

## PROF. MARY ANN T. GUMBAN



Prof. Mary Ann T. Gumban is the current Dean of the College of Accountancy at PHINMA – UI and a practicing Accountant in the fields of education and management advisory services. She has been the Assistant to the President for Planning and Development of the University of San Agustin and was formerly the Vice Chancellor for Administration, University of the Philippines Visayas, a constituent university of the UP System. She was formerly the Dean of the College of Management of the same university for two consecutive terms and intensified the academic participation and partnership of the college with the industry and the local government units. She is an active advocate of good governance and is currently linked with the local government unit (LGU) of Iloilo City as an active member of the Board of Trustees for the Iloilo City Community College, the 11-year old community college in the city.

As a good governance advocate, in 2017 she led the DENR-Commissioned pilot study in the Province of Aklan the development of the “Provincial Foreshore Development and Management Plan”. This is a comprehensive Plan focused on the analyses of Status, Conditions, Problems and Issues covering 1,140.21 hectares of foreshore lands of 10 municipalities in the Province of Aklan. The plan served as template using decision tools in controlling and directing spatial development and economic initiatives in recognition of foreshore areas as conservation, recreational and economic resource areas of local government units that must be protected/preserved, developed and enhanced to complement the programs and projects of coastal municipalities.

As a consultant in the fields of business management, accounting and finance she has been commissioned by the USAID in the Investment Enabling Environment (INVEST) Project, a two-year, Php132.4 million (\$3.23 million) project, to do two studies for Iloilo City that addressed key constraints underlying low levels of private investments in the city and to improve the local business climate. She conducted an Industry Study of Iloilo City and an assessment of the Business Permit and Licensing System which became cornerstones for Iloilo City’s bureaucratic transformation. She received the city mayor’s Special Citation on August, 2017 during the Annual Charter Day celebration of Iloilo City for her outstanding support and service that brought progress and development to the city.

Prof. Gumban is 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” from among the country’s 76 nominees chosen nationwide. She was also awarded by Iloilo City as one of the “Ten Most Outstanding Women of Iloilo City” (TOWIL) 2013, 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 by the JCI Regatta. Most recently she has been awarded by the Iloilo City Government a prestigious award in celebration of the Iloilo City Charter Day as one of the “Ten Outstanding Ilonggos of Iloilo City 2023” for her accomplishments and impressive success which bring great pride and honor to the city.