



UPV launches infrastructure projects

Rey Alexander V. Palmares and Anna Razel Ramirez



Various scenes during the visit of Pres. Pascual and other UP System Officials.

UP President Alfredo E. Pascual visited the UP Visayas Iloilo City campus on August 22, 2016 to inaugurate newly constructed and renovated infrastructure projects. With him were Vice-President for Academic Affairs Gisela Concepcion and Vice-President for Planning and Finance Jose Florendo.

The UP System officials were received and assisted by UPV Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa, Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Emilia S. Yap, Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension Ricardo Babaran, Vice-Chancellor for Administration Nestor Yunque, Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Planning and Development Ruben Gamala, College of Management Dean Mary Ann Gumban, College of Arts and Sciences Dean Resurreccion Sadaba, UP High School in Iloilo Principal Lourdes Zamora, Office of the Continuing Education and Pahinungod Director Ma. Joji B. Tan, Sentro ng Wika Overall Coordinator Julie Ramirez, and other UPV officials.

Science, biology, and chemistry and physics classes of the junior high school students and the new entrants of the K-12 senior high school students will be accommodated in the newly renovated UPHSI laboratory classrooms. A total of P5M was allocated for the renovation

of these four classrooms including its amenities.

The P3M “Balay Wika” of the Sentro ng Wikang Filipino will spearhead programs of the University in connection with the propagation of the Filipino language. It will also serve as a center for study, research, extension work, and consultation of teachers of Filipino in Western Visayas and the nearby regions.

Plans for the proposed renovation of the College of Management Building in the amount of P22.3M were also unveiled in front of CM alumni, faculty, staff and students. It will house undergraduate classes as well as graduate program classes administered by the College of Management.

After the inauguration and unveiling of these facilities, Pascual also took time to meet with the College of Management Student Council for consultation. Before the inauguration, a meeting with the officers and members of the All UP Workers Union Iloilo Chapter also took place, including discussions on the UP contractual employees as well as personnel benefits.

The day also marked the unveiling of the perspectives of the Regional Research Center (RRC) and the new School of Technology (SoTech) buildings at the UP Visayas Miagao Campus. Pres.

Pascual, VP Concepcion, VP Florendo, and Faculty Regent Philip Ian P. Padilla graced the event.

The program began with a prayer followed by the singing of the Philippine National Anthem. Two SoTech students, Roi Lagon and Roy Palmares, then interpreted a composo written by Palanca awardee Professor Alice Tan-Gonzales of the Division of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences.

Chancellor Espinosa welcomed the UP System officials as well as the UPV officials present, namely, VCRE Babaran, VCAA Yap, VCA Yunque, OIC of the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Planning and Development, Prof. Ruben M. Gamala, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Dean Crispino A. Saclauso, College of Management Dean Mary Ann T. Gumban, and School of Technology Dean Emeliza C. Lozada.

According to VCRE Babaran, “The RRC is envisioned as a hub for research in fisheries and aquatic sciences not only in the Visayas Region and in the entire country but also in the Southeast Asian region as well.” He further said that he looks forward to a center that has state-of-the-art equipment to be used in the conduct of relevant and critical research.

The new SoTech building will cater to the growing number of undergraduate students enrolling in Food Technology and Chemical Engineering courses. Dean Lozada hopes that this will allow for a more conducive educational

environment for students, faculty, and staff.

Following the unveiling of the building perspectives was the presentation of “Unleashing Knowledge from the Pillars and Exhibit” at the Administration Building lobby. VCRE Babaran said that the project is a multi-media display that showcases UPV’s research initiatives in more understandable formats for the general public.

In his message, Pres. Pascual encouraged the faculty, REPs, and students to take the initiative and be innovative in their research endeavors. He also thanked the UPV community for setting a research ideal others may strive for. Vice-President Concepcion likewise said, “These endeavors are all possible when we turn our jobs into our passions.”

After the program, the guests were invited to partake of the fisheries food products developed through UPV research projects as well as view the exhibit on the completed and ongoing research projects of the different UPV units.



CFOS profs are ‘UP Scientist’ awardees

Lenilyn B. Gallos



(L-R) Traifalgar, Laureta and Serrano

THE UP Scientific Productivity System (SPS) Committee conferred the title of UP Scientist to three faculty members of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas for producing outstanding publications that support the development of science and technology.

Prof. Rex Ferdinand M. Traifalgar, Prof. Liberato V. Laureta, and Prof. Augusto E. Serrano, Jr. were recently named as UP Visayas Scientific Productivity System awardees. Traifalgar has been chosen as UP Scientist I for CY 2015-2017. Laureta was re-appointed as UP Scientist I for CY 2016-2018 while Serrano was

elevated to UP Scientist III for CY 2016-2018. Their appointment was approved by the Board of Regents (BOR) during their 1317th meeting on April 28, 2016.

Dr. Rhodora V. Azanza, Chair of the Productivity System Committee and Asst. Vice President for Academic Affairs, UP System, invited the aforementioned UP Scientists to receive the award in a formal ceremony to be held at UP NISMED Auditorium, University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City on July 26, 2016.

A UP Scientist I and UP Scientist III will receive Php150,000 and Php250,000 per annum, respectively.

Gadong is 2016 Palanca Awardee



Gadong

PROF. Early Sol A. Gadong, a faculty member of the UP High School in Iloilo (UPHSI), College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas, won 2nd prize for her Hiligaynon Short Story entitled, *Nagakaangay nga Panapton* in the 2016 Carlos

Memorial Awards for Literature.

Nagakaangay nga Panapton is a story about a mother’s struggle to accept what she considers as the wayward actions and relationships of her daughter. She is torn between understanding who her daughter really is and dealing with what other people are saying. In the end, she resorted to very drastic measures in making her daughter follow the straight path.

Gadong will receive the award on September 2, 2016 at the Rigodon Ballroom of The Peninsula Manila.

An imaginative writer, Gadong has several publications to her credit, including *Si Bulan*, *Si Adlaw*, *kag si Estrellya* and *Nasa sa Dulong Dila: Stories in Three Tongues*, among others.

She is currently teaching Mathematics at UPHSI. (Anna Razel L. Ramirez)

UPV's *summa cum laude* named 34th Student Regent



Manuel

RAOUL Daniel Abellar Manuel was chosen as the 34th Student Regent of the UP Board of Regents by the student leaders of the different Constituent Universities during the 42nd General Assembly of the Student Councils held on July 17, 2016 at the University of the Philippines Los Banos.

Manuel was nominated by the Student Council of UP Diliman where he is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in Applied Mathematics. He made history by being the first UP Visayas *summa cum laude* during its 2015 Commencement Exercises,

garnering a general weighted average (GWA) of 1.099. He is known to be a staunch activist and a passionate student leader. He was chairman of the UP Visayas College of Arts Student Council and was also Chairperson of KASAMA sa UP – the biggest student alliance in the UP System.

Manuel was a consistent honor student who graduated as Class Valedictorian of UP High School in Iloilo in 2011 and Class Valedictorian of the Integrated School for Exceptional Children in Iloilo City in 2007. (Anna Razel L. Ramirez)

UPV to host Master in Urban and Regional Planning Program



Pres. Pascual (center sitting) flanked by Dr. Mario de los Reyes (left) and Chancellor Rommel Espinosa (right) with other University Officials.

