



UPV celebrates *Paskua* 2014

"PAG-ULIKID kag pagpasalamat."

This was the theme chosen by UP Visayas as it celebrated *Paskua* 2014 with activities in both campuses in Miagao and Iloilo City. December 12 was the highlight with the liturgical celebration ushering *Paskua* 2014 held at the New Administration Building grounds, Miagao campus.

The UPV officials, with the UPV Lantern, led the Lantern Parade that went around the major streets of the Miagao town. The lanterns of the

College of Management, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, and College of Arts and Sciences followed suit with their faculty, staff, and students. Also joining

the Lantern Parade was the School of Technology.

Meanwhile, at the UPV Iloilo City campus, the UP High School in Iloilo and the UP Alumni

Association – Iloilo, partnered to celebrate *Paskua* 2014.

The dinner among

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SoTech scores 81.82% in Chem Eng exam

THE Chemical Engineering Licensure Examination remains one of the toughest board exams in the country. It is no small feat that the graduates of the BS Chemical Engineering degree of the UPV School of Technology (SoTech) scored a passing percentage of 81.82% during the November 2014 Licensure Examination given by the Professional Regulation Commission's Board of Chemical Engineering.

UPV's new chemical engineers are the following: Edwin John P. Alido, Angelo Jeo D. Bangcaya, Argel M. Cabañero, John Jobert M. Cabiten, Janessa M. Demigillo, Rerom C. Falle, Vanissa B. Gale, Jason Q. Henderin, Regino A. Hibaler, Kristine Grace T. Lucero, Cherry Hope G. Mistio, Ronald Christian M. Naria, Anna Mhae I. Olivo, Reynan M. Pingoy, Mae Joy P. Quinzares, Aldren A. Ribalde, John Ric B. Siladan, and Mariane Joy O. Villanueva.

There were 871 examinees who took the exam in Manila and Cebu in November and 596 passed, pegging the national passing percentage at 68.42%. (**Lyncen M. Fernandez**)



Various scenes during the Paskua 2014 celebration.

Six UPV profs awarded as UP Scientists in 2014



Hall

Babaran

Baylon

Campos

Subade

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THREE faculty members of UP Visayas were renewed as UP Scientist I, two were elevated from Scientist I to Scientist III while a new Scientist I was named by the UP System as 2014 drew to a close.

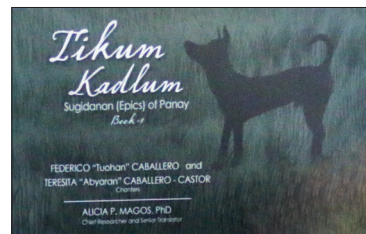
The proud achievers are as follows:

1. Dr. Rosalie Arcala-Hall,

Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), renewed as UP Scientist I;
2. Dr. Ricardo P. Babaran, Institute of Marine Fisheries and Oceanology, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, renewed as UP Scientist I;

3. Dr. Juliana C. Baylon, Division of Biological Sciences, CAS, renewed as UP Scientist I;
4. Dr. Wilfredo L. Campos, Division of Biological Sciences, CAS, elevated from UP Scientist I to UP

UP Press launches first book on Panay Bukidnon Epics



The *Tikum Kadlum* book cover

AFTER more than two decades in the making, the books on the 10 epics of Panay Bukidnon in 13 volumes will soon be available for all to read. The University of the Philippines (UP) Press finally launched the first book of the series, “*Tikum Kadlum*” (Enchanted Hunting Dog), on the opening day of the National Conference on the *Sugidanon* (Epics) of Panay Bukidnon at the UP Visayas Auditorium, Iloilo City campus, on December 4, 2014.

A product of more than 20 years of arduous research by UP Prof. Emeritus and anthropologist Dr. Alicia T. Magos with Ms. Anna Razel Ramirez and Ms. Eliodoro Dimzon of UPV as Project Leaders, the book showcases the oral literature of Indigenous Peoples (IPs) known as the Panay Bukidnon from the mountains of the four Provinces of Panay – Antique, Aklan, Capiz, and Iloilo.

UPV and UP, under the administration of President Alfredo E. Pascual, financed the production of the book in four languages— Archaic Kinaray-a, Contemporary Kinaray-a, Filipino, and English.

President Pascual, Dr. Magos, and Gawad ng Manlilikha ng Bayan (GAMABA) awardee for Epic Literature in 2000 Mr. Federico Caballero representing the IPs signed a Memorandum of Agreement for the publication of the *Sugidanon* or epics of the Panay Bukidnon. UPV Chancellor Rommel Espinosa and Regional Director of the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) for Region VI and VII Dir. Alfonso Catolin also signed as witnesses to the said agreement.

The other nine books to be released in succession are *Amburukay* (Enchanted Hermit Woman), *Kalampay* (Enchanted Crab), *Balanakon* (Warrior), *Derikaryong Pada*

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UP BOR reappoints four UPV VCs

FOLLOWING the reappointment of Dr. Rommel A. Espinosa by the UP Board of Regents on September 29, 2014 as Chancellor of UP Visayas (November 1, 2014 to October 31, 2017), the four vice-chancellors of his administration were likewise reappointed.

Vice-Chancellors Prof. Encarnacion Emilia S. Yap (Academic Affairs), Dr. Ricardo P. Babaran (Research and Extension), Dr. Evelyn T. Belleza (Planning and Development) and Prof. Nestor G. Yunque (Administration) will continue

to serve at the pleasure of the Chancellor effective November 1, 2014.

The UP Board of Regents approved their reappointment during its 1,302nd meeting on October 30, 2014. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)



Yap

Yunque

Belleza

Babaran

National Conference on the *Sugidanon* (Epics) of Panay held

A CONFERENCE, an exhibit, various performances, a cultural show, and a book launching highlighted the two-day National Conference on the *Sugidanon* (Epics) of Panay held at the UP Visayas Iloilo City campus auditorium on December 4-5, 2014.

The UP System and UP

Visayas, through the Office of the Continuing Education and Pahinungod (OCEP, organized the national conference which primarily focused on the 10 epics of Panay. It was intended to create awareness of the indigenous Panay heritage through the *Sugidanon*. OCEP Director Prof. Ma. Joji Tan was the overall Chair

of the Steering committee. Tan was appointed for a 3-year term as OCEP director on June 16, 2014 until June 15, 2017.

Local and international cultural workers, artists, and scholars presented papers and creative works that intersect the

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Various scenes at the National Conference on the *Sugidanon* (Epics) of Panay.

SocSci's bumper crop achievements

THE Division of Social Sciences of the College of Arts and Sciences had a bumper crop of achievers during the month of October 2014.

AJ Dane Gayosa, a BA Political Science IV student, was the champion in the 2nd Local Governance Quiz of the Department of Interior and Local Government Region VI held on October 17, 2014 at the Amigo Hotel, Iloilo City.

