

## Chancellor's Report

Prof. Sylvia B. Concepcion

14 January – 12 April 2017

### Towards Excellence in Instruction

#### *2017 Architect Licensure Exam*

The Department of Architecture continued its 100%-passing rate in the January 2017 Architect Licensure Exam. The new architects are Ellen



Bebelone, Karl  
Bernasor, Amor

De Castro II, Patrick Dela Cruz, Mich Jubelag, Hannah Saquilabon, Alleyne Santos, and Chrystelee Santos.



#### *Enrollment*



Enrollment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester of Academic Year 2016-2017 totaled 968 students, as follows: Communication Arts-117; English-47; Architecture-174; Applied Mathematics-84; Biology-153; Computer Science-108; Food Technology-104; Agribusiness Economics-84; Anthropology-18; Master of Management-63; Diploma in Urban and Regional Planning-14. Recognition Ceremonies were held on 20 February for the 405 and 264 honor students of the past two semesters.

## Towards Excellence in Public Service

### *Gawad Pangulo*

*Award for Excellence in Public Service* was given to UP Mindanao for the *Economic Upliftment of the Indigenous People's Community through Agricultural Projects* in the Marilog, Davao City Land Reservation. The Obu-Manuvu indigenous people are the partners in the agro-forestry and food production projects. Receiving the Award from UP President Alfredo Pascual are Land Mgt. Officer Joel Sagadal, Chancellor Sylvia Concepcion, and Associate Maljun Lambac.



### *22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary*



UP Mindanao celebrated its 22nd Anniversary in February 2017. The highlights were the Science for Society Symposium, the Recognition for Employees and Students, and academic, creative, and extension offerings. The Opening Ceremony (above) shows VC Antonio Obsioma banging the gong to open the festivities together with VC Nilo Oponda and Chancellor Sylvia Concepcion and a performance by the UP Mindanao Dance Ensemble (above, right), and the Koro Kantahanay chorale.



The Book-launch for the publication "Mapping Sago" (above), 3 February, featuring a panel discussion with contributors (left-right): Michael Bonghanoy (Research), Antonio Moran (Soc. Sci.), Aileen Delima (Bio.), Leo Estaña (Math.), Thaddeus Acuña (Mgt.), Nikko Laorden (Mgt.), Myfel Paluga (Soc. Sci.), Andrea Ragragio (Soc. Sci.), John Bengan (Humanities).

Some anniversary offerings were the Annual Bloodletting Day; the *Networking for Change: Engaging the Libraries*, featuring the opening of the Library Computer Center and book donations to educational institutions; and the *Strategic Planning for Women's Enterprise* (extension).

From the colleges were the following offerings:

- School of Management (SOM) Week, 6-11 February: *Parametric Approaches to Measuring Efficiency* (extension workshop); *SOM Talks!* (research reports); *12th Supply Chain Forum*; *School of Dangerous Minds* (on free-wheeling topics); *Tabó* vegetable sale by farmer-partners
- College of Science and Mathematics (CSM) Week, 13-18 February: Forum with the new Dean; Research Posters Presentation; Dept. of Math., Physics and Comp. Sci. Exhibit; Dept. of Food Science and Chemistry Research Colloquium; Lecture: *Antiviral Drug Discovery: Case of HIV-1*; Bio-Safety Seminar; Colloquium on *Mathematical Modeling*; Food Processing Demo; Biology Undergraduate Conference; Inter-High School *Math Mania*
- College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) Week, 21-25 February: *Kitchen Series* paintings of Teresita Guillen; *Sinabadan: Indigenous Houses* (student exhibit); *Creative Summit* (student seminars): *Design*; *Vectors*; *Photography*; *Website*; *Sketching*; *Pasundayag* stage show

## 5<sup>th</sup> Region-wide Speak UP

This Inter-High School Competition from Communicators Guild (student org.) on February 13 had a Radio Broadcasting-Scriptwriting Contest and an Oratorical & Extemporaneous Speaking contest with six high schools competing. Funds were contributed by UPAA-America thru Ms. Juanita Nacu.