THE University of the Philippines Diliman School of Urban and Regional Planning will offer the Master of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning (MAURP) in Western Visayas effective 2nd Semester of Academic Year 2016-2017 through the College of Management of UP Visayas.

President Alfredo E. Pascual signed Executive Order No. PAEP 16-01A for the implementation of this program in the region, which was launched on August 23, 2016 at the UPV Auditorium, Iloilo City campus. It was witnessed by Dr. Mario de los Reyes, Dean of the UP Diliman School

of Urban and Regional Planning who represented Chancellor Michael Tan. UPV Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa, CM Dean Mary Ann Gumban, and other UPV officials were also present.

During the Launching Program, Pascual delivered a message that calls for "Investing in Human Capital for Urban Planning in LGUs." The following lectures were also delivered: "Urban Planning and the Urban Environment of Western Visayas" by Ms. Ro-Ann A. Bacal, Regional Director, NEDA 6.; "GIS in Urban Planning" by Mr. Ubo V. Pakes, CIM Integrated Expert and GIS Coordinator; and "Governance Structure and Policy Direction for Smarter LGUs" by Ms. Maria Calpiza J. Sardup, CESO V, Asst. Regional Director, DILG 6. The open forums were moderated by Dr. Rhodella A. Ibabao and Arch. Elizabeth Ann A. Daquita.

The MAURP program objectives are to provide opportunities for career development and professional growth of local government planners and professionals in the region

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UPHSI prof shines in World Championship of Performing Arts



Biñas

MS. Sharie Faith Biñas, faculty member of the UP High School in Iloilo, College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas, bagged medals during the 20th Annual World Championship of Performing Arts (WCOPA) held on July 8-17 at Long Beach, California, USA.

Biñas was awarded the bronze medal for the Vocal Broadway category. She also was a silver medalist for the Vocal Opera (18-24 years old) category. Moreover, Biñas was given a New York Film Academy Scholarship for long term acting/theater programs, which will commence in December 2017.

She represented the Philippines along with 77 other contestants from various other categories. They competed with other delegates from 60 other participating countries and brought home the medal of recognition for the Philippines.

Biñas teaches Music at the UPHSI. (Anna Razel L. Ramirez)

AAPM celebrates 25 years of fulfilling UPV education

THE Affirmative Action Program for Mindanao or AAPM was a UP System program that aimed to extend the benefits of UP education to students from Mindanao who do not have access to it. The mandate for implementing it was given to UPV specifically to the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) during Academic Year 1991-1992 and was later transferred to the Office of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs beginning Academic Year 1994-1995.

The AAPM Committee oversaw the six-year implementation and evaluation of the program and worked to assist in the academic and personal development of the grantees. In various years of its implementation, the members of the committee who worked to achieve the goals of the program were: Ms. Carmencita Simpás-Handinero, Prof. Diana Edna G. Corda, Ms. Azucena P. Pestaño, Prof. Celia F. Parcon, Prof. Marilyn Z. Alcarde, Prof. Emmeline L. Cabalum, Ms. Miriam Bethel Estenor, Prof. Gianina P. Cainglet, Ms. Mylene M. Mondejar and Prof. May D. Pison as the last Chairperson. The University Research Associates of the program were Romeo

dela Cruz Jr. (1991-1993), Sonja Yasmin C. Gacutan-Jusayan (1994), Fe P. Villanueva-Tafalla (1995), Alice Prieto-Carolino (1992-1996) and Cherry Pilapil-Anasco (1996-1998; AAPM 1st batch grantee).

There were 6 batches with a total of 335 grantees from all over Mindanao that benefited from the program. Unique in its implementation were the financial, psycho-social and learning assistance that were provided to the grantees during their stay in the Miagao and Iloilo city campuses. Roughly 65% of them eventually graduated from UPV.

After 25 years, many have returned to Mindanao and are making considerable impact in their chosen careers. To name some, they are: Shirlyn Banas-Nogales (1st batch), currently on her 3rd term as Vice Mayor of General Santos City; Dr. Glenn Segocio and Dr. Cristine Morales (2nd batch), medical doctors who are based in Kidapawan City; El Cid Castillo (3rd batch), Provincial Director of TESDA in North Cotabato; Geldolin Inte (3rd batch), Acting Dean of the CAS of Capitol University

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Miagao Mayor Macario Napulan (center) pose with AAPM alumni and the pupils of Miagao Central Elementary who are the recipients of the Support-A-Kid project.

How AAPM helped one student fulfill the dream of a UP education

"FOR us who live in Mindanao, the dream of going to UP is much harder to achieve because of the distance and financial challenges. But when the University of the Philippines System launched the Affirmative Action Program for Mindanao (AAPM) in 1991, the move gave us a shot in fulfilling the dream," says UP Visayas alumna Cherry Pilapil-Añasco (BS Applied Mathematics, 1996 and Master of Marine Affairs, 2015).

Añasco said that the AAPM was an active recruitment strategy to increase the enrolment of students from Mindanao as there was no UP campus in Mindanao back then. It was the UP System that initiated and funded the program which ended when UP Mindanao was established in 1996.

"We came from all parts of Mindanao and enrolled in various degree programs. The financial assistance extended to us included a monthly stipend (the amount depended on the family income), monthly lodging allowance, and a yearly roundtrip fare to go home to our families," she recalled of the benefits given to them.

However, she pointed out that more than the financial assistance that they received was the psycho-social assistance that helped them to adjust from the difficulty of being away from their family, meet the challenges of university life, prepare them in their chosen career, and equip them to be responsible and productive members of their communities.

Other activities included educational and cultural tours, group dynamic sessions, individual and

group counseling, and participation in important University and community events.

Añasco recalled that the field trips included a familiarization tour of commercial and cultural landmarks in Panay such as the old historic churches in Iloilo; Anini-y, Antique; and Pan-ay in Capiz. Those done in Guimaras were intended to help the grantees to appreciate its natural resources. These tours were done to counteract initial feelings of homesickness and to give the grantees opportunities to encounter Hiligaynon culture. The group dynamics module were designed to develop the grantees' self-awareness, responsiveness and effectivity, and improve their personal and interpersonal behavior and interactions.

"AAPM was instrumental to why about 65% of the grantees finished their UP education. The financial and psycho-social assistance components of the program implemented by able and committed AAPM Committee members and University Research Associates helped us hurdle the challenges of University life. The activities we did gave us many lessons not only to strive to graduate but also to do more such as pursue graduate studies wherein many received scholarship grants and became medical doctors, lawyers, political leaders, among others," she added.

Perhaps the greatest legacy that the AAPM has given to its grantees is the attitude of paying it forward. Many of them have been passing on

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UPV participates in the 11th AFAF in Thailand

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FACULTY members, REPS, and students of UP Visayas participated in the 11th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (AFAF) and Exhibition with the theme, “ASEAN Seafood for the World & Asian Food Security for the World” held at the Bangkok International Trade and Exhibition Centre (BITEC), Bangkok, Thailand on August 3-7, 2016.

Fourteen (14) faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), and College of Management (CM); four (4) REPS

from CFOS, and nine (9) students presented their papers in the oral and poster presentations.

Faculty members who participated in the international conference were Prof. Rodelio Subade, Prof. Barby Badayos-Jover, Prof. Gay Defiesta, Prof. Leah Araneta, Prof. Hanny John Mediodia, Prof. Cristabel Rose Parcon, Prof. Marshaley Baquiano, and Prof. Alice Joan Ferrer of CAS; Prof. Encarnacion Emilia Yap and Ms. Rhoda Mae Simora of CFOS; and Prof. Rowena Paz Gelvezon, Prof. Reynold Tan, Prof. Jeanette Deslate,

and Ms. Frediezel de Leon of CM.