Lucilyn Fajanillan, a BA Psychology III student and a member of the UPV Debate Society, was declared Breaking Adjudicator in the 16th National Debate Championships held on October 24-29, 2014 at the University of San Carlos, Cebu City.

Clyde Ben Gacayan, a Junior faculty member of the BA Political Science program, won 3rd place for Best Scientific Poster during the 3rd National Climate Conference of the National Academy of Science and Technology held on September 25, 2014 at the Traders Hotel, Manila. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

Congressman Romulo presents bills on education



Romulo (left) graces the Public Forum on Education held at the UPV Auditorium, Iloilo City campus.

CONGRESSMAN Roman T. Romulo, Chairperson, Committee on Higher and Technical Education (CHTE) of the House of Representatives and Member of the University of the Philippines (UP) Board of Regents, graced the Public Forum on Education at the UP Visayas, Iloilo City campus, on November 12, 2014.

Romulo outlined the three bills recently passed by the Senate and the House of the Representatives, which are on the Third and Final Reading. These bills seek to make education more accessible to the students. These bills are the *Iskolar ng Bayan* Act, Open Distance Learning Act, and the Ladderized Education

Act. Romulo said these bills are waiting for the signature of President Benigno Aquino III and hopefully will be enacted into law before the year ends.

He explained that the *Iskolar ng Bayan* Act grants automatic admission to college and scholarship to the top 10 graduating students of public high schools to State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) of their choice within their provinces or nearby provinces, depending on the size of the SUCs and their course offerings. The scholars will be provided with free tuition, textbook allowance, and a monthly living allowance.

“The bill will give the

De Leon addresses participants of National Conference on the *Sugidanon* (Epics) of Panay



De Leon, Jr.

“THE real savages are not the ones who live in the forest but the ones who destroy the forests,” says Prof. Felipe M. de Leon Jr., Keynote Speaker of the National Conference on the *Sugidanon* (Epics) of Panay. Organized by the Office of the Continuing Education and Pahinungod of UP Visayas with funding support from the UP System and UP Visayas, the Conference was held on December 4-5, 2014 at the UPV

Auditorium, Iloilo City campus.

De Leon pointed out that the Panaynons (people of Panay) have a natural flair for leadership. He said that the three stars in the Philippine flag originally stood for “Luzon, Mindanao y Panay.” Perhaps this was because it was in the island of Panay when the Philippine flag was first raised outside of Luzon. He added that it was only later that the symbolism of the three stars was changed to stand for Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao.

“What is the context by which epics were developed?” de Leon asked of his audience. He said that epics are various creative expressions for a deity and for a concept of being. “That is why we are close to nature,” he further added.

De Leon lamented what he called as the fragmentation of knowledge that he said stifles creativity.

“We are so technology oriented, our education is too fragmented. We have become too professionalized and specialized in our fields,” he observed. He then

asked, “Who will think of and for society as a whole?” He said that this narrow specialization creates an absence of civic and national consciousness.

To heal or mend this fragmentation, de Leon said that the academe and the communal culture should have a merging that would complement each other.

De Leon, Jr., is the Chairperson of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and heads its Committee on Intangible Heritage and National Committee on Music, and Commissioner of the Sub-Commission on the Arts.

He is a composer who has done several studies in Philippine musicology, whose contribution to society, among others, is the development of the use of the arts for understanding people’s culture. He is a professor of humanities, aesthetics, music theory, and Philippine arts and culture at the University of the Philippines. He also serves as a distinguished lecturer on social transformation at the Asian Social Institute. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)

opportunity to 80,000 students from 8,000 public high schools in the country to have access to higher education by providing free first year college scholarship grants to top graduates of public high schools who will enroll in SUCs provided that they meet the admission requirements,” Romulo said.

The Open Distance Learning Act, on the other hand, is an act expanding access to education through open learning and distance education in tertiary levels of education. According to Romulo, the bill provides for a more flexible system of education that will enable students, especially working professionals, to learn during their free time at home or at the workplace and gain additional degrees and competencies. The instruction is delivered through specially designed materials and methods using different appropriate technologies and learning management systems.

Romulo also said that the bill on Ladderized Education will enable technical-vocational school graduates to pursue higher education without repeating subjects that were taken under technical vocational education and training (TVET) by giving corresponding higher education credits to subjects or training programs acquired in tech-voc institutions.

He further clarified his support for the K-12 Curriculum. He said that the country needs the new curriculum for the benefit of the Filipino students. As for its full implementation in 2016, the Congressman, however, said he will reserve his opinion until the Department of Education (DepEd), the government agency mandated under the law to implement the program, submits its report to Congress in 2015.

Romulo diligently answered all questions and concerns raised by the participants mostly on the K-12 program. He told the attendees that their concerns were noted and would be taken into considerations.

The public consultation was organized by UP Visayas through the Office of the Continuing Education and Pahinungod (OCEP). It was attended by school administrators, and faculty and staff members from various State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) as well as public and private elementary and secondary schools in Panay island. (Lenilyn B. Gallos)

Book on a social science perspective on the M/T Solar I oil spill launched

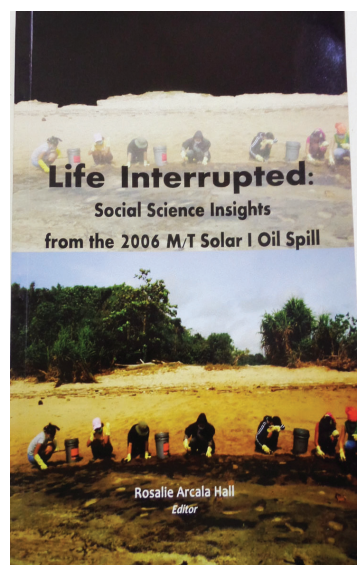
THE book "Life Interrupted: Social Science Insights from the 2006 M/T Solar I Oil Spill" looks at the disaster from the lens of social scientists.

Published by the UPV Oil Spill Response Program (UPV-OSRP), the book, according to its editor Dr. Rosalie Arcala-Hall, was finally produced and printed after a long delay and much prodding from her colleagues in UP Visayas particularly Dr. Resurreccion B. Sadaba, General Manager of UPV-OSRP.

Hall pointed out that the book is partly a record of UPV's constructive engagements to the oil spill disaster and is a testament of the University's

commitment to create knowledge that is important to its localities.

