



Babaran is the new UPV Chancellor-Elect



Babaran takes oath before Pres. Danilo Concepcion. Present during the oathtaking are EVP Herbosa, Agnes Bacani of the UPV-DLO, and Vice President Nestor Yunque.

BABARAN takes oath as 10th Chancellor of UP Visayas

Dr. Ricardo P. Babaran formally took his oath as 10th Chancellor of UP Visayas with UP President Danilo Concepcion on November 6, 2017 at the Quezon Hall, UP Diliman.

Witnessing the oathtaking were Executive Vice President Teodoro Herbosa, Vice President for Administration Nestor Yunque, and the Ms. Agnes Aquino of the UP Visayas Diliman Liaison Office.

Babaran was appointed based on the UP Board of Regents' decision on October 18, 2017.

Babaran is a faculty member of the UPV College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences where he also earned his BS Fisheries degree. He graduated with an

MS Engineering from the University of Washington and earned his Ph.D. in Fisheries Science at Kagoshima University. He is currently the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension.

During the presentation of his vision paper in a public forum on September 13, 2017 at the UPV Iloilo City campus, his 3-5 Point Agenda included:

- Strengthening Academic programs
- Integrating the establishment of The Hub of Institutional Synergy, Integration, Sustainability, and Impact Transfer (THIS IS IT!) for Agri-Fisheries in the Philippines with UPV's operations, strengthening of academic programs, and internationalization agenda through the ASEAN Centre on Fisheries
- Laying the groundwork for

supporting the emerging bid of UPVTC to become the 9th constituent university of UP

- Integration of health and wellness agenda into the university's

operational policies Miagao campus

Dr. Babaran will assume office on November 1, 2017 and will serve a term of three years. *(Lyncen Fernandez, IPO)*

UPV turns over Chancellorship; new VCs take oath



Dr. Rommel A. Espinosa turns over the Chancellorship to Dr. Ricardo P. Babaran. The new Vice Chancellors also took oath during the event.

UPV'S 9th Chancellor Dr. Rommel A. Espinosa turned over the UPV Chancellorship to the 10th Chancellor, Dr. Ricardo P. Babaran, in a simple ceremony at the UPV Administration Building in Miagao, Iloilo on 8 November 2017.

The new vice chancellors also took their Oath of Office during the same occasion, which was attended by the members of the UPV faculty and staff members and students.

The new vice chancellors are Dr. Gay D. Defiesta – Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Prof. Mary Ann T. Gumban – Vice Chancellor for Administration; Prof. Martin G. Genodepa – Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development; and Dr. Rolly G. Fuentes – Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension.

Dr. Gay D. Defiesta (VCAA) is an Associate Professor of Economics at the Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences. She finished her BA Economics from UP

Visayas in 1995. She obtained her Master of Management, major in Business Management, from UPV in 2000 and another master's degree in International and Development Economics from the Facultes Universitaires Notre Dame de la Paix in Belgium in 2002. In 2012, she completed her PhD in Agricultural Economics with Natural Resource Economics and Environmental Science as areas of specialization from UP Los Baños. Defiesta is involved in various research studies and public service endeavors. Her research interests include economics of climate change adaptation, natural resource valuation, and fisheries economics. She was involved in the economic valuation of oil spill impacts in Semirara and Guimaras; climate change resiliency of aquaculture farms in the Philippines, impact evaluation of crop insurance; and the economics of climate change adaptation of farmers, among others. For consultancy, she

SoTech alumnus tops Chem Eng exam



Condez

JARED Philip Condez topped the November 2017 Chemical Engineering Licensure exam with a score of 84.60%. He earned the topmost marks among the Class 2017 of the UP Visayas, School of Technology's graduates in June this year.

No one was more surprised of this result than Condez himself. He said in

an interview with the UPViews (June 2017 Commencement Issue) that he just wanted to pass the examination.

Condez has been a consistent honor student during his elementary, high school, and college years. He was actively involved in various student organizations in college. He also frequently participated and won in quiz bowls in the field of chemical engineering at the regional and national levels.

In addition to Condez, 15 other alumni of SoTech passed the November 2017 Licensure examination. They are the following: John Piox Badiang, Saturnino Banting, Jr., Bryle Kristian Camarote, Dion Paul Caspe, Joyce Kate Epan, Anel John Christopher Ervite, Eros Paul Estante, Bon Lester Lamparero, Smith Nacis Nuevaespana, Pelagio Glenn Obnimaga II, Arlene Joy Pasquin, Emman Lliam Prisco, Nimrod Romelo, Katrina Salvador, and Sarah Jane Valdon.

SoTech's passing percentage in this year's Licensure examination is 88.89%. Its 10-year-old, BS Chemical Engineering degree program has been performing well since October 2012 when the first batch of graduates took the examination with a passing rate of 90.91%. In March 2013 and May 2016, the School of Technology had a 100% passing rate. *(Lyncen Fernandez, IPO)*



7th title of the suguidanon epics launched

UP Press launched Balanakon, the 7th title in the Suguidanon (Epics) of Panay on Dec. 5, 2017 at Balay Kalinaw, UP Diliman, Quezon City.

This is a story of a fight between two brave men by the river mouth—Sarandihon, who guards the Bangga-an gibwangan (river mouth), and Balanakon who is intent on passing through that river route. The intruder, Balanakon, wants to snatch away the beautiful Matan-ayon from Labaw Donggon. From the land-fight, both fighters armed with long-bladed knives soar to the sky, engaging in an aerial display of prowess. But Balanakon's eyes are drawn toward the long-haired maiden, Kamaging, whom he spies among the fair maidens

witnessing the fight; he becomes smitten with her. He decides to woo Kamaging by asking her for a quid (betel nut preparation).

The book is the 7th title in the series of 13 which is being published by the University of the Philippines Press. The Suguidanon of Panay was chanted by Federico Caballero and was researched by Professor Emeritus Dr. Alicia P. Magos with her Research Associate Anna Razel L. Ramirez. A team from UP Visayas translated the epics' original archaic Kinaray-a verses into the current Kinaray-a, Filipino, and English. The publication was supported by a grant from UPV's Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Research and Extension and the UP Press. *(Lea Papilota, OC)*



Balanakon, the 7th title in the Suguidanon (epics) of Panay titles

Outgoing Chancellor honored in convocation



Chancellor Ricardo P. Babaran gives a Certificate of Appreciation to Dr. Espinosa for his six years of service to UP Visayas. With them are VC Genodepa, VC Defiesta, and Dean Lozada of SOTEC.

UP Visayas paid tribute to its 9th Chancellor Rommel A. Espinosa through a Convocation Ceremony at Smallville 21 Hotel, Iloilo City.

Chancellor Ricardo P. Babaran conveyed the University's gratefulness to Dr. Espinosa for his commendable leadership of the University for the last six years, having implemented plans and programs following the mandate of UP Visayas. He has also facilitated the construction of additional facilities and was able to ensure benefits for all its constituents.