## *More Extension and Public Service*

*Strategic Planning for Women's Enterprise*, 6 February–27 March



Women of Barangay Bago Oshiro, Davao City, availed of the short course, *Strategic Planning for Women's Enterprise*. Their pilot products were beaded slippers and accessories, fried lumpia, flower decor, and woven rugs; Co-organized by School of Management, Office of Gender, Office of Extension and Community Service, the Davao City LGU, and others; an offering for the 22nd University Anniversary in February and the International Women's Month in March.

## *Koro Kantahanay chorale*



The Koro Kantahanay was one of seven finalists to the 2<sup>nd</sup> UP Gawad Pangulo Choral Competition on 30 January.

## Medical Mission Service



Biology faculty and students assisted the National Medical and Solidarity Mission on February 11 to investigate a disease outbreak among indigenous peoples in Talaingod municipality (Davao del Norte province). Associate professors Lyre Murao and Aleyla de Cadiz and eight students were unable to leave the site due to harassment of motorcycle drivers by some locals, creating undue anxiety. The situation was resolved with the assistance of local officials.

## Visual art exhibit for Araw ng Dabaw

Original paintings and certified prints by Asst. Prof. Teody Boyle "Bong" Perez (Dept. of Humanities) were exhibited in two restaurants in Davao City throughout March for the 80<sup>th</sup> Araw ng Dabaw. Five prints were sold, with more expected, at the end of the exhibit organized by the Technology Transfer and Business Development Office.

## Land Reservations

### Marilog (Davao City) Land Reservation



A memorandum of understanding was signed on 7 February with Balud sa Kapalaran Association and Davao City Councilor Conde Baluran for the development of agricultural projects, initially abaca

Other projects were:

- Training-workshop on Tomato Paste and Sauce-Making on 13 February with BS Food Tech. students for 67 Obu-Manuvu indigenous people
- Establishment of a nursery for indigenous trees; presently with 1,000 lawaan seedlings

In Laak (Compostela Valley) Land Reservation was identification of 200 families of the Dibabawon indigenous people for participation in a cacao plantation project of the Dept. of Agriculture

## Towards Excellence in Research & Creative Works

### *Science for Society Symposium*



Science for Society Symposium 2017, on the theme *From Insights to Impacts: Transforming Mindanao through Research*, 22 February

The faculty presenters (top photo, left-right):

- Dr. Joel Tolentino (Dept. of Food Sci. & Chem.), *Decoding the Gene Sequence of a Starch-Degrading Enzyme*
- Dr. Ritchie Mae Gamot (Dept. of Math., Physics, and Comp. Sci.), *An Intelligent Algorithm for Arranging Atoms in a Molecule*
- Dr. Lyre Murao (Dept. of Bio. Sci. and Environ. Stud.) , *Viruses at War*
- Dr. Genevieve Quintero (Dept. of Humanities), *Finding My Writing Space: From Research to Storytelling*
- Asst. Prof. Luis Hualda (School of Mgt.), *How to Develop an Enabling Environment for Smallholder Vegetable Producers*
- Dr. Luz Gomez (School of Mgt.), *How Much is the Mt. Apo Natural Park Worth?*
- Asst. Prof. Isidoro Malaque (Dept. of Archi.), *Research in Architecture and Urban Planning*; with Prof. Emma Ruth Bayogan, Director, Office of Research.
- Instructor Janus Cabazares (not in photo), *How Speaking Uncovers Concepts of Spirits*



In the lower photo is Academician Dr. Evelyn Mae Tecson-Mendoza, who gave the Keynote Lecture, "*Doing our Share*", being interviewed by Mr. Michael Bonghanoy.



