas: “Ma-Pa-Ta,” written by Valente Cristobal in 1927; “Mga Anak ni Sisa,” written by Serapion Torre in 1926; “Pinustahan nga Gugma” written by Alicia Tan Gonzales in 2000; and “Sa Tiangge ni Takay,” also by Valente Cristobal, written in 1928.

This staging was brought to the people of Dumarao by the Municipal Government of Dumarao headed by Mayor Edgardo M. Arancillo, also an alumnus of UPV. The Mayor

recounted that at first, he didn't get the support he needed to bring the show to the municipality. But he persisted because he knew it was a good show and it was important for the Dumaraonons to see this part of our history, heritage, and culture. “Most of the Dumaraonons haven't seen a Sarswela. The children never knew about it. That's why we brought it here for them to experience,” says Arancillo.

“Sarswela: Padayon ang Istorya” is directed by Alfredo B. Diaz and features UPV alumni, and faculty and staff members, Rey Carlo T. Gonzales, GC T. Castro, Crispino A. Saclauso, Andrelyn L. Cortez, Carmencita B. Diaz, Francis Gerard A. Habana, Mary Grace P. Lobaton, Duke R.



Monsale, Chiester Dawn Escaniel, Daniezl Ivanna Cabardo, Josephine C. Madlangbayan, Ruben M. Gamala, Jesusa S. Libutaque, Ramonita V. Pico, Kezia Charice Lao, Kyle Enrique Diestro, and Neil Cortez. Joseph William Albana is Artistic Director; Ronie Jamantoc, Stage Manager; Carlos John Lee, Assistant Stage Manager; Danrave B. Libre, Stage Designer; Christine Frances Nicole Jaco, Assistant to the Director; and

Fionna Vito, Lights Designer.

This staging commemorates the 10th Anniversary of UPV ACT. The company was formed and first brought this set of sarswelas to the UPV stage as part of UP's Centennial Year Celebration in 2008. The plays have already been staged for more than 15 times and have toured around Panay. It was also shown in UP Diliman in 2009 as part of the Sarswela Festival. **(Mr. GC Castro)**

## Math Bridgers get ‘first taste’ of UP education

THE official academic year started on August 6, 2018, but for some of the freshmen in the University of the Philippines Visayas, it started two weeks earlier as they got the first taste of UP education in the Summer Bridge Program in Mathematics conducted by the Teaching and Learning Resource Center at the UPV Miagao campus.

The SBP has been going on since the establishment of the TLRC in 1997 and has prepared numerous batches of freshmen for UP education

by bridging the learning gap between high school and college.

The SBP in Math 2018, which started on July 23 and ended on July 31, went off with the help of faculty tutors from the Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics.

Attended by over 200 incoming freshmen from both the Iloilo City and Miagao campuses, several classes in the span of a week commenced after the Orientation and Opening Program of the SBP in Math.

The UPV Tacloban College

TLRC also conducted an SBP in Math, attended by 90 participants.

Prof. Filame Joy Catinan handled the SBP participants for Iloilo City-based degree programs while Mr. Jenmarc Muchada, Prof. Michele Olivares, Prof. Leah Araneta, Ms. Christi Florence Calina, and Ms. Joanah Faith Sanz handled the SBP for Miagao-based degree programs.

The Program ended on July 31, 2018, with selected SBP participants sharing their experiences about the week-long activity and the giving of

special awards to participants who excelled in it.

Glennel Jan Hallado earned the highest grade in the Diagnostic Exam, and Mary Stelle Amayot received the highest grade in the Final Exam while Eloise Logarta came up as the most improved student.

All the participants were given Certificates of Completion, a requirement for them to comply before officially enrolling in the University. **(Mr. Czar Ian Angel Esquivel)**

## CFOS-IA faculty member attends EURASTiP training in France

MS. Mary Grace Sedanza, a faculty member of the Institute of Aquaculture (IA), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas participated in the EURASTiP Capacity Building Foresight Workshop on August 25, 2018, to be held in Aqua2018, Montpellier, France.

Sedanza is one of the CFOS coordinators for external linkages.

The Workshop focused on ensuring that aquaculture education meets the needs of the aquaculture sector. It is primarily aimed to identify the relevance of the current and future aquaculture educational programs to address the emerging trends in the aquaculture industry.

The Workshop brought together aquaculture partners from both Europe and South East

Asia. It also sought a possible academic collaboration between these two regions.

EURASTiP is a European Union-funded support action on promoting multi-stakeholder contributions to international cooperation on sustainable solutions for aquaculture development in South-East Asia. **(Ms. Lenilyn B. Gallos)**





*Lugta Ke Tamama (Land from God), a documentary about the Atis of Boracay island directed by Prof. Kevin Piamonte, with Prof. Susan Mila P. Alvarez-Tosalem, Maria Regina Madrid-Montevirgen, Prof. Robert Rodriguez, Ruperto Quitag and Emmanuel Lerona will be presented at the the Busan International Film Festival (BIFF) in South Korea in October 2018*  
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UP Visayas was represented in the Epikong-Bayan ng Filipinas: Tradisyon, Lipunan, Inobasyon conference at the National Museum of Natural History on August 29 to 30, 2018.

Dr. Alicia Magos, Professor Emeritus discussed in her lecture "Ang Epikong Bayan ng Panay Bukidnon." Anna Razel Ramirez lectured on "In Search for the Epics of Panay (Panay Epics: Galing sa Pagtuklas hanggang sa Paglimbag at ang Kategoriya," Dr. Randy Madrid lectured on "Mula Ligbok Tungong Hinilawod at Sugidanon: Tradisyon at Inobasyon sa Teksto ng Epikong Panayanon."

Photo by Dr. Randy Madrid



UPV REPS Consultation with the AdHoc REPS Committee with Faculty Regent Prof. Patricia B. Arinto, 18 July 2018, Conference Room, New Admin Bldg., UPV Miagao campus

