



## Sustainable food production highlighted at ICFAS 2017



Various scenes at ICFAS 2017

“THE Philippine poverty level has remained the same over the last 10 years while that of our Asian neighbors has gone down.”

This was the disturbing observation of Dr. William G. Padolina during his Keynote Address in the 3rd International Conference on Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (ICFAS) held at Hotel Del Rio, Iloilo City on August 30, 2017. Padolina based his observation on a compiled NSO data and ASEAN Statistical Report.

With the ICFAS 2017 theme, “Ridge to Reef: Strengthening Systems for Sustainable Food Production,” Padolina’s message couldn’t be more appropriate.

Padolina said that the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) by the

United Nations defines food security as existing when all people, at all times, have physical, social, and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life.

By this standard, the Philippines lacks food security, compounded by the fact that, as a developing country, it is also being subjected to external stresses such as climate change, poor harvests, ballooning population, and population living in vulnerable areas.

Hence, he stressed the importance of sustainable development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of the future.

“Each generation should leave at least as large a productive base for

its successor as it inherited from its predecessor,” he pointed out.

The former DOST Secretary also shared a 2016 data that show that the Philippine economy is weak in agriculture but is dominantly service-oriented. For a rice-eating country, the Philippines has agriculture that contributes a mere 9% in the economy while industry is 30.85% and the service sector is 59.5%.

“To produce from nature is to change nature”, says Padolina (quoting from Warner et al., 1996). The Philippines, he said, will have a rapid

agricultural expansion in the next 50 years, which will drive environmental change such as the conversion of one billion hectares for agricultural uses and increase in the use of pesticide.

The expected impact would be overabundance of nutrients in the freshwater and marine ecosystems (resulting to algae bloom), loss of biodiversity, outbreaks of nuisance species, shift in structure of food chains, impairment of fisheries, and accumulation of greenhouse gases.

Padolina turned to science when it comes to food sustainability. He said that we should look into the earth’s ability to absorb waste and regenerate itself. He, however, warns that there are potentially irreversible changes. He said that agricultural sustainability should be persistent and resilient.

“If there is no new knowledge, there is no new wealth. As a developing country, you can lower inflation, reduce corruption, cut your budget, privatize, and still not get rich because you are not generating knowledge,” Padolina said (quote from Enriques, 2001) at the end of his Keynote Address.

ICFAS was organized by UP Visayas through the School of Technology and drew scientists from Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, and Taiwan as well as from various part of the Philippines. (Lyncen M. Fernandez, IPO)

## Rola is Lifetime Achievement Awardee in homecoming 2017



Rola (3rd from right) poses with (L-R) UP Vice President Nestor Yunque, former UPV Chancellors Dr. Ida Siason and Dr. Minda Formacion, Chancellor Rommel Espinosa and UPAA-Iloilo President Rosendo Arandela

DR. Dionisia A. Rola leads this year’s awardees in the 2017 U.P. Alumni & Faculty Homecoming Dinner & Awards Night held at Diversion 21 Hotel, Iloilo City on August 27, 2017. Dr. Rola was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the UP Alumni Association (Iloilo Chapter) as recognition of her life-long achievements in and outside the university.

Dr. Rola was given the award for being the first UPV Chancellor and the first woman Chancellor in the entire UP System; for being the only living pioneer teacher of the UP Iloilo College (UPIC) who taught from 1947-1950 and from 1952-1953; for realizing her vision to make UPV a center of excellence and a national resource in fisheries and marine sciences education and research and a University concerned with the propagation and enhancement of culture and the arts; and for bringing honor to UPV in her various capacities

as administrator, supervisor, and consultant in government agencies. She actively served civic professional organizations while being involved in educational planning and development; evaluation and implementation of academic and curricular programs and projects; improvement of personnel and faculty services; and development of instructional materials.

Rola is an outstanding educator, administrator, and scholar. She gained her Associate in Arts (1941) and BS in Education (1947) from UP Diliman, finishing with high honors and as magna cum laude, respectively. She also holds a Master of Arts in English degree (with honors) from the University of Melbourne in 1952, a Ph.D. in English from the University of Chicago in 1960, and a Rockefeller post-doctoral research fellowship in 1965, among others.

Throughout her career in the

## UP Alumni gather in 3-day homecoming festivities

A huge number of University alumni from different years gathered from August 25-27, 2017 to celebrate their jubilee in UP Visayas. The 2017 Homecoming saw the participation of Jubilarians and alumni, ranging from the recently graduated ones to graduates of 1952, in more than 10 Homecoming-related events.

The series of events kicked off on August 25, 2017 with the annual Homecoming Mass organized by Scintilla Juris Fraternity and Stella Juris Sorority. This was followed by the launch of the book “The Social Helix” and the election of members of the UP Alumni Association (Iloilo Chapter) Board.

The most awaited “VArrio Fiesta” brunch for the alumni sponsored

by Validus Amicitia received a big turnout as alumni fellowship was renewed while food was enjoyed. The Silak and Silab’s Golden Lunch for retired faculty and staff was an entertaining experience with a group of Ilonggo artists singing “composo” during lunch. Roasted beef was shared with everyone by the UP Hamili-Hamilia group during lunch.

The 80’s Afternoon Disco organized by UPHSI 1987 was an enjoyable trip back to memory lane as guests came to dance to the sound of the popular music of the 80’s. The UPIC Night followed as arranged by the UPIC Diamond Jubilarians.

At 10:00 in the evening, the Run UP!7 Night Run took off from UPV

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Festive atmosphere at the UPAA - Iloilo Alumni Homecoming



## BS Public Health ‘Team Bakunawa’ bags two straight National Unilab Ideas Positive Championship for UPV

TEAM “Bakunawa” of UP Visayas composed of June Luis Salvador, Anna Nicole Cuachon, Bea Galupo, Precious Jemimah Legayada, and Jason Clement Acebuque bagged them the Unilab Ideas Positive Run 7 National championship on August 12, 2017.

Team “Bakunawa” was coined after the local word “bakuna” (immunization) and “unawa” (to understand). With Dr. Calvin de los Reyes as their mentor, the team was formed to do an intervention that aimed at increasing School-Based Immunization (SBI) in Pavia Ungka 2 Elementary School. Their 6-month social preparation and another 6-month work on empowering the School and Barangay resulted in the reduction of the school-based immunization refusal rate from 32% to zero%

in that particular school.