The event was attended by representatives of the different colleges and units composed of faculty and staff members, and students. A sculpture depicting "Madonna with fish" made of fiber glass, fiber matting and marble, done by Ilonggo artist Harry Mark

Gonzales, was given to Dr. Espinosa as a token of remembrance for his having served as Chancellor of UP Visayas from November 1, 2011 to October 31, 2017.

The Deans of the different colleges and the Executive Secretary of the Chancellor gave appreciation messages for Chancellor Espinosa. Performances from these colleges and the executive offices were shared.

Outgoing Vice Chancellors Prof. Emilia S. Yap, Prof. Nestor G. Yunque, Prof. Raul R. Olaguer, Dr. Evelyn T. Belleza, and Dr. Ricardo P. Babaran were also given honor during the event. Paintings with fishes as the theme were handed to the Vice Chancellors for serving the university. The paintings were done by Ilonggo visual artist Tony Geduspan. *(Anna Razel Ramirez, IPO)*

Padilla's projects cited as Gawad Pangulo awardees for excellence in public service



Padilla (second from left) receives the Gawad from L-R; President Concepcion, VP Dalisay, and EVP Herbosa

THE UP Visayas College of Arts and Sciences and College of Management bagged the 2017 Gawad Pangulo Award for Excellence in Public Service for the projects "Capability-building Program on Bridging Leadership (BL) Towards Poverty Alleviation and Inclusive Development" and "Evidence-based Planning for Resilient Local Health

Systems (rEBaP)" on December 5, 2017 at UP Diliman, Quezon City. Project Leader Dr. Philip Ian P. Padilla received the award from President Danilo Concepcion.

"Bridging Leadership (BL) is a novel and comprehensive leadership approach to enable development leaders and primary stakeholders to respond to the complex social (health, food security and nutrition, education, rural development/livelihood, gender and development, and housing) inequities that continue to beset Philippine communities. The Program emphasized the role of good leadership and governance in bringing about effective and sustainable changes in the delivery of services to the community. It underscored the processes of ownership and co-creation of the development issues and problems and co-creation of the solutions deemed vital in achieving better social outcomes for the poor."

The rEBaP project, on the other hand, was implemented in 50 Yolanda-affected municipalities in Leyte, Samar,

UPV exhibits works of Joya and Querubin

THE Chancellor's Committee for Culture and the Arts held an ongoing exhibit that showcases the works of National Artist Jose Joya and Ilonggo artist Nelfa Querubin at the Lobby of the UP Visayas Graduate and Continuing Education Building (GCEB), UP Visayas, Iloilo City. GCEB was used as a temporary venue while

the renovation of UPV Main Building was being done with the help of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP).

The Main Building (which was formerly the Iloilo Old City Hall) hosts the Art Gallery of UP Visayas. The exhibit ran from November 14 - 29, 2017. *(CCCA)*

Media Brunch Reception on Blue Economy for Sustainable Seas held



Dr. Sharon Nuñal briefs Lopez Jaena Journalism Workshop fellows about her research on foodborne pathogens.

A reception for the Iloilo media and fellows of the Lopez Jaena Journalism Workshop was held at Hotel de Rio

on December 6, 2017. To highlight the research scientific research studies being undertaken by UPV scientists and researchers and how these can be translated in attaining progress and sustainability in communities.

Three projects were presented during the Media Brunch. These were the "Potential use of three legume seeds as protein sources and their effects on growth, nutrient utilization and body composition and body consumption of Asian sea bass, *Lates calcarifer*" by Dr. Erlinda S. Ganzon-Naret; "Settlement Habitats of Early Stages of Blue Crab, *Portunus pelagicus*, in Northeast Panay" by Dr. Wilfredo Campos; and "Detection of Foodborne pathogens along the Supply Chain of Fresh Oysters and Mussels and its Culture Environment" by Dr. Sharon Nuñal.

UP Vice President for Public Affairs Dr. Jose Dalisay and UP College of Mass Communication Dean Dr. Elena Pernia emphasized the importance of educating society about the value of R&D as well as the importance of scientific outputs to be translated to lay concept for practical use.

The reception was in line with the UP CMC program of "Communicating Science and Technology / Research and Development of the University of the Philippines" (COST UP). *(Anna Razel Ramirez, IPO)*

Iloilo, and Cebu. It was in response to the urgent need to improve the resilience of local health systems in order to achieve long-term improved ability to withstand and effectively respond to emergencies. Through the rEBaP Project, UNICEF and its partners delivered technical assistance and aided in the completion of 50 Health Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Plans (HEPRPs). Such plans were adopted and budgeted accordingly. This resulted in improved health outcomes, specifically in emergency response. The project was also envisioned to significantly reduce disaster-related mortality and morbidity, limit economic impact of disasters, and increase community resiliency.

Dr. Philip Ian P. Padilla, Prof. Mary Ann F. Naragdao, Dr. Marshaley J. Baquiano, Dr. Calvin S. de los Reyes, Prof. Johnrev B. Guilaran, Ms. Gertrudes Mikee S. Cañonero, Ms. Dorothy Rose S. Sarangaya, and Mr. Darry Markonikov T. Ferrer composed the Team of UPV in this project. *(Anna Razel Ramirez, IPO)*

CHED Commissioner De Vera is Keynote Speaker at 2017 Graduate Research Conference



CHED Commissioner De Vera addresses the participants of the GR Conference

DR. Prospero J. De Vera, Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education, emphasized the rigors and gains of graduate research as he addressed the participants of the 2017 Graduate Research Conference (GRC) held on November 11, 2017 at the Amigo Terrace Hotel, Iloilo City. The theme of the Conference was “Graduate Research: Impetus to National Development.”

“Undertaken at an appropriate scale, graduate research can accelerate technological catch up,” said De Vera. It also provides an experience that enables researchers to transfer skills and knowledge and develop a culture of inquiry and critical thinking.

Graduate research is not easy because you need depth in treatment and breadth in perspective to locate your research within the broader literature. It is not easy because your dissertation needs to have an original contribution to the state of knowledge

in your discipline. And this depth, breadth, and original contribution takes time to develop, time devoted to the seemingly endless tasks of reading, writing, and critiquing.

He underscored four insights that will assist the University to continuously improve graduate education and research in the country. The four I’s are Invest, Innovate, Internationalize, and Immerse.

A global university should invest in a strong graduate research. “Graduate students have to be involved in path-breaking research through affiliation in laboratories. It should be an advanced graduate level research. A graduate school that does not do research is a potential diploma mill,” according to Dr. De Vera.

Innovation in research is about new ideas. “Such include alternative pathways to a graduate degree. The usual system that we have starts with the students taking a certain

number of units of coursework. After showing proof of a satisfactory coursework performance as evidenced by maintaining a general weighted average and/or passing a Comprehensive Examination, students will propose research that they want to pursue which will eventually culminate in a successful defense of the research output: a thesis or dissertation.”

