



BOR reappoints Espinosa as UPV Chancellor



Chancellor Espinosa reappointed by the UP Board of Regents on September 29, 2014 during its 1,301st meeting. His reappointment came one month before his term ends on October 31, 2014.

With this second term, Espinosa will continue the work that he has started as was his statement during the presentation of his Vision Paper on August 19, 2014 (UPV Iloilo City) and August 20, 2014 (UPV Miagao) along with the other nominee, Dr. Zosimo E. Lee, former Dean of the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, UP Diliman. These are the areas that he will continue to focus on:

- Re-examine and re-imagine the GE program;
- Improve the needs of UPV to conform with the UP System's program called eUP;
- Study how the idle land of UPV can be used to generate income;
- Continue to tap the alumni as active partners in UPV's growth and development;
- Pursue the filling up of vacated items of staff and REPS;
- Provide more training for staff and REPS;
- Support the Healthy Lifestyle and Wellness Program of the employees;
- Work with the unions as partners of the administration on good governance; and
- Pursue more research and extension activities and create an environment that will encourage arts, culture, and creative works to flourish.

Espinosa's new term is from November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2017. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)



Guests and participants to the ISCFAS 2014.

ISCFAS 2014 calls for climate resiliency

BECOMING climate resilient is the focus of the 1st International Scientific Conference on Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (ISCFAS 2014): Towards Disaster and Climate Resilience organized by UP Visayas in partnership with the Manila Observatory on 22-23 October 2014 at the Diversion 21 Hotel, Benigno Aquino Avenue, Iloilo City.

UP President Alfredo E. Pascual, who was one of the University Officials who attended the Opening Program of the Conference noted how timely the event was because two weeks after, it was a year after Typhoon Yolanda struck and wreaked such a devastation in the country particularly in Regions 6, 7 and 8.

Pascual pointed out that the resiliency of the Filipino people should be matched by government programs and policies that prepare them for extreme weather

conditions. He also underscored the importance of ensuring food security especially for an archipelagic country like the Philippines whose population is highly dependent on the fishing industry.

"All these activities that UP is doing should and must always be propelled by public service," said UP's highest CEO.

Also present was Ateneo de Manila President, Fr. Jose Ramon T. Villarin, SJ., who reminded the audience who were mostly made up of researchers and scientists that, "we are all raised from the farm," and to "please see the invisible" and that it takes more than science to see the invisible.

For his part, UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa welcomed the guests and participants to the Conference.

Dr. Vinod Thomas, Director

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Gonzales elevated to Palanca Hall of Fame



Prof. Gonzales (center) poses with **Carl Anthony Palanca (left)** and **Sylvia Palanca-Quirino (right)** as she receives her Hall of Fame Award.

"THIS most recent award and distinction gave me a great sense of accomplishment, but more than being glad to have received this award is the thought that I am inspiring young writers," says Dr. Alice Tan-Gonzales after having been elevated to the Palanca Hall of Fame following her winning 1st place in the Short Story Hiligaynon category for the 5th time.

Gonzales, a faculty member of the Division of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas, won her first Palanca in 1997. Although she did not win the 1st place prize, it was a two-

fold victory for her because her two entries for Short Story in Hiligaynon, "Mga Luha Para kay Tatay Jose" and "Isa ka Pungpong nga Rosas" won 2nd and 3rd places, respectively.

Her five first-prize Palanca-winning works are as follows: 1)1999 - "Ang Likum Sang Isla San Miguel," Short Story-Hiligaynon; 2)2002 - "Sa Taguankan Sang Duta," Short Story-Hiligaynon; 3) 2003 - "Esperanza," Short Story-Hiligaynon; 4)2012 - "Lanton," Short Story-Hiligaynon; and 5)2014 - "Balay sang Monyeka," Short Story-Hiligaynon.

The multi-awarded writer was also a recipient of four Cultural Center of the Philippines grants in short story, novel, playwriting and play for children. In addition, she received the UPV Chancellor's Award for Creative Work in 2001, and was Fellow for Hiligaynon Literature of the UP *Likhaan* Writing Center in the same year.

In 2011, she garnered the Writers' Prize Writing Grant from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA). The "Balay sang Monyeka" marks her 11th Palanca win.

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Sadaba appointed as the new CAS Dean



Dr. Sadaba

Dr. Resurreccion B. Sadaba has been appointed by the UP Board of Regents as the new Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences during its 1300th meeting on August 28, 2014.

Sadaba is a multi-awarded researcher and scientist who is a nationally recognized mangrove expert and has devoted his time

and effort in the rehabilitation of mangroves. His work has not only benefited various communities but has contributed and will contribute to a far longer impact in terms of food security and environmental rehabilitation and preservation.

He was the lone candidate for the deanship during the Search Process that started on July 18, 2014 and ended on August 15, 2014 with the Search Committee's submission of their final report to the Office of the Chancellor.

Sadaba replaced outgoing dean, Dr. Ma. Luisa Mabunay, and will serve UPV in this capacity from October 1, 2014 to September 30, 2017. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

UPV profs win awards in the 7th National Conference on Gender and Fisheries

Suzette Peñaredondo

UP Visayas faculty members and researchers won awards for papers presented during the 7th National Conference on Gender and Fisheries held on September 15-17, 2014 at the Grand Regal Hotel in Davao City.

The following UPV papers won in the Best Paper Category: BEST PAPER, "Perceptions and Attitudes of Local Officials and Agency Representatives Towards Iloilo River" by Prof. Vicente Balinas (Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences), Prof. Rhodella Ibabao and Prof. Jeanette Deslate (both from the College of Management); and 3rd BEST PAPER "Women fishers are health carers too: Post Yolanda Experience in Leyte"



UPV faculty members and researchers at the 7th National Conference on Gender and Fisheries held in Davao City.

by Prof. Marieta Sumagaysay of the UPV Tacloban College. The winners received cash awards and Certificates of Recognition. The Best Paper Presentation Award was also given to the paper entitled "Gendered Spaces in Abalone Fisheries" by Prof. Alice Prieto-Carolino (Division of Social Sciences, CAS), Prof. Hanny John Mediodia (Division of

Social Sciences, CAS), Ms Cherry Añasco (College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences), Prof. Rowena Paz Gelvezon (College of Management). Ms. Fe Gabunada of the Visayas State University also won the same award.

A total of 151 participants from the academe, government agencies, and non-government organizations attended the Conference with the

theme; "Gender Perspectives: The conference was organized by the National Network on Women in Fisheries in the Philippines, Inc. (WINFISH), which is a network of individuals and professionals interested in improving the status of women especially in the fisheries sector. For more than a decade, WINFISH has continually tried to influence, empower, and recognize the works and lives of women in the fisheries world through gender-sensitive advocacy and initiatives. Every other year, it holds a conference that serves as a venue for sharing research findings, experiences, and emerging ideas related to gender and fisheries. The Network major partners are UPV, BFAR, and the DOST Philippine Council for Agricultural, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development. The UPV Gender and Development Program serves as the Secretariat of the Network having been founded in 2001 with Former UPV Chancellor Dr. Ida Siason as the founding president.

Com Sci students present paper in IT Congress

Francis D. Dimzon



Prof. Dimzon (left) with the student presenters at the 12th Youth Congress on Information Technology 2014 held in Pasay City.

GREGORY Lou Parcon, Ralph Lawrence Tenedero, and Francis Revesencio, BS Computer Science students of the Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics (DPSM), College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas, presented a paper entitled "Roulette Outcome Prediction Using Computer Vision" in the 12th Youth Congress on Information Technology 2014 at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City on September 10-12, 2014.

The students presented the results of their research that uses computer vision to predict the outcome of a four-color roulette. The paper was one of the two that were selected for presentation among the 25 submissions nationwide. It was also one of the seven that were selected for poster session. Prof. Francis Dimzon, DPSM faculty, is the group's Research Adviser.

UPV alumnus conferred Outstanding Young Scientist Award

JOHN Mark S. Velasco, MD, an alumnus of UP Visayas in the BS Biology program (1999) of the Division of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, was one of the 12 Outstanding Scientists named by the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST). Velasco was conferred the award during the 36th Annual Scientific Meeting of NAST on July 9-10, 2014.