Unilab Ideas Positive (UIP) started its national competition centered on awarding ₱100,000 for a novel community health intervention program by the youth in 2012-2013 (run 1-2) which were limited to Metro Manila participants. In the national run, UPV teams consistently won 2nd place from runs 3-5 (2013-15) and then became National Champions in run 6 (2016) under the mentorship of Dr. Philip Ian Padilla. Additionally, another UPV team bagged 3rd place in Run 4. Two more UPV teams made it to Run 6 as 3rd and 5th placers.

For Run 7, there were 159 accepted team proposals (108 SUCs) comprising of 17 regions. Forty six (46) teams were invited for the oral presentations of their proposals.



Dr. Padilla (leftmost) poses with member of Team Bakunawa

Eventually, 13 teams were awarded the 100K for a 6-month project implementation phase. Five teams composed the grand finalists with Team “Bakunawa” being declared the 2017 champions.

Team “Bakunawa” has established the following: 1) ImmuniTeam composed of mothers, teachers, and health workers as the core group; 2) Immuni-station, a foldable, mobile, immunization IEC cart for school-based immunization; 3) Immuni-Star Charts, a daily

record of immunizations of each Grade 1 pupil in the school, and 4) several “Wastong Bakunawa” Sessions for pupils, mothers, teachers, and health workers. They eventually implemented the same public health intervention to Pal-agon-Amparo Elementary School that reduced the SBI refusal rate from 25% to zero. This group effort was also part of a course requirement in PH 195 (Public Health Practice). (**Dr. Philip Ian Padilla, Division of Bio. Sci.**)

## Barrios Is Kampeon ng Wika



Prof. Barrios (5th from right) is flanked by officials of the Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino and guests

THE Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino (Commission on Filipino Language) awarded Dr. John Barrios as Kampeon ng Wika (Champion of Language) during the KWF Awards Night held on August 19, 2017 at SEAMEO Innotech, Quezon City.

Dr. Barrios was cited because of his contribution in propagating Western Visayan languages, literature, and culture through his writings and literary criticisms of literary forms. These range from the indigenous epics to popular culture while at the same time highlighting the Hiligaynon language.

Aside from being an author, he is also an editor, translator, administrator, and a patient teacher with intelligent and critical views. Significantly, he did his job as Komisyoner of KWF more than what is expected from a public servant. He served KWF beginning 2011 up to the present.

The Kampeon ng Wika is given to chosen individuals who disseminate knowledge about the Filipino language and their local language in their respective fields. The KWF has given the same award to members of the media and literary organizations in the last two years. Currently, the KWF expands its search of deserving individuals and organizations in the field of culture, politics, music, and

the academe. UPV professors who have been given this award were Dr. Leoncio P. Deriada and Dr. Alicia P. Magos, both awarded in 2014. Dr. Barrios is currently Chair of the Division of Professional Education of the College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas. He also teaches Filipino in the Graduate Programs of UP Visayas and the UP High School in Iloilo. (**Anna Razel L. Ramirez, IPO**)

## UPV garnered two top spots in Guidance Counselor Licensure Examination

KENT Jan Beldia placed 2nd while Maureen Antonette Ledesma ranked 8th in the August 2017 Guidance Counselor Licensure Exam conducted by the Professional Regulations Commission.

Beldia and Ledesma are graduates of the Master of Education (Guidance) at the UPV College of Arts and

Sciences Division of Professional Education.

Other passers of UPV include Psyche Joanne Xenethea Conanan, Rica Gallaza, Rena Idorot, and Sharon Mestidio.

UPV received a 100% passing rate. The national passing percentage is 256 out of 393 passers. (**Anna Razel Raimirez, IPO**)



Beldia



Ledesma

## Chemistry prof is 2017 Taube Medalist



Ponce

DR. Concepcion P. Ponce, a faculty member of the Department of Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas was

awarded the 2017 Taube Medal by the University of Saskatchewan - Department of Chemistry. The Taube Medal is an annual award given to the graduate student in the Department of Chemistry who is judged to have made the most significant overall contribution to research and scholarly activity.

Dr. Ponce finished her PhD in Chemistry from the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK Canada in October 2016 under the supervision of Dr. Matthew Paige.

Dr. Ponce's primary research project was aimed at understanding and controlling non-coherent photon up conversion (NCPU) in solids and in thin films. In addition, she also worked on a number of side-projects, including the synthesis of

gemini surfactants and measuring photocatalytic properties of titanium dioxide nanoparticles. Her research has led to four peer-reviewed publications. Her research contributions have been in the field of NCPU, a cutting-edge area of spectroscopy research that is also a very challenging one. The challenges in this field are unusual because the optical signals that are being detected are quite small and the kinetics of the spectroscopic processes involved in the energy transfer are very fast.

While not directly related to her research, Dr. Ponce's contributions to the scientific enterprise extend well beyond her immediate research. During her PhD program, she made





## UPV inks MOU with Asia Pacific Center for Intangible Heritage



Prof. Genodepa with ICHCAP officials

UP Visayas has inked a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Informational and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region (ICHCAP) under the auspices of UNESCO, a cultural organization based in Jeonju, South Korea.

The MOU was an offshoot of the partnership between UP Visayas and ICHCAP that began in Pagtib-ong: The UPV International Conference on Intangible Heritage held on May 25-26, 2017.

ICHCAP officials Dr Seong-Yong Park, Assistant Director General, and

Ms. Pilyoung Park, Program Officer, who were among the speakers in Pagtib-ong, were impressed with the University's successful conduct of the first international conference in the Philippines that focused on intangible heritage. Upon their return to Korea, ICHCAP offered to formalize an agreement that will make the University an academic partner in crafting programs and projects to promote intangible cultural heritage in the Philippines and in the Region.

Prof. Martin Genodepa, Conference Chair of Pagtib-ong, visited ICHCAP's office on July 5, 2017 at the National Center for Intangible Heritage Complex in Jeonju to finalize the MOU and met with the organization's Director-General Dr. Huh Kwon and the organization's top

officials.

Initial plans regarding the partnership were discussed like a possible fellowship in writing on intangible heritage and the hosting of international conferences or meetings in the Philippines.