Internationalization means that UP has to meet or even surpass international standards of research. “We need not struggle to keep up with our relative position; we just need to be assured that we are doing world-class research which to my knowledge is what UP has been doing ever since. These initiatives will also enable us to identify world-class niches which can serve as the platform for international partnerships.”

Beyond resources invested, innovative programs and systems, world class and internationally linked units, a graduate university funded by public funds should be immersed in broader society. “Graduate research, especially in UP, must also serve the public good. Serving the public good does not mean losing one’s individuality or academic freedom. It can be embedded in our practices in the academe.” He advised that researches we do should be beneficial to certain sectors, thereby ensuring that the application of the concepts impacts the real world. Graduate students should undertake small projects to help small and medium enterprises, local communities, and marginalized groups. “Service-learning can be promoted as a mode of instruction in graduate school. In this kind of

arrangement, the beneficiaries and the student gain insights from each other.”

In closing, he inferred that teachers and students should aim this, “to act and think independently but without losing sight of the need to serve the community. Only then can we securely say that graduate research will continue to be an impetus for national development.”

The 2017 Graduate Research Conference was organized by the UP Visayas Graduate Program Office and participated in by graduate students of UP Visayas, faculty members, alumni, and professionals both from UP Visayas and other universities and colleges. Dr. Vivian A. Topor was Chair of the 2017 GRC. (Anna Razel Ramirez, IPO)

UPV Tacloban College student tops mock CPA board exam at the ASSET 2017

A graduating BS Accountancy (BSA) student from the Division of Management of the UP Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC) finished first in the recently-concluded mock CPA board examination in the 2017 Accountancy Students’ Seminar and Extra-Curricular Training (ASSET).

Kim D. Limosnero placed first in the mock CPA board examination at the ASSET 2017 held on October 26 to 30 at the One Tagaytay Place Hotel and Suites, Tagaytay, Cavite. He bested 49 other delegates from various accountancy schools across the country.

Nick Freddy Bello, another UPVTC BSA student, placed fifth in the mock CPA board examination.

Limosnero and Bello were among the seven UPVTC BSA students who were chosen to take part in the event organized by the UP Diliman Virata School of Business Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (UP JPIA).

The other UPVTC students selected for this year’s ASSET were Eva Cuizon, Princess de los Santos, Darren Jacob Espina, Kimberly Pacle, and Noriko Karen Tomiyori.

In addition to the Top 1 finish, Limosnero was also the top scorer in four out of the six board examination subjects tested and was declared the Best in Financial Accounting and Reporting (FAR), Best in Advanced Financial Accounting and Reporting

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UPV, OUC conduct exploratory dialogue for joint collaborations

UP Visayas (UPV) and Ocean University of China (OUC) conducted an exploratory dialogue for a China-Philippines joint laboratory. The undertaking will be between the College of Marine Life Sciences, OUC and the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS), UPV. It was held at the FC Conference Room, CFOS, UPV Miagao campus on November 9, 2017.

The talk was aimed at exploring and in coming up with ideas on other possible collaborations between the two higher educational institutions and on how to carry out with these partnerships.

Prof. Encarnacion Emilia S.



Delegates from the Ocean University of China.

Yap, OIC Dean of CFOS, presided the meeting and briefly discussed about the activity. She introduced the delegates from CFOS as well as the invited representatives from

the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Region VI, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Region VI, UPVOUC/ 4

UPV Tacloban College student among the finalists in the 2017 Search for Outstanding Accounting Students of the Philippines (SOASP)



Finalists of 2017 Search for Outstanding Accounting Students of the Philippines (SOASP).

A graduating BS Accountancy student from the Division of Management of the University of the Philippines Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC) was among

the top 25 finalists in the 2017 Search for Outstanding Accounting Students of the Philippines (SOASP).

Kim D. Limosnero was named as

among the top 25 SOASP finalists following a highly-competitive screening process earlier this year, which was participated in by over 350 students from more than 70 accountancy schools nationwide.

Limosnero, along with his coach Prof. Emma R. Evangelista, competed with 24 other accounting students from different parts of the country during the grand finals held at the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) Conference Center last December 1, 2017. He was awarded with a cash prize of P5,000 and a plaque of recognition for being part of the top 25.

Ellis Louise Lansangan from Holy

Angel University (HAU) placed first in the grand finals, followed by Joshua Rusit from the Imus Institute of Science and Technology (IIST) and Juan Miguel Mallare from New Era University (NEU).

Now on its 19th year, the SOASP is an annual nationwide competition sponsored by the Punongbayan & Araullo (P&A) Foundation, in partnership with the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) and the Association of Certified Public Accountants in Commerce and Industry (ACPACI). “It aims to identify the best and brightest accountancy students in the country, with most candidates emerging as CPA board placers,” according to the organizers. (Carlo Angelo T. Negado)

UPV joins SCUAA Meet 2017

AFTER 13 years, the University of the Philippines Visayas joined the Western Visayas State Colleges and Universities Athletics Association (SCUAA) Meet 2017 held in Sibalom, Antique, on December 3 – 8, 2017.

SCUAA Meet 2017 was participated in by 12 different state colleges and universities in the Region. What made SCUAA 2017 different this time was the comeback of some institutions from the Negros Island and most especially the return of UPV.

Student athletes represented UPV in some major events such basketball, volleyball, badminton, lawn tennis,



UPV participants in the SCUAA

table tennis, and dance sports.

The comeback was made possible through the support of the UPV Administration and the effort of

the UPV Department of Physical Education faculty and staff members headed by Prof. Catherine Anecita. **(Neyah Cartago, IPO)**

UPV Health Services Unit conducts forum on smoking and the lungs



Dr. Tomasito Sy delivering his lecture

THE UPV HSU conducted a lecture-forum on smoking and lung diseases

attributed to smoking on November 22, 2017 at the MILC, UPV Miagao campus.

The lecture-forum was participated in by 61 students and employees. Most of the participants were students of the BS Public Health Program of the University. The lecture was organized to safeguard the students and employees against the ill effects of smoking.

The Resource Person for the lecture was Dr. Tomasito R. Sy who is a Fellow of the Philippine College of Chest Physician (PCCP) and currently the Chairman of the Anti-Smoking

Committee of PCCP Iloilo Chapter. According to Dr. Sy, the major lung diseases brought about by smoking are Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) and Lung Cancer. COPD is a dangerous disease and requires expensive management/treatment. Lung cancer, on the other hand, is usually asymptomatic. When symptoms appear, the disease is already severe or the cancer is already malignant and has less survival rate. Further, the Resource Person advised to do the following: “quit smoking right away” and “be smart not to start smoking.” **(Sarina G. Nacita)**

UPV hosts Salomon X-Trail Run 2017 Iloilo

“RUN the path of most resistance.”