Velasco was honored for his contribution in the field of public

health medicine. He is currently the Deputy Head of the Philippines-AFRIMS (Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences) Virology Research Unit (PAVRU).

Velasco's work primarily involves the surveillance of malaria, schistosomiasis (snail fever) and paragonimiasis (food-borne parasitic infection). His varied research studies include virology, bacteriology, epidemiology, clinical research, clinical trials and public health.

He is credited for having led in the creation of a molecular laboratory for influenza and other diseases, which was critical in the early detection of the H1N1 (swine flu) pandemic strain in 2009 among soldiers, thus stemming its spread.

As a researcher, Velasco focuses on the development of molecular techniques to detect emerging and recurring communicable diseases, the investigation of antibiotic-use patterns and prevalence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria, the application of geographical information systems to survey disease, and the use of biosurveillance software to detect and control disease outbreaks.

He is the first Filipino with a Master's Degree in Clinical Trials from the University of London and wants to improve the rigor of local clinical trials to produce high-quality data that can be used in public health.

The Outstanding Young Scientists (OYS) award is given to young Filipino scientists (must not be 41 years old within January to December in the year of the award) who have made significant contributions to science and technology.

Velasco finished earned his degree in medicine from UP Manila. (Lyncen M. Fernandez; with sources from Queena N. Lee-Chua, newsinfo.inquirer.net)

Sadaba receives plaque as 2014 Metrobank Outstanding Teacher

Cheryl C. Escaran

DR. Resurreccion B. Sadaba received a plaque as 2014 Metrobank Outstanding Teacher from Ms. Joyce Lim, Manager of Metrobank-Iloilo, on October 3, 2014 at the Metrobank Branch,

General Luna Street, Iloilo City.

In behalf of UP Visayas Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa, Dr. Evelyn T. Belleza, Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development, also received a certificate and 10 percent of the

P500,000 prize money, which was awarded to the outstanding teachers.

Sadaba is a faculty member of the Division of Biological Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), UP Visayas and the new CAS Dean. He is known for his expertise in mangroves and rehabilitation of oil spill -affected areas. He has received various awards including the UP Scientist award.



Dr. Sadaba (center) with Ms. Joyce Lim of Metrobank Iloilo (right) and Dr. Evelyn T. Belleza (left).



(L-R): Dr. Mary Barby Badayos-Jover (UPV); Prof. Joselito Mendoza (WVCST); Dr. Marieta Sumagaysay (UPVTC); Dr. Teresita Padilla (EVSU); Dr. Rosario Asong (retired UPV faculty) and Dr. Rowena Paz Gelvezon (UPV)

UPVTC prof is new WINFISH president

Suzette Peñaredondo

DR. Marieta Sumagaysay, faculty member of the Division of Social Sciences, UP Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC) and former UPVTC Dean, was chosen as President by the members of the Board of Trustees of the National Network on Women in Fisheries in the Philippines (WINFISH) who were elected during the Network's General Assembly held in Davao City on September 16, 2014.

Sumagaysay also served as the WINFISH Board of Trustees Secretary for Fiscal Year 2012-2014 and is an active member of the WINFISH Eastern Visayas Chapter. The other members of the Board include Dr. Dalisay Fernandez (Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development), Dr. Mary Barby Badayos-Jover (UPV College of Arts and Sciences), Dr. Rowena Paz Gelvezon (UPV College of Management), Dr. Teresita Padilla (Eastern Visayas State University) Prof. Joselito Mendoza (Western

Visayas College of Science and Technology), Prof. Alice Carolino-Prieto (UPV College of Arts and Sciences), and Dr. Rosario Asong (retired UPV Professor).

The Board will serve for two years and will take charge, oversee, and direct the activities of the Network.

WINFISH is a network of professionals and individuals that endeavors for the improvement of women in the fisheries industry. The UPV Gender and Development Program (GDP) serves as the Network's Secretariat since it was conceived in 2000 by a multidisciplinary group, with UPV as one of its core members. Through the years, UPV's engagement with the Network was also strengthened by its primary role in organizing national conferences on gender and fisheries that serve as an avenue to exchange research updates on the status of women in the fisheries sector. WINFISH former presidents include UPV faculty Dr. Diana S. Aure and Dr. Ida Siason, the Network's founding president.

GPO welcomes incoming students

THE Graduate Program Office (GPO) of UP Visayas conducted a Graduate Orientation Program at the UPV Auditorium, Iloilo City campus, on September 13, 2014 to welcome the new students as well as to help in their transition to graduate degree programs by providing information about

delivered by Vice Chancellor for Administration Prof. Nestor Yunque for Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa, the students were assured that the University is committed to help them in their graduate studies as well as to make their stay in UPV a rewarding experience that will



GPO Director Dr. Serrano (right) speaks before the graduate students.

the University, its policies and regulations, and the resources and support structures available to them.

Prof. Severa Fe Katalbas gave the Welcome Address in behalf of Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Prof. Encarnacion Emilia S. Yap. In her message, the Vice-Chancellor wished the entering students success and expressed hope that they would graduate on time.

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lead to rewarding careers. They were also encouraged to avail of the support program and the many opportunities provided by the University and to be passionate towards their graduate studies. "I want the UP degree that you receive from us to be a beginning of something wonderful," he said.

Representing the continuing students, Mr. Meliton E. Sillador, Jr., a second year Master in Management in Business Management (MMBM), student, challenged the entering students to examine themselves if they are in the right profession and are taking the right course. For his part, he said UP taught him that there's no limit in learning.

"The things that we can learn from this institution is an opportunity that we have to grab," he said, adding that catching a ferry from Bacolod City to Iloilo City and vice versa in order to make it to his 8 o'clock until 5 o'clock class every Saturday is all worth it.

Meanwhile, speaking in behalf of the entering students, Ms. Gianette C. Sayco, a first year Master of Education-Mathematics, laid down her expectations as graduate student in UP. These include earning the degree after two years, quality education, and "to learn by ourselves the best as we can, enjoy the journey not only for the Sablay, but for learning." She told

American teacher donates books to UPV

MR. Douglas Griffith, a retired American teacher from Washington State, United States of America, donated his personal book collections to UP Visayas at the Language Program, Iloilo City campus, on September 5, 2014.

Faculty members from the Division of Humanities of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) received six boxes of books on theatre, literature, English language teaching, communications, research, philosophy, and other subjects. The books were the collection of Griffith for almost 50 years of teaching in the United States of America, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Japan, and the Philippines particularly in the Mindanao State University (MSU) and Cebu Normal University. He taught English as a Second Language (ESL), theatre, and academic writing.

Griffith is married to a Filipina who hails from Barotac Nuevo, Iloilo and used to be the administrator of MSU. He went back to the US after the demise of his wife but occasionally visits her hometown. He also donated some of his books to a school in Barotac Nuevo. Griffith said that he had more books back in the US, which he also intends to give away. Some of the donated books belonged to his late wife.

"I hope it's stimulating to you. I am hoping that these books will be used to challenge people to do different things," Griffith said.

Prof. Alice Gonzales, faculty member of the Division of Humanities, CAS, facilitated the book donation. Gonzales met Griffith through a close friend.

Prof. Dulce Deriada, Coordinator of the Language Program, thanked Griffith in behalf of the University. According to Deriada, the books will be very useful to the teachers and students. These books will also be used by the Language Program, the library, and other Divisions of the College. (Lenilyn B. Gallos)



Griffith (2nd from left) pose with the faculty members of the Division of Humanities, CAS.

Training on anti-oppressive pedagogy conducted

A SERIES of training workshops on “Equity in Diversity: The Anti-Oppressive Pedagogy” was conducted for secondary public school teachers in the Province of Iloilo. The project was made possible by an award from the International Leaders in Education Program (ILEP) Alumni Small Grant administered by the International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX) in partnership with the University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV), through the Office of the Continuing Education and Pahinungod (OCEP), Division of Professional Education, and the UP High School in Iloilo (UPHSI) of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Prof. Dominique J. Maquiran, an alumnus of ILEP 2010 at the University of Minnesota, United States of America and a faculty member of UPHSI was the trainer.



Prof. Maquiran (standing), an ILEP alumnus and UPHSI faculty member, conducts the AOP training to public HS teachers in Iloilo.