ICHCAP is a UNESCO Category 2 Centre working toward the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region and is working with 48 member-countries. (Joanne Hinayan, CCCA)

## Monteclaro participates in symposium workshop in Thailand and Japan

DR. Harold M. Monteclaro, Director of the Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies (IFPDS), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas, participated in the Oceans and Fisheries Partnership Regional Gender Workshop and Regional Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Planning Workshop on August 20-23, 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Hosted by the United States Agency for International Development's Oceans and Fisheries Partnership (USAID Oceans), the workshop gathered program stakeholders to review findings from rapid appraisals for fisheries management conducted in the

learning sites of the Philippines and Indonesia. Best practices and solutions for application in the regional fisheries were also discussed during the event.

Monteclaro presented the result of his study on gender analysis in the fisheries sector in the Philippines, specifically conducted in the General Santos area, for the Ocean and Fisheries Partnership.

Moreover, Monteclaro has also participated in the 11th International Kuroshio Science Symposium held in Kochi, Japan on July 21-29, 2017.

His travel to Thailand and Japan were funded by the National Network on Women in Fisheries in the Philippines, Inc. (WINFISH) and the National University



Monteclaro

Corporation Kochi University, respectively. (Lenilyn B. Gallos, CFOS)

## CM Dean attends global forum on urban resilience



Gumban and Mabilog

Mabilog and Mary Ann Gumban, Dean of the College of Management of the University of the Philippines Visayas, represented Iloilo City while Eileen San Juan, Local Economic and Investments Promotion Officer of the Cagayan de Oro City Government, and Atty. Dionel Albina, Director of Innovation and Technology Solutions of the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines, represented Cagayan de Oro City. The delegates were fully funded by the UNEP for this trip.

The Forum is part of the Resilient Cities congress series. It was first launched in 2010 in Bonn with the goal of forging partnerships between local government leaders and climate change adaptation experts to pursue solutions for adaptation challenges in urban environments.

The delegates also joined a pre-conference training on the Educational Partnerships for Innovation in Communities (EPIC) framework in conjunction with the Resilient Cities 2017 on May 3, 2017 in Bonn. The EPIC framework, previously known as the 'Oregon Model', was pioneered by the University of Oregon in the United States in 2009. The framework is known for its scalability and replicability across cities and universities by matching city needs with University capacity—overcoming the gap between knowledge and practice—to come up with innovative solutions to local quality of life issues.

MANILA, Philippines - Delegates from Cagayan de Oro and Iloilo City joined more than 300 leaders and experts from around the globe to participate in the 8th Global Forum on Urban Resilience and Adaptation on May 4-7, 2017 in Bonn, Germany.

Organized by ICLEI, the Forum focused on urban resilience and adaptation to climate change challenges through sessions on localizing global frameworks, disaster risk reduction planning and policy, financing resilience, risk transfer and insurance, and mechanisms for measuring, reporting, and accelerating action for resilience building, among others.

Iloilo City Mayor Jed Patrick

The city-university delegates were expected to replicate the EPIC model in their cities with the urban development learning centers that will be set by USAID through its Strengthening Urban Resilience for Growth with Equity (SURGE) Project. The knowledge hubs are envisioned to foster urban development, climate-resilient land use and infrastructure planning, and sustainable water and sanitation services. (Source: Manila Standard)

## COP/BIDANI joins evaluation for outstanding nutrition scholars

JULY is Nutrition Month Celebration nationwide!

In line with this, the National Nutrition Council Region VI, with its Regional Nutrition Technical Committee (RNTC members) wherein COP/BIDANI is a member, conducted a series of searches for the Regional Outstanding Barangay Nutrition Scholar (ROBNS) as early as March 2017.

The aim is to assess the efficiency of local level plan implementation through the Monitoring and Evaluation of Local Level Plan Implementation (MELLPI) and measure the changes in the weight status of pre-school and schoolchildren during the evaluation year and the immediate past two years, to determine the extent of which nutrition is integrated into local

development plans and programs, and to advocate for the continuing support for local nutrition programs. Another objective is to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Barangay Nutrition Scholars in responding to the tasks mandated to them.

Cities and municipalities evaluated were Passi City, Talisay City, Victorias City, San Carlos City, Kabankalan City, Bacolod City, Jordan, Guimaras, and Navas, Aklan.

Ms. Sheryl Sedantes, Ms. Delilah Gelongos, Ms. Clarisse Montealto, Ms. Exelle Anne of the National Nutrition Council, Region VI, Ms. Stephanie Guinu-o of the ECCD Program, and Ms. Remedios T. Huesca of the COP/BIDANI were the members of the evaluation team. (Remedios T. Huesca, BIDANI)

## BFAR personnel attend training at CFOS-IA

SIX personnel from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR-Region 3) participated in the recently concluded three-day Training Course on Aquaculture held on July 18-20, 2017 at the Institute of Aquaculture (IA) hatchery laboratory and facilities in Miagao, Iloilo.

The training program was provided to orient and update the participants about the current trends in Aquaculture technology including the inventions and innovations developed by the Faculty and researchers of IA through the DOST-PCAARRD and USAID Programs.

The active participations of the dynamic team composed of Mr. Nicomedes B. Wamil, Ms. Jo Ann L. De Vera, Ms. Jenette R. Cataluña, Mr. Jamil A. Anuga, Mr. Pedro A. Romantico, and Mr. Nico Leander made the short training course lively and productive. Certificates of Participations were distributed to trainees by Dr. Rex Ferdinand M. Traifalgar, Director of the Institute of Aquaculture, during the Closing Program held on July 21, 2017 at the IA Activity Hall, Miagao, Iloilo. (Soledad S. Garibay and Marie June C. Esprela)



## CFOS graduate students to participate in exchange study program in Japan

THREE graduate students of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, UP Visayas, are set to travel to Japan to participate in a 40-day exchange study program from August 18 to September 28, 2017 at Kagoshima University (KU).

Jessie O. Jimenez, Fedelia Flor C. Mero, and Jean Rose H. Maquirang, all first year Master of Science in Fisheries (Aquaculture) students of the CFOS, were invited by Koshio Shunsuke, Dean of Faculty of Fisheries, Kagoshima University to take part in the student exchange program between the two Universities.