The four chapters of the book and its authors are as follows: 1.) Governance during Disasters: A Second Look at the Intra-Governmental and Non-Governmental Coordination during the Response and Rehabilitation Efforts Following the 2006 Guimaras Solar I Oil Spill – Dr. Hall; 2.) Response and Recovery Efforts of Selected Communities Affected by an Oil Spill: Implications on Resilience and Gender – Dr. Ida M. Siason; 3.) The Gender Dimensions of the M/T Solar I Oil Spill Disaster in Guimaras – by



Drs. Rosario Asong, Diana Aure, and Ebonia Seraspe; 4.) Livelihood Initiatives in Response to Disasters: The Case of the M/T Solar I Oil Spill – Dr. Joy Lizada, Prof. Louise Annette B. Escoto, Prof. Vicente Balinas, Prof. Joseph Edward Idemne, and Paul Erwen Parreño; and 5.) Corporate Social

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UP Press Director Garcia (left) answers queries from the UPV faculty members and researchers during a talk on "How to Publish with the UP Press."

FACULTY members and researchers of UP Visayas were encouraged to write books on Philippine studies by the Director of the UP Press Dr. J. Neil C. Garcia during a talk on "How to Publish with the UP Press" at the Audio Visual Room, Graduate and Continuing Education Building, UPV Iloilo City campus on December 4, 2014.

According to him, there is a dearth on books on researches in Philippine Studies particularly on local history and cultural studies. In his lecture, Garcia talked about the kind of knowledge production that the country needs in general, the UP Press, and their experience in publishing local and national research coming from the different parts of the country. He emphasized that Philippine Studies is one of the strongest areas of UP Press compared to other publishing houses in the country. He also presented the requirements and the processes on how to publish with the Press. He warned the participants though

that "the editorial review process is very strict and intricate."

Garcia said that they also need books on natural science, popular science, and basic reference materials.

UP Press is the official publishing house for all constituent units of the UP System and is the first university press in the country. It is mandated to publish outstanding literary and academic works. The publishing house normally comes out with 25 to 30 titles per year. It is currently publishing the literary works of UPV Prof. Emeritus Alicia P. Magos on the 10 epics of Panay in 13 volumes. Garcia launched the first book of the epics, Tikum Kadlum, at the National Conference on the Suguidanon (Epics) of Panay at UPV Iloilo City campus on December 4, 2014.

The lecture was organized by the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs in order to improve the research culture in the University. (**Lenilyn B. Gallos**)

UPV psych alumni conquer 1st Psychometrician Exam

TEN graduates of the BA Psychology program of the Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, took and passed the 1st Psychometrician Examination given on October 28-29, 2014 by the Professional Regulation Commission's Board of Psychology.

The successful examinees are Lory Stel Aurecencia, Zyreen Lou Faramiran, Helen Grace Fernandez, Bernadette Jardino, Ma. Concepcion Lorenzo, Shiela Magno, Mary Christine Odtojan, Ennis Albert Pareja, Meriwila Tulayan, and Anna Guia Ventilacion.

The national passing rate for this exam is 39.31%. UPV's passing rate is 83.33 %, making the University the highest performing school in Western Visayas for schools with more than one examinee. (**Lyncen M. Fernandez**)

UPV newly hired faculty complete 'The Teaching Act'

Trexie Jane A. Perez

NEWLY hired faculty of the University of the Philippines Visayas were able complete the course during the recently conducted "The Teaching Act: A Teaching Training Course Series" by the UPV Teaching and Learning Resource Center held on June 2 to 6, 2014 for UPV Tacloban College and November 12, 13, 19 and 20, 2014 for the UPV Iloilo City and Miagao campuses.

Dr. Aurora Fe Bautista, a retired faculty, and Prof. Evelyn Alobba from the Division of Professional Education were invited to be the Resource Persons. According to them, the participants were very involved in the activities that made the training educational and enjoyable.

During the workshop, the participants were given the chance to present and critique their outputs.

"The Teaching Act" is a two-part training course series that aims to inculcate the true

calling of teachers among UPV faculty, specifically the newly hired teachers. Each part of the training course is a two-day activity that consists of various topics related to teaching. The first part is divided into two topics which are Learning Domains and Teaching Strategies. The second part includes the topics Learning Assessment Techniques and Ethical Behavior in the Classroom.

A total of eight (8) out of the 16 who confirmed among the newly hired faculty of various colleges from the Iloilo City and Miagao campuses completed the workshop series. Meanwhile, all the seventeen (17) participants from UPV Tacloban College who confirmed for the training were able to finish the course.

According to them, the training helped them in improving their course syllabi, preparing and managing their classes, and enhancing the quality of learning among their students through the use of the

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QMS talk orients UPV community on how to deliver quality services to the public



Rañeses (inset) orients UPV community on the effective and quality delivery of products and services.

"DO the right things right the first time, every time," said Assistant to the UP Vice-President for Administration Prof. Nestor Q. Rañeses during the ISO 9001 Quality Management System (QMS) Orientation on November 13, 2014 at the UP Visayas Auditorium, Iloilo City campus.

ISO, which stands for International Organization for Standardization, is a quality management systems standard designed to help organizations to make sure that the delivery of products and services meet the standard. Third party certification bodies are usually the ones that provide independent confirmation that organizations meet the requirements of ISO 9001.

In the beginning, only private companies and corporations had themselves ISO certified. But now, the government is getting into the picture in order to improve the delivery of its various products and services to the public.

Rañeses explained that there are five factors in the delivery of QMS. These are as follows: 1) Customer focus; 2) disciplined process; 3) continual improvement; 4) managing process change; and 5) structural problem-solving.

He clarified that the customers that UP personnel serve are classified into internal (within the UP community) and external publics. He also added that in the delivery of products services that meet ISO 9001, there should be zero error, zero defects, seamless process and total customer experience or satisfaction.

In the end, Rañeses added that "leadership is the hammer that makes the organization go and grow."

The orientation was conducted in two sessions, one for the morning and one for the afternoon, and was attended by Iloilo City- and Miagao campus-based faculty members and staff. (**Lyncen M. Fernandez**)



VCRE Babaran (left) addresses concerns raised by the participants (right) at a 2-day IRMG Seminar-Workshop.

IRMG workshop paves the way for research collaboration

Mary Li Nulada

THE UNIVERSITY of the Philippines Visayas initiative to enhance the capability of the researchers from the different participating agencies was recognized during the two-day Seminar Workshop on Institutional Research Mentoring Grant (IRMG) with the theme, "Institutional Capability-Building through Mentoring and Research-enabled Graduate Education Strategy" held on November 17-18 at GCEB, UPV Iloilo City.

The realization was noted by Dr. Danilo Abayon, President of Aklan State University, who was the Keynote Speaker. Dr. Abayon commended UPV for leading the initiative of opening opportunities for other state universities and colleges and research groups to be part of the research circle and provide means for enhancing research capabilities. He also emphasized the importance of expanding research linkages through collaboration with other agencies.

Prof. Noeni Nepomuceno, Consortium Director of WESVARRDEC, and representatives from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Region 7 were present during the Seminar-Workshop to attend the different presentations of research ideas from the UPV researchers for possible team working.

