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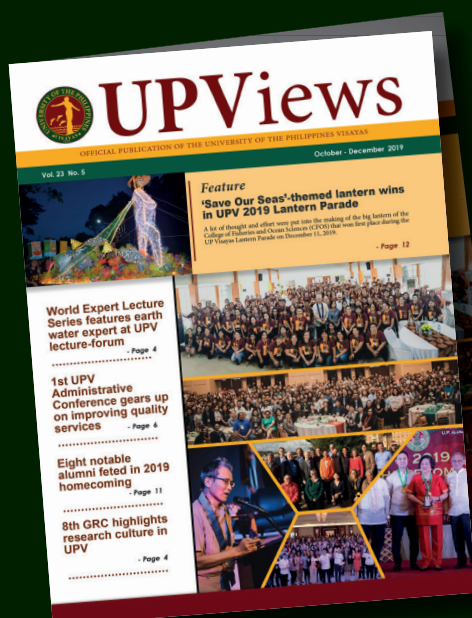
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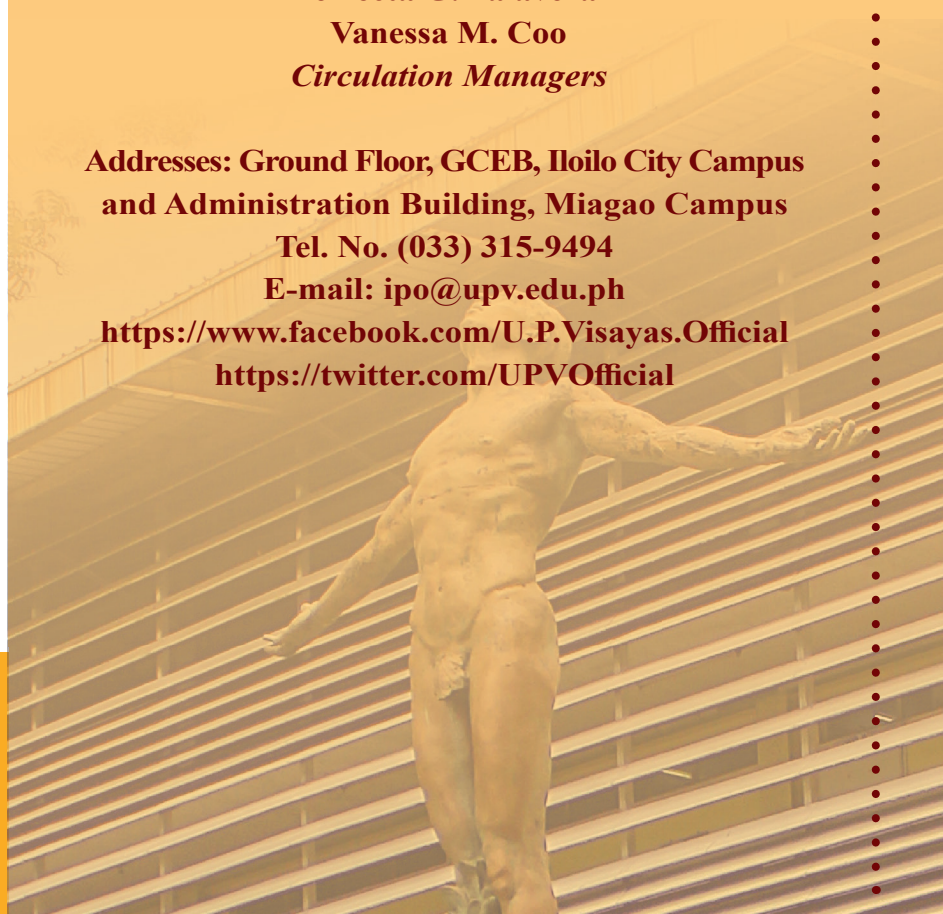
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# World Expert Lecture Series features earth water expert at UPV lecture-forum



BECAUSE of climate change, the Philippines will become more humid, will have an increase in precipitation and rainfall, yet its soil moisture will continue to decrease. Thus, we need to brace ourselves for more typhoons, flooding, and drought. In addition, the sea level rise will submerge many coastal areas.

This was the bleak scenario presented by Dr. Thian Yew Gan during the lecture-forum entitled, "Perspectives on Multi-facet Impacts of Global Warming on Earth's Waters." It was held on November 19, 2019 at the UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus.

Although Gan's talk covered mostly what is happening in the northern hemisphere, the Arctic area, and other parts of the world, he pointed out that climate change affects all parts of the world. However, most of its horrendous consequences are especially perilous for tropical countries like the Philippines.

In order to cut greenhouse gases that warm our world, Gan suggested the following mitigating measures:

*set up a carbon tax or emission trading scheme;  
phase-out sales of conventional petrol and diesel cars and vans by 2040;*

*implement the minimum requirement for "Engineering, Procurement, and Construction" for rented property*

*ban the installation of gas heating in new homes from 2025;*

*create more subsidies for renewable energy generation;*

*implement restrictions on using coal and other fossil fuels for energy generation;*

*introduce low emission zones banning certain types of transport;*

*increase sources renewable energy;*

*decrease the burning of fossil fuel;*

*promote the use of hybrid vehicles and clean air hybrid buses;*

Gan is a Professor of University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. He is internationally renowned for his many innovative, multidisciplinary contributions to our understanding in hydrology, hydroclimatology, cryosphere, remote sensing of environment, and water resources management.

The lecture-forum was a World Expert Lecture Series and is organized by the UPV School of Technology in partnership with the UP Office of International Linkages and the UP Vice-President for Academic Affairs. **(Lyncen Fernandez, IPO)**







# International Conference on Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences focus on promoting resiliency of typhoon highway, Tacloban

THE 5th International Conference on Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences was held at Summit Hotel in Tacloban City on November 6 and 7, 2019.

In his words of welcome Dr. Virgildo Sabalo, Dean of UPVTC said it is significant that the international conference is being held in Tacloban since the typhoon Haiyan struck the

Philippines where many lost lives and properties. "Tacloban City, as a typhoon highway of the Philippines, there is no other more apt theme but resiliency," he said.

With this year's Conference focusing on disaster management, Dean Sabalo emphasized the objectives of the Conference and hopeful as the discussions centered on the minimization of

the impact of disastrous natural calamities. "The focus of this Conference is on how to mitigate and minimize damages brought by this natural havoc and how can we respond correctly to these events, especially in the sector on fisheries and aquatic resources. Through these researches, UPVTC expects to influence and spur actions of government officials,

local government units in the areas of environment management, fisheries and aquatic resources."

He also added that the Conference gathered scholars and researchers who shared in the discussions that promote inclusive growth, development, and resiliency from a multi-disciplinary perspective revolving around the

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# Fisheries experts convene for int'l training on EAFM in Iloilo City

EXPERTS in the field of fisheries gathered in Iloilo City for an international training on Ecosystem Approach on Fisheries Management (EAFM), a relevant platform to address many challenges besetting the fisheries sector.

Organized by the Food and Fertilizer Technology Center (FFTC) for the Asian and Pacific Region in partnership with the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development -Department of Science and Technology (DOST-PCAARRD) and the University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV), the three-day training convened academicians, researchers, scientists, and fisheries managers to equip them on the principles of EAFM that will support decision-making towards responsible and sustainable fisheries.

Held on October 1-3, 2019, the training course was attended by 18 fisheries experts from

Thailand, Taiwan, Cambodia, and local participants from various state universities and colleges (SUCs) from seven regions in the country.

EAFM is designed for those responsible for promotion/administering capacity development activities and fisheries and marine environment policies in the areas of concern. The primary aim of the training was for the participants to apply the principles of the EAFM with effective approaches to better manage the resources in their respective regions or areas of concern.

The training had 17 modules. These included among others the threats and issues in fisheries; fisheries management and the ecosystem approach; principles and fundamentals of EAFM; EAFM process; link between policy and action; design/implementation; constraints and opportunities; and management actions and compliance.

In order to meet the course objectives, the participants engaged in various activities that examined and deliberated important issues on EAFM. They formulated and presented their individual action plan at the end of the training course.

FFTC director Kuo-Ching Lin, PCAARRD executive

director Dr. Reynaldo V. Ebor, UPV chancellor Prof. Ricardo P. Babaran, PCAARRD deputy executive Dr. Edwin C. Villar, Manila Economic and Cultural Office (MECO) board of director Mr. Cesar M. Drilon, Jr., and DOST-6 regional director Rowen R. Gelonga graced the event. *(Lenilyn Gallos, CFOS)*







# 1st UPV Administrative Conference gears up on improving quality services

“DO good, do not cheat and steal, treat everyone fairly and equally, serve with honesty, integrity and dedication. But above all, fear God,” says Ombudsman Samuel R. Martires, keynote speaker of the 1st UP Visayas Administrative Conference on October 24-25, 2019, held at the UPV Iloilo City campus.

Martires was the most appropriate speaker to talk on RA 6713, known as the “Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees,” which he said is “our moral compass.”

Before being appointed Ombudsman of the Republic of the Philippines on March 2, 2017, Martires was a former Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Philippines. He also

served as Associate Justice of the Sandiganbayan.