The students will participate in the research training under the Summer Session for Postgraduate (Master) Programme on Tropical Fisheries through the International Linkage Program (ILP). Their travel will be sponsored by the Japan Student



Maquirang, Mero (1st and 2nd from left, respectively) and Jimenez (extreme right) with Dean Crispino Saclauso (5th from left), Dr. Erlinda Lacierda (6th from left), Dr. Munechika Ishizaki (4th from right), Dr. Harold Monteclaro (2nd from right) and students from Kagoshima University

Services Organization (JASSO).

UPV, through CFOS, is the sole member-school from the Philippines in the ILP that started in 2015. Other than KU and UPV, the ILP is also joined by Kasetsart University

(Thailand), Nha Trang University (Vietnam), Sam Ratulangi University (Indonesia), and Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (Malaysia).

Meanwhile, UPV has been conducting an “Advanced Lecture on

Tropical Fisheries” for the Masters of Science Fisheries students of the Faculty of Fisheries, Kagoshima University, for 11 years already. The latest was held on July 3-13, 2017. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos, CFOS)**

## UGSAD GRC appointed as GAD Consultant of the Iloilo City Council of Women



Iloilo City Mayor Mabilog (left) swear into office the officers of the Iloilo City Council of women that included GDP Director Barby Badayos-Jover (right)

UGSAD Regional Gender Resource Center-Western Visayas, one of the extension networks coordinated by UP Visayas Gender and Development Program, was appointed as GAD Consultant of the newly formed Iloilo City Council of Women (ICCW). Dr. Mary Barby P. Badayos-Jover,

GDP Director and Coordinator of UGSAD GRC attended the Council’s Oathtaking and Induction Ceremony at the Iloilo City Hall on July 27, 2017. Iloilo City Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog served as the Inducting Officer during the Ceremony.

The creation of the Iloilo City

Council of Women is pursuant to Memorandum Circular 2006-125 issued by the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) encouraging Local Government Units (LGUs) to organize the Local Council of Women (LCWs) to strengthen the women’s engagement and participation in all strata of local development.

UGSAD GRC is a coordinating body of all efforts and resources in providing gender-responsive services. It facilitates gender mainstreaming in national government agencies, non-government organizations, local government units, academic institutions and other entities. As GAD consultant of ICCW, UGSAD GRC will assist the Council in the planning and formulating its GAD-related policies, programs, activities, and projects. **(Dana Lee M. Durana)**

## IA prof talks at PAASE 36th APAMS



Traifalgar

PROF. Rex Ferdinand M. Traifalgar, faculty member and Director of the Institute of Aquaculture, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, UP Visayas, delivered a talk at the 36th Annual Meeting and Symposium (36th APAMS) of the Philippine-American Academy of Science and Engineering (PAASE) on July 14-15, 2017 at the Manila Hotel, Metro Manila.

Traifalgar discussed about the “Production and Evaluation of High-Protein Fermented Sweet Potato (Proen-K) as Feed Ingredient for Economically Important Aquatic Organisms.” He said the Project is about the biotechnological conversion of agricultural biomass (sweet potato with 3-6% protein) into a high protein feed material containing 18-40% protein.

“This fermented biomass could be incorporated in fish fed to about 50% of the total feed ingredient. The present work suggests that biomass fermentation could be a strategy to produce high-protein feed materials for the diets of tilapia, shrimp, milkfish, and this technology could be a solution to the shortage of feed materials for aquaculture use,” he added.

The project was one of

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## UP 2 UP Marathon: The biggest Run UP ever



Marathoners preparing for the race

IN honor of 70 years of UP Presence in Iloilo, the UP Alumni Association – Iloilo Chapter (UPAA-Iloilo Chapter), in cooperation with the UP Silak and Silab alumni, organized the first and biggest “Run UP” ever held on August 25, 2017.

Now on its 7th year, “Run UP” staged the “UP 2 UP Marathon” that took off at 10:00 pm from the main campus of UP Visayas in Miagao, Iloilo to Iloilo City where UP was first established in 1947.

The “UP 2 UP Marathon” featured the full 42K event for men and women and a relay category consisting of 4 runners. A side event was held the next day, August 26, at SM City South point for 3 and 5K distances.

It is no small feat to organize a full marathon. Atty. Gaudioso “Didoy” Geduspan II and Dr. Ray Alindong, Chair of Run UP7 and Overall

Coordinator of Run UP7, respectively, expressed their utmost appreciation for the support of the UPV administration, the Municipalities of Miagao, Guimbal,

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outstanding contributions to science outreach activities. She played a leadership role in the “Let’s Talk Science” and “Science Rendezvous” programs – both major outreach activities, during the period that she was at the University of Saskatchewan.

She was also the Department’s first lab demonstration assistant, a new position that required her to carry out live chemistry demonstrations to large first year classes. This was a

Tigbauan and Oton, and the Iloilo City Government. Because of their invaluable assistance, the 42K runners ran the course with all the logistical provisions in place.

The “UP 2 UP Marathon” was the idea of Mary Lyncen Fernandez, current Chair of the UPV Healthy Lifestyle and Wellness Committee. She was selling the idea of a full marathon from UPV Miagao to UPV Iloilo City back in 2015 when the UPAA – Iloilo Chapter had its first race event in the Miagao campus – the UP Duathlon held on May 2.

That it was finally done in 2017, coinciding with the 70 years of UP Presence in Iloilo was indeed fitting and timely. **(Lyncen Fernandez, IPO)**

huge undertaking as it was the first time the Department of Chemistry attempted the exercise and she had to compile manuals and prepare the materials for these demonstrations. The Department of Chemistry at the University of Saskatchewan wrote in their newsletter that her efforts raised the profile of the Department dramatically. **(Enrique N. Legaspi III with sources from University of Saskatchewan, Department of Chemistry Newsletter)**



# COP/BIDANI joins the National Nutrition Month Celebration ‘17



Participants listen to a lecture on healthy eating

IN celebration of the National Nutrition Month this July, 2017, COP/BIDANI joins the nation by holding a Nutrition Forum on July 3, 2017 at the

Auditorium, UP Visayas, Iloilo City. This year’s theme, “Healthy diet, gawing habit: FOR LIFE!” is about awareness on the importance of a

healthy diet to prevent malnutrition and reduce obesity and non-communicable diseases as well as to distinguish healthy diet from unhealthy diet. The Forum also aimed to update barangay officials, Barangay Nutrition Scholars, Barangay Health Workers, and other stakeholders on the nutrition situation of the Region with emphasis on stunting and wasting.