## Towards Sports Development



Varsity teams participated in the following meets:

State Colleges & Universities Athletic Association (SCUAA), 25-28 January, Mati City

- Swim Team, Champion; 33 gold, 9 silver, 3 bronze medals; selected to regional team
- Women's Futsal, 2nd Place, 5 silver; selected to regional team
- Women's Beach Volleyball, 2nd Place, 3 silver; 3 selected to regional team
- Table Tennis and Chess, participating

SCUAA National Meet, 20-22 February, Batangas City

- 1 gold medal, swimming, 50-meter freestyle, Juan Antonio Mendoza (2BS Agribusiness Economics); Coach: AT Ramos

80th Araw ng Dabaw Inter-school Swimming Competition, 1-2 April;  
Phil. National Games selection



- Swim Team: 14 gold, 6 silver, 5 bronze medals
- 7th overall in a field of 55 schools
- Juan Antonio A. Mendoza (2BSABE), "Most Outstanding Swimmer" (18-year-old and above-male)

### *UP Fighting Maroons in Davao*



The UP Fighting Maroons basketball team competed and won the championship in the 80th Araw ng Dabaw Commercial Basketball Tournament on 23-26 March. The Maroons defeated UAAP champions DLSU, 79-87. The UP Alumni Association Davao organized a visit to UP Mindanao and hosted dinners throughout their stay. The Davao City Government donated the souvenir basketball signed by the players to UP Mindanao in appreciation for the support showed by alumni and students of this Constituent University.

## Towards Operational Excellence

### *UP Faculty Professional Advancement*



Eleven faculty members from the College of Science and Mathematics participated in the UP Faculty Professional Advancement in Southern Taiwan Universities on 12-17 February 2017.

### *New Deans*



LEFT: Prof. Dominica "Mimi" Dacera (Dept. of Food Sci. and Chem.), Dean, College of Science and Mathematics, 26 January 2017 to 25 January 2020



RIGHT: Asst. Prof. Jean Marie Juanga (Dept. of Architecture), Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, 5 April 2017-4 April 2020

### *Recognition for Employees*



**Twenty-Year Service Awardees** with former Chancellor Rogelio Cuyno: Cynthia Buquia (Registrar), Cherrylyn Cabrera (Campus Plan.), Analyn Pasaol (Budget), Sabas Ociones (SPMO), Emma Caalaman (Cash), Annie Dismas, (HR), VC Oponda, Chancellor Concepcion, Dr. Cuyno, VC Obsioma, Merlyn Mercadera (Library), Ricky Verdeflor (OSA), Ruth Gamboa (Dept. of Bio.), Lynda Buenaobra (TTBDO).



## *Parangal Kay President Alfredo E. Pascual*



Parangal para kay President Alfredo E. Pascual was held on February 3 for the out-going president. Messages and other forms of appreciation were given by alumnus Sebastian Angliongto, Mayor Sara Duterte through representative Michael Aportadera, faculty representative Larry Digal, union leaders Michael Gatela and Analiza Fulvadora, Obu Manuvu leaders led by Datu Joel Unad, former congressman Isidro Ungab, and UP Mindanao Chancellor Sylvia Concepcion. Presentations were given by the colleges, the Koro Kantahanay chorale, and the UP Mindanao Dance Ensemble. The president, in his response, expressed his appreciation to everyone.

### *New Infrastructure: Sports and Academic Buildings*

Ceremonies were held for sports and academic facilities on February 3 at the Davao City-UP Sports Complex located in the UP Mindanao campus.

The *Football Stadium Phase 2* and the *Aquatics Center Phase 1* were given Groundbreaking ceremonies with the addition of a Time-Capsule ceremony for the *Football Field and Track Oval*.

Groundbreakings were held for *College of Humanities and Social Sciences Cultural Building*, the *Center for Advancement of Research in Mindanao (CARIM) Building*, the *Research Development and Extension (RDE) Building*, and the *Faculty and Staff Housing Building*.

The almost-completed *Multi-Purpose Human Kinetics Building (Training Gym)* was given an Inauguration highlighted by a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony.



TOP PHOTO: Ribbon-cutting Ceremonies on 3 February 2017 with (left-right) VP Gisela Concepcion, Cong. Alberto Ungab, PSC Chair William Ramirez, President Pascual, Chancellor Concepcion, Isidro Ungab, Davao Sports OIC Michael Aportadera, VP Joselito Florendo