Three hundred thirty five (335) selected public high school teachers in the 5th District of the Province of Iloilo attended the workshop. The

training was implemented from July 11 (first group). On September 26,

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UPV profs present papers in 8th APISA Congress

DR. Rosalie Arcala Hall of the Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Rhodelia Ibabao of the Department of Management, College of Management, presented papers at the 8th Asian Political and International Studies

Association (APISA) Congress on 19-20 September 2014 in Chang Mai, Thailand.

Hall presented findings from her Peace Winds America-funded research project on the civil-military dynamics during the response operations to typhoon

Haiyan. Ibabao's paper derives from Project 2 (Actor-Based Assessment of Water Governance in Three Philippine Watersheds) of the UP System's Emerging Interdisciplinary Research (EIDR) Program on water governance, for which she is a collaborator.

Ibabao's paper on “Water conflict and cooperation: The experience of communities in three watershed areas in the Philippines” was one of three featured papers in the EIDR panel “Emerging Issues in Water Governance at the Watershed Scale in the Philippines.”

APISA is a regional conference that brings together political scientists and international (area studies) specialists from Asia. Hall received a travel grant from the conference organisers while

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The Panel on Aspects of Human Security at the 8th APISA Congress: (from left to right) Dr. Atsushi Yasutomi, Dr. Rosalie Arcala Hall and Dr. Saya Kiba



The UP System Emerging Interdisciplinary Research (EIDR) Panel on Water Governance during the 8th APISA Congress. (from left to right) Dr. Rhodelia Ibabao, Dr. Jessica Carino, Dr. Corazon Abansi and Dr. Ma. Helen Dayo.

Hiroshima University students, faculty visit UPV anew

FOR the fourth time since 2011, students and faculty members of Hiroshima University, Japan visited UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus, for a Study Tour and Lecture-Forum on September 2, 2014.

UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa welcomed 12 students and faculty members of the Faculty of Applied Biological Science, Hiroshima University. The visitors listened to lectures on various topics, which included “Philippine Marine Fisheries and Conservation” by Prof. Gerald F. Quinitio, Director of Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanology, College of Fisheries

and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UPV; “Livelihood Development: One Town-One Product Strategy” by Prof. Evelyn T. Belleza, Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development, UPV; and “Life in Extreme Environment” by Prof. Takeshi Naganuma of the Graduate School of Biosphere Science, Hiroshima University. An Open Forum followed the lectures that were held at the Audio Visual Room of the Graduate and Continuing Education Building.

Video presentations about UPV and the Graduate School of Biosphere Science, Hiroshima University were also shown. In the

afternoon, 12 students from CFOS joined and mingled with the visiting students for a dialog. Naganuma then encouraged UPV students to visit Hiroshima University and study as exchange students.

An Agreement on Academic and Educational Exchange and a Memorandum of Agreement on Student Exchange was forged between UPV and the Graduate School of Biosphere Science of Hiroshima University in March 2014. The agreements, which were signed by UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa and Dr. Kohzo Taniguchi, Dean of the Graduate School of Biosphere Science,

UPV Com Sci alumnus shares success story

THE story of a poor but smart kid who made good after graduating from UP is a story that keeps being told



Alayon

but never gets old. This is often heard in inspirational messages during the opening exercises, the PAPURI, graduation ceremonies, and other major university events.

This is also the story of Stephen B. Alayon, BS Computer Science 2001, Master of Education major in Mathematics 2005, who earned his college education through a DOST scholarship.

Recently invited by his high school alma mater, the Capiz State University (formerly Capiz Institute of Technology) as speaker for its Recognition Program, Alayon recounted the tough years of living off on a daily, meager allowance of P10.00 a day; only had a piece of white polo shirt for his uniform that he had to wash at the end of the day so that he can wear it again the next day; a hand-me-down, used school bag and school shoes that he shared with his father, a solitary white t-shirt – inherited from an older brother – these were just a few of the many challenges that he faced as a high school student.

That Alayon passed the UPCAT as a BS Computer Science major in UP Visayas is a testament to his innate intelligence.

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Hiroshima University, aim “to promote mutual understanding between the two countries and between the two institutions through educational and academic collaboration and exchange, and to contribute to the advancement and progress of learning.”

The visit of the Hiroshima students and faculty was facilitated by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development (OVCPD) in support of the Internationalization Program of UP Pres. Alfredo Pascual. *(Lenilyn B. Gallos; with sources from the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development)*

Roundtable discussion on water governance held

AS a National University responsible for helping help address societal problems such as water security, the UP Visayas conducted a Roundtable Discussion on Water Governance for Development with the theme, "Should Metro Iloilo Privatize Its Waterworks System? Exploring Alternatives."

Various stakeholders and participants from public and private institutions attended the half-day activity held at the Training Rooms, Graduate and Continuing Education Building (GCEB), UPV Iloilo City campus on October 14, 2014.

The activity was made possible through the multi-disciplinary and multi-Constituent University research program undertaken by UP Los Baños (UPLB), UP Baguio (UPB), and UP Visayas (UPV) called "Emerging Interdisciplinary Research Program (EIDR)" in



Various stakeholders and participants from public and private institutions in Iloilo City during the roundtable discussion on water governance.

coordination with the Office of Continuing Education and *Pahinungod* of UPV. EIDR is embarking on a research entitled "Towards Good Water Governance for Development: A Multi-Case Analysis."

UPV Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa gave the Welcome Address. He underscored the importance of the Roundtable Discussion as one of the important components of EIDR on their

research entitled "Towards Good Water Governance for Development: A Multi-Case Analysis." He said the activity was intended to obtain the participation of the stakeholders in the formulation of location-and-culture specific surface water governance mechanisms that can minimize if not eradicate present and future water conflicts. He encouraged everyone to take part

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SoTech prof joins Atomic Force Microscopy Workshop in France

MELISSA Anne Gabriel, a faculty member of the School of Technology (SoTech), UP Visayas participated in the 6th Atomic Force Microscopy BioMed Summer School at the Pasteur Institute in Lille, France on August 25-29, 2014. Nineteen scientists coming from all over Europe assisted in the hands-on training. Gabriel joined the group of 21 postgraduate students, researchers, and scientists coming from the US and the European countries of the UK, France,

Italy, Czech Republic, Romainia, Croatia, Poland, and Luxemburg to study atomic force microscopy and its biological applications. Atomic force microscopy (AFM) is a microscopic technique that is used to investigate sample topography by means of a probe hovering over or tapping on sample surfaces. The workshop involves the use of AFM to investigate mechanical properties of cells as well as their adhesion and elasticity behaviours.

With her workshop experi-

ence, Gabriel intends to pursue research on the mechanical properties of fruit and vegetable cells with the use of AFM. Her attendance in the said workshop was funded by the Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD) of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) under the DOST-BCDA-funded project "Bridging the Human Resource Competency Gaps in Support of the National R&D Agenda." (Source: SoTech)

New Coordinator of student organizations and activities appointed

Teresa Hortillo

EFFECTIVE this First Semester of Academic Year 2014-2015, Prof. Moniq M. Muyargas, a faculty member of the Division of Social Sciences College of Arts and Sciences of UP Visayas is the new Coordinator of the Student Organizations and Activities (SOA) Unit of the Office of Student Affairs.

The support staff of Muyargas is Ms. Zyreen Lou B. Faramiran, SOA Assistant, is a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology-Management) graduate.

As the new Coordinator of SOA, Prof. Muyargas conducted an orientation for members of student organizations existing in the University (both university and college-based) on Wednesday, September 3, 2014. At the Miagao Campus, the orientation was held at the Audio-Visual Room



Prof. Muyargas

of the Teaching and Learning Resource Center (TLRC AVR), CUB Basement from 9:00-11:30a.m. It was attended by 66 students representing 70 student organizations. At the Iloilo City Campus, the orientation was held at the Audio-Visual Room of the

Little Theater Annex (LT Annex AVR) from 2:00-4:30p.m. with 32 students in attendance representing 33 student organizations. Some faculty advisers also attended the orientation in the Miagao and Iloilo City campuses.

Prof. Muyargas discussed the rationale behind the Student Organizations and Activities Program of the University, its specific rules and guidelines, procedure for applying for recognition, filing of permits, special provisions on fraternities and sororities, and the Republic Act # 8049 or the Anti-Hazing Law. Also, Prof. Muyargas presented the importance of Gender Sensitivity Awareness to student organizations and their activities. Upon the invitation of Prof. Muyargas, Prof. Cristabel Rose F. Parcon discussed with the attendees pertinent information about the Anti-Sexual Harassment Office as ASHO Coordinator.