Invited resource persons were Calvin de los Reyes, Ph.D., Visiting Professor from Khovd University and Consultant, JICA (KANSI) and Ms. Nona B. Tad-y, Regional Nutrition Program Coordinator, National Nutrition Council, Region VI.

The talk focused on the importance of the First 1,000 Days of the babies upon pregnancy and after the mother delivered her newborn. According to Dr. Calvin, maternal and child health through regular pre-natal check up and healthy diet are important during this period to ensure the brain development and growth of the baby. Early childhood development and childcare

were given emphasis. The highlight of the forum, was on the Nutrition theme for 2017, on giving importance to healthy diet, promotion of proper nutrition by preparing nutritious and low-cost foods, consumption of a good amount of fruits and vegetables, and regular exercise.

With these, let us promote and sustain a healthy diet, FOR LIFE! **(Remedios T. Huesca, BIDANI)**

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Philippines presented by Dr. Crispino Saclauso; Capture Fisheries in the Philippines by Dr. Gerald F. Quintio, Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanology, CFOS; Fish Processing in the Philippines by Prof. Loda Nacional, Institute of Fish Processing and Technology, CFOS; and Fish Marketing in the Philippines by Prof. Mary Ann Gumban, Dean, College of Management.

Each participant had a counterpart graduate student from CFOS to assist and help them with their activities. They were Jessie O. Jimenez, Jean Rose H. Maquirang, and Fedelia Flor C. Mero, all second year graduate students taking up Master of Science-Aquaculture. They visited public markets in the City and Province of Iloilo as well as shopping malls. An exposure trip to the South East Asian Fisheries Development Center-Aquaculture Department (SEAFDEC-AQD) Igang Station in Guimaras and Main Station in Tigbauan, Iloilo was also done. They visited the facilities of CFOS and the School of Technology in UPV Miagao campus, the Marine Biological Station (MBS) of the University in Taklong Island in Guimaras, and the Iloilo Fishing Port. Reports that summarized their learning in Philippines were presented before they headed back to Japan. The Japanese students who chose Philippines for their first-time overseas travel experience expressed their appreciation for the warm welcome. Speaking in behalf of his peers, Kameyama Ryo thanked everyone involved in the training for the unforgettable learning experience.

Considering the Philippines as his second home, Dr. Munechika Ishizaki accompanied the participants. He expressed his gratitude to the University for giving their students the opportunity to learn in the country.

Meanwhile, Jimenez, Maquirang, and Mero will be travelling to Japan next month to participate in a short training course in the said University. **(Lenilyn Gallos, CFOS)**

## GDP Conducts Capacity Building Seminar on Developing a Gender-Responsive Learning Environment

THE UPV Gender and Development Program conducted a Capacity Building Seminar on Developing a Gender-Responsive Learning Environment (GAD Concepts for Beginners: Module I) held at Bearland Paradise Resort, Tigbauan, Iloilo on July 20-21, 2017. The said activity was participated in by current and alternate GAD Focal Point System Members of UP Visayas coming from both the Miagao and Iloilo City campuses. The Seminar was the first in the series of trainings to be conducted by GDP that aims to capacitate the GADFPS.

Prof. Ma. Arve B. Bañez served as the Resource Speaker during the said activity. The state of UPV as a gender-responsive learning environment was discussed during the first session of the seminar. Ms. Ella Tidon of the Human Resource Development Office (HRDO) provided the participants with the sex-disaggregated data of UPV employees and an orientation on the various GAD-related benefits and privileges while Ms. Eleza Jundes of the Registrar’s Office presented the sex-disaggregated data of UPV students. Dr. Gay D. Defiesta, Coordinator of the UPV Anti-Sexual Harassment Office, also gave an update on the status of sexual



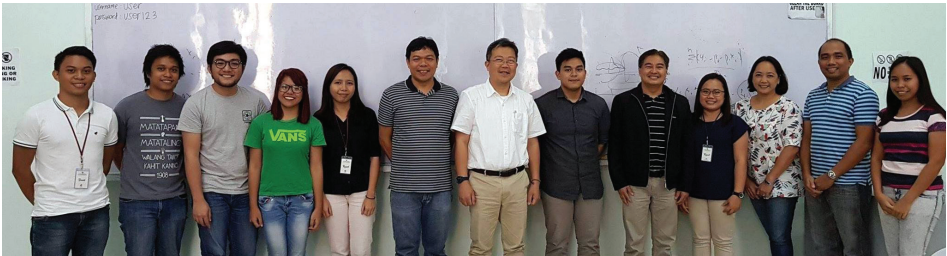
Badayos-Jover talks on role of the GDP in making a gender-responsive university

harassment cases in the University as well as on the newly BOR-approved Anti-Sexual Harassment Code of UP. Furthermore, the role of the Gender and Development Program and the GAD Focal Point System as major actors toward the attainment of a gender-responsive university was emphasized by Dr. Mary Barby P. Badayos-Jover, GDP Director.

The Philippine Commission on Women issued Memorandum Circular No. 2011-01 which delineates the guidelines for the creation,

strengthening, and institutionalization of the Gender and Development Focal Point System (GADFPS). The responsibilities of the GADFPS include the facilitation of the implementation of the gender mainstreaming efforts of the agency through the GAD planning and budgeting process, among others. As the frontrunner in pursuing gender mainstreaming initiatives in the region, UP Visayas must continuously improve and strengthen its GAD Focal Point System. **(Dana Lee M. Durana, GDP)**

## DPSM conducts training-workshop on R and Computational Statistics



Participants of the R and computational statistics

THE Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics (DPSM) conducted a Training-Workshop on R and Computational Statistics for faculty members of the Division at CL2-CAS Building, UPV Miagao campus on July 10-14, 2017.

R, a popular programming language that provides an environment for statistical computing and design, is the focus of the training-workshop.

The 5-day activity was conducted to upgrade faculty members’ knowledge on R and Computational Statistics, thereby strengthening their capacity to pursue researches using techniques on computational statistics.

Furthermore, the training assisted the faculty members in designing courses using R and Computational Statistics as additional electives of the Division, making graduates of DPSM more competitive in the job market.