In addition to the keynote address, the UPV administrative staff and officials also heard from the following lecturers:

1. “Quality Management System (QMS) Innovations and Excellence in Public Service Delivery” - Mr. Paul B. Bagatsing, President, SOCOTEC Certification Int’l, Philippines;
2. “Strengthening Employee Development Program “Master your Own Reinvention as a Public Servant” - Ms. Florida M. Dijan, Asst. Sec. for HRD, DILG;
3. “Enhancing Health and Wellness & Enjoying the Workplace: “Improvise, Adapt, and Innovate” - Dr. Anselmo T. Tronco, Chair, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral

Science, UP Philippine General Hospital;

4. “Climate Change Disaster Risk Reduction: “Management and Employee Protection at Work and at Home” - Dr. Alfredo Mahar Francisco A. Lagmay, Executive Director, UP NOAH Resilience Institute; and

5. “Driving Personal and Organizational Excellence thru PRIME-HRM” - Atty. Rodolfo B. Encajonado, Director IV, Civil Service Commission.

“This is a major step forward in providing a better quality of service for UPV’s external and internal publics,” says Dr. Ricardo P. Babaran, UPV Chancellor at the start of the program.

UP Vice President for Administration, Prof. Nestor G. Yunque, is hopeful that the

Conference will help UPV to further improve the quality of its services and its operational efficiency such as “meeting our objectives with the least possible cost.”

On her part, Vice Chancellor for Administration Prof. Mary Ann T. Gumban said that, “This very first UPV Administrative Conference is an affirmation of the role that the administrative personnel take on in the University, that is, being the backbone of this institution.”

The 1st UPV Administrative Conference was organized by UP Visayas in coordination with the All UP Workers Union – Iloilo Chapter and was supported by the UP System. (*Lyncen Fernandez, IPO*)





# DEVTALK 2019: A celebration of partnerships and the 28th Anniversary of the Local Government Code



CLOSE to 400 people gathered to participate in the DEVTALK 2019: Ideas Forum on Local Development Planning at the Diversion 21 Hotel on October 31, 2019. Organized by the Office of Continuing Education and Pahinungod of UP Visayas, in partnership with DILG Region 6, Support for the Local Governance Program (SLGP) and Local Governance Regional Resource Center VI, the DEVTALK 2019 was a celebration to highlight the partnerships of DILG, State Universities and Colleges

(SUCs), and Local Government Units (LGUs) to enhance local development planning in the Philippines. DEVTALK 2019 was also an activity to cap off the 28th Local Government Code Anniversary celebration.

DILG Assistant Secretary for Plans and Programs Francisco R. Cruz and Region 6 Director Ariel O. Iglesia were invited to share their expertise and knowledge on local development planning.

“Proper and inclusive planning for all sectors are considered and barangay

concerns are properly integrated,” said Director Iglesia. Assistant Secretary Cruz reiterated that the pursuit of development, whether national or local in nature, requires the involvement of all sectors and members of the society.

Director Anna Liza F. Bonagua of Bureau of Local Government Development (BLGD) talked about the importance of Community-based Monitoring System (CBMS) and capacity building in creating policies, projects, and programs

for genuine and sustainable local development.

Mr. Joel Lasam of Merriam College talked about the Trends, Opportunities and New Complexities in Local Development Planning.

Dr. Hussein Lisadan, Dean of School of Urban and Regional Planning (SURP) of UP Diliman, talked about Critical Transport Infrastructure as the Key to Development and Transport Planning and its importance in

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## Monteclaro is ILP Governing Council vice chair

PROF. Harold M. Monteclaro, coordinator for external linkages of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), was elected vice chairman of the International Linkage Program Governing Council (ILPG), an alliance of seven international fishery-related postgraduate schools from six countries in the Asian region.

Monteclaro was voted during the ILP Governing Council's annual meeting held at the Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Malaysia in November this year.

The ILP Governing Council, composed of representatives of

the member schools, manages the curriculum of the Post Graduate (Master) Program on Tropical Fisheries with International Linkage (ILP).

UP Visayas, through CFOS, is one of the founders and collaborating higher education institutions of the ILP together with Sam Ratulangi University (Indonesia), Kagoshima University (Japan); and Kasetsart University (Thailand) in August 2014.

Representing the University, Monteclaro was one of the brains in formulating the rules of the ILP.

The alliance was later

joined by Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (Malaysia) and Nha Trang University (Vietnam). Bogor Agricultural University (Indonesia) is the newest member of the Council.

Implemented in April 2015, the ILP allows students from the member schools to take subjects and be mentored by the faculty members of the collaborating universities overseas to produce globally competitive graduates.

Prof. Munechika Ishizaki of Graduate School of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Kagoshima University, Japan is the current chairman of the Council. (*Lenilyn Gallos, CFOS*)





# UPV wins awards in 2019 int'l fisheries symposium



UP Visayas (UPV) participated in the 9th ASEAN-FEN International Fisheries Symposium 2019 (IFS 2019) held on November 18-21, 2019 at Seri Pacific Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Led by Prof. Encarnacion Emilia S. Yap, dean of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UPV had a total of 24 participants, 22 of whom were from the CFOS and two were from the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS).

Dean Yap was one of the judges for the Postharvest, Fish Product and Food Safety poster session of the conference.

UPV received two of the six awards in this international symposium that was participated in by 36 universities in Asia. The papers of Mr. Vince Neil Fuertes

and Ms. Angeleca Sumogod, all of CFOS, won the Best Oral Presentation and Best Poster Presentation, respectively.

Fuertes presented his paper entitled "Distribution and utilization of the emerging invasive mussel species, *Mytella charruana*, in the Philippines."

Fuertes said the study, which he co-authored with Prof. Harold Monteclaro and Rochelle A. De Los Reyes, investigates the occurrence of an invasive mussel species that was reported in the Philippines in 2014 and was a threat to the oyster and green mussel culture in the country. Through interviews and surveys among local fishers, mussel and oyster growers, and local fishery officials, the *Mytella charruana*, now locally called *bahung*, was found to be established in the

northern and western regions of Luzon. Despite showing a competitive advantage with the green mussels, oysters, and other native bivalve species, various utilizations of the *M. charruana* were found, especially in non-traditional culture sites, wherein the occurrence of this species has provided food and livelihood opportunities to the communities.

Meanwhile, Sumogod presented the findings of her study on the "Extraction and purification of hyaluronic acid (HA) from yellow fin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*) eyeball."

Considering the Hyaluronic acid (HA) has been extracted from either higher vertebrates or bacterial sources, Sumogod said that the results of the study may open a new opportunity to

a more cost-effective production of a valuable bioactive compound from marine resources such as those from yellow fin tuna eyeballs. She added that the research findings are expected to help maximize the benefits of the utilization of the tuna processing wastes in the country.

This recent feat is the second for Sumogod to win an international award. Her paper was cited as the Best Research Presentation in the poster category (graduate level) during the 12th Asian Fisheries and Aquaculture Forum (AFAF) held in the Iloilo Convention Center, Iloilo City on April 8-12, 2019.

"Being one of the best poster presenters was totally unexpected on my part simply because there are many participating researches. Also, I am thankful to Dean Yap, Prof. Mae Grace Nillos, Prof. Loda Nacional, and Ma'am Caingit, my expert mentors for this new achievement," Sumogod stated about her success.

An annual academic symposium under the auspices of ASEAN Fisheries Education Network (ASEAN-FEN), IFS is a gathering for participants to share and gain knowledge on topics such as Nutrition and Feed, Aquatic Animal Health, Information Technology and Engineering, Genetics and Biotechnology, Fisheries Biology and Resource Management, Postharvest, Fish Products and Food Safety, Broodstock culture, larviculture and hatchery management, Algae and Aquatic Plants, among others.

IFS 2019 was organized and hosted by Universiti Putra Malaysia. The next IFS will be held in Vietnam. (*Lenilyn Gallos, CFOS*)

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resilient development planning. Dr. Lisadan emphasized the importance of capacitating SUCs of the country so they can assist the Local Government Units (LGUs) in development planning activities like the formulation of the CDP and CLUP.

The event was participated in by DILG Officials, Mayors and their Municipal Planning Teams, DILG Cluster Heads and Focal Persons,

Municipal Local Government Operations Officers (MLGOOs), and Local Resource Institute Partners of the LGRRRC from the provinces of Iloilo, Capiz, Aklan, Antique, Guimaras, and Negros Occidental. Also in attendance were participants from the State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in Region 6.

UP Visayas has been providing technical assistance in the formulation of the

Comprehensive Development Plan (CDP) of DILG's 20 target LGUs. DEVTALK 2019 was also a part of the series of activities conducted by UPV headed by the Office of Continuing Education and Pahinungod (OCEP) and DILG Region 6 for the "SUC-assisted approach in CDP Formulation Project" led by Dr. Rhodella A. Ibabao (*Director, OCEP and Project Manager Kristine Charisse Muyong*)



## Subade is alumni awardee for env'tl economics

PROF. Rodelio Subade of the Division of Social Sciences of the College of Arts and Sciences was recently named 2019 Distinguished Alumni of the UP Los Baños Alumni Association, Inc.

Subade, who earned his PhD in Environmental Sciences from UPLB in 2004, was recognized because of his contribution in the

field of environmental science and environmental economics that cited his academic leadership in teaching the value of the environment as he mentors future academic leaders. He has implemented several projects that contributed to the advancement of the "stated preference valuation approach," a method in economics as

it was applied to the environment and natural resources.

The award was given in UP Los Baños on October 9, 2019.

Dr. Subade was also given the Macli-ing Dulag Award for being an outstanding SESAM alumnus for research in environmental economics. (*Anna Razel Ramirez, IPO*)



# UPV top performing school in the Fish Tech Exam, alumna gets no. 1 spot with 10 others in top 10

FOR the nth time, UP Visayas, through the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, is the top performing school in the recently released result of the Fisheries Technologists Licensure Exam given in the month of October.