HRDO conducts orientation for new faculty members

"THIS orientation is very important for you as a new faculty member. It will not only orient



you on how you should conduct yourself as a UP faculty member or familiarize you with your responsibilities and privileges. Through this orientation, you will also know about fellowship grants and scholarships which are very important to you. Moreover, you will get to know about research opportunities you can get into."

With this Welcome Message, Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs Prof. Emilia Encarnacion Santos-Yap set the tone for the day-long orientation for the new faculty members of UP Visayas on September 3, 2014 at the Conference Room of the Administration Building, UPV Miagao campus.

Organized by the Human Resource Development Office (HRDO), the Orientation also included a General Orientation on UPV, covering its Core Values, Vision and Mission Statement, brief history and its degree-granting units.

Specifically, VCAA Yap discussed the conduct of the UP faculty while HRDO Chief Ella Tidon talked about the appointment, responsibilities, and privileges of faculty members. In addition, Jocelyn Barcelona, University Extension Specialist of HRDO, gave an overview on fellowships and scholarships that may be availed of by the faculty.

The rest of the topics covered included important academic information for the faculty such as the grading system, submission of grades, and consultation hours by Prof. Jose Go, University Registrar; the UPV research and extension activities by Dr. Liah Catedrilla, standing in as OIC of Dr. Ricardo Babaran, Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension; and student-related matters by Prof. Ruben Gamala, Director, Office of Student Affairs.

Lastly, the ALL-UP Academic Union also oriented the new faculty members on the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of being a member of the group.

Sixteen faculty members attended the Orientation. (Lynce M. Fernandez)

Preparedness, the best strategy for climate change



Dr. Vinod “SCIENCE and social disciplines should come together in addressing the issues of climate change and climate resilience,” said Dr. Vinod Thomas, Director General of Independent Evaluation, Asian Development Bank was the keynote speaker in the 1st International Scientific Conference on Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (ISCFAS 2014): Towards Disaster and Climate Resilience organized by UP Visayas in partnership with

the Manila Observatory on 22-23 October 2014 at the Diversion 21 Hotel, Benigno Aquino Avenue Iloilo City.

Vinod pointed out that climate change is the biggest threat that faces our world today and that Asia in particular has been hit by disasters more than any other part of the world.

“Hydro-meteorological events are rising, floods and storms are increasing as well as volcanic eruptions and earthquakes,” he observed.

In addition, Vinod added that the following should be taken into account in terms of preparing our country and people to be resilient to climate change: 1) How exposed the people are to the disaster; 2) We have to locate our

communities out of harm’s way and not in the path of disasters; and 3) Look on our ability to cope such as how can we withstand when disaster strikes.

Thus, risks can be either high or low, depending on the vulnerability of the communities, their degree of exposure, and the hazard they are subjected to.

Furthermore, Vinod said that in adapting to and mitigating the effects of climate change, prevention is critical.

“Fire fighters spend 95% of their time preparing for a fire and only 5% on fighting a fire,” he emphasized.

The Conference gathered researchers and scientists from the Philippines, India, Japan, Liberia, Maldives, Spain, and the US. (*Lyncen M. Fernandez*)

AUPAEU Iloilo Chapter holds general assembly, elects new set of officers

MEMBERS of the All UP Academic Employees Union (AUPAEU) of UP Visayas from the Miagao and Iloilo City campuses gathered for their annual General Assembly and elected a new set of officers at the Audio Visual Room, Graduate and Continuing Education Building, Iloilo City campus on October 9, 2014.

More or less 50 faculty members

and research extension personnel staff (REPS) attended the whole-day activity. Dr. Rommel Rodriguez, Secretary General of AUPAEU in UP Diliman, was the Resource Speaker. Rodriguez underscored the importance of the annual gathering since it provides an opportunity for members to look into what the Union has accomplished and its future plans and undertakings.

AUPAEU UP Iloilo City Chapter President Tomasito Talledo reported on what his administration has done and accomplished for a year. The Union Treasurer, Karlo Primavera, reported on the current financial status of the Union for the entire Fiscal Year 2013-2014.

Rodriguez facilitated the nomination and election of the new set of officers of the AUPAEU UP Iloilo City Chapter. On that same day, he also proclaimed and swore into office the newly elected officers, namely, Tomasito Talledo (President), Giabelle Saldaña (Vice President for Faculty), Edna Abunal (Vice President for REPS), Pilar Retiracion (Secretary), Karlo Primavera (Treasurer), Early Sol Gadong, Rene Sansait, Estela Pador, and Dr. Erlinda Naret (Board of Directors). (*Lenilyn B. Gallos*)



Rodriguez (left), AUPAEU Secretary General in UP Diliman, graces the AUPAEU Iloilo Chapter general assembly and election of officers.

Palanca hall of famer holds workshop on writing to win

THE Office of the Continuing Education and *Pahinungod* (OCEP) facilitated a seminar-workshop on “Write to Win: the Art of Winning Writing Competitions” held at the Graduate and Continuing Education Building, UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus. The seminar was attended by aspiring and budding writers from Iloilo City and Province.

Award winning writer and Palanca Hall of Famer Peter Solis Nery conducted the lecture and a mini workshop. Nery, a poet and fictionist from Dumangas, Iloilo, is an alumnus of UPV with a degree in BS Biology. He was named as the Most Outstanding Graduate of Class 1990.

Nery sought to uphold the

budding writers by teaching the aspiring writers how to write for writing competitions, and eventually win the competition. He said “write to win is to be published.” He said that to be published is more than winning the prize and the competition. Nery gave important tips to consider when writing. He also shared seven points to hit to have a good story.

Prof. Ma. Joji B. Tan, OCEP Director, welcomed and thanked Nery and the participants for supporting the activity. She hoped that the lecture could help the aspiring writers to be winners in their respective writing ventures someday.

The lecture-workshop was the second to the last of its

kind that Nery was holding all over the country through his foundation, the Peter Solis Nery Foundation for Hiligaynon Literature and the Arts. The Foundation aimed to promote and propagate Hiligaynon literature and language. Nery came up with the Peter’s Prize Writing Competition, which according to him, is a mini-Palanca award. Peter’s Prize included the writing competition for short story for children, poetry for children, and the saddest love story ever told all written in Hiligaynon.

Similar lectures had been conducted in other places such as in Baguio, Roxas City, Bacolod City, UP Los Baños, Koronadal City, and Calinog, Iloilo, among others. (*Lenilyn B. Gallos*)

Pol Sci prof presents Asian Public Intellectual Project findings

DR. Rosalie Arcala-Hall presented the findings from her Asian Public Intellectual (API) Collaborative Grant research project at the International Public Forum “No More Guns: Documenting Local Conflict Resolution Initiatives in Select Asian Communities” at the in East Asia Royale Hotel, General Santos City, on 08 October 2014. Hall is the principal investigator for the Project. Her paper entitled “When fighting stops: organic local conflict resolution initiatives in Iranun (Maguindanao) areas” was one of four case studies presented alongside API collaborators Prof. Rufa Guiam (Mindanao State University-General Santos), Dr. Rina Shahrullah (Universitas Internasional Batam, Indonesia), and Ms. Prangtip Daorueng (Thammasat University, Thailand). The International Public Forum was supported by a grant from The Asia Foundation-Philippines. MSU-General Santos faculty members, graduate student and NGO representatives attended the Forum.

Hall’s paper described the co-existence of diverse arrangements (formal, informal, and hybrid) for security management present in the towns of Parang, Buldon, Barira, and Matanog (Maguindanao).