Nine SUCs responded to the invitation: Aklan State

University; Central Philippine University (Kabankalan, Negros Occidental); Iloilo State College of Fisheries; Northern Polytechnic State College; University of Negros Occidental; West Visayas State University; Isabela State University; Capiz State University; and Partido State University.

The first day was set for the presentation of the different research outlines and discussion with the participants of the various groups on how to vertically align their course discipline to the research agenda of UPV such as Coastal Happiness, Fisheries Conservation, Food Science and Technology, Change and Development, Biodiversity Conservation, Coastal Disaster Mitigation, Creative Work and Arts, Integrated Coastal Management, Environment and Natural Resources, Economic Development Support, and Marine Biotechnology. On the second day, participants were divided into groups of potential Graduate Research Assistants, faculty of the SUC's, UPV researchers and collaborators and were given opportunities to tackle their concern within their respective areas and address these during the presentation.

The Seminar-Workshop served as a venue to foresee and realize possible outcomes of research endeavors and opened further possible recommendations for better affiliation with the participating SUCs and agencies.

Gov't procurement law updates presented to UPV personnel

EXPERTS from the UP System led the Seminar on Procurement Updates held at the UP Visayas Iloilo City campus on November 14, 2014.

Asst. Vice President for Administration Prof. Nestor Rañeses and Mr. Isagani L. Bagus, Acting Chief, UP System Supply and Property Management Office gave an orientation on

RA 9184 otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act and other legal basis and critical principles on government procurement to the representatives of various units of UPV in the Iloilo City and Miagao campuses. All personnel from the UPV Supply and Property Services Office were required to attend the activity.

Bagus emphasized the

importance of one's thorough knowledge on the prescribed rules and regulations on procurement of goods, infrastructures, and other services for efficient, quality, competitive, and transparent purchasing processes.

Efficient procurement processes, according to Rañeses is one of the key performance indicators, which UP as a national

university is trying to achieve for an exemplary performance in the delivery of goods and services.

Both Rañeses and Bagus clarified issues and concerns raised by the participants during the open forum.

The activity was organized by UPV through the Human Resource Development Office (HRDO) (**Lenilyn B. Gallos**)

24th Conference of West Visayan History and Culture held at UPV

“THE Maritime Heritage of Western Visayas” was the theme of the 24th Conference of West Visayan History and Culture co-organized by the Center for West Visayan Studies (CWVS) and the Division of Social Sciences (DSS), College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas, and held at the UPV Auditorium, Iloilo City campus on November 6-7, 2014.

The two-day Conference was attended by students and professionals in Western Visayas. Prof. Pepito R. Fernandez, Jr., DSS Chairman, gave the Welcome Message and Prof. Jorge S. Ebay, Director of CWVS, gave the Conference Overview during the Opening Program.

Ebay said the Conference initiated a platform for scholars, researchers, and students of maritime studies from all over the country and even abroad to share their research outputs about the rich maritime experience and tradition of Western Visayas,

which remains largely untapped.

“We’re only beginning to scratch the surface. Hopefully, this will instigate a more critical and more systematic effort to document our remarkable heritage as an integral component of the Region’s development,” he said.

The Conference had the following subthemes: Maritime Tradition and History; Seafaring, Trade and Society; Maritime Governance; Gender and Kinship Relations; and Fisher Vulnerabilities, Well-Being and Resilience.

Fourteen papers were presented, which included the following: 1) “Pangpangayaw at Pagpangalap: Ang Tubig sa Pagakda ng Bansa sa Maragtas” by Prof. John E. Barrios of the UP High School in Iloilo, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), UPV; 2) “On Boyong and Unhan: Revisiting the Historical and Linguistic Connections



Villan (inset) of the Department of History, UP Diliman reminds the participants about the history of the maritime heritage of the Visayas.

Between Panay and Romblon” by Prof. Kristoffer R. Esquejo of the Department of History, UP Diliman; 3) “The Iloilo Chinese Mestizo Communities and Their Role in Pre-Colonial Maritime Trade” by Mr. Eugene Jamerlan, Heritage Advocate in Iloilo City; 4) “Changes in Colonial Policies Affecting the Development of Iloilo as

a Port City” by Ms. Sela B. Pajarillo, CAS, UPV; 5) “Keep Watch: A Preliminary Survey of Southern Iloilo’s Remaining Fortifications in the Light of Heritage Conservation” by Prof. Marie Joy R. Sumagaysay, Division of Humanities, CAS, UPV; 6) “The Nanyang Trade

24TH CONFERENCE / 11

New AUPWU UPV Iloilo Chapter officers take oath



Newly elected officers of the AUPWU UPV Iloilo Chapter take oath before HRDO Chief Ella Tidon. AUPWU also donated two big wall clocks for the Miagao and Iloilo City campuses (inset).

THE new set officers of the All UP Workers Union (AUPWU), UPV Iloilo Chapter, took oath before Ms. Ella O. Tidon, Chief of the Human Resource Development Office (HRDO), on November 17, 2014 after the flag ceremony at the New Administration Building, UPV Miagao campus.

Inducted were the following: Ms. Sydna M. Lozada (President); Mr. Brian M. Sapinosa (Vice President); Leonora S. Selar (Secretary); Ms. Maria Regina M. Montevirgen (Treasurer); Ms. Elvira I. Defensor (Auditor); Ms. Jocelyn O. Jinon (P.R.O.); Ms. Nenita V. Bearmeza, Ms. Gene Ann Camaymayan, and Mr. Enrique Legaspi III (Members of

the Board of Directors); Mr. Pablo H. Valencia, Jr., Ms. Aurorita Sobrevega, and Mr. Jesse Nonato (Campus Representatives).

The new officers were elected during the AUPWU General Assembly held on August 22, 2014 at the UPV Auditorium, Iloilo City campus. The Union donated two big wall clocks to be placed at the New Administration Building, Miagao campus, and at the Graduate and Continuing Education Building (GCEB), Iloilo City campus.

UP Staff Regent Anna Razel L. Ramirez also gave updates on the benefits of UP employees. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos; with sources from AUPWU)**



EVAW advocates gathered for a walk to end Violence Against Women.

Nov. 25 walk kicks off 18-day campaign to end VAW

Janerie V. Octavio

ADVOCATES for the elimination of all forms of violence against women (VAW) marched from the UP Visayas Administration Building to the Justice Ramon Britanico Hall beside the Miagao Town Plaza on November 25, 2014.

The activity, which was spearheaded by the University of the Philippines Visayas Gender and Development Program (UPV-GDP), marked the beginning of the annual observance of the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW).

“November 25 was not

randomly chosen to be the first day of our campaign. It also marks the International Day for the Elimination of VAW. Its story began with the assassination of the Mirabal sisters, political activists in the Dominican Republic, on this exact date in 1960 for opposing dictator Rafael Trujillo,” said UGSAD Coordinator and UPV-GDP Director Dr. Mary Barby Badayos-Jover.