With this in mind, trail runners from all over the country trooped to the scenic campus of UP Visayas in Miagao, Iloilo to participate in the Salomon X-Trail Run 2017 Iloilo Circuit for the 8, 14, and 24K distances with male and female categories.

Probably one of the most unique campuses in the Philippines, UPV Miagao has a coastline view of the Panay Gulf and Guimaras Island on the south side back-dropped by the majestic mountain ranges of Igbaras and Antique on the north. Its 1,200-hectare-land area is filled with trees, lake crossings, and undulating hills that connect to the higher peaks on the north and make it an ideal place for trail running.

Salomon, a sports equipment manufacturing company founded in France in 1947, is known for creating gears for outdoor sports using new technologies and marked by craftsmanship to enable its wearer to “freely enjoy and challenge themselves in the great outdoors.”

The Company has been organizing trail runs all over the world for decades while it marked its sixth year of trail running in various parts of the Philippines this year.

Miagao Mayor Macario Napulan, himself an avid walker and mountain trekker, signed up for and ran the 14K after welcoming guests and participants.



Runners during the Salomon X-Trail Run 2017

Prof. Ruben Gamala, Director of the UPV Office of Student Affairs, said words of welcome on behalf of UPV Chancellor Ricardo Babaran.

The winners for the 24K are as follows: Male – John Ray Onifa, 1st; Edmer Orcena, 2nd; Jay Mirasol, 3rd; Female – Agustoralin Sabanal, 1st; Roma Gonzales, 2nd; and Sharon Rose Torres, 3rd. For the 14K, the male winners are the following: Michael Benedicto, 1st; Deegee Gavile, 2nd; Hyarmel Harder, 3rd; the female winners – Lauren Ryan,

1st; Eden Ma Fuentes, 2nd; and Kristine Sta. Rita, 3rd. For the 8K the male winners are the following: Icey Molavin, 1st; John Caleb Carlin, 2nd; Dleifheir Molavin, 3rd; the female winners are – Ma. Luz Sophia Dellosavo, 1st; Vanessa Perlas, 2nd; and Jhelyn Miatapal, 3rd.

Race Director Atty. Aldean Philip Lim, himself a UPV alumnus (BS Economics 2004), thanked the Miagao LGU for its all-out support of the event and the UPV administration for serving as its host. **(Lyncen Fernandez, IPO)**

UPV JPIA wins competitions during IFJPIA Week 2017

BS in Accountancy students from the College of Management, UP Visayas, once again emerged victorious in various accounting competitions during the Academic League of the IFJPIA Week 2017.

Held on November 19, 2017 at the Hua Siong College of Iloilo, the IFJPIA Week was an annual local gathering of accountancy students organized by the Iloilo Federation of Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants, Inc. (IFJPIA). This is in partnership with Reyes Tacandong & Company, a local public accounting firm. It was participated in by nine schools throughout the Province.

Teams from UPV-JPIA composed mostly of 4th and 5th year BS in Accountancy students won the following academic competitions: Champion in Taxation and Auditing Quiz Bowls; 1st Runner-up in Advanced Financial Accounting & Reporting, Management Advisory Services, and General Information Quiz Bowls; and 2nd Runner-up in Financial Accounting & Reporting and General Information Quiz Bowls.

Another round of competitions was held on December 2, 2017. **(Kim Rommel Panaguiton)**

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(AFAR), Best in Management Advisory Services (MAS), and Best in Regulatory Framework for Business Transactions (RFBT). Limosnero was also the top delegate in the screening process of the Top 50 delegates to the ASSET.

Now on its 15th year, the ASSET is a nationwide summit organized by the UP JPIA for top accountancy students in the country. Corporate partners include Ayala Land, SGV, PWC Isla Lipana, and P&A Grant Thornton, among others. The ASSET is endorsed by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

Each year, 50 penultimate and graduating accountancy students from all over the Philippines are selected to become part of the summit.

According to the UP JPIA, the ASSET “is an avenue to elevate the accounting practice in the Philippines by gathering and developing the country’s future business leaders - equipping them with advanced accounting and business knowledge to help them become movers in their own respective fields.”

“The top 50 delegates will get to experience four days of non-stop learning from the country’s best and most respected practitioners. Delegates undergo various activities throughout the seminar, including company talks, interview simulation, business case presentation, and a mock board examination,” said the organizers.

The highly competitive selection of delegates trimmed down the initial Top 100 shortlist, which included nine BSA students from UPVTC.

Following the summit in Tagaytay, an awarding and culminating ceremony was held at Makati City on the evening of October 30, 2017. It was attended by Professional Regulation Commission Board of Accountancy (PRC BOA) Member Hon. Eliseo A. Aurellado, Ph.D. **(Carlo Angelo T. Negado)**

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and Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center –Aquaculture Department (SEAFDEC-AQD).

Prof. Zi Zhong and Prof. Liu Tao introduced OUC and gave a message, respectively.

Chancellor Ricardo P. Babaran and Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension Rolly Fuentes were also present during the dialogue.

Yap said the dialogue will be part of the discussion at the meeting between the Ministry of China and the Philippines, to be conducted the following day in Manila. The OUC delegation came to the country

together with the delegation from the DOST of Shandong, China for a bilateral talk with the DOST Philippines.

After the meeting, the OUC delegates visited the UPV-CFOS hatchery facilities including the UPV Aquascape. They also toured the SEAFDEC-AQD facilities in Tigbauan, Iloilo.

UPV and OUC signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for academic cooperation on April 12, 2017. The signing took place during the China - ASEAN FEN President Forum and Workshop

on Marine and Aquatic Technology at OUC, Qingdao, Shandong, China.

On October 2, 2017, two faculty members of the Institute of Aquaculture (IA), CFOS namely Ms. Karen Grace Felarca and Ms. Mary Grace Sedanza attended a short-term training at the Ocean University of Qingdao, China from September 17 to October 2, 2017. They participated in the International Training Program on Sustainable Marine Aquaculture Technology sponsored by the Ministry of Science and Technology of China. **(Lenilyn Gallos, CFOS)**

Maroon’s Tiamzon conducts volleyball clinic in Iloilo



Tiamzon engages volleyball enthusiasts in Leon, Iloilo

FORMER Lady Maroons Nicole Tiamzon flew to Iloilo for a leg of her “Spike and Serve” Clinic at the North Fundidor Gym, Molo, Iloilo

City and the Leon Multi-Purpose Covered Gym in Leon Iloilo on December 16-17, 2017, respectively. With volunteers from the

University of the Philippines Visayas, the University of San Agustin, and her staff of two – Allen De Guzman of the FEU Tamaraws and Marvin Soriano of the Siena College of Taytay, the team conducted a half-day volleyball clinic for children of different ages.