Dr. Erniel B. Barrios and Mr. Paolo Victor T. Redondo from the School of Statistics, UP Diliman, served as Resource Speakers.

The Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics, one of the academic divisions under the College of Arts and Sciences, is envisioned to be the Center of Excellence in mathematical and computational sciences in the Visayas. **(Raquel C. Cajayon, DPSM)**

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and Ms. Jennifer Erice of JICA Philippines were present during the screening.

Uesige gave a brief background about the film. He said Tsukiji Wonderland took two years in the making. It was shot for 14 months and another 10 months for editing to come up with a 110-minute presentation out of a 600-hour video. Built more than 80 years ago, the Tsukiji Market has attracted many tourists. However, it is facing closure in the next few years due to a sanitation issue. Uesige said that it will be relocated to another place.

Meanwhile, Erice of JICA Philippines enlightened the audience about the agency, its programs, and services.

Mr. Joel Abalayan, Senior Aquaculturist at the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,

Region VI shared his experiences, being a former participant in the JICA Training Program in Japan.

Dr. Nathaniel Añasco, Director of the CFOS Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanology, and Dr. Harold Monteclaro, Director of the Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies respectively, welcomed and thanked the responsible agencies in bringing the documentary to the University. Añasco and Monteclaro both earned their PhD degrees (Fisheries Science) in Japan.

Tsukiji Wonderland is one of the documentary films featured in this year’s 20th Eigasai, an annual Japanese Film Festival. The Eigasai is now showing at the FDCP Cinematheque-Iloilo, Solis Street, Iloilo City, from August 25-29, 2017. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos, CFOS)**



# CFOS scientist/researcher attends short training at PERDC, Texas A & M University, USA

DR. Erlinda S. Ganzon-Naret, Scientist 1 and Univ. Researcher of the Institute of Aquaculture, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, attended the training course on Aquaculture Feed Extrusion and Nutrition and Feed Management on August 20-25, 2017 held at the Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas, USA. The training was organized by the Process Engineering Research and Development Center (PERDC). The Alumni Grant was given by the Education for Nature (EFN) by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

This training course was attended by sixteen (16) participants

coming from nine (9) different countries. A series of lectures was held at the Rudder Tower, Texas A & M University. The lectures primarily focused on the review of the current practices for the preparation of aquaculture feeds, aquaculture nutrition, and feed management practices.

The trainings also exposed the participants to multiple demonstrations on the use of different types of extruders, drying and cooling systems for aquaculture feeds, and the use of the NIR (Near Infra-Red) Analyzer on ingredients. Participants were also oriented with Aqua feed



Naret (4th from right, standing) with other participants

vacuum infusion, coating of aqua feeds, and the most recent processing technologies for the effective selection

and operation with the use extruders. (Anna Razel Ramirez with sources from IA)

## Gumban cited at 80th Charter Day of Iloilo City



Mabilog and Gumban

IN celebration of the 80th Charter Day Anniversary and Foundation of Iloilo City, The City Mayor, Hon.

Jed Patrick E. Mabilog, awarded Prof. Mary Ann T. Gumban, Dean, College of Management with a citation on August 24, 2017. The award was given because of her active community involvement and service, which brought growth, development, and progress to the Iloilo City. It was also given in grateful appreciation of her unselfish sharing of her expertise and generous effort in building up the success of Iloilo City.

Prof. Gumban has been actively involved in providing training and capability building for the employees of Iloilo City Hall.

She initiated the conduct of a Visioning exercise leading to Strategic Planning and conducting a departmental Organizational Structure Review for Iloilo City Hall in view of the revision of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) of the City. She is also a member of the Oversight Committee organized for the purpose of making sure that the City's Business Permit and Licensing System is put in place. Currently, she works closely with USAID-SURGE project in building up an Urban Development Resource Center for Iloilo City. (Anna Razel Ramirez with source from CM)

## UPV's Ferrer and Chan make it to TOSP regional finals



Ferrer (left) and Chan (right) with Office of Student Affairs Director Ruben Gamala (center)

JUNE Vincent P. Ferrer III made it to the top five in the Regional Finals of the 2017th Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines during the Awarding Ceremonies at the Capiz Provincial Capitol, Roxas City on July 26, 2017.

June Vincent P. Ferrer III is a graduate of BS Business Administration, major in Marketing, at the College of Management of UP Visayas. Another UPV nominee, Josielou L. Chan, a BS Fisheries (cum laude) graduate from the

College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, was selected to be part of the 16 finalists from Region VI in this prestigious search. Both were cited for excelling not only in their academic performance but also because in their leadership and service to the larger community. Together with other nominees, they also participated in a training that further honed their skills prior to the selection.

The Ten Outstanding Students of the Philippines (TOSP) is a program that annually recognizes exceptional (Zyreen Lou B. Faramiran, OSA)

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the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) projects chosen to be presented at the Conference. With the theme, "Converging Academic-Government-Industry S&T Stakeholders to Accelerate Philippine Innovation," the Conference was participated in by foreign-based PAASE scientists and engineers and local PAASE members, S&T faculty, researchers, educators, government officials, and industry leaders.

PAASE is a voluntary, non-profit organization of Filipino scientists and engineers here and abroad. It is working to advance science and technology development in the Philippines. It aims to converge the academe with science and engineering-based industries in the Philippines in collaboration with the Philippine government to accelerate the use of research and innovation in improving the Filipinos' quality of life. (Lenilyn Gallos with sources from CFOS-IA)

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academe, Rola has served in a non-teaching capacity as student organization adviser, administrative committee chair, and academic administrator. Outside the University, she served as representative of the education sector in various committees, government agencies, and non-government institutions. She is also a strong force in the foundation and fostering of cultural heritage and art in the university and in the national scene.

The Outstanding Professional Award, on the other hand, was given to three other alumni. Dr. Joselito F. Villaruz, BS Biology (1987), UPV, for the field of education, Mr. Raul L. Cordenillo, High School (1992), UPHSI, for the field of social sciences; and Dr. Alex Escolastico L. Cerrillo, High School (1972), UPHSI, for the field of health and medical sciences.

Other celebrating Jubilarians were also recognized, the most senior of whom is Blue Sapphire Jubilarian Ms. Aida Yusay of UPIC Lower Division (High School) 1952, celebrating 65 years after graduation. Other classes in attendance included UPIC Associate in Arts 1957, Lower Division 1957, Lower Division 1962, and the Gold Jubilarians from UPI High School 1967.