Ferrer was awarded a Gold Medal of Service of the Asian Fisheries Society. Badayos-Jover's paper was one of the prize winners (highly commended presentation) in the 6th Global Symposium on Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries (GAF6). GAF6 is an integral part of the 11th AFAF, the key triennial event of the Asian Fisheries Society.

Ms. Rose Mueda, Ms. Rowena Cadiz, Ms. Ernestina Peralta, and Ms. Liberty Espectato of CFOS were among the REPS who had oral paper presentations.

Meanwhile, student presenters included Liza May Sandoy, Celina Togonon, Philina Acob, and Jan Katryn Rojas of CAS. They presented their respective undergraduate thesis in BS Economics. They graduated in June this year.

Jesper Marie Turao, Jan Vincent Ybut, and Nelcie Jean Esmero of CM who co-authored a paper took the opportunity to participate in the international forum.

Two graduates of Master of Science major in Aquaculture of CFOS had individual poster presentations. They were Mary Grace Sedanza and Nowena Solidum. Their presentations were part of their graduate thesis funded by DOST-ASTHRDP and



Ferrer



Jover

UPV-OVCRE. They just earned their master's degree last June 2016.

AFAF provides a venue for prominent scientists from all over the world to tackle issues on sustainable fisheries and aquaculture in the Asia-
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UPV Psych alumni in the Top 10 of the 2016 Psychometrician Board Exam

TWO alumni of the BA Psychology degree program of UP Visayas scored in the Top 10 of the 2016 Psychometrician Board Exam. They are John Bert C. Tutisura who took the 9th spot and Augil Marie Q. Robles who was number 10.



(L-R) Robles and Tutisura

The exam was given in August and the results were released by PRC on September 5, 2016. According to its website, 7,312 examinees took the test and only 3,690 passed, making the mortality rate to almost 50%. UPV scored an 87.18% passing rate in said exam, the highest in Western Visayas.

The other successful examinees are: BAELLO, Mary Antonette P., BALAN, Anna Gabriel D., BARCELONA, Mary Racelyn T., BAUTISTA, Michelle M., BORBON, Aika Mae G., CAIGOY, Denise C., CANABAL, Ge-Ann
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DENR VI and UPV ink MOA for book on traditional knowledge systems



(L-R) Atty. Elizur Militar, RDVI Jim Sampulna, Chancellor Rommel Espinosa and Dr. Ricardo Babaran

THE University of the Philippines Visayas signed a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) VI for the publication of a book on the traditional knowledge systems of Panay and Guimaras on August 19, 2016 at the UP High School in Iloilo Conference Room, UPV, Iloilo City campus. Regional Director Jim O. Sampulna and Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa signed the MOA for DENR IV and UPV, respectively. Atty. Elizur Militar, DENR VI Legal Counsel and Dr. Ricardo B. Babaran, UPV Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension witnessed the signing of the MOA.

Dubbed as “From Reef to Cliff: Panay-Guimaras Traditional Knowledge Systems for Cultural Resiliency and Sustainable Development,” the book aims at revitalizing the core of Panay-Guimaras culture. The choice of these concerns as overarching themes is anchored on the idea of environmental protection and conservation advocated by the DENR where the ecosystem is treated holistically as a prized heritage by itself.

The project acknowledges that Traditional Knowledge Systems are vital in maintaining equilibrium in the physical, socioeconomic and cultural ecosystem since these provide frameworks in the operation of human interaction and adaptation to environment especially on the satisfaction of basic needs and

utilization of resources for survival and sustainability; and that modernity and globalization have drastically altered their normal functioning.

Forest and Biodiversity (Forestry), Water Bodies and the Coastal Environment (Fisheries), Arable and Habitable Terrains (Agriculture), Sustainable Arts and Crafts (Arts and Crafts), and Environmental Rituals and Traditions (Literature and Rituals) will be the project's five major themes.

All these themes are anchored under the umbrella of cultural resiliency and sustainable development, which aim at highlighting unique experiences and best practices of environmental protection and conservation to foster resiliency and sustainability of Traditional Knowledge Systems.

UPV will work with top state universities and Colleges (SUCs) of the different provinces in the publication of this book. Collaboration with West Visayas State University, Aklan State University, University of Antique, Capiz State University and Guimaras State College are being finalized to ensure a comprehensive research output that will form part of the book.

Dr. Alicia P. Magos, Professor Emeritus of UPV will be the main consultant of this project. The core committee for UPV is composed of Anna Razel Ramirez, Dr. John Barrios, Joyce Christine Colon, Sashah Dioso, Prof. Martin Genodepa, Dr. Randy Madrid, Ramon Ramirez and Lucy Granada. (Anna Razel L. Ramirez)

UPVTC gets 95.83% passing rate, produces two Top 3 passers in psychometrician board exam

Pierce S. Docena

WITH a 95.83% passing rate and two examinees who both ranked third, UP Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC) performed strongly in the August 2016 Psychometrician Licensure Examination administered by the Board of Psychology of the Professional Regulation Commission in various parts of the country.

The two UPVTC alumnae who landed in the Top 3 spot are Cyrene Camposano and Cristy Pestilos. The other successful examinees are Glenda Elaine Alas, Angelika Ambal, Angie

Asumbrado, Patrick Vense Bajamunde, Deanna Jill Balagasay, Christine Joy Bato, Faye Jessa Egargo, Regine May



(L-R): Camposano and Pestilos

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Strategic student recruitment seminar held

THE Division of Professional Education of the College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas, conducted a Strategic Student Recruitment Management Seminar Workshop on July 18-19, 2016 at the GCEB Training Rooms, UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus.

In an effort to enhance professional collaboration among faculty members to ensure increase in enrolment, the Division conducted the activity for its faculty and staff. The workshop objectives were for the participants to 1) learn current trends in promotion and recruitment particularly in all media platforms; 2) develop a year-round strategic plan for student recruitment and promotions; 3) establish protocol, standards, and requisites for the constitution of a committee on recruitment and promotion; and 4) develop a 5-year development plan for enrolment targets and recruitment enrichment.

Prof. Vicente R. Tan, former faculty member of UP Visayas and current Director of the Culture, Arts, and International Relations Office of the Sacred Heart School – Ateneo de Cebu, was the Resource Person of the seminar. He discussed trends, branding, and marketing as well as professional conversations and standard articulation during the first



Participants listen to Prof. Vicente Tan.

session, among others. On the second day, Tan talked about technological advancement, civic diversity in student recruitment, and targeted communication outreach and social media.

After the workshop, the group was able to come up with an annual strategic plan for student recruitment and promotions; form a student recruitment and promotions committee; and draw a five-year development plan for recruitment targets and enrichment strategies. (Anna Razel L. Ramirez)

CFOS profs conduct lecture series in fisheries for ASU faculty and students

Lenilyn B. Gallos

TWO faculty members of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas, served as Resource Persons in a two-day “Lecture Series in Fisheries” conducted by the Aklan State University (ASU), New Washington, Aklan this month.

Dr. Nathaniel Añasco of the Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanology (IMFO) and Ms. Karen Grace Andrino-Felarca of the Institute of Aquaculture (IA) shared their knowledge and expertise with the faculty, staff, and students of the College of Fisheries and Marine Sciences of ASU..