UPV scored 96.33% with 109 examinees.

The Top 10 examinees from UPV are as follows:



NAME	RANK	RATING
1. GARDEL XYZA SANA LIBUNAO	1	89.00
2. WHELVER NALDOZA SURNIDO	4	86.00
3. KIM JOHN NAPIAR BALBOA	5	85.75
4. THEREZE PAULINE VENUS CAPAQUE	8	84.75
5. JOSETTE EMLN JAMOLLES GENIO	8	84.75
6. AMETHYL MARDIN PERNITO	8	84.75
7. ISIDRO CALCABEN TANANGONAN	8	84.75
8. RHIANNEN MARIE CASAS LICERA	9	84.50
9. KARL ANGELO PADERNILLA TENIZO	9	84.50
10. THERESE FLORES JAVELLANA	10	84.25
11. FEDELIA FLOR COLON MERO	10	84.25

UPV has been dominating this exam since it was first given by the Professional Regulation Commission in 2003. No school, by far, has dislodged the University from being the top performing school, even registering a 100% passing percentage in 2001 and 2011. *(Lyncen Fernandez-IPO)*



## UPVTC gets 96.30% passing rate in 2019 psychometrician board exam

THE University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC) produced one topnotcher and garnered a 96.30% passing rate in the Psychometrician Licensure Examination administered by the Board of Psychology of the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) in various parts of the country on October 27-28, 2019.

Pierce S. Docena earned an 84.60% rating and successfully made it to the 10th highest place among the examinees. Docena graduated with the degree BA (Social Sciences) Psychology,

cum laude, from UPVTC and completed his MA Psychology in UP Diliman. He is currently an Assistant Professor of UPVTC's Division of Social Sciences.

The other UPVTC graduates who are now licensed psychometricians are Daniell John C. Abrigo, Mari Cleofe S. Acodesin, Helena May A. Ador, Jann Felix P. Agudera, Liane Shane A. Aguilar, La Rue M. Alcober, Rizamari A. Apilado, and Alloundra Mae L. Belano.

The following UPVTC alumni also successfully made it in this year's licensure exam: Abigail S. Capales, Shannon Francis E.

Chan, Darlene C. Cordero, Mark Joseph Q. Daduya, Kristal Ivy G. Devaras, Cyrene Theresa Q. Dolina, Fortunato III D. Gabrinez, and Dessa Mae A. Manaog.

Completing the list of passers from UPVTC are Maxin Fenoni Therese M. Ong, Frances Billie Mariel M. Palomo, Paul Vincent C. Pedere, Ma Lucci Vinna R. Pitao, Joshua C. Resquicio, Jed Mark R. Ripalda, Vanessa Jane S. Solera, Karla Joy N. Tonolette, and Ranier Paul F. Urmeneta.

The examinees were tested on four subjects, namely, Theories of Personality, Psychological Assessment,

Abnormal Psychology, and Industrial Psychology. The PRC announced that 6,800 out of 10,670 (63.73%) passed the Psychometrician Licensure Examination this year.

This is UPVTC's fourth batch of passers for the psychometrician licensure examination. In 2016, UPVTC's first batch of examinees posted a 95.83% passing rate, with two passers landing in third place. This was followed by a 100% passing rate and seven topnotchers in 2017. Last year, UPVTC achieved an 84% passing rate with one topnotcher. *(UPVTC)*

## SoTech organizes S/W for more climate change-resilient communities

TO foster cooperation and coordination among the LGUs, the academe, government agencies and the NGOs to build more climate change-resilient communities was the rationale behind the seminar workshop organized by UP Visayas through the School of Technology on November 20-21 at UPV Iloilo City.

Formally entitled, "Seminar Workshop on Prediction, Monitoring, Mitigation, and

Analysis of Natural Hazards under Impacts of Climatic Change," the event featured:

1. a talk on best practices of selected LGUs and their local disaster reduction risk initiatives,

2. a lecture on natural disasters under impacts of climatic change, projected trends and uncertainty in hazards, exposure, vulnerability, factors that contribute to the occurrence of hazards (such as flooding, elevation, rainfall intensity, etc.),

3. a lecture on disaster risk management and adaptation strategies, capability building, mitigation of potential impact of hydrologic hazards, and

4. a lecture on climate models, uncertainties of climate model projections, risk assessments of natural hazards (prediction, monitoring, analysis).

In addition, a workshop and workshop presentation were also held as well as research proposal writing.

One of the featured speakers was Dr. Thian Yew Gan, a Professor of the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, renowned for his many innovative, multidisciplinary contributions to understanding in hydrology, hydroclimatology, cryosphere, remote sensing of the environment, and water resources management. Gan also delivered a lecture at a public forum the day before at the UPV Iloilo City campus entitled, "Perspectives on Multi-facet Impacts of Global Warming on Earth's Waters."

The participants of the seminar-workshop were selected LGUs, colleges and universities in Iloilo City, several government agencies and NGOs. *(Lyncen Fernandez, IPO)*





# Campos attends Expert Workshop on Adaptive Management of Fisheries in Response to Climate Change

MS. Alexanra Bagarinao-Regalado, Research Associate at the OceanBio Lab of the CAS, presented the results of a study co-authored with Dr. Wilfredo L. Campos entitled “Impacts of Climate Change on the sardine fishery in the Philippines: challenges and options for adaptation” at the “Expert workshop on adaptive management of fisheries in

response to climate change” held in Rome, Italy on November 12-14, 2019.

This study was among 10 case studies commissioned by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations to showcase real examples highlighting the challenges and the effectiveness of different management approaches to address climate change. The

output of the workshop included a set of good practices intended for policy makers and fishery managers that will be published in an FAO Technical Paper next year. Such output will also support their efforts in adapting with the changes in fisheries that resulted from global warming.

The workshop included participants from several

countries including Canada, USA, Australia, South Africa, Norway, Barbados, Uruguay, Vanuatu, and the Marshall Islands. The study is also in line with the ongoing research on sardine fisheries biology at the Oceanbio Lab, College of Arts & Sciences in UPV Miagao. (Alexanra Bagarinao-Regalado, CAS)



## HumDiv faculty members present papers in Melbourne

THE Division of Humanities faculty members, Ms. Julie Prescott and Prof. Jude Vincent Parcon, presented their research papers at the International Research Forum on the Philippines (Constructing Philippine Modernities) in La Trobe University, Melbourne, Victoria on November 11-12.

Ms. Prescott's paper, “Cinematic Representation of Adaptive Identity in Modern Philippine Society: Brillante Mendoza's Serbis and Tirador,” examines Mendoza's on-screen adaptations of everyday Filipino life and looks at how the societal

representations that are shown may be understood and interpreted in ways that are parallel to the methods in documentaries or historical films.

On the other hand, Prof. Parcon's research, “The Plaza and the Ilonggo Narratives: Exploring the Communication Process in the Ilonggo Public Spaces,” brings to light what comprises the Ilonggo's usual exchange of narratives in public spaces and whether these public spaces foster a more unrestricted fashion of communicating. (Division of Humanities)







## Eight notable alumni feted in 2019 homecoming



THE 2019 UP Alumni & Faculty Homecoming was made festive despite the gloomy weather because of the hundreds of graduates who returned to the University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV) for the three-day activities. The different batches gathered to celebrate their class jubilee during the last night with a Homecoming Dinner and Awards Night held at Diversion 21 Hotel, Iloilo City on August 25, 2019.

During the program, alumni-jubilarians were recognized and honored. A total of eight awards were given to notable UP alumni this year. They or their representatives, received oblation trophies and UP medals for their commendable contributions in their field of expertise. UP Alumni Association Iloilo Chapter President Antonio Jose T. Evidente, Vice President for Administration Nestor G. Yunque, and Assistant Vice President for Public Affairs and Office of Alumni Relations System Director Maria Angelica D. Abad handed the awards.

Four Outstanding UPV Jubilarian Awards were given.

The award in the field of Business Administration and Entrepreneurship was given to Mr. Artemio P. Pama, Jr. for his contribution to the corporate world, making an impact in the field of telecommunications, information and communications, and business process outsourcing, his leadership and active involvement in organizations, and his dedication to advocacy works.

In the field of Health and Medical Professions, the award was given to Dr. Renato G. Josef for his active involvement

in local and international volunteer work and advocacies, particularly on health and wellness, occupational health and safety, and stress management, and in strengthening youth leadership.

In the field of Education, the award was given to Dr. Mervyn J. Misajon for his invaluable contributions in the field of business and public management through his 45 years of instructional experience as administrator, professor, researcher, and trainer in various local, national, and international institutions including his alma mater, UPV.

Prof. Alfredo B. Diaz was given the award in the field of arts and letters for his involvement in the ministry, for his contributions to theater arts both in the local and national theater scene, and for his commitment to theater arts and education, especially in promoting the Ilonggo *Sarswela*.

Diaz gave the response in behalf of the Outstanding Jubilarian Awardees. He opened with the Parable of the Talents, sharing that everyone is endowed with gifts, that God is the source of good things, and that people are given the responsibility to increase their talents. "Achievements are affirmations of our selfless strivings. Instead of UP pride, we should embrace humility and selflessness. Instead of parading our achievements and rankings, we need to expand and extend our reach to the marginalized sectors," Diaz said.

Four additional awards were given. The Distinguished Service Award was given to Ms. Salvacion Z. Perez for her unwavering spirit of service, her exceptional contribution to governance particularly in her home province

Antique, and for the pride she has given to her alma mater.