The forum is the API team’s second research dissemination activity following the panel presentation at the Association of Asian Studies Conference in Singapore in July 2014. The project’s final output are a monograph featuring the case studies and one comparative article-length manuscript for journal submission. (*Source: Division of Social Sciences, CAS*)

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Ibabao’s travel was supported by EIDR. The Congress was Hall’s 6th outing with APISA. Given her known work on the military, she had been invited by Dr. Paul Chambers and Dr. Napisa Waitookiat of Changmai University to write a chapter for the Philippines for the comparative book project entitled “Khaki Capital: The Political Economy of Security Forces in Southeast Asia.” Hall was also invited to submit sample manuscripts for two books on civil-military relations in counter insurgency operations and on Typhoon Haiyan operations by the Asian commissioning editor of Palgrave-Macmillan publishers. (*Source: Division of Social Sciences, CAS*)

NIMBB's 16th anniversary promotes biotechnology accessibility

A FORUM, workshop, quiz bowl and poster exhibit, lecture, and film showing that highlight the promotion of biotechnology were the activities conducted by the National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (NIMBB), UP Visayas, in the celebration of its 16th anniversary in October with the theme, "Breaking Boundaries and Promoting Biotechnology Accessibility."

NIMBB as an institute aims to be a vessel for a wider scale of dissemination of information and knowledge of biotechnology especially in the Western Visayas Region. It also believes that it's

time for Filipinos to adapt and make use of the benefits available in biotechnology especially in the agriculture and fisheries industries.

On October 1, a forum on agriculture technology for farmers entitled "Bioteknolohiya para sa Mainuswagon kag Mapinadayunon ng Pagpanguma II" was held at Liga Hall, Municipality of Sta. Barbara, Iloilo. Dr. Jane Geduspan, NIMBB Director, and Mr. Alan Umadhay talked about genetically modified organisms (GMO) and alternative crops, respectively.

A Biotechnology Film Fest 2014 was organized with the assistance of Clovers, an academic organization of Biological Science



Dr. Geduspan (standing, extreme right) gives a lecture on teaching biotechnology for high school teachers in the region.

students of the College of Arts and Sciences, UPV, on October 1-3, 2014. Among the movies shown were Gattaca, Planet of the Apes, Never Let Me Go, The Island,

World War Z, Contagion, The Amazing Spiderman 2, Outbreak, and Godzilla.

In cooperation with UPV-ITSO (Innovation and Technology Support Office) led by Milyn Leghid as ITSO Manager, the Institute also facilitated a lecture on "M2M (Molecule to Market): Economic Prospects of Academe and Public Research and Development Institutions (RDIs) in the Knowledge-based Industry" at the Miagao Interactive Learning Center (MILC), CAS, Miagao campus on October 13, 2014. Atty. Lawrence L. Ilag, a DOST balik-scientist program awardee and Deputy Chief Party of USAID STRIDE, was the Resource Person. Participants from the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center, UP Visayas, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Environmental Management Bureau, West Visayas State University, Western Visayas College of Science and Technology, and Southern Iloilo Polytechnic College attended the activity.

Meanwhile, eight public high schools in Western Visayas competed in the Regional High School Biotechnology Quiz Bowl 2014 held at the UPV Cinematheque, Iloilo City campus, on October 15, 2014. Students from Don Felix Serra National High School, Lambunao National High School, Tubungan National High School, Tigbauan National High School, Cabatuan Comprehensive National High School, Kirayan National High School, UP High School in Iloilo, and Northern Antique Vocational School joined the quiz bowl, which was realized in cooperation with the Philippine Society for Microbiology, Inc. and the UPV Clovers academic organization.

A workshop on teaching biotechnology for high school teachers in the region capped the celebration. The one-day workshop, "Enabling Biotech in

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UPV Art Gallery showcases street photos of Ilonggo artists

THE UPV Art Gallery showcased the works of three Ilonggo artists in a photo exhibit called "Binalay: Visual Constructs on Progress" at the UPV Art Gallery, Iloilo City campus.

Street photographs of Prof. Jonathan Jurilla, Mr. Emmanuel Leron, and Ruperto Quitag were on display from September 10-26, 2014. The artists were faculty members and staff of the Division of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas.

The ordinary people from the streets were the subject of the exhibit. According to Prof. John Barrios, faculty member of the UP High School in Iloilo (UPHSI), in his critic of the exhibit on street photography, "since ordinary people are perceived

as speechless, the photographs are expected to speak for them on how the messages are conveyed by each and every photograph in the exhibit. Unlike painting and other visual arts, photography, according to Roland Barthes, is never art but always meaning. And it is in meanings that identities are constructed."

Barrios noticed that the three artists have varied concepts of a street and the street people as shown in their respective photos. Looking at Jurilla's photographs, Barrios observed that the artist took shots from long distances and of a few scattered people of the streets and have an idea of a street that is far wider and bigger than the ordinary people. For Leron, he noted that the artist's photographic frames

were occupied by the relationship of the ordinary street people with other objects. The Quitag photos, on the other hand, looked for balance between his subjects, objects, and street spaces.

"Camera tricks, the subject's pose, gaze, and space are used to foreground meanings behind each and every photographic image. Street photography is just that: images written in silences, ordinary people reduced to insignificance," Barrios stated.

Curated by Prof. Kevin Piamonte together with the CMS 144 class, *Binalay* was also supported by the UPV Chancellor's Committee for Culture and the Arts (UPV-CCCA). (*Lenilyn B. Gallos*)

TTBDO continues briefing on IP and IPRs

THE UP Technology Transfer and Business Development Office of (TTBDO) continues in its efforts to orient and acquaint the UP community about the University's intellectual property and its intellectual property rights.

Atty. Elizabeth Pulumbarit, Legal Counsel of the UP TTBDO,

and Mr. Cedrik Ben Gayares of TTBDO's Invention Patent and Technology Management were at the UPV Miagao campus on September 17, 2014 and at the Iloilo City campus on September 18, 2014 to conduct such activities.

Gayares gave an overview on intellectual property and intellectual

property rights while Pulumbarit discussed UP's IPR Policy 2011 and laws on technology transfer.

During the two-day orientation, Ms. Milyn Leghid, College Business Manager from the UPV Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Planning and Development (OVCPD), also presented the members of the newly formed, Innovation and Technology Support Office. It is made up of various experts from UPV's academic community tasked to promote the development of various innovative technologies that can generate intellectual property activities for UPV.

The orientation was organized by the OVCPD with Dr. Evelyn Belleza, Vice-Chancellor for Planning and Development, welcoming the audience at the start of the orientation. (*Lyncen M. Fernandez*)



Pulumbarit (inset) lectures on UP's IPR policy.

UP Professor Emeritus' *Suguidanon* work honored in Capiz

UP Professor Emeritus Dr. Alicia P. Magos was honored by the United Capizeños Foundation, Inc. – One Capiz through an exhibit of the former's work on *Suguidanon* (epics) of *Panay Bukidnon*, at the Roxas City Museum known as *Ang Panublion Museum* in the Province of Capiz.

Magos, a representative of *Panay Bukidnon*, and Mrs. Melanie Arancillo, Executive Director of United Capizeños Foundation, Inc. – One Capiz led the Opening of the Exhibit on October 14, 2014.

The 10 epics in summaries were exhibited at the Museum's History Gallery that introduced Magos as an anthropologist who dedicated almost 25 years of her life in studying the people and culture of *Panay Bukidnon* while teaching at UP Visayas. The Exhibit texts present the principal characters and some extraordinary creatures, the chanters, and the people of the indigenous cultural minority.

Panay Bukidnon is an



Various scenes during the opening of the exhibit at the Panublion Museum, Roxas City, Capiz.

Indigenous Cultural Community/ Indigenous People of Central Panay particularly from Barangays Garangan, Masaroy, and Agcalaga

in Calinog, Iloilo; Tapaz, Capiz; Valderrama, Antique; and Libacao, Aklan. *Suguidanon* is one of the indigenous knowledge systems and

practices of the *Panay Bukidnon* as their collective property and an inherent part of their cultural patrimony.

The UP Press is currently publishing 10 books of the epics in 13 volumes in archaic *Kinaray-a*, which were translated in the current *Kinaray-a*, Filipino, and English.

Dr. Maria Christine Muyco, an ethnomusicologist from UP Diliman, is also featured in the *Suguidanon* exhibit. Muyco participated in empowering the expressive traditions of *Panay Bukidnon* in Western Visayas by organizing festivals, workshops, performances, and forums with elders, among others. Her collection of words, music, and artifacts on the traditional arts of the *Panay Bukidnon* are on display at the People's Gallery.

One Capiz likewise honored Hon. Federico Caballero, a living national treasure and *Gawad Manlilikha ng Bayan* (GAMABA) awardee, and Mr. Ramon Ramirez as documentarian and part of Magos' research studies of *Panay Bukidnon*.