Añasco, whose expertise is on fisheries biology, marine chemistry, and chemical oceanography, discussed aquatic resources and ecology on August 6-7, 2016.

Meanwhile, Felarca talked about the fundamentals of aquaculture, cultured aquatic organisms, fish diseases, and other updates in aquaculture on August 20-21, 2016. Her lecture include topics on the foundations of aquaculture, site selection and preparation, water quality, nutrition and feeding, aquaculture engineering, aquaculture species (broodstock management, nursery and grow-out culture), genetic concepts, and fish health management/fish diseases. *(With sources from Ms. Karen Grace Felarca)*

Dean Saclauso reports CFOS accomplishments

Lenilyn B. Gallos

AS his term as Dean of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, UP Visayas draws near to an end , Dr. Crispino A. Saclauso presented the State of the College report before the faculty, staff, and students during a General Assembly at the CFOS Audio Visual Hall, UPV Miagao campus, on August 5, 2016. The activity was facilitated by the Search Committee for the next CFOS Dean chaired by Prof. Emeliza Lozada.

Saclauso showcased the achievements of the College under his administration in the last three years since he took over the post in October 1, 2013. Barely less than two months left in leading the flagship College of the University, he acknowledged the support and collaboration of the various Institutes of the College, faculty, staff and students for these achievements.

The Dean was proud to report that the College received numerous distinctions and awards, namely: as Center of Excellence in Fisheries Education (AY 2016~2018) by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED); National University/College of Fisheries (2016) under the National Agriculture and Fisheries Education System; No. 1 School of Fisheries in the Philippines; and as consistent top performer in the Fisheries Technologist Licensure Examination since it started in 2003. He added that the graduates of the College are the most sought-after fisheries professionals in the country as well.

In instruction, Saclauso pointed out the increase in enrolment in the College program offerings as well as the number of available undergraduate and graduate scholarships by which an average of 46 students per term benefited in the last 5 years. In 2015, CFOS and the Department of Agriculture Biotech forged a

scholarship agreement for students who would work on biotechnology in fisheries in their research work.

He said the College likewise implemented new academic programs such as the Professional Masters in Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management (PMTMEM), a first curricular program jointly offered by three constituent universities (UP Diliman, UP Visayas, and UP Los Baños) and the Postgraduate Program on Tropical Fisheries with International Linkage (ILP). He also said that the College is working on some revisions of the BS Fisheries Program to conform to the K-12 program and the new GE program framework. He added that the regular updating for international accreditation such as in the ASEAN University Network Quality Assurance (AUN-QA) is also being done.

In research and development, Saclauso reported the increase in the number of programs/projects/publications per Institute. He said that from 2011-2016, the College has a 195 ISI publications and 23 non-ISI publications. He said the College has brought in a total of P400 million externally funded projects since 2011 through its research and development activities.

Saclauso noted an increase in the number of public service activities conducted in 2016. He said the College, through its four Institutes, has intensified the conduct of public service-related activities both at the local and national levels that have influenced national policies and legislations. He said the increase can be attributed to the campaign of UP President Alfredo E. Pascual to strengthen public service. These activities include providing technical assistance and diagnostic services, conduct of lectures, seminar-



Dean Saclauso

workshops, and advocacy work on different relevant topics and issues of concerns to varied stakeholders and development partners.

The improvement in the College infrastructures/facilities and the local and international linkages were also cited by Saclauso.

Even with these accomplishments, Saclauso said there are still many things that need to be done to sustain the momentum in instruction, research, and public service. The Dean, who is retiring in two years, expressed his hope that his successor will continue working for the following: source funds for engagements in regional, national and international discussions; engage in cooperative, inter-and multi-disciplinary research and public service; revise the BS Fisheries (BSF) curriculum to conform with the OBE framework and respond to K-12; and work on the international accreditation of BSF with AUN-QA by 2017.

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The 11th AFAF is hosted by the Department of Fisheries, Thailand, in collaboration with the Asian Fisheries Society, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Regional Office for the Asia and the Pacific, INFOFISH, the Network of Aquaculture Centres in the Asia-Pacific, and the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center. *(with sources from <http://ctknetwork.org/calendar/conference/asean-fisheries-and-aquaculture-conference-and-exposition-2016/and-genderaquafish.org>)*

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as well as to develop a pool of qualified professionals in the UPV CM for the eventual adoption of the degree program by the College. Concomitantly, the UPD SURP aims 1) to institutionally regionalize its academic programs as part of its regionalization agenda; 2) to generate quality research and publications from students and faculty members in the MAURP program focused on Urban and Regional Planning to synchronize with the development agenda of the region; and 3) to contribute to direct services by way of capacity building and training and similar human resource development programs in the region – both in the academe and in the public service sectors.

The advance course leading to the MAURP program will be offered primarily, but not limited to, qualified enrollees who are graduates of the Diploma in Urban and Regional Planning (DURP) of UPV CM. Students who will enroll will have to comply with the UPD SURP academic requirements to include application and admission requirements and academic coursework. The program duration will be three academic years.

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) provided subsidy for the tuition and allowances of some students of the DURP and MAURP programs. *(Anna Razel Ramirez with sources from CM)*

Three UPV grads join the 2016 International Young Leaders Assembly

Teresa Hortillo

Two UPV graduates and former presidents of the University of the Philippines Visayas Delegates of Untainted Commitment to Effectuate Service (UPV DUCES) took part in the recent 2016 International Young Leaders Assembly (IYLA) in the United States of America. The graduates were Ms. Mariene M. Lescano, BS (Biology), and Ms. Niambee Ruth A. Palacio, BS in Food Technology. Ms. Lescano was the President of UPV DUCES during Academic Year 2014-2015, while Ms. Palacio was the President of UPV DUCES during the Academic Year 2013-2014. Both ladies recently graduated this year, Class 2016. Along with them, Ms. Rachelle Angeli B. Marañon, who is currently a fourth

year BA (Psychology-Management) student in this University, also participated in the 2016 IYLA.

The 2016 IYLA is a 10-day conference which began in August 8 and ended on August 17, 2016. The Conference was held in various locations within the US, specifically: Washington, Philadelphia, and New York City. A total of 1,800 student leaders and young professionals from 120 United Nations countries gathered for the said event.

This year’s theme was “Moral and Innovative Leadership (Vision, Service and Entrepreneurship).” The theme attempts to reflect the goal of emphasizing the importance of moral and innovative leadership in seizing the possibility of human families

transcending boundaries of race, ethnicity, and religion in unison.

The commencement of the IYLA Global Youth Summit was held at the World Bank, Washington. Interactive panels from the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, United States Agency for International Department, and Wharton School where presented. These gave strategic insights on peace sustainability, poverty reduction, entrepreneurship, and leadership skills.

During the Keynote Talk, UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon highlighted the role of the youth in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the UN.

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GDP Balay Balay Child Minding Centers celebrate Nutrition Month and *Buwan ng Wika*

Dana Lee Durana



The Balay Balay children in action.

The UPV Gender and Development Program Balay Balay Child Minding Centers (BBCMC) in the Iloilo City and Miagao campuses celebrated the Nutrition Month and *Buwan ng Wika* on August 19 and 24, 2016, respectively.