The Posthumous Distinguished Service Awards were also given to Mr. Simplicio Griño, Mr. Jovito Plameras, Jr., and Mr. Enrique Zaldivar. All are former governors of Antique, who had given invaluable contribution to the development of their province. The family members of posthumous awardees received the trophies.

The newly reconstituted UPV Clovers Alumni Association officers lead by Dr. Ray L. Alindong took their oath during the program.

A number of alumni batches rendered intermission numbers along with entertainment numbers from UP High School in Iloilo (UPHSI) Dance Sport duo and UPV Rhapsody.

In attendance at the event were UPV Officials including Vice Chancellor for Administration Mary Ann T. Gumban and Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development Martin G. Genodepa. Alumni, administrative personnel, faculty members, and retired personnel and officials were also present including Chancellor Emeritus Minda J. Formacion.

UPAAIC President Antonio Jose T. Evidente and UPV OAR Director Benmar B. Panaguiton gave their messages to the alumni during the program. After the program, alumni jubilarians spent the rest of the evening with fellowship and music.

The 2019 UP Alumni Homecoming and Awards Night were jointly organized by the UP Alumni Association Iloilo Chapter and the UPV OAR. (GC Castro, OAR)



# ‘Save Our Seas’ -themed lantern wins in UPV 2019 Lantern Parade



A lot of thought and effort were put into the making of the big lantern of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) that won first place during the UP Visayas Lantern Parade on December 11, 2019.

The lantern was made from recyclable and reusable materials taken from things that pollute the seas such as plastic bottles and discarded fishing nets. The lantern loudly proclaims the advocacy of CFOS to save the seas.

Other winners of the big lantern contest were the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), 2nd place, and the Central Administration, 3rd place.

CAS also won in the hand-held lantern contest while the School of Technology won for both the parade performance and welcome cheer.

UPV's 2019 PASKUA celebration started on December 4 with the Team Building Day of the Non-Teaching Staff and the simultaneous opening of lights at the Miagao and Iloilo City campuses on December 6. The highlight of events on December 11 took place in Miagao and started with a walkathon in costume dubbed, "Walk with Fame," a Liturgical Service in the afternoon, followed by the Lantern Parade and Christmas Program. The Christmas Party for the Children of UPV employees was held on December 18, 2019. UP Visayas also closed the rest of December to allow the employees to enjoy the season with their families and loved ones. Regular office operations will resume in January next year.

The Lantern Parade is an annual tradition in all of UP's constituent campuses. It is a send-off of well wishes to the community before the holidays. (*Lyncen Fernandez, IPO*)







# 8th GRC highlights research culture in UPV



THE 2019 UPV Graduate Research Conference, now on its 8<sup>th</sup> year, underscores the importance of cultivating a culture of research in the University, which calls for the provision of a supportive context in which research is produced, communicated, and valued in the University. This year, the GRC was held at the Grand Xing Imperial Hotel, Iloilo City on October 23, 2019 with the theme: "Cultivating a Graduate Research Culture for Knowledge and Technology Creation."

Dr. Gisela Padilla-Concepcion, Dr. Marie Antonette Juinio-Meñez, and DOT-2 Regional Director Virgilio M. Maguigad were the Plenary Speakers who disclosed their knowledge and experiences during the discussions.

A professor at the Marine Science Institute in UP Diliman, Dr. Concepcion talked about the Ecological, Biological, and Chemical Diversity Leads from Marine and Terrestrial Ecosystems for Drug Discovery and Development. Dr. Meñez, a

professor in Biological Sciences in UP Diliman, discussed her research on the Biology, Sustainable Culture and Management of Sea Urchins and Sea Cucumbers. Director IV of the Department of Tourism II, Dir. Maguigad shared his presentation entitled, "Bakit baliw na baliw kayo sa research?": Pathways on how Philippine society can be more receptive to research.

Simultaneous scientific sessions on Natural Sciences and Fisheries, Educational Innovations, Identities in Institutions, Management Information Systems, Local Planning and Business Competitiveness and Management, Social Sciences and Education were conducted during the event. Various poster papers were also presented.

Awards for exemplary oral and poster presentations were given. The panel of judges evaluated the competing entries and came up with the following winners:

## ORAL PRESENTATION

### Cluster 1A- Natural Sciences and Fisheries

1st Place-Rizalyn P. Gonzales

2nd Place-Jonalyn Mateo

3rd Place-Dexter G. Balboa

3rd Place-Alexandra Bagarinao-Regalado

### Cluster 1B- Natural Sciences and Fisheries

1st Place-Ma. Ramela Angela C. Bermeo

2nd Place-Kaent Immanuel N. Uba

3rd Place-Rey J. dela Calzada

### Cluster 1A- Management, Social Sciences, and Education

1st Place-Herman M. Lagon

2nd Place-Helen Grace Concepcion Q. Fernandez

2nd Place-Herman M. Lagon

3rd Place-Zyreen Lou B. Faramiran

### Cluster 1B- Management, Social Sciences, and Education

1st Place-Maria Carmela T. Pullantes

2nd Place-Charles Vincent C. Manarang

3rd Place-Raimier Gel C. Caspillo

### POSTER PRESENTATION Natural Sciences and Fisheries

Best Poster-Venice Marie B. Hulleza

### Management, Social Sciences, and Education

Best Poster-Ryan Cyril B. Gancia

Dr. Rolly Fuentes, Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension, in his Closing Remarks acknowledged the presence of the participants as their presence serves as a leading measure of the students' interests and commitment in pursuing research and higher studies. Dr. Fuentes also expressed his appreciation to the plenary speakers. Furthermore, he prods the participants to continue to be inspired to use research as a bridge in reaching the uncertainties that impede the progress of the Philippines and provide a solution for them all.

The 2019 Graduate Research Conference was organized by the UP Visayas Graduate Program Office and participated in by graduate students of UP Visayas, faculty members, alumni, and professionals both from UPV and other universities and colleges. Dr. Rowena Paz Gelvezon was Chair of the 2019 GRC. (Neyah Grace Cartago, IPO)

## CFOS papers win in 2019 UPV graduate research confab

THE papers of graduate students of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas, won in the 2019 UP Visayas (UPV) Graduate Research Conference (GRC) held on November 23, 2019 at Grand Xing Imperial Hotel, Iloilo City.

Four papers were adjudged Best Oral Presentation for Natural Sciences and Fisheries, Cluster 1A and IB sessions.

The study of Rizalyn P. Gonzales entitled "Influence of net design in the capture performance of crab entangling nets" won First Place in the Cluster

1A session followed by Jonalyn Mateo's research on "Resiliency of Gracilariopsis heteroclada (Zhang et. Xia) carpospores at different salinity and temperature levels" in the second spot.

Meanwhile, the papers of Kaent Immanuel N. Uba and Rey dela Calzada took the second and third places, respectively, in the Cluster 1B session. Uba's study was on "Value chain analysis of the horse mussel fishery in Iloilo, Philippines." Dela Calzada, on the other hand, presented his research on "Effects of vinegars on the growth performance of black tiger

shrimp, *Penaeus monodon*."

Held every two years, the UPV Graduate Research Conference serves as an opportunity for UPV graduate students from various disciplines to share and communicate the significance of their researches.

With the theme, "Cultivating a graduate research culture for knowledge and technology creation," the 2019 UPV GRC gathered renowned experts and speakers from the fields of tourism, marine science, biomolecular/ biomedical sciences and disaster science. (Lenilyn Gallos, CFOS)







## CWVS joins 30th Confab on History and Culture

The Center for West Visayan Studies (CWVS) of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) participated in the 30th Conference on History and Culture held at Romblon State University – Main Campus, Odiongan, Romblon, on 28-30 November 2019. The Conference

theme was, “*Ang Pangingibang Bayan at ang Paghahanap ng Ginhawa sa Kasaysayan at Kalinangang Pilipino.*”

Dr. Randy Madrid, CWVS Director, presented his paper, “*Pangangayaw ng mga Bisaya sa Fujian at Nanyang at ang Implikasyon nito sa Pagkabuo ng*

*Pamayanang Tsino sa Oton, Iloilo noong Dantaon 14.*” Madrid’s paper was an excursion on literatures about Visayas-China relations during the 14th century. The paper was part of the panel “*Pangangayaw sa Sinaunang Panahon hanggang sa Paglatag ng Kaayusang Kolonyal.*”

Sashah Dioso, CWVS University Research Associate, presented his paper, “*Bukay nga Pangayaw: Ang mga Misyonerong Mill Hill sa Hilagang Antique.*” Dioso’s paper discussed the methods employed by the Mill Hill missionaries as *pangayaw* (immigrant) as they immersed in the life of the communities in

Pandan and Sebaste in Antique and how were they perceived and accepted by the *tumanduk* (natives). It also highlighted the contributions of these *pangayaw* to the life of *tumandok*. The said paper was part of the panel, “*Ang Pangangayaw at Pananampalataya.*”

The Conference was attended by historians, cultural workers, and educators from different regions of the country. It was organized by the *Asosasyon ng mga Dalubhasa, may Hilig at Interes sa Kasaysayan* (ADHIKA), Inc. – National. The Conference for 2020 will be hosted by the Cavite State University. (Sashah Dioso, CWVS)

## Kayab Pagsaka installation commemorates Typhoon Yolanda at UPVTC

*KAYAB Pagsaka* (ascension in Hiligaynon and Waray languages, respectively), an art installation of blankets tied to bamboo poles, was on view at the UP Visayas Tacloban on November 5-15, 2019 in commemoration of the 6th anniversary of the Typhoon Yolanda tragedy.