The United Capizeños Foundation, Inc. – One Capiz is a foundation organized in 2010 by the leaders from the public and private sectors in Capiz, which aims to provide the Province and Roxas City with technical expertise and directions for the successful implementation of their projects. It is also the aim of the Foundation to encourage a heightened understanding of the rich cultural heritage and history of Capiz and to increase public awareness of the life and legacy of great political leaders, national artists, and business pioneers from the Province who significantly contributed to our country's progress. The Foundation also manages the Ang Panublion Museum.

Through the exhibit, the Foundation hopes to bring the "mountain to the city" and tell the stories of the people from the heart of Panay Island. The *Suguidanon* exhibit will run until April 2015.

Meanwhile, UP Visayas will hold a National Conference on *Suguidanon* (Epics) of Panay on December 4-5, 2014 at UPV Iloilo City campus. With the theme, "Embracing the Indigenous Panay Heritage through the *Suguidanon*," the Conference will bring together scholars, artists, community workers, especially the local chanters and their community in the effort of revitalizing the archived documentation of the epics. (Lenilyn B. Gallos)

CCCA awards 'My UPV' photo contest winners

THE Chancellor's Committee for Culture and the Arts (CCCA) of UP Visayas announced the winners of the "My UPV" Photography Contest on September 30, 2014 at the UPV Art Gallery, UPV, Iloilo City. Five best works were chosen for each of the five categories, which included buildings, sites, activities, classrooms or student life, and campus humor.

Prof. Jonathan Jurilla, a faculty member of the Division of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences, was the biggest winner in the contest. All his five entries received a spot in the competition. Two were adjudged as grand

winners in two categories — Activities and Student Life entitled "Agos ng Panahon" and "Guhit," respectively. His three other photo entries under the Student Life Category were selected as Judges' Choice and Consolation Prize winners.

When asked about his reaction, Jurilla said he was overwhelmed and speechless for he did not expect that all his entries would win in the photo tilt.

The grand winners in the three other categories were UPV students. They are Mr. Diody Fadullan for his work "Gusali ng Karunungan" (Building Category); Ms. Janica

Anne dela Peña's "Oble" (Sites Category), and Ms. Maria Delmar Lauro for her entry "Pag-taas Sang Akon Palad" (Campus Humor Category).

For the other categories, the winners were the following: 1) Building Category — Prof. Roman Sanares (Judge's Choice); Beth Aquidado, Noah Faye Andres, and Sanares (Consolation Prize); 2) Activities Category — Diody Fadullan (Judge's Choice); Maria Delmar Lauro, Clarisse Faith Buday, and Marie Therese Robles (Consolation Prize); 3) Student Life Category — Maria Delmar Lauro (Consolation Prize); 4) Sites Category — Marie Therese Jarantilla (Judges' Choice and Consolation Prize), Mylene Mondejar, and Maria Delmar Lauro (Consolation Prize); and 5) Campus Humor Category — Noah Faye Andres (Judges' Choice), April Nievaes, and Mylene Mondejar — two entries (Consolation Prize).

The Grand Prize winners in each category received Php5,000 while the Judges' Choice winner received Php1,000 each. The Consolation Prize included Php1,000 and a certificate for each winner. The Panel of Judges was composed of Prof. John Barrios, faculty member of UP High School in Iloilo, CAS; Mr. Antonio Rojas, Jr. of the Photographic Society of Iloilo; and Mr. Paul Frederick Tiongson.

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Various scenes during the announcement of winners and opening of the "My UPV" photo exhibit.



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in the discussion 'for each of us has a stake on this.'

Dr. Joy Lizada, a faculty member of the College of Management, UPV, presented the rationale of the activity. Dr. Rosalie Hall, faculty member of the Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, (DSS-CAS) UPV discussed about the Framing of the Water Debate. Ms. Josephine Castro spoke in behalf of the Metro Iloilo Water District while Dr. Ida Siason, faculty member of DSS-CAS, UPV talked about the Perspective on Privatization.

Other presenters were Mr. Dan Panganiban of Manila Waters Company for Private Water Operators and Dr. Rhodella Ibabao of the College of Management professor of UP Visayas discussed about Other Types of Waterworks System.

An open forum followed the aforementioned discussions moderated by Lizada. Dr. Agnes Rola, professor of UP Los Baños, gave the "Synthesis and the Way Forward." Certificates of Appreciation were given to the presenters. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos)**

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High Schools, Enriching Science Educators," was participated in by more than 20 secondary school teachers. It was held at the training rooms of the Graduate and Continuing Education Building, UPV, Iloilo City campus on October 16, 2014. It aimed to help high school teachers learn skills to effectively introduce biotechnology in their biology classes and expose the students to this field in biology classes.

In his welcome remarks, UPV Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa told the teacher participants that biotechnology is the field rarely ventured into by many in the Philippines. He pointed out the need to teach biotechnology so that the country can keep up with other countries in the first world.

Three workshops were conducted for the teachers where they shared experiences and learned skills in teaching biotechnology. Dr. Jane Geduspan discussed "Biotech in Everyday Life: An Introduction to Biotechnology and Genetic Profiling and DNA Simulation" while Rommel J. Gestuveo, a university research associate of UPV-NIMBB, talked about "DNA Extraction Using Household Materials." **(Lenilyn B. Gallos)**

Climate change adaptation is everybody's business

"THIS is everybody's business, there is no exception," says Passi City Mayor Jesry T. Palmares, referring to the need to adapt to climate change and reduce the various risks that it brings.

This was his statement during the Opening Program of the training-workshop on mainstreaming climate change adaptation and disaster reduction in local development planning for the LGUs of Passi, Dumangas and Zarraga held on September 22-26, 2014 at the main campus in Miagao.

The event was organized by the Philippine Climate Change Commission-Climate Change Office (CCC-CCO) in partnership with the United Nations Development Program and with funding assistance from the Government of New Zealand particularly from the New Zealand Aid Programme. It is a part of Project ReBUILD, or "Resilience Capacity Building of Cities/Municipalities to Reduce



(L-R) Hon. John Tarrosa (Zarraga), Hon. Rolando B. Distura (Dumangas), and Hon. Jesry T. Palmares (Passi City) welcome the training workshop for climate change adaptation for their respective LGUs.

Disaster Risks from Climate Change due to Natural Hazards, Phase I," being implemented by the CCC-CCO.

The Project aims to increase the capacities of key local actors in the cities and municipalities particularly in the Cagayan River Basin in Region 2 and the Jalaur River Basin in Region 6 to manage disaster risks and to adapt to the overall impacts of climate change towards a resilient and sustainable development. This will involve the conduct of vulnerability

assessment and identification of priority adaptation measures.

During the five-day T/W, the participants were trained in the use of GIS software that will enable them to do hazard mapping in their municipality.

Also present during the Opening Program were the municipal mayors of Dumangas, Hon. Rolando B. Distura, and Zarraga, Hon. John Tarrosa. Vice-Chancellor for Administration, Prof. Nestor Yunque welcomed the guests. **(Lyncen M. Fernandez)**

University Library holds orientation for first year students

Sharon Rose C. Galorport

THE University Library held its annual orientation for the incoming first year students of the UP Visayas in the Miagao campus on September 4 and 5, 2014, and in Iloilo City campus on August 29, September 8, and 9, 2014.

A total of 628 incoming freshmen (436 from the Miagao campus and 192 from the Iloilo City campus) were acquainted with the different rules and regulations being implemented in the library. They learned about

the different resources available in the library for their usage (e.g., general reference books; theses, dissertations, and periodicals; reserve and circulation books; on-line databases; etc.). They were also informed of the requirements and processes on how to register for library and borrowing privileges. Specific guidelines and violations (e.g., disorderly behavior, stealing, loss of library materials, etc.) were also taken up.

The orientation sessions in the Miagao campus were held at the Library-Museum lobby and

were facilitated by Ms. Elsa S. Surmieda, Ms. Anna Lisa M. Erazo, Ms. Ana T. Mones, and Mrs. Analiza G. Linaugo. The orientation activities in the Iloilo City campus were held at the Graduate Library and were facilitated by Ms. Yvonne E. Genciane, Ms. Salvacion F. Ojera, Mrs. Prosamel N. Salcedo, Mrs. Sophia B. Diasanta, and Mr. Mar S. Sencil.