OSA conducts orientation for new students and parents

Teresa Hortillo

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UPV to develop eRegistration System for St. Anthony’s College



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The UPV team who will develop the eRSEI is led by Ms. Rina-Joy Ambatang as project leader and lead developer; Herbert Nalagay and Vanessa Co as application developers; Sharon Millan and Jose Neil Hortillo as quality assurance specialists; and Pablo Española, Sr. as systems analyst/quality assurance specialist. UPV has long been using an online registration system called the Computerized Registration and Student Information System (CRSIS) which was developed by the UPV Data Information Systems Office in collaboration with the UPV Office of the University Registrar. It was implemented in 2005. Also present during the signing were SAC Finance Officer, Mr. Ruben Seballos; SAC Community Extension and External Relations Officer, Mr. Pedro Altar III; UPV Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension, Prof. Ricardo Babaran, and several UPV staff. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

The BBCMC, Iloilo City campus, held its activity at the Lozano Hall and GDP Conference Room while its Miagao counterpart conducted its activity at the CFOS AV Hall, UPV Miagao Campus. These events were participated in by both BBCMC students and parents. The program in both campuses started with a parade of BBCMC students, guardians, and teachers wearing hats with different pictures of fruits and vegetables. Afterwards, the BBCMC students showcased their talents on stage through various song and dance presentations while the parents also actively participated in the said Celebration through a zumba dance presentation. Furthermore, to educate the parents and guardians on the importance of health and nutrition

in a child’s growth and development, the BBCMC, Iloilo City campus, held a lecture given by Ms. Emma Caballero about the different uses and benefits of fruits and vegetables while another lecture focusing on dengue prevention was given by Mr. Jose Molanida for BBCMC Miagao parents. The Nutrition Month and *Buwan ng Wika* celebration was part of a series of activities conducted annually by the Balay Balay Child Minding Centers in both campuses. Aside from these yearly events, BBCMC also participates in other activities organized by the UPV Gender and Development Program such as the Women’s Month Celebration and the 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women and Children (EVAWC).

Prof Ed Div conducts Quali Research Workshop

Prof. Early Sol A. Gadong

THE Division of Professional Education held an API (Academic Program Improvement) activity in the lecture-workshop on conducting qualitative research, on 8–9 July 2016 at the Graduate and Continuing Education Building (GCEB) Training Rooms, UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus. This initiative was steered towards the very tenets and values of the Institution by providing the opportunity for students and faculty members of the Division’s Master of Education program to learn the significance of qualitative research in teacher education and learning. Qualitative research has been considered as an invaluable framework in filling the knowledge gap left by quantitative approaches. Dr. Mira Alexis P. Ofreneo,

Chairperson of Ateneo de Manila University’s Department of Psychology, served as Resource Person of the two-day event. Setting the tone for the workshop, the first session involved clarifying what qualitative research is against what it is not. Then, anchoring much of her discussion on previous researches that she engaged in, Dr. Ofreneo guided the participants in thematically analyzing two sets of texts during the succeeding sessions. She emphasized the importance of rigor and collaboration and the establishment of a common framework among researchers involved. The Workshop was attended by 73 participants, including faculty members and students of the Master of Education program as well as other early career and seasoned researchers.

GDP holds capacity building activity on GAD planning and budgeting

Dana Lee M. Durana

THE UP Visayas Gender and Development Program (GDP) conducted a capacity building activity on GAD Planning and Budgeting with the GAD Focal Point System members and GAD advocates of UPV on August 17, 2016 at the AV Hall of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, UPV Miagao Campus. Fifty-one UPV employees participated, which largely included administrative staff from the different colleges and units from the Miagao and Iloilo City campuses. GDP Director Dr. Mary Barby P. Badayos-Jover gave the lecture during the activity. As a follow-up activity of the GAD Summit conducted on June 27, 2016, this capacity building activity also served as an echo of the UP Systemwide Workshop on the same topic held on July 18-20, 2016 in

UP Diliman. The primary goal of the activity was to enhance and strengthen UPV’s GAD Focal Point System through re-orientation on the GAD planning and budgeting process and introduction to gender audit using the Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework (GMEF). Furthermore, it also aimed to involve all UPV units and offices in the preparation of UPV’s GAD plan and budget for the year 2018 so that all GAD-related programs, activities, and projects are integrated. The activity likewise served as a venue for the identification of additional GAD FPS members coming from various UPV units or offices. As a continuation of UPV’s capacity building activity, a workshop on the preparation of UPV’s 2018 GAD plan and budget is scheduled in October 2016.

Poetry reading held at CWVS courtyard



(L-R) Prof. Donne Sodusta and Prof. Sol Gadong lead the poetry reading session.

in cooperation with Hubon Manunulat, held a poetry-reading event dubbed as “Basahay Binalaybay sa Yupihay” on August 23, 2016 at the Center for West Visayas Studies Center courtyard, UPV Iloilo City campus. Prof. Early Sol Gadong and Dr. John Barrios, faculty members of the UPHSI, spearheaded the poetry reading, which was in celebration of the Buwan ng Wika this August. Members of the Hubon Manunulat who read their poems during the activity were Dulce Maria Deriada, Noel Galon, and Gil Montinola. Students of UPHSI also participated in the poetry reading, which was attended by UPV faculty and staff. (AR Ramirez with sources from UPHSI)

UPVTC gets 95.83%.....from page 3

Gayon, Richie Labaclado, Elaine Medalla, Jane Louwella Nicart, Loricar Orais, Rosemarie Orbeta, Rogene Ramos, Leonel Relis, Regine Saberon, Jaycel Sison, Dhorie Jane Sulla, Louille Ann Tan, Kimberly Mae Tañola, and Sybil Yanong. The examinees were tested on four subjects namely, Theories of Personality, Abnormal

Psychology, Industrial Psychology, and Psychological Assessment. The 23 board passers made history as UPVTC’s first ever batch of psychometricians. UPVTC’s psychology curriculum was revised from Bachelor of Arts Social Sciences program to a full Bachelor of Arts program in 2012.

UPV teams dominate Unilab Ideas Positive Run 6, win grand prize

Rommel J. Gestuveo

UNILAB Ideas Positive is an annual nationwide youth competition of the Unilab Foundation that selects and funds innovative community health projects towards promoting a healthier Philippines. The Unilab Ideas Positive Run 6 was dominated by teams from UP Visayas. A total of 148 youth teams submitted proposals and 4 out of 6 teams made it to the top 15 and 3 of the 4 made it to the top 5. Team PH Cares of UP Visayas was declared the Grand Champion of the competition on August 12, 2016 at the Bayanihan Center, Mandaluyong City. Team Sinag (a team composed of UP College of Medicine and UPV students) was 3rd place and Team Grin Movement was in 5th place. These teams were mentored by Dr. Philip Ian Padilla, faculty member of the Division of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, UPV and the current UP Faculty Regent. Dr. Calvin de los Reyes and Dr. Marilyn Sumayo of UPCM and Mr. Rommel Gestuveo of the Division of Biological Sciences, CAS, UPV served as the co-advisers.

Team PH Cares that won first place is composed of BS Public Health students, namely, Romena Castor, Bea Marisse Daayata, Carl Laurence Deala, Krisleen Marie Mayormita, and Maulene Mae Namuag .Their community health project entitled, “Oplan 4Ks: Kaakibat Kontra Kuto sa Kabataan” was able to eradicate pediculosis or lice infestation in more than 500 elementary school children in the Miagao West Central Elementary School. Their innovative health solution to this neglected public health problem included the creation of a comic book that tells the story of lice infestation and why children with this condition should not be bullied. They conducted storytelling events and hygiene lectures during the 6-month duration of their project.