This year’s campaign, which culminated on December 12, reinforced last year’s theme “End Violence Against Women Now! It’s Our Duty!” to further intensify

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INHS and UPV-CCCA hold visual art exhibit



Artworks of alumni and faculty members of the INHS School for the Arts exhibited at the UPV Art Gallery.

THE Iloilo National High School (INHS)- School for the Arts Visual Arts Alumni Association, in collaboration with the UPV Chancellor’s Committee on Culture and the Arts (UPV-CCCA), opened a Visual Art exhibit at the UPV Art Gallery, UPV Iloilo City campus, on November 7, 2014.

The Exhibit featured the works of the alumni and faculty members of the INHS School for the Arts, namely; Paul Christian Carbo, Marrz Capanang, Marie Danielle Cabalum, John Laserna, Kristoffer Brasileño, Vicente Fario, Alan Cabalfin, Alex Ordoyo, Allen Paul Carbo, Ron Espinosa, Melissa dela Peña, Pauline Marie Abdon, Jana Renee Navarro, Marion Lamaslig, John Paul Castillo, PG Zoluaga, and Nelly Montelija.

One of the thrusts of UPV-CCCA is to provide a venue for Ilonggo artists to showcase their artworks.

Prof. Celia Parcon, member of the UPV-CCCA, and Mr. Vicente Fario, faculty member of the INHS School for the Arts, opened the Exhibit which will run until November 30, 2014. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos)**

Public forum at UPV calls to end VAW

“VAW is a struggle, a continuous struggle, and a serious problem. If you have to speak up, speak loud. If you can save one girl or one woman, you have already done your job.”

These were the striking words of Atty. Rowena Guanzone, a recognized expert in violence against women and children (VAWC) legislation in the Philippines. As the Guest Speaker in the annual Public Forum on VAW, she encouraged the participants to act now to end VAW at the UPV Auditorium, Iloilo City campus on November 26, 2014.

A distinguished scholar and a strong advocate on the issue of violence against women, Guanzone cited specific cases that she had handled for the audience to have a better and deeper understanding of the Republic Act No. 9262 (2004) otherwise known as “The Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children Act.” The Anti-VAWC act protects women and their children against any form of abuse and violence.

She emphasized that there is no better time to teach people to end VAW but now. She said this could be done at home, in school, or in church. She also suggested that before settling down, would-be couple should undergo gender equality counseling.

A UP alumna, Guanzone is a litigation lawyer known in the pioneer field of gender



Guanzone (center) gives a copy of her latest book, “The Anti-Sexual Harassment Act: Notes and Cases” to UPV represented by Espinosa and Badayos-Jover.

discrimination and violence against women. She is a Senior Professorial Lecturer III at the UP College of Law. She had written several books including “The Anti-VAWC Act.” Her latest book, “The Anti-Sexual Harassment Act: Notes and Cases,” was launched on November 22, 2014. She also wrote the “Primer on The Anti-VAWC” and the “Barangay Protection Order (BPOs).” This year, the UP Alumni Association honored her as an outstanding alumna in the field of gender equality and women’s empowerment.

In the Forum, it was emphasized that records from the Women and Children’s Protection

Desk of the Philippine National Police (PNP) Regional Office VI reveal that the number of VAWC- related cases continued to rise despite the campaign. A representative from the Agency reported that there were 5,543 cases of violence against women in 2013 and the same number was recorded from January to October of this year. With the alarming increase in the statistics, she said elimination of VAWC must be of utmost priority of the PNP and other agencies to have a VAW-free community.

Guanzone further enlightened the public about the law during the Open Forum. The feisty

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Celebrating the unique and colorful culture of Panay Bukidnon through the ‘Suguidanon’ national conference

THE word “epic” is currently being used to describe objects or events that extend beyond the usual or ordinary, for example,

“That cake was epic in size,” or “She had an epic meltdown.”

But the word means more than that. An epic is a lengthy,

narrative poem that details heroic, larger-than-life deeds and events significant to the culture of a people or a nation. Such examples would be the “The Iliad,” Beowulf, “The Epic of Gilgamesh,” “The Aeneid,” “The Nibelungenlied,” and the “The Song of Roland,” which spoke of glorious, heroic tales.

That in the Island of Panay, there are epics that exist, is truly a cause for celebration. Dr. Alicia P. Magos, UP Professor Emeritus of UP Visayas, is largely credited for doing extensive and published works on the culture of Western Visayas especially on the Panay Bukidnon and the “Suguidanon” or Epics of Panay.

For years now, UP Visayas has been advocating for the promotion and preservation of these epics in Region VI. In the



The Panay Bukidnons are known for their Binanog Dance and Panubok.

CELEBRATING / 9

UPHSI Learning Resource Center inaugurated



Various scenes during the Inauguration and Blessing of the UPHSI Learning Resource Center.

THE UP High School in Iloilo (UPHSI) of UP Visayas now has a Learning Resource Center (LRC) for the students through the generosity of its alumni.

Cong. Arthur Defensor, Jr. of the Third District of the Province of Iloilo (UPV HS Class 1986), Iloilo City Mayor Jed Patrick E. Mabilog (UPV HS Class 1982), and Exec. Asst. to the Iloilo City Mayor Dr. Perla S. Zulueta (UP Iloilo College HS Class 1962) funded the renovation of the old UP High School Faculty Building for the establishment of the said facility.

Defensor represented by his mother, Cosette Defensor, who is also a UP Iloilo College alumna,

Mabilog, and Zulueta gave the symbolic key of the edifice to UPV Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa during the Turnover Ceremony and Blessing of the LRC at the UPV Iloilo City campus on December 10, 2014.

The alumni donors recalled their happy high school memories particularly of the old HS building in their respective messages. They expressed their support and encouraged their fellow alumni to give back to their alma mater. Mabilog and Zulueta also gave their commitment for the restoration of the Little Theater.

Espinosa and UPHSI Principal Rosario Dumagpi expressed their

heartfelt gratitude to the donors for providing the needs of the growing UPHSI population.

Giving the message in behalf of Dr. Resurreccion Sadaba, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Prof. Celia Parcon said the LRC will provide the students a stable fountain of wisdom and knowledge that will harness their potentials and abilities in the many aspects of their training as future leaders of the country.

The LRC has facilities that will be of benefit to the students. These include a reading laboratory, computer hub, music room, and science and research hub. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos)**

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(Gold Pendant), Pahagunong (Deity), Sinagnayan (Warrior), Humadapnon (Warrior), Alayaw (Sweet-Scented Flower), and Nagbuhis (Ceremonial Rite).

According to Dr. Magos, the epics illustrate the richness of the archaic Kinaray-a language of

Panay and the profound thoughts of our ancestors. In the foreword of the Tikum Kadlum book, Magos emphasized that the book "is a work of legacy which shows that the wisdom and gifting of God is distributed equally to all men in all places regardless of

race and status in life."