A separate briefing was also held for the first year students of the UP High School in Iloilo on June 27, 2014 by the HS Library-in-Charge, Ms. Salvacion F. Ojera.

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However, there is a saying in the UP community that to get in UP is tough, but to stay and graduate in UP is even tougher.

The innate intelligence, coupled with sheer guts, determination and persistence brought Alayon to finally earning his UP diploma. The much-needed financial assistance through a DOST scholarship helped tremendously. Knowing the value of a good education, he also enrolled and earned his Master of Education major in Mathematics at UPV.

From a short stint in a cola company as an encoder, Alayon was hired by the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development

Center – Aquaculture Department (SEAFDEC-AQD) in Tigbauan, Iloilo as a databank assistant. After over a decade, he is now the officer in charge of its library and data banking services.

It was in SEAFDEC that his career as a librarian and a researcher flourished. His work brought him to seminars and training in various places in Asia and North America. He has also become a paper presenter in various library conferences abroad.

In 2014, Alayon received the Asian Librarian Award sponsored by the IEEE and Special Libraries Association (SLA) Asian Chapter. He received the award during the SLA conference which he attended

in Vancouver, Canada. In 2013, he received the Award for Research Excellence from the Association of Special Libraries of the Philippines and the Outstanding Academic/Research Librarian award from the Philippine Association of Academic/Research Librarians.

Alayon's story serves as an encouragement to those who are also struggling to make ends meet while burdened with the responsibility of getting an education. With his innate intelligence and determination, the best is yet to come for him. **(Lyncen M. Fernandez with sources from <http://panaynewsphilippines.com/2014/08/03/boy-never-stopped-believing/>)**

UPV frontline personnel undergo skills enhancement training

FOR a better delivery of customer service, personnel of UP Visayas in charge of the frontline areas who directly attend to the queries of the faculty, staff, and students of the University as well as the outside clientele underwent a three-day skills and attitude

enhancement training.

Thirty-five administrative personnel from various offices in the Miagao and Iloilo City campuses participated in the Seminar-Workshop on the Improvement of Frontline Transactions (SWIFT) organized and facilitated by the Human Resources Development Office (HRDO). The Training

was held at the Training Rooms, Graduate and Continuing Education Building, Iloilo City campus on September 10-12, 2014.

The seminar-workshop specifically aimed to 1) discuss the basic skills and attitudes in dealing with customers, 2) analyze the service structures and systems, 3) design service delivery options, 4)

prepare an action plan to improve service delivery based on new paradigms, ideas, and best practices, and 5) to empower the participants to be more motivated in dealing with customers.

To meet these objectives, five speakers were invited to impart their knowledge and thoughts on the following topics that covered the three-day activity: The Call for Accountability by Mr. Philip Bernard H. Capadosa, Customer Service Orientation and Learning from the Best by Ms. Michelle Joy O. Nartea, The Service Delivery Systems by Dir. Vizur-Ty C. Gaitano, Handling Customers with Special Needs by Ms. Judith S. Marte, and Empowering the Frontline by Mr. Jeron R. Eslabra. (**Lenilyn B. Gallos; with sources from HRDO**)

UPVTC hosts Cine Europa 17

Jessica Amarille

ON October 21, 2014, UPVTC, through its Committee on Culture and the Arts headed by the Faculty-in-Charge Paolo T. Amascual, partnered with the European External Action Service and the European Union Delegation to the Philippines to hold Cine Europa 17, an international film festival showcasing the film techniques and technologies of the European countries.

Before the actual film screening, a short opening ceremony attended by representatives of the European Union, UPVTC, and media partners, was held on October 21, 2014 at the Leyte Park Hotel.

Twenty-three European films from 17 European countries, namely, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom, were screened during the six-day film festival which started on October 21, 2014 and ended on October 26, 2014 at the College Conference Hall of UPVTC.

In his message, Guy Ledoux, Ambassador and Head of Delegation, said that the film festival aims "to showcase the family's continued importance and significance in our lives in spite of its many permutations and the ever-changing nature of parent-child relationships."

Cine Europa 17 not only aims to emphasize the role of family in our lives but also intends to bring the European film culture to new audiences and encourage students to take up film and produce films.

The film festival, now on its 17th year, will be held in nine (9) cities across the country and the city of Tacloban is one these privileged cities.



Participants of Seminar-Workshop on the Improvement of Frontline Transactions (SWIFT). (Photo courtesy by: Jocelyn Jinon)

UP Tacloban Debate Society aces 1st Eastern Visayas debate tilt

Shermaine A. Corado

THE UP Tacloban Debate Society (UPTDC) emerged as the Champion in the first Eastern Visayas Debate Championship (EVDC) in the British Parliamentary (BP) format held in Naval State University (NSU), Naval, Biliran on September 26-28, 2014

Debating on the motion "This house regrets (THR) the division of the Philippines into the three major island groups (i.e., Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao), "the UPTDS Team C composed of Arianne Kris Villegas (BS Biology-IV) and Shermaine Corado (BS Accountancy-V) nailed the final match. Villegas was awarded as the Best Speaker in the Championship Round.

Two other UPTDS teams, specifically Team A and B, made it to the grand finals. Team A was composed of Shawn Kemp

Capucion (BASS Political Science-IV) and Gabriela Faye Echevarria (BS Accountancy-III) while Team B included Joshua Sagdullas (BASS Political Science-III) and Quennie Jao (BASS Political Science-III).

Echevarria (Top 1), Capucion (Top 2), Sagdullas (Top 4), Corado, Jao, and Villegas (TOP 5), and Kristine Saludo of UPTDS Team D (Top 9) were chosen as among the top ten best speakers. UPTDS Team D also made it to the semi-finals of the tournament.

Meanwhile, Marie Gabrielle Francisco (BA Psychology-IV) emerged as the tournament's Top 1 Adjudicator in the adjudication competition. The tournament was guided by the adjudication core composed of Erik Chua (UP Los Baños), Ranielle Cagang (UP Cebu), Justin Gular (University of San Carlos), and Cristel Fabillar (UP

Visayas Tacloban College).

With the theme "Ignite the Passion," EVDC-BP was hosted by NSU's An Lantugi Debate Society. Gathering both high school and college debate teams all over Region 8, EVDC-BP will be an annual event apart from the EVDC continuously hosted by UPTDS following the Asian Parliamentary format.

The UP Tacloban Debate Society is a recognized organization of the University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College under the advisership of Dr. Marieta Sumagaysay, PhD. UPTDS will host the Ninth (9th) Eastern Visayas Debate Championship on January 9-11, 2015 and the Eighth (8th) Visayas Universities Debate Championship (VUDC), tentatively, on February 11-14, 2015. Both tournaments follow the Asian Parliamentary format.

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Gonzales teaches English Communication and Literature. She said she writes in Hiligaynon because it is her "gut language" and because she wants to do her share in promoting *Hiligaynon* as a legitimate medium for writing literature. She believes that with the Department of Education's

policy on the teaching of the mother tongue, there is a prospect of a wider readership for writers in *Hiligaynon*, *Kiniray-a*, and Akeanon and other regional languages.

Gonzales credits now retired UPV professor, Dr. Leoncio Deriada, a former colleague, and himself a Palanca Hall of

Famer, as the one who encouraged her to write way back in 1988.

The Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature is the most prestigious national award in the field. Now on its 64th year, it is also the country's longest running literary awards. (**Lyncen M. Fernandez**)

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2014, a focus group discussion, a tool for impact assessment, was conducted.

The seminar-workshop aimed to 1) define the anti-oppressive pedagogy; 2) identify and describe oppressive measures that teachers employ in the teaching and learning environment; 3) integrate teaching strategies in the classroom instruction that promote democratic and inclusive education in

socio-cultural areas; and 4) exhibit an appreciation for the value of dynamic and democratic learning principles.

The teacher-participants evaluated the said seminar-workshop as excellent.

According to Prof. Maquiran, the project promoted the theory and practice of true democratic and critical pedagogical approach; the awareness and practice of respecting children's

gender, religious, ethnic and socio-cultural backgrounds (diversities) in the teaching and learning process; and the commitment to become teacher-advocates of inclusive education especially in these far-flung and island communities. He said the anti-oppressive pedagogy (AOP) is also about peace education that empowers the teachers and the learners. (**Lenilyn B. Gallos**)

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General of Independent Evaluation, Asian Development was the Keynote Speaker.