The team partnered with Deborah Altschuler and the National Pediculosis Association, Inc. based in Massachusetts, USA in distributing Lice Meister combs in their “Kontra Kuto Kits” to families of the school children. Other than conducting health campaigns to the school and the neighboring communities, the team also conducted free hair cut sessions and “hairobics”, a new way of exercising that highlights the importance of hair hygiene.

As part of the community immersion of the BS Public Health

program of the University, Team PH Cares was joined by other BS Public Health students, namely, Jessa dela Cruz, Angela Joy Fernandez, Stephen Miayo, and Raymee Tabobo. With the added manpower, the team was able to reach more affected children in their chosen community.

“ONE Tacayan for ZERO Filariasis” was the project of the 3rd place winner Team SINAG. The team was led by Clovers alumni, now UP Manila College of Medicine students Leonard Tan and Chelsea Kamille Fandiñola and UPV students Adrian Bernard Dofitas, Gian Justin Simpani, and Judy Angela Carmela Parreñas. Their project targeted filariasis, a mosquito-borne parasitic infection causing disability among the Bukidnon indigenous people of Brgy. Tacayan, Tapaz, Capiz.

The 5th spot was won by Team Grin Movement composed of BS Public Health students, Francine Nicole Araneta, Vivienne Endoma, Karla Mae Magsipoc, Karmela Marie Samoro, and Rigel Kent Villaruel with their project on dental hygiene entitled, “Project NINK (Ngiping Inaalagaan Para sa Nakangiting Kabataan). With the help of other BS Public Health students Valerie Anne Bebita, Marvyn Kerziel Estanda, Mary Pauline Kriszl Gupeteo, Billy John Lebosada, and Kimberly Pabello, they were able to prevent new cases of dental caries among school children in Brgy. Buenavista Elementary School in Tubungan, Iloilo during their project implementation.

Another UPV BS Public Health Team national finalist that made it to the Top 15 was Team Dugong Bughaw composed of Jasper Ruby Vihar, Alexis Rey Penetrante, Anjelou Marie Estrella Abigail Amon, Geeza Gem Vicencio, Jenn Margarette Bordon, and Julius Nafarrete, Jr. with their “Project High Five” that promoted HIV/AIDS awareness through youth involvement in the different colleges and universities of Iloilo City.

This is the fourth year in a row that UPV BS Public Health teams have qualified to the grand finals. The faculty of the Division of Biological Sciences expressed their hope that more BS Public Health and BS Biology students and other teams from UPV will join the next run of the competition and help promote a healthier Philippines.



UPV Unilab winners with adviser Dr. Philip Padilla (2nd from left), with UNILAB officials.

Three UPV grads.....from page4

The SDG addresses issues on poverty eradication, gender equity, equal education, and healthy environment.

Ms. Mariene M. Lescano discussed and engaged in talks about current global issues that aim to reach different communities and nations

in the world. She is one of the few young leaders from different sides of the globe recognized at the end of the event as a Global Ambassador, yet another proud moment for the Filipino people.(with sources from UPV-DUCES)



Participants of the ‘Run UP 6’

‘Run UP 6’ held despite the rain

ABOUT 600 runners braved the rains that pelted them in the early morning of August 13, 2016 for the Run UP 6, SM City, Iloilo City.

The Fun Run was one of the events organized by the UP Alumni Association – Iloilo Chapter in

line with the 2016 UP Alumni and Faculty Homecoming which was held on August 10 – 13, 2016. The UP Silak-Silab Brotherhood and Sisterhood led in organizing the event which is now on its 6th year. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

UPV supports the ‘Run for a Cervical Cancer-Free Iloilo’

THE beneficiaries are clearly women. An estimated 3,000 runners showed up to support the 2nd “Run for a Cervical Cancer-Free Iloilo” on July 16, 2016, SM City, Iloilo City, including those from UP Visayas as well as runners from Miagao .

The event was organized by the Marian Rose World Mission, Inc., Philippines, a foundation that focuses on the health and well-being of women and girls of Iloilo. The Foundation provides free medical and surgical services to women with limited access to such

services. Particularly, the Foundation’s Cervical Cancer Awareness and Prevention Program (CECAP) aims to prevent cervical cancer through early detection by providing free cervical cancer screening twice a week at St. Paul’s Hospital.

About 2,000 women were screened and hundreds were treated of this dreaded cancer since 2014, according to the Foundation’s report. The proceeds of the Fun Run go to providing these services. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)



Participants of the “Run for a Cervical Cancer-Free Iloilo”

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in Cagayan de Oro City; Daniel Dale Penano (3rd batch), Associate Pastor of the Independent Baptist Churches in the Philippines based in Davao City; Shiera Lyn Loria (4th batch), Manager, Land Bank of the Philippines-Lebak Branch; Dr. Cyril Bren Guillermo (4th batch), Interventional Cardiologist based in Davao City; Leoncio P. Tan (5th batch), Teacher 3 at the President RoxasHigh School in North Cotabato;

and Leolyn Nyle Diaz-Bade (6th batch), a faculty of the University of Southern Mindanao.

In their various endeavors, as individual persons and as a group, the AAPM grantees champion the values of honor, excellence, and service to the country and humanity – they are living testimonies to the lasting contribution that the AAPM has done in fulfilling the ideals of UPV education.(Source: AAPM Group)

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the kindness they received from the program by also sending or sponsoring high school and college students out of their own income.

During the 25th Anniversary and Homecoming of AAPM on August 11-13, 2016, members of the AAPM Alumni Association agreed to combine their resources to grant scholarships beyond their lifetime through a P 2M endowment fund to be implemented in UP Visayas in 2019. While the long-term scholarship grant is not yet in place, a Food Voucher is now available to UPV students who are in need.

“The anniversary and homecoming rekindled significant memories and reconnected me to grantees

whom I have not heard from after graduation. Many kept in touch and contributed to the realization of the outreach programs during the three-day event such as Support-A-Kid (giving backpacks, uniforms, school supplies and vitamins to indigent pupils of Miagao Central Elementary School), free PAP Smearing and Medical check-up (with medicines provided) for Miagao Barangay Health Workers (BHW), and a tree planting in UPV’s Diwata Shore,” she stated.

Indeed, even if AAPM ended in 1996-1997, the benefits of the program continue long after the grantees have graduated. (Lyncen M. Fernandez; with sources from Cherry Añasco)



WPU invites CFOS prof to lecture on fisheries science

Lenilyn B. Gallos

THE College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, Western Philippine University (WPU) in Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan invited Ms. Karen Grace Andrino-Felarca, faculty member of the Institute of Aquaculture, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS-IA), UP Visayas as the Resource Person for a lecture series and monthly symposium on topics related to fisheries science on July 30-31, 2016.

Felarca gave lectures on the fundamentals/principles of ecology, freshwater and marine ecology, and aquaculture. She specifically discussed topics on the principles of ecology, trophic level and structure, properties of water and cycling of matter, sedimentation, marine systems, marine

biota, ocean circulation and climate change, oceanography, weather and climate, mangrove forest, seagrass, coral reef ecology and freshwater ecosystems. The topics on aquaculture included the foundation of aquaculture, site selection and preparation, water quality, nutrition and feeding, aquaculture species, genetic concepts, and fish health management.