Martin Genodepa, artist-teacher and UP Artist awardee for 2018-2020, conceptualized the installation several years

back, drawing upon and appropriating two personal vivid memories: a funeral cortege he once chanced upon – the dead wrapped in *amakan* or *sawali*, carried on a bamboo pole; and a footage in the evening news when Yolanda struck of two men carrying on their shoulders a bamboo pole from which hung a blanket containing the body of a dead relative.

*Kayab Pagsaka*, an

installation that moves when the wind blows, draws upon several other cultural things. It is a subtle reiteration the country’s pre-Hispanic belief in the afterlife with the dead riding a boat to another world as suggested by the Manunggul Jar. It is a visual restatement of the famous hanging coffins of Sagada. And it is a reassertion of the Christian belief in the resurrection with the blessed dead rising into



the heavens. These make the installation essentially about hope despite the morbid mood that it initially suggests.

*Kayab Pagsaka* is supported by the UP Visayas Creative Work Grant. (Lyncen Fernandez, IPO with sources from Prof. Martin Genodepa)

## Ayala group donates Palawan cherry and fire trees to UPV

IT would be truly an awesome sight to see once they are in full bloom.

Palawan cherry and fire trees were planted across the new School of Technology Building and along the uphill road leading to the Regional Research Center on November 16, 2019, UP Visayas Miagao campus.

The Ayala Business Club – Iloilo Chapter donated the 200 tree saplings and promised to provide personnel who will care

for them to include watering, weeding, application of fertilizer, etc., to ensure their growth.

A MOA was signed before the tree planting to formalize the cooperation between the groups represented by Chancellor Ricardo Babaran for UPV and Joseph Del Rosario for the Ayala Business Club.

Employees and officers of the 15 companies under the Ayala Business Club did not only plant the trees themselves

but also brought along tree guards for every tree planted. Ayala continues to live up to its legacy of being one of the most philanthropic business organizations in the country.

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development led by its Vice Chancellor Martin Genodepa organized the event with the assistance of the UPV Site Development & Reforestation Project. (Lyncen Fernandez, IPO)





# Suguidanon's 8th title launched



*HUMADAPNON sa Tarangban*, the 8th title in the Suguidanon (Epics) of Panay, was launched at Balay Kalinaw, University of the Philippines Diliman on November 22, 2019.

*Humadapnon sa Tarangban* is the first title on the stories of Humadapnon, which has four volumes. This epic story tells about Humadapnon who goes on a sea journey to woo the beautiful Malitong Yawa but was lured by wicked maidens along the way and was trapped in a *tarangban*

(magical cave).

This epic was chanted by Federico Caballero, a Gawad Manlilikha ng Bayan or a National Living Treasure awarded by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts. Edited by Dr. Alicia Magos, the cover artwork for this latest installment was done by Gian Genoveza and Caiden Ramirez.

The Suguidanon (Epics) of 13 titles were researched and recorded by Professor Emeritus and anthropologist Magos in 1993 in Central Panay together with

her associate researcher, Anna Razel Limoso-Ramirez. They were translated into four languages – current Kinaray-a, Filipino and English by a team from UP Visayas led by Magos and Limoso-Ramirez. Eliodora Dimzon, Prof. Ma. Joji Tan, Analina Caballero, Teresita Quezon assisted the lead researchers, among others, in the translation work. Ramon Ramirez provided the photos in the publication.

The publication of these manuscripts was made possible

through a grant from the UPV Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension and the University of the Philippines through the UP Press. Limoso-Ramirez served as Project Coordinator for publication.

The books are available at the University of the Philippines Press in UP Diliman and at the Upper Shelf at the UP Town Center in Katipunan Avenue in Quezon City. They can also be purchased at the Lazada Online Shop. (*Kyla Agnes Ramirez, UPHSI*)

## Alumni donate equipment to UPV's Health Services Unit



THE UPV Health Services Unit received four pieces of stainless waiting chairs, a cabinet, and side tables on October 28, 2019 from the UPMASA alumni group.

These waiting chairs will replace the dilapidated gang chairs acquired in 1986 which were used by patients seeking medical consultation.

This is a welcomed payback contribution from our alumni who value the university's role in their lives. The Vice Chancellor for Administration Prof. Mary Ann T. Gumban, Prof. Benmar Panaguiton, Director of the Office of Alumni Relations, and Dr. Ma. Cecilia C. Villaruz, the Officer-in-Charge of the UPV HSU, gratefully received the donations at the UPV Iloilo City campus.

UPV-HSU appreciates the generosity extended by these alumni as it will help improve the delivery of health services on the Miagao campus. (*Sarina Nacita, HSU*)



# ILP students from Kagoshima University study in Miagao

PROF. Encarnacion Emilia S. Yap, dean of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas (UPV) welcomed the graduate students of Kagoshima University, Japan on October 21, 2019 for a 40-day exchange student program.

Toru Sugie and Yukiko Yonemori of the Graduate School of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries of Kagoshima University are enrolled in two subjects at CFOS as part of the Postgraduate (Masters) Programme on Tropical Fisheries with International Linkage that is being implemented by UPV through the CFOS.

Sugie and Yonemori will

attend lectures, hands-on laboratory classes, and field trips related to fish ecology and special topics under the supervision of Asso. Prof. Dr. Erlinda C. Lacierda, Asso. Prof. Dr. Nathaniel C. Añasco, Asst. Prof. Dr. Iris Ann G. Borlongan and Mr. Dominique P. Mediodia.

At the end of the program, the students are expected to conduct and present a mini research including their learnings from UPV. More so, they will be credited with six-unit grade.

The training course runs from October 18 until November 28, 2019 at the CFOS, UPV, Miagao campus.

Sugie and Yonemori are

the fifth batch of KU graduate students to be mentored by the faculty members of the CFOS when the international linkage program (ILP) on tropical fisheries started in 2015.

The two also participated in the 12-day Training on Advances in Tropical Fisheries conducted by CFOS last July 1-12, 2019.

The ILP is a collaboration between seven member schools in the Southeast Asian region and Japan that implement the internationalized post-graduate program on tropical fisheries.

The program allows students from the member school to enroll, attend classes and be mentored by the faculty members of the



collaborating schools particularly from the UPV-CFOS, Philippines; Sam Ratulangi University, Republic of Indonesia; Kasetsart University, Kingdom of Thailand; Universiti Malaysia Terengganu, Malaysia; Kagoshima University, Japan; Nha Trang University, Vietnam; and Bogor Agricultural University, Malaysia.

Two graduate students of CFOS participated in the 2019 Summer Session of Kagoshima University (KU) in Kagoshima, Japan from August 17 - September 25, 2019. *(Lenilyn Gallos, CFOS)*

# CWVS Director is delegate to the Int'l Conference of Chinese Overseas in Guangzhou, China

THE Center for West Visayan Studies Director, Dr. Randy M. Madrid, is one of the Philippine delegates to the 10th International Conference on Studies of Chinese Overseas co-sponsored by the International Society for the Study of the Chinese Overseas (ISSCO), China Institute for the Chinese Overseas Studies, and School of International Studies/Academy of Overseas Chinese

Studies held at Jinan University, Guangzhou, China on November 9-11, 2019. The theme for this year's Conference was "Chinese Overseas and China: Through a Global Lens". Around 350 participants around the globe participated in the Conference.

The Philippine delegation was headed by Teresita Ang See of Kaisa Heritage Center in Intramuros, Manila. Madrid

presented a paper entitled: "Chinese Communities in the Urbanization of Iloilo City, Philippines: History, Identity and Cultural Formations", which is part of the panel: "The Chinese in Philippine Life: New Studies on the Chinese in the Provinces and Chinese Criminals." The panel also includes "The Chinese in the Visayas" by Carmelea Ang See of De La Salle University,



"The Chinese in the Philippines' Spanish Colonial Frontier in the South, 1850-1900" by Ma. Christina Canones of Ateneo de Zamboanga, and "Chinese from

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THE Center for West Visayan Studies, as represented by its current director Dr. Randy M. Madrid, participated in the first ever UP Roundtable Discussion on Philippine Studies held at the Asian Center, UP Diliman on October 21-22, 2019. Collectively called "Habi: Weaving through Experiences in Centering Philippine Studies in the University of the Philippines," the activity was organized by the UP Diliman Tri-College on

Philippine Studies consisting of the College of Arts and Letters (CAL), College of Social Sciences and Philosophy (CSSP), and Asian Center (AC).

Dr. Michael L. Tan, Chancellor of UP Diliman, served as Keynote Speaker of the event. He emphasized the need for collaboration among educational institutions and regional studies centers within the UP System to strengthen the relevance and significance of Philippine Studies

to national and global settings. He challenged participants "to guard things that we are proud of," that is, to look into the social fabric of our culture without exoticising people and things. He also called for contextual studies of the past by locating indigenous heritage in our contemporary multi-sensorial realities. Weaving our culture is "employing interdisciplinary and trans-ethnic approaches," he intoned.