The two-day Conference drew 188 participants from India, Japan, Liberia, Maldives, Spain, the US, Vietnam and mostly from the Philippines.

The College of Arts and Sciences led in the organization of ISCFAS 2014 with Dr. Rodelio Subade as Overall Chair and with Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension, Dr. Ricardo Babaran, College of Arts and Sciences Dean, Dr. Resurreccion Sadada, and Prof. Pepito Fernandez, Jr. as Co-Chairs.

At the end of the second day of the Conference, UPV announced that the next ISCFAS will be scheduled in January 2016 with the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences as lead organizer. (*Lyncen M. Fernandez*)

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her fellow students not to limit their learning but rather to let learning challenge their limits.

Prof. Jose A. Go, University Registrar, and Prof. Ruben M. Gamala, Director of the Office of Student Affairs, introduced the University Officials and graduate students, respectively. Dr. Augusto E. Serrano, Jr., Graduate Program Director, presented the rules and policies of the Graduate Program.

In her Closing Remarks, Dr. Ma. Luisa E. Mabunay, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, encouraged the students to learn a lot and to gain lots of friends in order to make the burden of graduate studies lighter. "May your stay in the University be fruitful but brief," she concluded.

The 195 new graduate students include one enrolled in the Ph.D. Fisheries program. (*Lenilyn B. Gallos*)

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The winning entries will be on display for public viewing at the UPV Art Gallery, Main Building, Iloilo City campus until October 31, 2014.

Because of the overwhelming response from the UPV community, the CCCA is planning to hold the second part of the contest next year to accommodate those who were not able to join this year.

CCCA launched the contest in August 2014, which was opened to all UPV students, faculty, staff, and alumni. A maximum of five entries was allowed for each participant. (*Lenilyn B. Gallos; with sources from CCCA*)

Geduspan is new UPAA Iloilo President

GC Castro

THE UP Alumni Association (UPAA) Iloilo Chapter met on August 29, 2014 to officially start another year with the election of its new set of officers.

Atty. Gaudioso P. Geduspan, II was elected president. Geduspan served as member of the UPAA Board from 2011-2014. Within that term, he also served as Business Manager from 2011-2012, Auditor from 2012-2013, and Vice President from 2013-2014. In the 2014 UP Alumni and Faculty Homecoming, Geduspan was elected into the Board for a second term of three years.

Geduspan is a graduate of UP High School in Iloilo Class '89. He proceeded to take up BA

History in UP Visayas and graduated in 1994. He took up law in the University of San Agustin, graduated in 1998, and passed the bar exams in May of 1999.

He was the Chief of Staff of then Iloilo City Counselor Jose Junio Jacela, SP from 1995 to 1998 and also of the Office of the Liga ng mga Barangay, SP, Iloilo from 1998 to 1999. He has been an associate of the Jacela, Geduspan and Parcon Law Offices since 1999 and the



Atty. Geduspan

Regional Legal Officer of the Land Transportation Office, Regional Office 6, since 2002.

The new set of officers of the UPAA Iloilo Chapter also include Ms. Lorelli S. Palmares-Flores as Vice President, Ms. Rosemarie Doromal as Secretary, Ms. Amarylis Josephine C. Castro as Treasurer, Mr. Ed Gonzaga as PRO, and Mr. Jose Ma. Z. Bayoneta as Business Manager.

As an independent association under the UPAA, the UPAA Iloilo Chapter maintains close coordination with the UPV Office of Alumni Relations for projects, fund drives, and other activities involving the University such as the yearly UP Alumni and Faculty Homecoming.

UPV joins CSC's 114th Anniversary through the RACE

AN estimated crowd of 2,500 runners showed up to support one of the events organized by the Philippine Civil Service Commission (PCSC) through its Regional VI office in Iloilo City, to mark its 114th founding anniversary.

The pre-dawn drizzle and the threat of rain did not dampen the runners who showed up at daybreak on September 6, 2014, SM City, Iloilo City, for the "RACE to Serve IV Fun run".

One UP Visayas bus, provided by the UPV administration, transported participants from UPV Miagao who met up with their city resident colleagues to join the run.

According to the Civil Service Regional Office, this year was the

biggest fun run in Region VI by far, not only in terms of the number of participants who joined in but in the proceeds that were raised for the "Pondong Pamana ng Lingkod Bayan." It is an endowment fund for the families of civilian public official and employees who died or killed in the performance of their duties. The Commission said that last year, CSC Regional VI office turned over around 60K to the "Pondong Pamana ng Lingkod." This year's fun run raised around P 398,000.00 and with an expenses of about P 190,000.00, the office will remit P 200,000.00 for the fund.

RACE which stands for Responsible, Accessible, Courteous and Effective public service, has remained as one of the major

activities in the annual foundation anniversary of the Commission.

The 3k and 5K fun run events had two categories for the private and government group which also had a male and female category. Dr. Riza Subade of the UPV Health Services Unit, won 2nd place for the 3K female category for the government employees while Mr. Jupiter Villaruz of the Dean's Office of the UPV College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences won 4th place for the male category for the government employees group.

Government employees who joined the fun run continue to avail of the half-day compensatory day-off upon presentation of their certificate of participation. (*Lyncen M. Fernandez*)



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UPV supports CAPTeves Fun Run

HE died at the prime age of 33 while on combat duty in the Tangkataan Islet in Sulu on September 25, 2002. He was a member of the PMA Bantay Laya Class of 1994. Capt. Christopher Apollo P. (Paguntalan) Teves is a native son of Miagao, Iloilo, born on July 16, 1969 in Brgy Baybay Norte. On September 20, 2014, his family organized the 1st CAPTeves Fun Run dubbed, "Run for Courage, Integrity and Loyalty," in his honor.

Faculty members, staff and students of UP Visayas were at the Miagao town plaza at the crack of dawn along with the rest of the Miagao community to register and join in the said event.

An estimated crowd of about 800 showed up for the 3K family/group run category and the 5K and 10K individual runs which started at the town plaza to certain portions of the sprawling UPV Miagao campus and back.

Following the Fun Run, a program was held at the Justice Ramon Britanico Hall that included the unveiling of a bust, bronze statue of Capt. Teves which was later installed inside the Miagao Municipal building. He was declared a local hero through Sangguniang Resolution 2002-097. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)



Teves

Pahampang 2014

THE *Pahampang* (Sportsfest) continues to be a great respite for the for the students to have a break from the rigors of a demanding academic life in UPV. Held on October 22-24, 2014 in both the Miagao and Iloilo City campuses, the event draw an all-out participation

from the 10 competing groups that includes the Clovers (BioSci), Elektrons (PSM and Chem) Redbolts (SocSci), Skimmers (Humanities), SoTech, Fisheries, Scions, Magnates and Tycoons. Also included are the UGYONs which are the faculty and staff

of the University.

This year's overall champion was the Elektrons, followed by UGYON (2nd) and Sotech at 3rd place. The Skimmers dominated the highly-anticipated cheering competition followed by Elektrons at 2nd place and the Redbolts in 3rd place. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)



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UPVTC holds Sportsfest 2014

Jessica Amarille

THE UPVTC community again held its annual Sportsfest on October 15-18, 2014 with the theme "*Bakdaw, Gios, Isko ug Iska: Ipadayon an Aton Pagrayhak!*" which intends to encourage the students of the college to continue on moving forward after the tragic typhoon Yolanda hit Eastern Visayas on November 8, 2013.

The Sportsfest was participated in by the different batches, namely, Batch Daraygon (seniors), Batch Hinungdan (juniors), Batch Sinugdanan (sophomores), Batch Hadianon (freshmen), and 5 & Up.

For four consecutive days, the AS grounds were filled with cheers as the different batches competed in the various games and events.

The four day-event culminated with Batch Daraygon as the champion, Batch Hinungdan in second place, Batch Sinugdanan

in third place, Batch Hadianon in fourth place, and 5 & Up in fifth place, and Sarigan (faculty, staff and alumni) in sixth place.



Photos courtesy of UPVTC Student Council

Various scenes during the UPVTC Sportsfest 2014.