The activity was attended by the faculty, staff, and students of the College of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, WPU. *(with sources from Ms. Karen Grace A. Felarca)*



Prof. Felarca (7th from the left) with WPU students.

UPV volleyball teams participate in ICDVL 2016



The UPV Volleyball Team

THE UP High School Iloilo (UPHSI) Boys' and Girls' Volleyball Teams and the UP Visayas Volleyball Alumni participated in the 2nd Iloilo City Developmental League

(ICDVL) 2016. The tournament opened on June 18, 2016 at the Central Philippine University, Iloilo City.

Prof. Imelda Catequista served as

Coach of the UPHSI Volleyball Girls' Team while Prof. Rafael Belleza was the Coach for the UPHSI Volleyball Boys' Team. Both are faculty members of UPHSI. Mr. Theimann Suner also served as Support Volunteer Trainer for both teams. Meanwhile, the UPV Volleyball Womens' Team is composed of former volleyball varsity members with Prof. Amy Delagon of the Department of Physical Education, College of Arts and Sciences as Coach.

The ICDVL 2016 has 46 participating teams in different categories – Elementary, High School, and Open Category. The participants come from both public and private schools. The ICDVL began from June 18 to August 6, 2016. **Anna Razel L. Ramirez**

CFOS URA qualifies for a Fulbright grant



Bagsit

"I will be pursuing my PhD in Coastal Resources Management at the East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. My background is marine fisheries and my work as a researcher at the Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies (IFPDS), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, UP Visayas, brought me closer to real issues on the ground. I'd like to focus my research work on helping the small-scale fisheries in our country as this hosts a gamut of issues and remains a marginalized sector."

With this in mind, Farisal U. Bagsit, University Research Associate I of IFPDS, left for the United States in August this year to pursue a Ph.D. under the Fulbright Scholarship Program (FSP).

Bagsit said she first applied for a slot under the FSP 2014 and was shortlisted for an interview but did not make the final list of scholars for the 2015 intake. She applied again the following year and her perseverance paid off as she was selected as one of the principal candidates for the Fulbright Classic Program. This was something to be happy about because only 10 slots out of the 191 applications were received for the 2016-2017 intake. Bagsit also patiently went through the entire application, selection, and placement process that took more than a year. Finally, after completing all the requirements, she is now enrolled at the East Carolina University.

In addition, Bagsit pointed out that she applied for a Fulbright scholarship because of its reputation wherein only the best are selected. She recalled an occasion wherein UP Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Gisela P. Concepcion, was a speaker. Concepcion said that, "If you want a rigid training, you go to the United States." Bagsit said that Concepcion's message was very clear and resonated to all who were listening including her.

"It was what made me decide to apply for a Fulbright scholarship. I knew it's going to be hard, but excellence entails hard work. It's a continuing process," she said of the work ahead of her. **(Lyncen M. Fernandez)**

Mythopoeia opens at the UPV Art Gallery



(L-R) PG Zoluaga, El Dosado, Prof. Genodepa and Dean Gumban at the opening of Mythopoeia exhibit.

THE UP Visayas Art Gallery opened Mythopoeia – Imaging the Imagination by Ilonggo painter El Dosado. Opened on 17 August 2016 at the Main Building in Iloilo City campus, the exhibit is the artist's fifth solo exhibition and depicts his personal interpretation of Filipino mythological beings and elementals which he believes serve as guardians of nature. Present during the exhibit opening is UPV College of Management Dean Prof. Mary Ann Gumban who was the Guest of Honor for the event.

An avowed biophile, Dosado asserts that the physical world is shared by both human beings and spirits who must partner to take care of it. The artist's canvasses, hence, portray human beings in communion with dwarfs, fairies or mermaids.

The subjects of Dosado's paintings overlap with those of the late Angono artist Perdigon Vocalan's, who was instrumental in the development of the Gigantes Festival and who established the Balaw-Balaw Restaurant which serves exotic Filipino food. But the affinity stops there.

Vocalan usually painted oft-repeated legends and stories of encounters with encanto characters while Dosado, who declares to have first hand encounters with elementals and beings that are staples in indigenous lore, seems to be documenting his personal stories.

As an apprentice of Carlos Botong

Francisco, Vocalan had generally imbibed the visual narrative style of his mentor – linear and maximalist. Dosado's painting style is traditional, even academic; in fact, were it not for his preoccupation with the so-called *encantos*, his works betray a technique that is closest to Fernando Amorsolo's or Fabian dela Rosa's. Traditional or academic painting style is not exactly passé. Practicing it today may testify to an artist's dedication and discipline. Dosado, undoubtedly, exhibits both traits but was clever to have opted for curious and non-traditional subjects. But the atypical subjects of Dosado's works are not disquieting because they mingle with human beings in typical activities like playing, boating, fighting, resting, storytelling.

Besides his subjects and his technical proficiency in rendering his subjects, color is another notable element in Dosado's paintings. The predominant use of shades of blue, yellow, and green which at times appear to glow creates a subtle striving towards surrealism. A number of canvasses appear to have a smoky film or filter that subjugates the intensity of intrinsically brilliant hues. Looking at Dosado's paintings is

like looking at colored images in the old, yellowing pages of magazines. Because of this, the viewer may experience a kind of bafflement gazing at the compositions which specifically leave no clue about time. This achronic state, however, is not without basis if the accounts of those who swear by the reality of their having been to the land of *tamavos* and *encantos* are believed.

Mythmaking and spinning stories, tall as some of them may be, like all forms of art, are indispensable in the making of community, a nation, a people. They have universal themes and teach values and virtues. With these series of paintings with slight indications of syncretism, Dosado is not only re-affirming and perpetuating native lore and beliefs. He is also forging new narratives which are primarily personal but also quixotic and romantic.

Dosado studied art at the Philippine Women's University. He has had solo exhibitions in Le Souffle Bistro, Allegro Café Italiano, Ayala Museum, and Museo Iloilo.

The exhibit will run until the end of September 2016. **(Source: Prof. Martin Genodepa, UPVCCA)**



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UPV recognizes alumni outstanding achievements, receives alumni donation

GC Castro

THE University of the Philippines Visayas Chancellor's Special Award was given to Associate Justice Francis H. Jardeleza, Supreme Court of the Philippines, on August 13, 2016 during the UP Alumni and Faculty Homecoming 2016 Dinner and Awards Night held at the Anne Margerette Hall, Diversion 21 Hotel, Iloilo City. Jardeleza was given the Oblation Trophy for his invaluable involvement in the arbitration in the West Philippine Sea dispute from the onset until the time the Arbitral Tribunal served its ruling in favor of the Philippines.

Jardeleza was Solicitor General when he headed the litigation team that assisted then President Benigno C. Aquino III in laying the legal groundwork for the West Philippine Sea case. He led the team in enlisting the services of international firms with vast experience in litigation and in the law of the sea. He also remained adviser to the Philippine legal team when he was appointed Associate Justice to the Supreme Court. Jardeleza finished his high school (Class of 1965) and earned his Bachelor of Arts (Class of 1969) from UP Visayas. He earned his law degree from UP Diliman College of Law, where he graduated Salutatorian in 1974. He placed third in the bar exams in the same year. He later obtained a Master of Laws degree from Harvard Law School. He served the government in 2010 as Deputy Ombudsman for Luzon and then Solicitor General of the Philippines, and later, Associate Justice to the Supreme Court, replacing former Associate Justice Roberto Abad.