Among the regional

studies centers present were the Cordillera Studies Center of UP Baguio, Manila Studies Center of UP Manila, Center for West Visayan Studies of UP Visayas in Iloilo, and Leyte-Samar Heritage Center of UP Visayas in Tacloban. There were also representatives from UP Diliman Extension in Pampanga and UP Mindanao, who were also in the process of forming their own studies centers soon. UP Cebu

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# Integrating IKSP to pedagogy and praxis highlighted in reg'l confab on West Visayan history and culture



THE Indigenous Peoples Resource Hub of the Center for West Visayan Studies (CWVS), College of Arts and Sciences, partnered with the *Asosasyon ng mga Dalubhasa, may Hilig at Interes sa Kasaysayan* (ADHIKA) – Iloilo Balangay in organizing the 8th Regional Conference on West Visayan History and Culture on 25-27 October 2019 at Pandan Central School, Pandan, Antique. In line with the celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Month, the conference' theme was, "Tumandok: Integrating Indigenous Knowledge Systems and Practices (IKSP) to Pedagogy and Praxis towards Inclusive and Contextualized Social Science/Studies/History Education."

The three-day conference revolved on lecture-presentations on the various approaches, techniques, and strategies in integrating indigenous knowledge systems and practices (IKSP) of Western Visayas to pedagogy and praxis directed towards inclusive and contextualized social science/studies and history education. It also generated paradigms and perspectives drawn and constructed from worldviews and experiences of indigenous peoples/communities. These are vital in empowering the localization of knowledge while at the same time strengthening diverse cultural identities. Employing the local term *tumandok* as an

encompassing discourse, which amplifies the sense of place and belongingness, this gathering of educators, scholars, researchers, cultural workers, and students also provided a fitting platform in documenting IKSP in its multiplicity of pedagogical and practical modalities and applications. More so, it incorporated indigenous cultural elements to curriculum and instruction.

Seventeen research papers were presented in the Conference. The Ati indigenous group of Anilao, Iloilo and the Teatro Antiqueno of University of Antique highlighted the richness of Panay's culture and tradition through literary-

musical performances. A visit to various ecological tourism sites in Pandan was also a part of the three-day event and became an added interest to participants.

Participants in the Conference were Social Studies teachers from public elementary and secondary schools of the Department of Education – Division of Antique, and higher educational institutions in the region such as Northwestern Visayan Colleges – Kalibo, Aklan, Guimaras State College, University of Antique, West Visayas State University, Iloilo Science and Technology University, University of the Philippines Visayas and University of St. La Salle -Bacolod City. College students, culture enthusiasts, non-government organizations, and local government units also participated.

The Conference was sponsored by the Office of Deputy Speaker Loren Legarda, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, and the Local Government Unit of Pandan. (*Sashah Dioso, CWVS*)

## Talks on marine conservation brings together experts, fisherfolks



MORE or less 300 people gathered at the AV Hall of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas, Miagao campus on September 25, 2019 to participate in this year's talk on marine conservation.

Organized by the UP Ichthyophilic Society (UPIS) and the Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanology, CFOS, the activity known as *Isda Talk*: a conversation on conservation was graced by three experts in the field of fisheries.

Invited to share their knowledge, experiences, and expertise on various topics to spread awareness on issues about the aquatic

environment particularly on the conservation of mangrove ecosystems and to promote fisheries as a profession were Dr. Jurgenne H. Primavera, Dr. Roger Edward Mamauag, and Ms. Belinda Garrido.

Primavera, a distinguished and multi-awarded marine scientist, educated the participants on the conservation and sustainable use of a very important marine ecosystem- the mangroves. Mangroves are a group of trees and shrubs that live in areas where the seas or oceans meet the land between high and low tides. They support life

in the planet and help sustain the livelihoods of the people.

Garrido, a coastal resource management coordinator, Office of the City Agriculturist, Roxas City, Province of Capiz shared their success stories for participants to learn from these experiences. She presented some of her projects particularly in the rehabilitation of the river in their locality that led to the establishment of ecotourism sites that provided alternative livelihood to displaced fisherfolks.

Meanwhile, Mamauag, a BS Fisheries graduate of this University and head of the Nutrition and Feed Development Section at Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center – Aquaculture Department (SEAFDEC-AQD) in Tigbauan, Iloilo, encouraged the students to pursue a career in fisheries science and introduced various opportunities in the field.

An open forum followed the presentations.

The activity was attended by fisherfolk organizations in the municipality of Miagao, representatives from the local government units of the neighboring towns, government agencies, academes and various stakeholders.

*ISDA Talk*: a conversation on conservation is one of the public service activities organized by the UPIS, an active student organization of the CFOS. UPIS conducted the first *ISDA Talk* last year with 215 participants. It highlighted the current situation, trends, and emerging opportunities in fisheries science. (*Lenilyn Gallos, CFOS*)





## Palarong pang empleyado draws positive response from UPV employees

*"PALARONG Pang-empleyado 2.0"* was a success. The UPV employees enjoyed the unique games facilitated by the faculty of the Department of Physical Education. Also, everybody was happy because of the free food and super exciting prizes prepared by the UPV Healthy Lifestyle and Wellness Committee." -Enrique Legaspi III – Office of the College Secretary, College of Arts and Sciences

"It was really a fun and a stress-relieving activity. We were so excited to join in all the games because they have unexpected twists. Maybe next year, it should be a whole day event.

We wanted more. I hope ball games can be included. It was a success." -Melany Calcaben, Administrative Officer, Campus Development and Maintenance Office

"We gained friendships and camaraderie through teamwork. We thoroughly enjoyed the games and we were happy with the cash prizes." -Jo Ann Sadia, University Library, Iloilo City

"It was a great time for us to have fun and have a break from work. At the same time, get the chance to bond with other new employees." -Agustin Villareal, Budget Office

These statements echoed the

overall sentiments of the UPV employees who participated in the *"Palarong pang Empleyado 2.0"* held on November 27, 2019 at the covered court on the Miagao campus.

The event was primarily designed to encourage office workers to have a break from the monotony of sitting in the office eight hours a day, five days a week, year after year. Thus, the games had enough physical movements without taxing too much the not-so-very athletic employees of the University.

Likewise, the games also tested for speed, endurance, agility, and flexibility although

these were gentler and combined with an element of fun.

"The UPV Healthy Lifestyle and Wellness Committee offers this activity to inspire every one of us to pursue a life of balance and wellness. This is also an opportunity for us to strengthen camaraderie with one another and develop teamwork, as well as give us a day to focus on our health," says College of Arts and Sciences Dean, Ma. Severa Fe Katalbas who gave a brief message on behalf of Chancellor Ricardo Babaran.

This is the second year that the Committee has organized this event. (*Lyncen Fernandez, IPO*)



## Linaugo attends ASFA advisory board meeting 2019

MS. Analiza G. Linaugo, University Librarian, attended the Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA) Advisory Board Meeting 2019 held at University of Malaysia Terengganu, Malaysia on September 22-26, 2019.

The detailed agenda of the meeting include Partnership, ASFA Policies and Strategies, ASFA Trust Fund, Delay on Software Database, Collaboration, Communication and Promotion, Database Content, Technologies, and Roles and Governance.

Founded in 1971, ASFA is an international co-operative

of fisheries and aquaculture organizations that work together to record and disseminate the world's literature on aquatic sciences and fisheries. The University of the Philippines Visayas College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (UPV-CFOS), represented by Ms. Linaugo, is the National ASFA Partner of the Philippines.

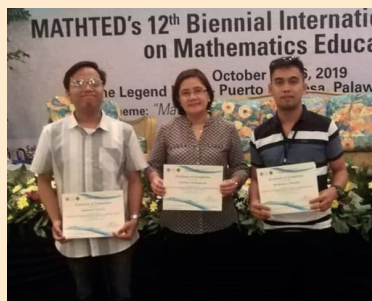
ASFA partners around the world contribute to the ASFA database by monitoring the aquatic science literature in their own countries and producing bibliographic references. The ASFA database contains over 2.5 million records covering

literature on the science, technology, management, and conservation of marine, brackish and freshwater resources and environments, including their socio-economic and legal aspects. ASFA database is the premier reference in the field of fisheries, aquatic, and marine sciences.

ASFA is paying the membership of U.P. Visayas and its eight (8) collaborating partners to the International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information Centers (IAMSILIC). (*Ninfa Bandorio, UPV Library*)



# ProfEd faculty storm October-November conference circuits



THE members of the faculty of the Division of Professional Education, College of Arts and Sciences, participated in various conferences for the months of October and November here in the country and abroad.

Dr. Lovella S. Divinagracia, faculty member for Mathematics Education, presented three papers during the MATHED's 12th Biennial International Conference on Mathematics Education held at Puerto Princesa, Palawan. Organized by 'The Council of Mathematics Educators, Inc.,' the Conference revolved around the different issues and innovations in Mathematics Education. Her research papers entitled "Interrelationships of



Metacognitive Processes in Mathematical Problem Solving" focused on how metacognitive processes work together to help attain mathematical problem solving solutions among learners. Her second paper, "Seeing God through Numbers: Forming Values Integration Statements for Mathematics Classrooms," is a qualitative study which identified the meanings of numbers present in the seven miracles of Jesus Christ. While her paper entitled "Readiness in Teaching Mathematics with Information Communication Technology" measured the ICT skills and how teachers integrate information and communication technology in Mathematics classrooms.

Prof. Ma. Arve B. Bañez

joined the 41st Annual UGAT (Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao, Inc.) Conference held at the Visayan State University (VSU), Baybay, Leyte, on Nov 7-9, 2019. The Conference focused on the theme Food (In)security: The Anthropology of Food and Eating. Prof. Bañez shared her insights from her paper entitled "The Right to Food: Compressor Fishing Rights Access of Lampirong (Placuna placenta) Fisher-divers of a Coastal Municipality in Panay, Philippines, under the Food Rights and Livelihood Strategies cluster of the Conference. UGAT, Inc. is an anthropological association in the country.