The activity aimed to create an avenue for sports development, promote competition, and enhance community building in the grassroots level. Tiamzon started the organization “Spike and Serve” as a commitment to help underprivileged youth across the Philippines through the sport that she loves - volleyball. “I see my volleyball career as a platform to influence the youth, especially the underprivileged in a positive way ... as well as to become productive members of the society,”

she said. “Spike and Serve” in Iloilo City and Leon, Iloilo was made possible through the efforts of Team Legend’s Mr. Ruding Villaruz, Iloilo City Mayor Jose Espinosa III, and Leon Municipal Mayor Rolito Cahilig. (Lex Aliko P. Balida)

UPHSI athletes dominate ISSC Dancesport competition; four medals guarantee UPV for WVRAA Dancesport slots

FOUR medals, three golds, and a silver were earned by four high school students during the Iloilo Schools Sports Council Meet Dancesport Competition held at the Iloilo National High School on December 6, 2017.

Two gold medals were bagged by Heather Angelique P. Parangan and Carlos Gabriel Sola who won first place in the Dancesport Modern Standard Category, Grades C and D. A gold and silver medals were taken by Jasmine Venice P. Parangan and Jhon Louie L. Animas after winning first place in the Dancesport Latin American Category Grade D and second place in Grade C.

The two pairs vied in the Integrated Meet Dancesport Competition to secure a slot for the West Visayas Regional Athletic Association (WVRAA) Meet Dancesport Competition to be held in Iloilo City.

The athletes were under the team coached by Prof. Imelda Catequista, Prof Joel B. Labos, and



UPHSI gold medalists

Prof. Jessie L. Labiste, Jr. Parangan and Sola, both Grade 6 students, danced the slow waltz, tango, and quick step for the Modern Standard Category

while the younger Parangan and Animas, both from Grade 7, danced chacha, rumba, and jive in the Latin American Category. (Jessie Labiste, Jr)

Traifalgar presents paper at finance and export marketing forum



Traifalgar (center, standing) with the organizers of the forum.

DR. Rex Ferdinand Traifalgar was one of the featured speakers during the Research and Development (R&D), Financing and Export Marketing Forum for the Dried Mango, Processed Shrimp, and Carrageenan Industries held in Cebu City on 29-30 August 2017.

Traifalgar, the current Director of the Institute of Aquaculture, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, discussed Immunostimulation and Probiotics as Practical Strategies in the management of White Spot Syndrome Virus Disease and Vibriosis in Shrimp Aquaculture.

The forum was organized by the Board of Investments, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI-BOI). (Lenilyn B. Gallos; CFOS-IA)

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served as Agricultural Economist for the FAO-Philippines’ funded project in aquaculture. Her expertise in natural resource accounting was tapped for the Development Academy of the Philippines ecotown research.

Defiesta has served as Coordinator of the UPV Office of Anti-Sexual Harassment. She has chaired various committees in the search for the following: UPV College Cebu Dean, Division of Biological Science Chair, Division of Physical Sciences and Mathematics Chair, Division of Professional Education Chair, Center for West Visayan Studies Director, University Librarian, and the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Dean.

Prof. Mary Ann T. Gumban (VCA) is Assistant Professor of Accounting at the College of Management, UP Visayas. She earned her BS Business Administration major in Accounting and Master of Management (Business Management) from the University of the Philippines Visayas.

Gumban has been Dean of the College of Management, University of the Philippines Visayas from 2012 - 2017. She took an International Deans’ Course organized by the German Academic Exchange Service, the German Rectors’ Conference, the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, the Centre for Higher Education Management,

and the University of Applied Sciences Osnabrück in February 2015. She did a coursework on Internal Quality Assurance for Universities in Southeast Asia in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia in February 2017. She has also undergone a training on Educational Partnership for Innovation in Communities Network at the Gustav Stresseman Institute in Bonn, Germany in May 2017.

Gumban was a national awardee as the country’s “Most Outstanding Finance Educator” for 2012-2013 by FINEX Foundation Inc. and Deloitte Philippines after having been chosen as the Most Outstanding Finance Educator for Visayas. In 2013, she was awarded by Iloilo City as one of the “Ten Most Outstanding Women of Iloilo City” (TOWIL) in recognition of her outstanding public service and exemplary performance in the field of education. She also received the 2013 annual award “Pinoy Icon” Apolinario Mabini for Education given by the JCI Regatta. She was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Iloilo City Community College and is doing various consultancy work of various government institutions and private entities in the areas of finance and investments.

Prof. Martin Genodepa (VCPD) is an Assistant Professor of Humanities at the Division of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences. He holds a Master

of Development Communication degree from the UP Open University. He has completed his graduate course work in Fine Arts at the University of the Philippines Diliman. As an artist, he has had 15 solo exhibitions of sculpture and installations, earning good reviews from some of the Philippines’ top art critics. He was a recipient of a full grant from the Freeman Foundation Fellowship for Asian Artists at the Vermont Studio Center, USA in 1999 and the Ford Foundation International Fellowship in 2009. He was also an awardee of the UPV Jose and Asuncion Joya Professorial Chair for the Arts in 2013, 2014, and 2017. He was recognized as an Outstanding UP Alumnus in the Visual Arts during the 2008 UP Centennial celebrations in UPV. He is currently the Editor of a book on the Panay-Guimaras Traditional Knowledge Systems, a joint project of UP Visayas and five other state schools in the Western Visayas Region. He served concurrently as Curator of the UPV Art Gallery and Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Culture and the Arts from 2015 until his recent appointment.

Genodepa chaired the Division of Humanities of the College of Arts and Sciences from 2013 to 2015. He worked for the establishment of the Film Museum when he was appointed as Faculty-in-Charge of the UPV Cinematheque in November 2012 through May 2013.

He led the Committee that received a grant from the National Historical Commission of the Philippines for the current rehabilitation of the Main Building (formerly the Iloilo City Capitol Building) and its eventual conversion into a culture and heritage center.

Dr. Rolly G. Fuentes (VCRE) is an Associate Professor of Chemistry at UPV Tacloban College where he handled chemistry and undergraduate research subjects. He served as the Coordinator of UPVTC Office of Continuing Education and Pahinungod from 2015-2016.

He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Chemistry, magna cum laude, from the Visayas State University as a DOST-SEI scholar. He obtained his Master of Science in Chemistry from UP Los Baños under the DOST-PCASTRD and IRRI-MS Thesis Scholarships. He earned his Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Sciences from Chiba University, Chiba, Japan as a Japan Government (Monbukagusho) scholar. He conducted his post-doctoral studies at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Virginia, USA as a USAID-STRIDE scholar from 2016-2017.

His research interest is on natural products chemistry. Dr. Fuentes received the 3rd Prize for the 2016 National Academy of Science and Technology Talent Search for Young Scientist. (Anna Razel Ramirez, IPO)

AUPWU – Iloilo Chapter assembly and election of officers held

THE UPV REPS Association conducted a planning workshop at the GCEB – Audio Visual Room, UPV Iloilo City.