Dr. J. Neil Garcia, UP Press Director, spearheaded the book launch. Garcia likewise conducted a talk with the UPV faculty members and researchers on how to publish with the UP Press. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos)**

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strategies they learned during the workshop.

"This (The Teaching Act) will help me improve my preparation of the courses that I teach. This will serve as my guide in improving the way I handle my courses," one of the participants said in the evaluation of the training.

The training also gave them more understanding on the teaching domains, classroom etiquettes, and learning objectives.

"I've learned different domains of teaching and how these domains should be indicated in the learning objectives. Also,

the training gives me knowledge on the high objective teaching skills."

"I learned the importance of balancing academic freedom with the responsibility to promote academic excellence."

Some participants suggested having more resource persons since the training topics are intensive and can be tiresome for the resource persons. Also, they requested for handouts and follow up activities for "The Teaching Act."

"Is it possible to conduct similar trainings during summer breaks so we can fully give ourselves to the activity?" One

of the participants asked this since one of the problems why the training in the Miagao and Iloilo City Campuses had a fewer number of faculty who completed the training was the conflict with their class schedules.

At the end of the training, the participants claimed that they were grateful to be part of the teaching training course series.

"Have more of these; it helps me a lot," said one of the participants.

"Continue inspiring educators to become more efficient and strategic in teaching!" stated one of the participants from UPV Tacloban College.

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Responsibility in the Philippines in the Context of a Disaster-Sanly Abila and Prof. Cristabel Parcon.

Hon. Samuel T. Gumarin, Governor of Guimaras, was an invited guest. He said that Guimaras has moved on from the oil spill and was optimistic that the Province will continue to build on the economic development and progress that it is currently achieving.

During the program, Gumarin, along with the authors of the book, were ceremoniously given a copy of "Life Interrupted...."

"The publication of this book is a fitting conclusion for the UPV-OSRP as it closes shop at the end of this year," says Dr. Sadaba, who is now the current Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, at the end of the book launch.

The book was launched on December 3, 2014, 1:00 pm at the GCEB Training Room, UPV Iloilo City Campus, and was attended by UPV officials led by Chancellor Rommel Espinosa and Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension Ricardo Babaran as well as some members of the UPV community. **(Lyncen M. Fernandez)**

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Scientist III;

5. Dr. Rodelio F. Subade, Division of Social Sciences, CAS, elevated from UP Scientist I to UP Scientist III; and

6. Dr. Jane S. Geduspan, Division of Biological Sciences, CAS, newly named UP Scientist I.

The UP Scientific Productivity System (SPS) sets the guidelines, screens, and confers the UP Scientific Productivity Award. It was approved by the Board of Regents in its 1199th meeting in August 2005. The SPS aims to support the development of science and technology and to encourage and reward scientific productivity. Deserving scientists shall be conferred the title of "U.P. Scientist" with a monetary award.

This year's awarding ceremony was held on December 16, 2014 at the Executive House, UP Diliman, Quezon City. **(Lyncen M. Fernandez; with sources from OVCRE).**

UP Visayas to go on a holiday break

UP President Alfredo E. Pascual issued Memorandum No. PAEP 14-63 dated November 17, 2014 for all constituent universities and campuses of the University of the Philippines to go on a mandatory holiday break on December 18, 19, 22, 23, 29, 2014.

However, because December 18 is a local holiday in the province of Iloilo, UP Visayas

will observe the following holiday break: December 17, 19, 22, 23, 29, 2014. December 18 is the birth anniversary of Filipino writer and revolutionary propagandist Graciano Lopez-Jaena who was born in Jaro, Iloilo City.

All offices will be closed during the holiday break except for units which need a small number of essential employees such as

the University Health Services, Security and Police Services, Sanitation, and Emergency Campus Maintenance.

The holiday break is gladly welcomed by the UP constituency because it will allow them to spend more time with their families and loved ones in celebrating the Yuletide Season. **(Lyncen M. Fernandez)**



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continuing effort to preserve, promote and celebrate this truly Panaynon heritage,

the University organized a National Conference on the Suguidanon (Epics) of Panay on December 4-5, 2014, at the

Auditorium of its Iloilo City campus.

With the theme, "Embracing the Indigenous Panay Heritage through the Suguidanon," the Conference continued to build on the

wealth of knowledge on these epics and brought together scholars, artists, community workers, and local chanters and their community in the effort of revitalizing the archived documentation of the 10 epics.

In addition, the Conference also served as a platform for further scholarly work and publications in both nationally and internationally refereed journals/books. **(Lyncen M. Fernandez)**

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lawyer told the participants to remember, spread, and teach others especially those at their respective homes about what she had shared in the Forum.

The Public Forum was organized by the Regional Gender Resource Center (Ugsad) – Western Visayas spearheaded by the University of the Philippines Visayas Gender and Development Program (UPV-

GDP) as Ugsad Coordinator. As an annual activity, the Forum highlighted the 18-day campaign to End Violence Against Women and their Children from November 25-December 12.

"End VAW Now! It's Our Duty" was the national theme for 2014. This was a continuation of last year's theme, which emphasized that everyone should be duty bound

in putting an end to VAW.

Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa said that UPV strives to continue its role in raising public consciousness on VAW as well as advocating for relevant policy changes in various sectors of government. He said the University, through GDP, advocates for measures and mechanisms to end VAW, an issue that requires a

collective effort.

During the forum, Guanzon also gave UPV through Chancellor Espinosa a copy of her book on the anti-sexual harassment act.

The Forum was attended by participants from different public and private organizations and agencies including the educational institutions in the Province of Iloilo. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos)**

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following disciplines: Cultural Anthropology; Ethnomusicology; Linguistics; Art, Theatre, Music, and Dance; Art and Cultural Studies; Mythology and Belief Systems; Customary Law; Seafaring and Maritime Studies; Literature, Sociology and Gender Relations; and Political Economy.

The speakers, artists, and performers in the conference included Ms. Anna Razel L. Ramirez, Mr. David Govey, Prof. Early Sol A. Gadong, Dr. Joeef B. Santarita, Dr. Rhodella A. Ibabao, Ms. Joyce Christine D. Colon, Dr. Maria Christine M. Muyco and Mr. Christian Joshua Ansale, Dr. Victor N. Sugbo, Prof. John E. Barrios, Dr. Alice P. Magos and Mr. Ramon Ramirez, Prof. Ma. Joji B. Tan, Ms. Ricafior Rosadio-Avila, Mr. Clyde Ben A. Gacayan, Ms. Milagros M. Canalete, and Ms. Agnes España-Dimzon and Ms. Lord Jane Dordas.