The U.P. Alumni & Faculty Homecoming Dinner & Awards Night was the finale to the 3-day festivities which featured other events such as the Homecoming Mass, brunch, Election, and the Run UP! 7 Fun Run and 42K UP to UP Night Run. The event was jointly organized by UPV Office of Alumni Relations and UP Alumni Association (Iloilo Chapter) in collaboration with other alumni associations, batches, and organizations. (GC Castro, OAR)

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Miagao en route to Iloilo City to realize Silak and Silab's long-time dream of doing the 42K UP 2 UP full marathon.

On the early morning of August 26, continuing from the finish of the 42K runners, the 3K and 5K Fun Run followed at the Diversion Road in Iloilo City. In the afternoon, Bingo Sessions by SoTech, I Am UP High launch, Bluechips' Back to Base Reunion, and UPHS'76 Spirit of '67 Barn Dance Concert were also held.

This year's Homecoming was capped by the Homecoming Dinner & Awards Night. Celebrating Jubilarians

were recognized while notable alumni were given awards. Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa, who is ending his term as Chancellor of UP Visayas, gave his Chancellor's Report to the Alumni. The night ended with an after party featuring local musical artists with the Jubilarians dancing to the beat of the 80's and the 70's.

The UP Alumni & Faculty Homecoming is jointly organized by the UPV Office of Alumni Relations and the UP Alumni Association (Iloilo Chapter) in cooperation with various alumni batches and organizations. (GC Castro, OAR)



alumni homecoming scenes





# UPV Tacloban College secures back-to-back win in the NAQDOWN Visayas

THE University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC) has secured a back-to-back win in the Visayas hub of the National Accounting Quiz Showdown (NAQDOWN) held at the University of San Carlos (USC) in Cebu City on July 16, 2017. 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.

Incoming fifth year BS Accountancy (BSA) student of the Division Management, Kim D. Limosnero, accompanied by his adviser Mr. Carlo Angelo T. Negado, bested 35 other participants from Accountancy schools across the Visayas Region. Coming in second and third places were Jana Kryzyl

B. Dibdib of the USC and Princess O. Gumanit of the University of San Jose – Recoletos (USJR), respectively.

Alexis Eugene Castor, a magna cum laude BSA graduate from the UPVTC Class of 2017, won in the same competition last year.

For bagging the top spot in the Visayas hub, Limosnero won a cash prize amounting to P2,000 as well as a medal and a certificate. He will also join the Top 5 participants from the other hubs in the upcoming NAQDOWN final round that will be held in Ilocos Norte in October.

Up for grabs in the final round are cash prizes amounting to P20,000 for the champion, P15,000 for the first runner-up, and P10,000 for the second runner-up.

Now on its 10th year, the



UPVTC NAQDOWN Winners

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. (Carlo Angelo T. Negado, UPVTC)

## DPSM conducts workshop on the Revision of the BS Statistics Program

THE Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics (DPSM) Statistics Cluster recently conducted an Academic Program Improvement (API) Workshop at the UPV Teaching and Learning Resource Center, Miagao, Iloilo. The activity was participated in by faculty members of the BS Statistics Program with the aim of improving the proposal for the revision of the BS Statistics Curriculum to conform with the new GE framework and AUN standards.

Dr. Emel B. Barrios served as a resource person for the activity. He is a Professor of Statistics at UP Diliman and formerly the Dean of the UP School of Statistics. During his deanship, the School was accredited by ASEAN University Network –

Quality Assessment (AUN-QA) and became the only Center of Excellence for Statistics in the Philippines.

The activity, steered by Dr. Barrios, shared the different aspects of implementing the AUN Standards in the BS Statistics curriculum. Moreover, he guided the faculty members during the 2-day workshop that revolved on the following topics: Workshop 1 - Formulation and review of the background, rationale, goals, and outcomes of the program; Workshop 2 - Revision of Study Plan; Workshop 3 - Justification for courses to be instituted, revised and deleted; and Workshop 4 - Finalization of the proposal for the revision of the UPV BS Statistics Program curriculum. (Daniel David M. Pamplona)

## Advanced lecture on tropical fisheries for Japanese students conducted



Student participants from KUFF accompanied by Dr. Ishizaki (extreme right) with Dean Saclauso (seated, 3rd from left), resource speaker and facilitator of the training

THE University of the Philippines Visayas, through the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), maintains and strengthens its mutually beneficial and enriching partnership with Kagoshima University Faculty of Fisheries (KUFF), Japan.

For 11 years now, CFOS has been

conducting short training courses for the graduate students of KUFF. On July 3-14, 2017, another batch of three Master of Science in Fisheries students of the said University attended the two-week training course on “Advanced Lecture on Tropical Fisheries.” The training sought to give the participants a broad overview of the current status of fisheries and aquaculture in the Philippines. Two of the students studied food hygiene/sanitation in the country while another one got information about seaweeds in the Philippines.

Accompanied by Dr. Erlinda C. Lacierda, faculty member of Institute of Aquaculture, CFOS and training coordinator, the participants visited the fish market and JICA office in Manila on July 4, 2017. They were formally welcomed by Dr. Crispino A. Saclauso, CFOS Dean, during the Opening Program held at the Audio Visual Room, Graduate and Continuing Education Building, UPV Iloilo City campus on July 5, 2017.

They also attended lectures on various topics. The first lecture was on Political, Social, Economic Situation, Science and Education in the Philippines discussed by Dr. Rodelio Subade of the Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences. Other topics were Aquaculture in the

## UPV screens ‘Tsukiji Wonderland’



CFOS Dean Saclauso (left) gives a commentary after the film screening

MORE than 200 high school students coming from 10 public and private high schools from the Municipality of Miag-ao flocked and watched the free film screening of “Tsukiji Wonderland” on August 18, 2017 at the Audio Visual Room, Pidlaon Hall, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas Miagao campus.

UPV, though the CFOS, was invited by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Japan Foundation Manila for a partnership in the film screening of “Tsukiji Wonderland.” This is in line with the celebration of the Japan-Philippines Friendship Month. The screening also gave an opportunity to share the culture of Japan with a young Filipino audience. The documentary portrays the rich seafood and fishing culture and tradition of Japan.