Prof. Aileen Chong also presented her paper entitled "Breaking Ground: An Experiential Learning Activity Towards Cultivating Virtues" during the 1st National Innovation and Technology Conference held at De La Salle University, Manila on Nov.19-20, 2019.

Meanwhile, Prof. Jessie L. Labiste, Jr. presented his paper during the 2nd Asian EFL Journal's International

Conference on Research and Publication at Site Skills Training Campus in Clark, Pampanga, on Nov. 8-10, 2019. He shared his initial findings as to how teachers integrate maritime culture in the language learning and teaching of secondary schools in Northern Iloilo with his paper entitled "The Integration of Maritime Culture in Junior High School English Language Lessons: Narratives from English Language Teachers."

Prof. Labiste also presented a similar paper entitled "The Maritimity of Contextualized Language Education" during the 1st International Conference on Gender, Adult Literacy, Active Citizenship for Social Transformation (GALACST) at the University of Sto. Tomas, Manila, Nov. 20-22, 2019.

Dr. Randy M. Madrid, Prof Ed's faculty for Social Studies, at the same time the Director of the Center for West Visayan Studies, presented a number of papers at various conferences here and abroad.

"Colonial Policies Concerning Chinese Mestizo Landholdings in Negros in the 19th Century as Disclosed in Estadísticas de Los Terrenos Agrícolas" during the Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day Conference, NISMED Auditorium, UP Diliman, Quezon City, Oct. 3-4, 2019.

"All Quiet in the Western Front: Resistance and Liberation on the Other Side of the Visayas from 1944-1945" during the 75th Anniversary of Leyte Landings Conference, Leyte Normal University, Tacloban City, Leyte, Oct. 17-19, 2019.

"Locating the Indigenous in the Global Village" during the 8th ADHIKA Regional Conference on History and Culture, Pandan Central School, Pandan, Antique, Oct. 25-27, 2019.

"Chinese Communities in the Urbanisation of Iloilo City, Philippines: History, Identity, and Cultural Formation" during the 10th International Conference of the International Society for the Study of the Chinese Overseas, Jinan University, Guangzhou, China, Nov. 9-11, 2019.

Dr. Madrid capped his paper presentations with his paper entitled "Pangangayaw ng mga Bisaya sa Fujian at Nanyang at ang Implikasyon nito sa Pagkabuo ng Pamayanang Tsino sa Oton, Iloilo noong Dantaon 14" for the 30th ADHIKA National Conference on History and Culture, Romblon State University, Odiongan, Romblon, Nov. 28-30, 2019. (Jessie Labiste, Jr., Prof. Ed.)

## UPV crafts public service continuity plan



"CRAFTING a public service continuity program from our Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan that can be shared to the community is something that puts us in a position to have a greater and more meaningful impact in public service."

This was the welcome message of UPV Vice-Chancellor for Planning and Development Martin Genodepa during the training-workshop of the same title held on November 18-19, 2019, Miagao campus.

Foremost in the discussion on establishing a public service continuity plan were risks identification, assessment, and impact analysis.



Coupled with this are the establishment of a risk management plan and protocols.

Prof. Genaro A. Cuaresma and Anjanette Mariano of the UP Resilience Institute were the speakers and facilitators of the event.

UP Vice-President for Administration Nestor Yunque, who was present during the event, highly welcomed the activity and commended UPV for being the first to craft this program with the intent of sharing this with the community. The same sentiment was likewise echoed by UPV Vice-Chancellor for Administration Mary Ann Gumban whose office organized the event. (Lyncen Fernandez, IPO)





## University's adjacent communities benefit from UPV-HSU medical mission

THE UPV Health Services Unit conducted a Medical Mission on November 14, 2019. UPV students, employees, dependents, retirees, and people from the nearby community availed of the various services such as the Electrocardiogram, Cholesterol Test, Random Blood Sugar (RBS)/Fasting Blood Sugar (FBS), medical consultation, and prescribed medicines and supplements for free. This activity initiated by the unit is conducted as

part of its commitment to serve the people and share the love and care for others.

The Medical Mission started with a mass to show reverence to the Almighty Heavenly Father who is the ultimate healer and who made the HSU as instrument to bring healing to mankind and to strengthen their spirituality to serve the people with gladness.

UPV-HSU is now on its 4th year, and

for this year there were 98 beneficiaries who availed of the services. Fifty-seven of these beneficiaries are non-UPV constituents, 27 are employees, 2 are retirees, 6 are dependents of UPV personnel, and 6 are students.

This activity was made possible with the support of DOH, private individuals, and companies that unwaveringly shared their resources to make this event a success.

*(Sarina Nacita, HSU)*



## Peer tutorial demands grow in number at TLRC



THE reinstituted Peer Tutorial Program of the Teaching and Learning Resource Center has enticed 22 tutees to avail of the peer-assisted learning services as of September 2019, when the cash incentive for peer tutors was launched in May. Based on logged-in requests, the demand for such services continues to rise.

Under the modified Peer Tutorial Program, student tutees avail of free tutorial services rendered by their fellow students who are in turn paid per hour for their tutorial services. This set-up aims to encourage students to become tutors in order to create a more sustainable

learning assistance program. An honorarium of Php 200 is given to peer tutors per session (1 ½ hours), for a two-session per week tutorial. The funds are being sourced out from generous alumni. Initially, the Alumni Association of Nevada donated a substantial amount to start up the program.

Tutors are given a short-term training and orientation on how to conduct tutorial sessions. A tutorial handbook that serves as a tutor's manual is provided for every tutor.

To date, five (5) tutors who specialize in Calculus, Chemistry, and Physics have been given official appointment as peer

tutors as of October 21, 2019.

Elizalde Miguel Flores, BS in Chemical Engineering 5th year, shares his experience as he emphasizes the importance of the "peer-to-peer learning" concept.

"As a tutor, my experience in peer-based teaching allowed me to explore different methods of teaching like introducing techniques in problem solving, making analogies to better explain the topic, and being systematic in terms of how the tutee should learn the lesson," shares Elizalde.

He added, "It also made me feel that more than the incentive that we get, what matters most is the knowledge that I have

imparted to my tutees and how I've made their learning experience easier in my own little way."

With Elizalde are four more tutors, namely, Arianne Joy Batallones (BS in ChE, 5th year), Fritz Ortigas (BS in ChE, 5th year), Daphne Shawn Bernadas (BS in Statistics, 2nd year), and Julienne Arteta (MS Fisheries - Fish Processing Technology).

Elizalde expressed his desire to continue to be a part of the program.

Given the limited funding for this program, TLRC hopes to solicit more donations to cater to the tutorial needs of the students.

*(Czar Ian Angel Esquivel, TLRC)*



# Students share an evening of indigenous traditions and regional culture



PAG-AMBIT x Bahandi, an evening of literary-musical traditions and food that displays the different culture and traditions of the various regions in the Philippines was held at the UPV Covered Court on October 1, 2019. With the theme “Pagpasanyog sang Kultura sa Tunga sa Paghimakas,” the event showcased traditional literary musical arts through different performances and regional organizations promoting their culture through food, dance, poetry, among others.

*Bahandi* endeavored to arouse the Filipino spirit of oneness and love of our own culture and foster camaraderie among members of the UPV community. This was done through presentations of musical and literary traditions

such as *binalaybay*, *dayaw*, *komposo*, *luwa*, and other performances by different student organizations and local performers. It also hoped to raise awareness on the current situation of the Indigenous People in the country that are facing development aggression and militarization.

UPV *Kamaragtas*, a college-based organization for History students and enthusiasts gave the opening performance. Philippe Hinosa sang *Sirom-Sirom*, composed by Prof. Early Sol Gadong’s *Negros*, that depicts the struggles of *Negros* farmers for a genuine agrarian reform written by Prof. Tomas Talledo was performed by Cherie Azarcon.

These solo performances were then

followed by a group performances by students and a *dayaw* or a poetry of praise performed by Mr. Sashah Dioso. *Kamandag* or *Ambon Panay* rendered nationalistic musical performances. A lightning rally also commenced and everyone lighted their candles to remember the atrocities and the threats of dictatorship. The singing of the *UP Naming Mahal* officially closed the program.

UP Hamili Brotherhood and UP Hamilia Sisterhood organized the event in cooperation with the UPV *Kamaragtas*, UPV University Student Council, UPV Indigenous People’s Resource Center, and Chancellor’s Committee for Culture and the Arts. (*Delza Anduque, CAS*)

## Young musical artists share their skills and talents at Pasundayag!

TACLOBAN City—three young musical artists, whose families are rooted in Eastern Visayas, shared their respective talents and skills during the Leyte Samar Heritage Center’s (LSHC) 24th Anniversary presentation entitled, “*Pasundayag: Promoting and Enhancing Cultural Education in Eastern Visayas*.” These musical artists include Miss Mary Jeane V. Egloso, an alumna of the internationally acclaimed

Philippine Madrigal Singers; Mr. John Raymond V. Sarreal, a multi-awarded and world class flutist; and Miss Chariss Dumlao, a Tacloban-born pianist who continues to pursue a successful professional career in Europe.