During the Opening Program, the elders of Panay Bukidnon, Mr. Romulo C. Caballero and Mr. Rodolfo C. Caballero, gave the Pag-ampo and Ambahan (a welcome chant), respectively. UPV Chancellor Dr. Rommel Espinosa and UP Vice President

for Administration Dr. Maragtas S.V. Amante gave messages. Both lauded the activity that upholds the Visayan, particularly the Panayanon cultural heritage. Amante, who is a proud Antiqueño, recalled the stories of the epics while growing up in Pandan, Antique.

Hon. Felipe de Leon, Jr., Chairman of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), was the Keynote Speaker. De Leon talked about the basis of local pride and national identity and the concept of "kapwa". He said that in traditional communal societies, everything is interdisciplinary and the sense of being among cultural communities is spiritual. He also lamented on specialism and pointed out that creativity calls for the intersect of disciplines.

Delighted by the activity, de Leon encouraged the organizers to elevate the conference internationally and gave his commitment to support the future undertaking.

Representatives from Panay Bukidnon performed a traditional Binanog Dance (*Tigbabayi/Tiglalaki*). The Panay Bukidnons

are Indigenous Peoples (IPs) from the hinterlands of the four provinces in Panay – Antique, Aklan, Capiz, and Iloilo. A video documentary on "Panay Bukidnon Lifeways" was also shown.

Dr. J. Neil C. Garcia, Director of the UP Press, launched the first book of the epics, Tikum Kadlum. The UP Press is publishing the 10 books of the epics in 13 volumes. Garcia said the e-book version of the epics will be made available by an all-Filipino digital distributor, Flipside Digital Content, for online purchases in Amazon.com and Barnes and Noble in two weeks' time. The first 100 copies of the book were sold out during the Conference.

Garcia together with UPV Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Prof. Emilia Encarnacion S. Yap, Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension Dr. Ricardo P. Babaran, and Dr. Magos turned over copies of the Suguidanon Publications to the IPs represented by its clan leader and GAMABA awardee Mr. Federico Caballero (Tuohan).

Next followed the opening of the Exhibit and presentation of creative works led by Amante,

de Leon, and Garcia. The Panay Bukidnon elders did a pagbalô, the IPs' customary way of welcoming guests using drums, which added a festive mood while leading the guests and the participants to the exhibit venue at the back portion of the auditorium. Creative works of Mr. Liby Limoso and Ms. Claudine Dignadice of the University of San Agustin on some epic characters such as Makabagting, Tikum Kadlum (an enchanted hunting dog), traditional Panay Bukidnon costumes, a miniature boat, the 10 epics in summaries, and photos of the Caballero family, among others, were featured in the exhibit.

A cultural show in honor of the Panay Bukidnons, UPV Community, and guests was also organized with performances from the UP High School in Iloilo (UPHSI) Harana and Dance Club as well as from the IPs. The guests likewise shared a sumptuous dinner of Binukidnon indigenous foods.

With the theme, "Embracing the Indigenous Panay Heritage through the Suguidanon," the Conference was open to the public for both professionals and students. **(Lenilyn B. Gallos)**

UPV's Public Service: More *bancas* for Northern Iloilo Yolanda survivors

Prof. Joseph Edward O. Idemne

THE University of the Philippines Visayas, through the College of Management, became the conduit for more *bancas* provided to the Yolanda-affected fisherfolks of Gigantes Island in Carles, Iloilo.

The Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Science (EASTS) of Japan donated US\$8,500.00 for the specific purpose of helping rebuild the transportation systems in the Yolanda-affected communities and requested the Transportation Science Society of the Philippines (TSSP), an organization of specialists in

transportation based in Quezon City. EASTS recognized that the loss of numerous *bancas* due to Yolanda severely affected not only the fishing activities but also the transportation systems in the affected areas; thus, TSSP recommended to EASTS to use the donated funds for the replacement of the lost *bancas*. In turn, TSSP solicited the help of UPV, through the College of Management, to facilitate the construction and delivery of 12-foot *bancas* to the four (4) barangays in Gigantes Norte and Gigantes Sur Islands in Carles, Iloilo.

EASTS is an umbrella



(L-R) Vea of TSSP, Hyodo of EASTS, CM Dean Gumban, and Idemne during the symbolic turnover ceremony of the bancas.

organization of transportation science societies with the primary objective of fostering

and supporting excellence in transportation research and practice and to stimulate professional interchange in all aspects and modes of transportation. The member domestic societies are in 18 countries in the Asia-Pacific region. TSSP is an exclusive organization of experts in various fields of transportation covering the interactions and communications between and among various transportation fields including planning, policy formulation, design, and implementation.

A symbolic turnover was conducted on September 13, 2014 at the CM Conference Room with the presence of Dr. Tetsuro Hyodo of EASTS, Dr. Reynaldo B. VEA, President of TSSP, and Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa represented by CM Dean Prof. Mary Ann T. Gumban. Present also were national officers of TSSP and CM faculty members. The formal turnover of the 40 *bancas* was conducted the following day at Arjan Beach Resort in Gigantes Norte.

The *bancas* were received by 10 beneficiaries, each from the four *barangays* which established a 3-man Local Management Committee to facilitate the selection of the beneficiaries following a set criteria and the construction of the 40 *bancas*. The recipients were headed by Punong Barangay (PB) Remy Magallanes of Brgy. Granada, PB Abelardo Montibon of Brgy. Asluman, PB Alberto Mayordomo, and Kagawad Samuel Suguan of Brgy. Gabi, and PB Jonas Besurto of Brgy. Lantangan.

The funds were facilitated through the UPV Foundation, Inc., and the Project was managed by Prof. Joseph Edward O. Idemne and Prof. Christopher Honorario.

UP System initiates GST Module standardization

Suzette Peñaredondo

FOR more than two decades, the various women/gender centers/offices and programs in the UP System have been implementing gender-specific activities and courses that each UP unit has developed as a response to each of the constituent's needs within the cultural context of its region. As they gained a rich experience in organizing and facilitating these trainings, there is a need to review the current programs and agree on important key elements and strategies in mainstreaming gender in the University. As a response to this felt need, the University Center for Women Studies, under the leadership of Prof. Judy Taguiwalo and in partnership with the UPV Gender



The participants from various UP System Women/GAD offices.

and Development Program, initiated an activity entitled "GST Modules on Engendering Gender Sensitivity in UP: A Conference on the experiences of Women/Gender centers of the UP Campus Units and Colleges" on November 12-14, 2014 at the GCEB Training Room, UP Visayas, Iloilo City. Among its objectives are the following: 1) to share knowledge products and effective methodologies; 2) agree on adopting common objectives and core messages; and 3) to develop parallel programs on the standardized Gender Sensitivity Training.

Thirty-five participants

composed of the coordinators and representatives from various UP System Women/GAD centers/offices joined and shared their experiences in the conference.