The film earned positive reactions from the audience. “It is very informative. It gives us a

glimpse of Japan’s culture and how they value trust and honor,” said a female student of Palaca National High School.

“It shows us how Japanese people treasure relationship, which is their primary goal over profit in dealing business with people,” another student quipped when asked about their reaction after watching the documentary.

In his commentary, CFOS Dean Dr. Crispino A. Saclauso stated that “Tsukiji more than anything else, stands for craftsmanship, excellence, and tradition reflecting the old-fashioned work ethics of the Japanese.”



He pointed out how the Japanese relate with their clients, putting the latter’s interests over profit. “If only this is how things are in other parts of the world, we would expect a healthy and happier relationships between and among the food providers and the end users.”

He said for tradition and practices

to continue, they must be passed on to the younger generations, which according to him is the message from the film.

Mr. Hiroaki Uesige, Director of The Japan Foundation, Manila, UPV SCREENS / 5

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# New College of Management Building inaugurated



CHED and University of the the Philippines Officials unveiled the marker for the new College of Management Building



THE College of Management (CM) has a new home with better facilities conducive to learning for its undergraduate and graduate enrollees. The new building was inaugurated on August 14, 2017 at the UPV Iloilo City campus.

CM Dean, Prof. Mary Ann T. Gumban and the faculty and staff welcomed top University officials during the event. Former UP President Alfredo Pascual, Current President Danilo Concepcion, CHED Commissioner for Western Visayas, Dr. J. Prospero De Vera unveiled the marker for

the new building. They were joined by Chancellor Rommel Espinosa and the Vice Presidents of the UP System - Prof. Nestor Yunque for Administration, Prof. Elvira Zamora for Development, and Prof. Jose Florendo for Finance. UPV Vice Chancellors Prof. Emilia S. Yap, Dr. Ricardo Babaran, Dr. Evelyn Belleza, and Prof. Raul Olaguer were also present during the ceremony along with other officials of the University.

The inauguration followed the blessing and mass presided by Rev. Fr. Kenneth Ezpeleta,

an alumnus of the College of Management.

The construction was realized through the hard work of its current Dean, Prof. Mary Ann T. Gumban who submitted a proposal for the building rehabilitation of the structure to then President Alfredo E. Pascual. The amount for the construction and amenities was taken from the reprogrammed funds of the UP System amounting to PhP35M

and from the Graduate Tuition Fee Increment amounting to PhP10M.

The new building is fully air-conditioned and is equipped with a 16-channel surveillance camera. From a seven dilapidated-room building, it has been converted into a 12-room facility giving the students and faculty better learning and teaching environment. **(Anna Razel Ramirez, with sources from CM)**

## CFOS researcher participates in the 2017 Hiroshima University Summer School

MR. Jant Cres Caigoy, academic staff of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), participated in the 10th International Summer School on July 26 to August 1, 2017 in Biosphere Science, Hiroshima University, Japan.

Caigoy attended the Fisheries and Marine Biology program to acquire knowledge and techniques on the latest advances in the field of fisheries and marine biology. He was selected by Hiroshima University among the applicants duly recommended by Dean Crispino A. Saclauso from CFOS to attend the Summer School. Currently, he is a research assistant of the UP Balik Ph.D Program entitled "Detection of Foodborne Pathogens Along the Supply Chain of Fresh Oysters and Mussels and Its Culture Environment."

The Summer School was aimed to share the current knowledge and techniques on the latest advances in fisheries and marine biology, animal science, food chemistry and nutrition, applied molecular biology, and plant and soil science for undergraduate, graduate students, and young academic staff. It also sought to foster a good relationship among the participating universities including UPV, which has

an existing partnership with Hiroshima University.

"The 10th International Summer School is very remarkable. I experienced more than what I expected. It was fun and I have learned a lot from our classes, met new people, and developed friendships. Though we came from different countries, we were able to communicate well and understand one another. I believe that the summer school is more than its academic purpose. It is also a venue for us to build connections with different cultures," Caigoy said about his experience.

Caigoy said that the training introduced him and other participants to the native fishery resources in Japan, ranging from freshwater organisms to marine species, identified invasive freshwater shrimps, and learned about the technologies used in fisheries, among others.

Part of the training was a study tour in modern research institutes, private companies, and the two World Heritage sites found in Hiroshima, namely, the Itsukushima Shrine and Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos; with sources from Jant Cres Caigoy)**



Caigoy (seated, extreme right) with other participants, faculty and staff of Biosphere Science, Hiroshima University

## UPV signs MOU with ISAT-U



ISAT-U Pres. Dr. Raul Muyong (seated, 2nd from L) and UPV Chancellor Dr. Rommel Espinosa, (seated, 3rd from L), signed the MOU. With them are CHED Comm. Prospero de Veyra, UP President Danilo Concepcion, UPV Vice Chancellor Ricardo Babaran and ISAT-U Vice Pres. Carmelo Ambut

THE University of the Philippines Visayas and the Iloilo Science and Technology University (ISAT-U) signed a Memorandum of Understanding for research, training, and public service program collaborations on August 14, 2017 at the University of the Philippine Visayas, Iloilo City campus.

UPV Chancellor Dr. Rommel A. Espinosa and ISAT-U President Dr. Raul F. Muyong signed the MOU in behalf of their respective universities. Witnessing the signing were CHED Commissioner Prospero De Vera, UP President Danilo Concepcion, UPV Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension Dr. Ricardo Babaran, and ISAT-U Vice President Carmelo Ambut.

UPV and ISAT-U's common interest in fostering innovative capability-building programs in fisheries and aquatic sciences can be a strategy for both universities to

generate new knowledge and sustain the development of technologies.

In the MOU, both decided to pursue the following: 1) develop collaborative activities in the furtherance of the common goals and objectives of UPV and ISAT-U; 2) to undertake collaborative graduate level instruction, research, training, and public service or extension programs; 3) to promote the exchange of scientists and researchers for graduate level instruction, research, training, and other related activities; 4) to strengthen the research capabilities of faculty and researchers through the cooperative use of materials and facilities; and, 5) to enhance the institutional capabilities of UPV and ISAT-U by collaborating in emerging trans-, inter-, and multi-disciplinary research programs of mutual interest. **(Anna Razel L. Ramirez, IPO)**