The planning workshop was held to discuss the UP Systems REPS Manual that is set to be submitted for the approval of the Board of Regents. The members of REPSA who were present tackled items necessary for the Manual. Moreover, they consolidated comments and feedback heard during the workshop.

A new set of officers was

also elected during the activity. Dr. Mary Jane Amar, University Researcher I of CFOS – IA, succeeded former REPSA President Noemi Grace Palmares of OCEP.

The Research, Extension, and Professional Staff or REPS are members of the academic, non-teaching staff of the University who are in research and extension offices/institutes, libraries, guidance, and administrative sections of the University. (*Anna Razel Ramirez, IPO*)



AUPWU Iloilo Chapter members with Staff Regent Liza Fulvadora and AUPWU National Officers

Capiz folks receive early holiday treat from UPV alumni and SM

REPRESENTATIVES from the University of the Philippines Alumni Association (UPAA) - Iloilo Chapter, UP Visayas High School Class 1991, UP Visayas Office of Alumni Relations, and The SM Store Iloilo visited and distributed gifts to residents of Cuartero, Capiz on December 9, 2017.

The Residents gathered at the Cuartero Civic Center and welcomed the group that distributed gift items such as apparels, bags, shoes, umbrellas, and toys. The total worth of the distributed items was over Php 300,000.

The event which has been ongoing for three years, has become an annual gift-giving program organized by the group. Recipients of previous activities



Senior citizens were given priority during the distribution of holiday tokens

included residents from barangays Tigbauan, Iloilo, and Morobuan, around UP Visayas Miagao Campus, Guimaras. (*GC Castro, OAR*)

TLRC calls for Module Writing Grant proposals

CONTINUALLY upholding its mission to promote excellence in teaching among the University's faculty members, the Teaching and Learning Resource Center (TLRC) called for proposals for the Phases II and III of its Module Writing Grant.

This followed the workshops on module writing conducted in the different campuses of the University of the Philippines Visayas. The Phase I of the project was the Interdisciplinary Module Writing and Development of Teaching Modules Forum and Workshop. This was held on January 30-February 1, 2017 at the Interactive Learning Program (ILP) Audio-Visual Room at the UP Visayas Miagao campus.

The most recent workshop was conducted at the UPV Tacloban College

TLRC Audio-Visual Room on October 9-10, 2017. The program at UPVTC, which was aimed at developing course modules, was attended by 17 faculty members from the different divisions of Tacloban College.

Dr. Aurora Fe Bautista, Resource Person for the activity, highlighted the reasons why modules are imperative in the learning process. Such reasons are the following: practicality, uniformity of presentation or focus on the many things in the classroom setting, elimination of issues and problems in the classroom, and assurance of the complete coverage and validity of the subject matter.

Dr. Bautista also emphasized that modules permit the continuity to pass on the knowledge and formalization of the teaching process. An example of a

well-developed module was described as one that presents a good coverage of the course and provides other relevant resources or information that are not just limited to textbooks.

Dr. Zoilo Andrada, Jr., Director of the TLRC also discussed the mechanics and guidelines on how to avail of the Module Writing Grant funded by the Academic Program Improvement (API) fund of the University.

The proposals for Phases II and III of the Module Development Program submissions are open to all faculty members of UP Visayas. The deadline for submission is on December 15, 2017.

A module-writing workshop for UPV Miagao and Iloilo City Campuses is also scheduled in January 2018. (*Yan Esquivel*)

Traifalgar speaks at the 49th FIMFS annual national convention

PROF. Rex Ferdinand Traifalgar, faculty member and Director of the Institute of Aquaculture (IA), College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) of UP Visayas, was one of the Plenary Speakers during the 49th Annual National Convention of the Federation of Institutions for Marine and Freshwater Sciences (FIMFS). The annual convention was held at Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology City, Zamboanga City on October 18-19, 2017.

Traifalgar's presentation was about the "Alternative Feed Proteins and Additives for Sustainable Aquaculture." Traifalgar said the presentation highlighted the sustainable feed protein production through biotechnology as a practical solution to the increasing demand of feed proteins for aquaculture use without relying on the use of fish meal/oil and imported soybean feed products. He also discussed how the use of natural and organic feed additives isolated from marine seaweeds and aquatic microbes enhances growth, boosts resistance to stress and diseases, and promotes the efficient metabolism of cultured aquatic animals.

Collectively, the presentation reflected the contribution of CFOS-IA to attain the sustainability and economic viability of the Philippine Aquaculture Industry through Science and Technology, he said.

With the theme, "Stronger Bonds for Further Bounds Towards Sustainable Aquatic Ecosystem, Food Security and Economic Development", this year's convention became a venue for the academe, industry, local government units, non-government organizations and para-organizations in aquatic science education, research and extension to discuss, interact, and collaborate with one another to protect the environment while achieving food security and propelling economic development.

FIMFS is an organization of 23-member public and private institutions of higher learning involved in marine and freshwater sciences in the Philippines. FIMFS sought to share research outputs, facilities, resources and expertise among its members. (*Lenilyn Gallos with sources from CFOS-IA*)

UPV WellCom members train for DOH Wellness Training

TWO members of the UPV Healthy Lifestyle and Wellness Committee participated in the "Training on Healthy Lifestyle: An Approach to the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable (NCD) Diseases" conducted by the Department of Health, Region VI on November 7-9, 2017 in Iloilo City.

The training began with an overview of leading NCDs in the country, which included cardiovascular diseases, cancers, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases, and diabetes mellitus. These account for 60% of the total deaths globally and are projected to increase in the years to come according to the World Health Organization data.

Meanwhile, the Philippines is one of the 23 countries noted for contributing to around 80% of the total mortality burden attributed to chronic diseases in developing countries and 50% of the total disease burden caused by NCDs worldwide.

The training also included how to conduct a risk factors assessment and screening, how to campaign for



Participants at the Wellness training

an alcohol-, smoke-, and drug-free environment as well as how to promote a healthy diet and nutrition and physical activities.

Mr. John Richard Lapascua, Senior Health Program Officer of DOH was the primary Resource Person along with Prof. Ma Noema Castromayor of the University of San Agustin and member of the Nutritionist Dietitians Association of the Philippines – West Visayas Chapter; Mr. Jerry Porras, Chief

Health Program Officer of the DOH Treatment and Rehabilitation Center – Pototan, Iloilo; and Ma. Fe Salgado, Health Promotion Officer of the Roxas City Health Office.

Mary Lyncen M. Fernandez (Chairperson) and Ms. Teresa Hortillo (member) of the UPV Healthy Lifestyle and Wellness Committee completed the training and plan to echo what they have learned to the UPV community. (*Lyncen Fernandez, IPO*)



OSA trains peer facilitators to assist students on campus

HERE'S one fact – students of the University are vulnerable to stress. Because of the existing academic load, extra-curricular activities, and organizational duties, students are exposed to stressful situations and anxieties.