At the end of the two-day conference, GDP Director Dr. Badayos-Jover said in her sending-off speech that "as the tasks ahead are defined, may our commitment and interest not wane in the coming months. My being here today is a testament of the commitment of those who have been ahead of me. I hope that all UP gender centers will also be consistent with the advocacy to mainstream gender sensitivity."

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the campaign and to highlight the crucial role of everyone in ending VAW in all forms, i.e., physical, emotional, psychological, and economical.

"When you witness violence against women and girls, don't sit back. Act," added Badayos-Jover.

The walk participants included members of the UPV community; Miagao LGU; Philbikers Association; West Visayas College of Science and Technology Miagao Campus; Miagao National High School;

82nd Infantry Battalion; Kaunlaran Integrated School Foundation Inc.; Miagao Central School; Palaca-Damilisan National High School, District of Miagao West; and the Miagao Parish Youth Ministry.

After the walk, a brief program followed at the Ramon Britanico Hall. Representatives of the different groups led the lighting of the candles and the prayer for the women. After the program, a film titled "Ang Ika-11 Utos: Mahalin Mo ang Iyong Asawa" was shown to the public.

Erratum:

In the article entitled, "UP Iloilo alumnus appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court" in the July-August 2014 issue of the UPViews, the write-up stated that the Atty. Francis Jardeleza was awarded the UP Iloilo Most Outstanding Graduate in 1969. It should have stated that Jardeleza was awarded Outstanding Alumni in the Field of Corporate Law by UP Visayas during the Grand Alumni and Faculty Homecoming on July 24, 2010, Iloilo City. The Most Outstanding Graduate in 1969 was Ms. Lourdes Dato-on – Stevens, who was also a Rotary International scholar. Our apologies for the error.

UPV holds assessment program and team building for non-teaching personnel

Janerie Octavio

THE University of the Philippines Visayas (UPV) Administration held a Year-End Performance Assessment Program and Team Building for its non-teaching personnel on December 16, 2014 at the UPV Covered Court, Miagao Campus.

More than 200 personnel from the Miagao and Iloilo City campuses participated in the event, which was graced by Staff Regent Hon. Anna Razel Ramirez and Vice Chancellor for Administration Prof. Nestor Yunque.

Dr. Mary Barby Badayos-Jover, Director of the UPV Gender and Development Program, was the Resource Speaker. She conducted interactive activities, which underscored the essence of teamwork for the success of an organization or an institution like UPV.

The activity was aimed to assess the 2014 work performance of the personnel, promote camaraderie, and grant the non-teaching personnel a break from work before the long

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academic groups, offices, and units was a time of merriment and bonding while the Christmas program that followed afforded the UPV community the chance to showcase their talents through a variety of song and dance performances. The youngest performers this year were the pre-school kids of the Balay-balay Child-minding Center under the UPV Gender and Development Program.

Continuing another UPV *Paskua* tradition were the UPV Employees Children's Christmas Party on December 13 held at the Iloilo City Campus and the UPV sponsorship of the first Aguinaldo Mass for this year at the Sto. Tomas de Villanova Church Miagao, Iloilo. New this year was the simultaneous fellowship breakfast on the Miagao and Iloilo City campuses.

Despite the UP system-wide shift in academic calendar among its campuses that posed some considerable adjustments to the UP community, UP Visayas was able to successfully conduct the *Paskua* celebration including one of UP's most-cherished tradition, the Lantern Parade. (Lyncen M. Fernandez)



UPV employees enjoy a great time during the team building activity held at the Covered Court, Miagao campus.

holiday ahead.

The employees were clad in their favorite Christmas colors of red, green, yellow, and gold. Some came in style hoping to

be chosen as best dressed. The recognition went to Ms. Ana Liza Subade of the Office of the University Registrar. Everyone went home happy and full. The

Organizing Committee ensured that there were enough foods and everybody's a winner in the raffle. Raffle prizes included food packs, bottle of wines, ham, and cash.

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and the Development of the Port of Iloilo from the 14th to 19th Centuries" by Mr. Randy M. Madrid, CWVS, CAS, UPV; 7) "Shipwrecks and Submarines: The Maritime History of Northwest Panay, 1900-1950" by Matthew Riley, DSS-CAS, UPV; 8) "The Subtle Link": Redefining Gender Boundaries among Seafaring Families in an Ilonggo Community" by Dr. Iris Acejo, Cardiff University, Wales, United Kingdom; 9) "Maritime Piracy: Issues and Experiences of International Seafarers and Their Families from Western Visayas" by Mr. Sanley Abila and Mr. Lijun Tang, Seafarers International Research Center,

Cardiff University, Wales, United Kingdom; 10) "Developing Small Island Resiliency: The Case of Isla Gigantes, Carles, Iloilo" by Prof. Jorge Ebay, CWVS, CAS, UPV; 11) "Waste of Biodiversity in the Fine-Mesh Fixed Filter Net (Tangab) Fishery in Iloilo Strait" by Dr. Teodora Bagarinao, FishWorld SEAFDEC, Tigbauan, Iloilo; 12) "Coastal Area and Water Governance in Anthropocene: Insights from Case Studies in Iloilo" by Prof. Pepito R. Fernandez, Jr., DSS-CAS, UPV; 13) "Assessing Governability of Small-Scale Fisheries in Taklong Island National Marine Reserve, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras" by

Dr. Alice Joan G. Ferrer, DSS-CAS, UPV; and 14) "Shifting Livelihood and Intensification of Fishing Efforts in a Visayan Island, Central Philippines" by Dr. Lilian C. dela Peña, Museum of Three Cultures, Capitol University, Cagayan de Oro.

As Keynote Speaker of the Conference, Dr. Vicente C. Villan of the Department of History, UP Diliman, reminded the participants about the history of the maritime heritage of the Visayas through "Panubliong Bahandi: Larangan at Kabuluhan ng mga Pamanang Maritimo ng Kanlurang Kabisayaan sa Pag-aaral ng Kasaysayan at Kalinangang Pilipino." (Lenilyn B. Gallos)



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CAS wins big lantern and hand-held lantern contests

THE three, big colorful mushrooms towering over several small ones, lighted from within, complete with soil sprouting with grass-like plants at the base made the big lantern of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) a winner in this year's Big Lantern contest during the UPV Lantern Parade held on December 12, 2014, Miagao campus. In the hand-held lantern contest, the CAS faculty, staff and students carried equally colorful miniature versions of the mushrooms, also lighted from within. The Skimmers from the CAS won in this category.

Dr. Resurreccion B. Sadaba, newly appointed Dean of CAS, enthusiastically led his constituents in this year's Lantern Parade.

Meanwhile, the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences was the winner in the group performance category while the CAS faculty and staff won in the Welcome Cheer Contest. In the "Ka-lookalike" Contest, the Elektrons of the Department of Chemistry, CAS, represented by Lance Bautista, won. *(Lyncen M. Fernandez)*