Five outstanding professionals in their respective fields were given

honor by the UP Alumni Association Iloilo Chapter, namely: Dr. Carmela P. Española, Master of Science, Wildlife Studies 2006, UP Diliman, in the field of Natural and Mathematical Sciences; Prof. Romeo B. de la Cruz, Jr., BA in Psychology 1991, UP Visayas, in the field of Arts and Letters; Ms. Marilyn Hiponia Quigley, High School 1966, UP Iloilo College, in the field of Social Sciences and Human Ecology; Dr. Vicente E. Villareal, High School 1966, UP Iloilo College, in the field of Health and Medical Profession; and Dr. Rosario H. Asong, BS Education, UP Iloilo College, in the field of Public Service. The late Engr. Ramon S. Doromal, Jr., BS Electrical Engineering 1954, UP Diliman, was given the Distinguished Service Award (Posthumous), which was received by his wife Prof. Dea Doromal. The Association also gave tribute to its outgoing Board of Directors, Dr. Ray L. Alindong, Mr. Rosendo Caesar G. Arandela III, Ms. Ma. Lorelli S. Palmares-Flores, Atty. Marven B. Daquilanea, and Atty. Hector J. Diaz.

The night saw the generosity of the UP alumni who pledged support in various forms for the different university projects. Through the effort of UP College Iloilo High School Class 1976, the new Alumni Bus donated by Vallacar Transit was formally turned over to UPV.

The UP High School in Iloilo Class of 1971 donated P300,000.00 to UP High School in Iloilo to purchase computer units and stand fans for students and multi-media projectors for faculty members. The donation was announced by Mr. Mariano Araneta, Jr. during the 2016 UPV Alumni Homecoming on



Jardeleza receives the Chancellor's Special Award.

August 13, 2016 at the Diversion 21 Hotel, Iloilo City.

The amount was turned over to the UPV Foundation, Inc. to facilitate the purchase of the above-mentioned equipment.

A series of activities was held during the homecoming event, which served as avenues for alumni to reconnect with their former classmates and teachers. These activities included the election of new UP Alumni Association Iloilo Chapter Board of Directors, a homecoming mass, and the launch of Justice Edward B. Contreras' book "Contemporary PH". These were organized by UP Scintilla Juris and UP

Stella Juris. The other activities were Barrio Fiesta Brunch sponsored by Validus Amicitia Brotherhood; Dugo kay Isko Blood Drive by UP High School Batch '81; bingo games by UPV SoTech Alumni Association; the Golden Lunch for retired faculty and staff; and Run UP! 6 fun run sponsored by UP Silak and UP Silab; and the Reacquaintance Party organized by UPVHS Batch '91 and UPHSI Batch '92.

The UP Alumni and Faculty Homecoming was organized by the UP Alumni Association Iloilo Chapter in coordination with the UPV Office of Alumni Relations and various university organizations.



The awardees in various categories pose with their Oblation trophies.

UPHSI welcomes junior and senior high school students

The University of the Philippines High School in Iloilo, College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas conducted an orientation for its incoming junior high school and incoming senior high school students on July 29, 2016 at the UPV Auditorium, Iloilo City campus.

Dr. Lourdes Zamora, UPHSI Principal, welcomed the incoming high school students and Prof. Ruben Gamala, Director of the Office of Students Affairs, gave an inspirational message.

The different topics discussed by UPHSI faculty for the students included the following: 1) Computerized Registration and Student Information System - Prof. Erlo Robert F. Oquendo; 2) Student Discipline - Prof. Evelyn S. Ortigas; 3) Scholarship Policies - Prof. Mary Ann F. Naragdao; 4) Academic

Policies - Prof. Anelyn O. Yabillo; 5) Student Activities and Welfare - Prof. Early Sol A. Gadong; and 6) Counseling Services - Ms. Juvy T. Janeo.

There are 80 incoming Grade 7 students for the junior high school program and 105 students for the senior HS program, which has the Accountancy, Business and Management (ABM), Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), and Humanities and Social Science (HUMS) study strands. The UPHSI now has a total enrollment of 380 students, which includes the 195 returning high school students.

A campus tour for the incoming students was conducted by the UPHSI Junior Peer Facilitators after the orientation program. (AR Ramirez)

UPCI HS Class' 76 facilitates bus donation for UPV



UPCI HS Class '76

THE UP Visayas community is eagerly anticipating the opportunity of being able to ride the sparkling white bus donated by Vallacar Transit, Inc., the owner and operator of the Ceres buses.

Responsible for facilitating the donation was the UP College Iloilo High School Class of 1976.

UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa, accompanied by Vice-Chancellor for Administration Nestor Yunque, went to Mansilingan, Bacolod City, where the Ceres Liner Compound is located, to sign the

Deed of Donation together with Mr. Rey Antonio Repollo, Vice-President for Supply and Logistics of Vallacar Transit, Inc., on August 9, 2016. The bus was transported via RORO to Iloilo City and driven to the UPV Iloilo City campus on the same day.

On August 13, the key of the bus was ceremoniously handed over to Chancellor Espinosa by Class' 76 during the 2016 UPV Alumni and Faculty Homecoming at Diversion 21 Hotel, Iloilo City. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

UPAACC donates computer units to TLRC

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To help promote information technology in the University, the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of Central California (UPAACC) donated two sets of computer units to the Teaching and Learning Resource Center (TLRC).

In an e-mail from UPAACC's former president, August P. Lansingan, to the UP Visayas Office of the Chancellor, he stated that UPAACC will allocate US\$1000 for the purchase of a personal computer system, a complete set of hardware and software installed, for UP Iloilo and requested that these computers should be used for the students' research and thesis purposes only.

UPAACC has been assisting the university through its service fellowship such as scholarships, book donations, computer donations, and outreach training programs. It was established in 1982 and guided by the Vision and Mission of the University of the Philippines.

The two sets of computer units were delivered to TLRC on August 11, 2016. These new units are the first computers to be powered by the Windows 10 operating software. This is the second time that the UPAACC donated two sets of computer units to TLRC since 2009.



Dr. Zoilo Andrada (left) and Chancellor Rommel Espinosa (right) posed with the UPAACC donations.

TLRC Director Dr. Zoilo S. Andrada, Jr. assured that these donations will be utilized by the students mainly for academic purposes. He also added that they will be a great help in addressing the need for additional computers to cater to the students' increasing need for access to technology in the university.

The TLRC is a support unit of the University which is committed to teaching and learning process guided by education principles, rendering effective services to the students and faculty of the University. Its computer use service caters to the need for computer and internet access of students based in the Miagao campus.

New dorm in Miagao rises

THE newly constructed dormitory in the main campus of UP Visayas in Miagao had a soft opening on August 15, 2016 marked by a Mass and blessing of the building. The Office of Students Affairs (OSA) Director, Prof. Ruben Gamala, welcomed the small crowd that gathered at the event comprising mostly of the OSA staff, dormitory heads and staff, and personnel of the Campus Development and Maintenance Office.

Gamala said that he has done a survey for the name of the new dormitory so that it will have its own distinction just like Balay Lampirong, Gumamela, Kanlaon, Madias, and Apitong in Miagao and Balay Ilonggo in the Iloilo City campus.

The new dormitory has two floors, each floor has 8 shower stalls, 2 urinals and 6



The newly constructed dormitory

toilets. It has a total of 20 rooms and can accommodate 120 students. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)