The UPV Peer Facilitators or PFs (formerly UPV Junior Counselors) are trained students of the University who can help freshmen in coping with University life, especially those who are in need of guidance. Currently based at the UPV dormitories, the UPV PF extends help to anyone in the campus. Banwa PFs were also organized to assist those students not staying in the dormitories. The rehabilitation of the Peer Facilitators' Office located at the CUB basement near the offices of guidance counselors is currently being done.

The main mission of the PF is to connect students who are in need of the professional help of the Guidance Services Specialists of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA). Some students, however, are shy or unwilling to open up to adults. In such cases, PFs can be a good channel to release their personal problems. PFs are trained to have facilitative skills and resourcefulness. They are also sworn to respect secrecy and to value trust. They can also help in academic-related problems such as tutorials in some subjects. They are likewise understanding adults whom one can be friends with.

The PFs are assisted by the Guidance Services Specialists to develop their capacity through the PF program. A two-day event where peer facilitators were trained in the conduct of group dynamics, connecting

to peers, and giving guidance was recently conducted. As the PFs are not allowed to give professional advice, they are also trained to talk to students about seeking professional guidance or refer them to the Guidance Services Specialists of the University.

The peer facilitators in the dormitories also facilitate events such as group dynamics and other dormitory events. The following are the peer facilitators in the University who can help their fellow students cope with the challenges of University life:

Aireen Selma – BS in Economics IV
Amethyll Mardin Ledres – BS in Fisheries III
Angelica Balcarcel – BS in Chemistry IV

Ashley Monique Isleta – BA (Psychology) IV
Cher Raya Kylene T. Madrid – BS in Economics IV

Christian James Morales
Crislyn Donna Quaycong – BA (Psychology) III

Faith Fuentes – BS in Economics IV
Janine Kate Jerusalem – BS in Chemical Engineering III

Kathleen Marie Dilag – BA (Political Science-Psychology) IV
Kevin Jordi Jalosjos Dumajel – BA (Community Development – Management) IV

Keziah Roa – BS in Fisheries IV
Khryzel Khyle Busayong – BS in Chemical Engineering III

Lamont Loberiza – BS in Public Health III

Lovely Rose Cortez – BS in Applied Math IV
Ma Ariane Lou Aguilar – BS in Chemistry IV

Marga Mae Edaña – BS (Biology) IV



OSA staff with peer facilitators

Mark Anthony Curso – BS in Chemical Engineering V
Michael Vincent Villaruz Marte – BS in Food Technology IV
Minette Erbina – BS in Chemical Engineering III
Pam Miraflor – BA in Communication and Media Studies IV
Patricia Marie Salve – BA (Psychology) IV
Relyn Dela Cruz – BS in Computer Science IV
Ricalyn Labiano Nullaga – BA (Political Science) III
Stephen John Peldonia Santos – BA in

Communication and Media Studies III
Vhone Houston Pormon – BA (Psychology-Community Development) IV
Xavier Asignacion – BS in Public Health III

These students are in charge of manning the PF office during weekdays to provide a place for students to let go of their inner stress through companionship and peer connections. They are willing to help as other students learn to manage the demands of University life. (Teresa Hortillo)

UPV Library organizes gift-giving for children

CHILDREN from Brgy. Sapa, Miagao were the recipients of the 2017 gift-giving activity organized by the UP Visayas Library. The gift-giving, which carried the theme "Give Love on Christmas Day," was held at the Museum Lobby, Main Library, UPV Miagao campus on December 19, 2017.

The Program started with a prayer led by Ma. Tita Noble. It was

followed by words of welcome from the University Librarian Ms. Analiza Linaugo. The children were then treated to a cartoon movie and a story-telling activity. They also played games, shared snacks, and received their gifts courtesy of the Library Head and Staff Members. Ms. Ninfa Bandorio was the Emcee during the activity. (Sharon Rose C. Galorport)

UPHSI celebrates reading month



Dr. Barrios addresses the UPHSI students

THE University of the Philippines High School in Iloilo (UPHSI), in collaboration with the UPHSI Library, Hubon Manunulat and Kasingkasing Press, celebrated the National Reading Month 2017 with the theme "Nasa Pagbasa ang Pag-asa" from November 20 – 24, 2017 at the UPHSI Conference Room, UP Visayas Iloilo City campus.

Students and teachers from UPV and book lovers outside of the University joined the one-week celebration that consisted of the following activities and competitions: Poster Making Contest, Bulletin Board Design Contest, Book Swap, Book Buffet, Blind Date with a Book, Live Reading, and lectures from recognized writers.

Highlighting the event was a storytelling activity held on November 24, 2017. The story tellers from Grade 10 were Giecialine Myria Ambut, who shared *Ang Pagpasimpalad ni Chikitiki sa Ibabaw sang Lamesa*, and Kaye Pauline Larroder who read *Si Porong kag ang mga Tulabong*. Both stories were written by Dr. Alice Tan Gonzales. The Grade 9 students who participated in the activity were Glenn Ivan Macitas, who shared a story entitled *Mga Uring Panlipunan* written by Equipo Plantel, and Karl Cedric Superio who read a Tsabakano story entitled *Si Amina y El Cuidad e Maga Flores* written by Christina Newhard.

A lecture and a message from recognized writers were the highlight of the event. Ms. Mary Rose Adelle Pacificar gave a creative lecture about Young Adult Literature as Key to Literacy. Dr. John Barrios, Chair of the Division of Professional Education, gave a message about the theme Nasa Pagbasa ang Pag-asa. Dr. Barrios emphasized on the words pagbasa and pag-asa stating their similarities not just in the pronunciation but in their promotion of a sense of hope that can be inspired by reading.

The main goal of the celebration was to create a reading community in UPHSI - a community that reads, writes, and promotes the importance of reading among the young. Mr. Noel Galon, a writer and Instructor at UPHSI, stated that he wanted to expose the high school students to diverse kinds of literature – the classic, contemporary, and popular.

The celebration was well appreciated by the attendees. It hoped to encourage the students to read more and write more. The organizers expect that the celebration will be a yearly event, following the West Visayan Children's Book Summit and National Children's Book Day.

Mr. Noel Galon, together with the Grade 9 and 10 Filipino students of UPHSI, organized the activity. (Kyla Agnes Ramirez)

UPV Chem Dep't plans for creation of the MS Chemistry Program

THE Department of Chemistry of the College of Arts and Sciences conducted an Academic Program Improvement (API) project entitled "Planning for the Creation of the MS Chemistry Program Phase 2: Resource Assessment and Research Agenda Mapping" at the Department of Chemistry Office-CAS, UPV Miagao Campus on 9 - 11 October 2017. This was a follow-up activity of the API workshop conducted on 25-27 January 2017 at the Teaching and Learning Resource Center, UPV Miagao.