*Pasundayag* is a lecture/mini-concert series, which is designed to inspire, deepen, and advance the audience’s appreciation and understanding of music in general,

and Philippine music, in particular. Miss Egloso, who also serves as the choir master of the Sinirangan Chamber Singers — a community-based choir in Tacloban City, shared her knowledge and expertise by way of the lecture/concert, entitled “Nature, Elements and Requisites of a Choral Performance” on October 9, 2019 at LSHC Main Hall. On October 14, 2019, Mr. John Raymond V. Sarreal, a cum laude graduate in flute performance of the UP College of Music, shared his expertise and musical experiences to aspiring young musicians and music enthusiasts through a lecture/concert presentation entitled, “Nature, Elements, and Requisites of a Flute Performance.” His presentation was followed by Miss Dumlao’s lecture/concert entitled “Nature, Elements, and Requisites of a Piano Performance.”

It was hoped that *Pasundayag* served as a meaningful and important vehicle in asserting Philippine culture and identity. It was hoped further that through *Pasundayag*, the LSHC would become the home of various Filipino artists in the presentation of their distinct works in Eastern Visayas.

*Pasundayag* is the Binisayà or Leneyte-Samarnon term for an artistic performance, which can either be musical, visual, theatrical, or literary. It is a word that encapsulates the culture and identity of Eastern Visayas through the presentation of its varied art forms.

*Pasundayag* was made possible with the support of the University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College. (*John de la Cruz, UPVTC*)







## Technology that ensures safe and quality mussels taught in UPV training

THE Institute of Fish Processing Technology (IFPT), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UP Visayas conducted a training on the recirculating depuration technique for high-quality and safe mussels, *Perna viridis*, on October 15-17, 2019 at UPV Miagao campus.

About 25-30 participants, mostly processors, entrepreneurs, researchers and extension workers in fisheries, attended the 3-day "Training on Mussel Depuration for Business Enterprise Opportunity in the Community" to acquire knowledge and skills on the new mussel depuration technology.

"Depuration is a process of reducing or eliminating microorganisms to a level acceptable for direct human consumption through the process

of holding live bivalve mollusks for a period of time under approved, controlled conditions in natural or artificial seawater suitable for the process (Joint FAO/WHO Codex Alimentarius Commission, 2009)," stated Ms. Rose Mueda, the training coordinator and researcher of IFPT.

Mueda is the Program Leader of the Post Harvest Program for Sustainable, High Quality and Safe Mussel funded by the Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resource Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology (PCAARRD-DOST) that developed the recirculating depuration technique to produce bigger, high-quality and safe Philippine

green mussels.

She underscored the importance of a post-harvest technology for mussels such as a depuration facility to reduce, if not to eliminate, the presence of pathogenic bacteria in mussels, which are filter-feeding in nature, to be safe for human consumption.

Based on their study, the recirculating depuration system was proven to eliminate bacterial load to acceptable levels and allow mussels to grow in their size. Hence, this training was held to disseminate the information on the feasibility and adoption of this new technology in the development of plans in establishing a business enterprise in the community.

Sought to increase

awareness of the participants on the importance of depuration and to train them in using the recirculating depuration facility, the training provided lectures to better understand the mussel industry in the country and introduced available technologies to produce quality and safer mussel products.

The participants attended practical-workshop sessions on the pre-depuration and depuration processes of mussels, classroom exercises, actual demonstration and hands-on activities in the operation of the recirculating mussel depuration facility, actual harvesting, and handling of mussel on site.

PCAARRD-DOST funded the training. (**Lenilyn Gallos, CFOS and with source from IFPT**)

### ***CWVS Director is delegate... fom page 17***

the Philippines, 1883-1898" by Dr. Jely Galang of the Department of History, UP Diliman. The other topics presented and discussed in the Conference included the Chinese overseas diaspora, Chinese business, entrepreneurship and cultural networks, museums and cultural centers of Chinese overseas, cultural connections and genealogical search,

identity and representations in global media, Chinese language learning and formation of community, racial conflicts and security dilemma, Chineseness and social mobility in the transnational world, and religion in the Asian belt road corridor.

The three-day Conference culminated with a city tour of Guangzhou, where

participants got an opportunity to visit Cantonese heritage sites such as the Western Han Museum and Mausoleum of the Nanyue King, Yuexiu Park, Beijing Road Business District, Li Zhi Bay, Chen Clan Academy, and Canton Tower, the fourth tallest structure in the world. (**Sashah Dioso, CWVS with the sources from Randy M. Madrid**)

### ***CWVS joins UP Roundtable Discussion... fom page 17***

and UP Los Baños failed to send participants to the roundtable discussion.

The two-day presentations and discussions highlighted the strengths and best practices of the UP Diliman Tri-College and regional studies centers in the promotion of Philippine Studies through pedagogy/

instruction, research, and public service. Issues and problems confronted by these institutions and the solutions they made were also discussed and threshed out. More so, the roundtable discussion laid down possible collaborations among regional centers on matters of mutual concern such

as community resiliency and sustainability, disaster mitigation, risk reduction, and climate change adaptation, IP studies, urbanization studies, and localization and contextualization in Philippine education. (**Sashah Dioso, CWVS with the sources from Randy M. Madrid**)





# UPV Library raises funds for school children

WITH its main objective of “Public Service Through Extension,” the library personnel organized a “Pre-Loved Sale” – a fund-raising activity held at UPV Library, Miagao and Iloilo City campuses on November 14-15, 2019. The library staff donated their slightly used clothes, shoes, bags, etc. for sale. Different kinds of fruits were also available. Proceeds of this activity were utilized for the project.

This year's beneficiary is the Day Care School of Barangay Mambatad, Miagao, Iloilo where the library personnel gave assistance for the school supplies need of the children.

The fund-raising activity was successful because of the full cooperation among the library staff with the support of the University Librarian. Former UPV chancellor, Dr. Ida M. Siason and the sister of Ms. Sharon C.

Galorport, contributed a lot to the success of the said activity through their participation in donating their pre-loved items. A total amount of Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine Pesos (Php20,329.00) was raised. Of this amount, the Library was also able to donate Two Thousand Pesos (Php2,000.00) to the victims of the Mindanao earthquake. **(Ninfa Banderio, UPV Library)**



## International Conference on Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences... fom page 5

theme, “Sustainable Fisheries and Aquatic Industries Promoting Technological, Ecological, and Socio-Cultural Resiliency.”

Dr. Eulito Casas, Jr., Chair of the Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics of UPVTC, said “the challenge of unprecedented storm surge events is communicating the risks to communities and stakeholders which they have made a relational model of risk communication which shows increased effectiveness of narrative design in relation to the intent to evacuate, self-relevance and vividness of the message, and perceived authority of the message source.”

Prof. Alfredo Mahar Francisco A. Lagmay, Executive Director of UP Resilience Institute, said we have to address the problem of hazards, “our efforts to prevent and mitigate the harsh impact of hazards is because we have been planning our communities against this hazard only up to the historical record always. Now that we have climate change we can depict flood hazard. The government said that we have to get the people to visualize the projections of harsh impact of climate change that means that, instead of depicting the hazard of flood, all we have to do is historical record, we have

to project the possible floods and its impact. In climate change projection, in many scenarios, we call it representative concentration pathways it depends on how much CO2 we project to the atmosphere and how global warming will take effect that will have many scenarios of floods such an example is when it bring more rains transforms into floods. All of these must be included into the plans of the community.”

Dr. Kazuo Nadoka of the School of Environment and Society, Tokyo Institute of Technology, as keynote speaker stressed on the decline of the blue carbon ecosystem management on changing environments because of environmental threats. Integrated approaches to find measures to solve issues were presented such as the decision support system development for sustainable aquaculture and surrounding coastal ecosystem management in Bolinao and Anda, Pangasinan and inter-watershed and coastal linkage system analysis for Panay island for recovering seagrass beds as fish nursery grounds.

Gonzalo Araujo, Executive Director of the Large Marine Vertebrates Research Institute Philippines in Bohol, emphasized that, “The Philippines is the home of

the world's second largest population of whale sharks. The endangered species of whale shark *Rhincodon typus* is now due to exploitation on the Indo-Pacific region for their meat, oil and fins. Araujo said that tourism was developed after the national ban on whale shark hunting and today Donsol in Luzon has a community-based whale shark tourism site as well as in Pintuyan, Southern Leyte where whale sharks aggregate seasonally and also in Oslob, Cebu where whale sharks are provisioned daily, year round and at Puerto Prinsesa, Palawan and Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park in Sulu Sea.”

Dr. Nguyen Van Nguyen underlines the over-exploitation of fish stock in which it reached its peak of heavy fishing resulting in a significant drop of fish stock of the EEZ waters of Vietnam of 5.1 million tons in 2000-2005 to 4.25 million tons in 2011-2014. Nguyen said that fishing over and destructive fishing can cause damages to the entire marine ecology.

Dr. Prospero Naval, Jr. of the University of the Philippines Department of Computer Science said that “the standard method to monitor the health of a marine environment involves taking the fish population density and

biomass measurements through a semi-automated stereovision-based Underwater Visual Census system which we call Fish-i.”

Dir. Muhammad Saidur Rahman, Director of the Bangladesh Disaster Preparedness Centre, mentioned about the different factors that play and results in the loss of life and property in a disaster aside from its aftermath such as poor physical, social, economic, and political infrastructures. It is the utilization of financial resources that is a problem of disaster management. The people at risk should be empowered.

Asst. Prof. Tatiya Theppituck of Naresuan University, Phisanulok, Thailand said it is a challenge that food product industries develop packaging that addresses marketing factors such as being environment friendly and sustainable.

This year, the ICFAS 2019 was organized by the UPV Tacloban College (UPVTC) with the support from the UP System through the Office of International Linkages (OIL) and the World Expert Lecture Series (WELS) grant, and in partnership with the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Regional Office VIII. **(Vanessa Puno, UPVTC)**