Attended by the faculty and staff members of the Department, the three-day workshop aimed to develop a three-year research roadmap for the previously identified research thrusts of the Program. It also served as a venue for the Department to assess itself for its readiness to offer an MS program in

terms of library holdings, laboratory and classroom facilities, research capability, and faculty profile. These aspects were included in the requirements set by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for an institution of an MS Chemistry Program and these should be satisfied and sustained when the program is implemented.

The Department of Chemistry is currently offering a Master of Chemistry (MChem) program on a trimestral mode and classes are held on weekends. MChem is a non-thesis program with two optional tracks: Comprehensive Exam or Special Problem. The plan to upgrade the current offering into a Master of Science in Chemistry (MS Chem) Program with thesis is in line with the University's mandate as a research university. (Enrique N. Legaspi III)



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UP Visayas celebrates Paskua 2017

“PADAYON sa Paghiliugyon sa Malipayon nga Paskua.”

UP Visayas stood true to the theme of “padayon,” (continue) by going ahead with its celebration of Paskua 2017 despite the drizzle and threat of heavy rain. This did not dampen the enthusiasm of the community to proceed with its annual Lantern Parade in the afternoon of December 13, 2017, Miagao campus.

A liturgical service at the Administration Building lobby was held at 4:30 pm prior to the Parade attended by Chancellor Ricardo Babaran, UPV officials, the members of the faculty, staff members, and students.

At dusk, the various academic groups and degree-granting units assembled

by the Main Entrance of the Campus for the Lantern Parade which went around the main streets of the Miagao town proper. The parade showcased the competing big lanterns, hand-held lanterns, and parade performances of the colleges, academic groups, and recognized student organizations.

The winners of the Big Lantern Contest were the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) at 1st place, the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) at 2nd place, and the College of Management (CM) at 3rd place. In the Hand-held Lantern Contest, the winners were: CM, CFOS, and CAS at 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, respectively. CM also won 1st in the Parade Performance followed by CFOS



Scenes during the Paskua 2017 celebration

(2nd), and the School of Technology (3rd). The College of Management was declared Overall Champion with CFOS at 2nd place, and CAS at 3rd third place, respectively. A potluck dinner at the grounds of the Administration Building followed the parade.

During the Christmas Program, the Campus Bible Fellowship, UPV Choristers, and UPV Sonata sang

Christmas songs for the audience. A trivia contest was also held as well as the lighting of the Tree of Hope. In addition, a ballet duet was also performed by Reneé Carmela Gumban and Matthew Balbastro.

Ending the night were the holiday greetings of Chancellor Babaran to the UPV community and the fireworks display. *(Lyncen Fernandez, IPO)*

UPV campuses light up for Paskua 2017



Light at UPV Iloilo city campus

A simultaneous lighting of Christmas lights in both the Miagao and Iloilo City campuses ushered in the Paskua celebration of UP Visayas on December 8, 2017. Faculty and staff members gathered at the Main Entrance of the UPV Miagao campus at the Box 1 Gate to witness the simple lighting ceremony. Prof. Martin Genodepa, Overall Chair of the Steering Committee of Paskua 2017, thanked the personnel of the

Campus Development Maintenance Office for their hard work in ensuring that the lights and decorations were ready by December 8.

Meanwhile, at the UPV Iloilo City campus, most of the Christmas decorations and lights were done at the Graduate and Continuing Education Building. Architect Luis Rabut led in the lighting of the lights. *(Lyncen M. Fernandez, IPO)*



UPV Administration Building lights as shown during the lantern parade

Non-teaching personnel gather for team building

“CHRISTMAS is about our faith and accepting the Lord in our life,” said Pastor Veronica Harwell, invited speaker of the UP Visayas Team Building Day held on December 20, 2017 at the UPV Auditorium, Iloilo City campus.

She said that we should develop our faith and have our actions directed by the Divine Providence. This will ensure that what we do is for the good of our university and our fellowmen. She also encouraged the participants to pray often as it deepens our relationship with the Almighty. Harwell is from San Diego, USA and is a visiting pastor of the God is Good Church in La Paz, Iloilo City.

Chancellor Ricardo P. Babaran, in his message, focused on the theme of this year’s Paskua celebration which is Padayon nga Paghiliugyon sa Malipayon nga Paskua (Continued unity for a happy Christmas). “Let us to work together and celebrate this happy season. Celebrations should not



UPV non-teaching personnel joins team building activities

always be material. It should be more about our faith to the Almighty, which has to be nurtured. It is about giving value to our relationship as workers of the University and as part of a family. This is also about being valued and I hope that you will feel that in this Administration. As we celebrate in this season of merriment and goodwill, I would like to say thank you to the service and support you gave in 2017. Enjoy the holidays and be refreshed

Zumba Party at the UPV Paskua 2017



Zumba participants in action

Fit, fed, and awarded. This marked the holding of the ZUMBA Party on December 12, 2017 at grounds of the administration building, UP Visayas Miagao campus.

As part of the UPV 2017 Paskua celebration, the party started off with an hour-long Zumba session led by Rommel Deala and Richie Valencia who are both certified Zumba instructors.

A healthy and hearty breakfast of ginataan, maja blanca with sweet corn, boiled eggs, boiled kamote, coffee and fresh mangoes, papayas, and bananas were served at the first floor lobby of the administration building after the work out.

The event was capped off with the giving of two categories of awards. The first is the top three in attendance since May 2017, the start of the weekly Zumba session.

The top three in attendance were: Angeline Nuevaespaña, 1st place, who received a cash prize of P 1,500.00, followed by Ernesita Alingalan, 2nd, and Fe Paguntalan, 3rd who received P 1,000.00 and P 500.00, respectively.

The next are the special awards wherein each winner was given P 500.00 each. They are as follows:

1. Zumba Outfit Award given to three dancers wearing a “lodi” fitness attire of the day, complete gear or fitness outfit (shoes, jersey, leggings) and having “extras” such as headwear, sweat bands, towel and water. Their bearing must also show confidence. The winners are Armida Titular, Sheila Balenia, and Myrna Haber.

2. Happy Feet Award given to three dancers whose executions deemed to be the most entertaining (waras lang besh, guba ang mirror, fun, fun lang gid ang aura). The winners are Analiza Subade, Elora Belmonte, and Rotsen Cayanana.

3. Enduro Award given to three performers with dance endurance and electrifying dance moves (*Petmalung puso, Werpang pawis and wow factor which encompasses the package to include technique, performance, and endurance). The winners are Ma. Divina Bermejo, Ellaine Munon, and Denevie Torrecampo.

4. Routine Breaker given to the lone performer who believes in the golden rule of Physical Activity - “listen to your body, water pa more, and break pa more. The winner is Wilma Esponilla.

The UPV Healthy Lifestyle and Wellness Committee who organized the party, hopes that by incorporating the element of fun in fitness events, employees’ participation can be sustained and more people will be encouraged to join. *(Lyncen M. Fernandez, IPO)*