



Chancellor's Report

Prof. Sylvia B. Concepcion

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Towards Excellence in Instruction

UPMin has 27 new architects

THE University of the Philippines Mindanao (UP-Mindanao) Architecture program maintains its 100%-passing mark in the June 2017 Architect Licensure Examinations.

A total of 27 new architects were produced, namely: Anna Tricia Acuña, Stefanie Aquino, Samantha Arbotante, Somayyah Batuampar, Kristin Rona Batuigas, Aldeah Belotindos, Vanessa Bonghanaw, Landon Cahaluro, Joseph

THE ARCHITECTURE PROGRAM achieved 100%-passing in the June Architect Licensure Examinations with 27 new architects. The program has upheld its 100%-passing rate in seven years and has produced seven board top-notchers.

THE NEW PROGRAM, Diploma in Exercise and Sports Science held its first class orientation on 5 August led by Profs. Protacio and Salazar.



UP Mindanao holds 20th Commencement

THE 20th COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES were held on June 23 in ceremonies led by UP Vice-President for Administration Nestor Yunque.

Associate Justice Marvic MVF Leonen of the Supreme Court of the Philippines gave the Commencement Address.

There were 171 graduates, with three magna cum laude, and 38 cum laude.

give their loved ones the standing ovation that they deserved, and spoke of Mindanao, of ecosystems and food security, of local culture and multiplicity of views, and heroism.

Deans Jean Juanga, Dominica Dacera, and Larry Digal presented their respective graduates to Chancellor Sylvia Concepcion who, in turn, presented them to Vice-President Yunque, who pronounced "alinsunod sa batas...at ayon sa kapangyarihang ipinagkaloob sa

ic awards to individual called on his batchmates chapters.



MAGNA CUM LAUDE. The three graduates who topped all, Rey Zandro Enguito (BS Biology), Viena Monterde (BS Food Technology), Danica Manubag (BS Food Technology).



GRADUATION. The University of the Philippines in Mindanao faculty and guests wearing their sablay.



INDUCTED. New members of the Phi Kappa Phi from the Baccalaureate Level are presented at the Induction Ceremonies by Chapter officials (wearing medallions) Dr. Charito de los Reyes, Dr. Georgina Encanto, and Dr. Fructuoso Sabug, with Guest Speaker Kriza Calumba and UP Mindanao Chancellor Sylvia Concepcion, in between.

Phi Kappa Phi inducts 23 new members

PHI KAPPA PHI Philippine Chapter 045 inducted 23 new members, 19 from UP Mindanao, in ceremonies held in UP Mindanao on June 21, 2017. Chapter officials Georgina Encanto, Charita de los Reyes, and Fructuoso Sabug led the ceremonies. Alumna Kriza Calumba gave the inspirational message.



FIRST TRY. The UPMin Debate Society members who joined the Philippine Inter-Collegiate Debating Championship: Van Labasano (4th year, BS Biology), Renzo Polinar (4-BA Communication Arts), Sarika Rey (3-BA English), Isabel Abonal (3-BA Anthropology), Brylie Bacatan (4-BS Food Technology), Michael Bacus (3-BSB), Kari Butalid (4-BAA), and Frederick Omaiza (4-BSB).

UPMin Debate Society competes in nat'l event

THE University of the Philippines Mindanao Debate Society competed in the finals against De La Salle University. The delegation was composed of Van Labasano, Renzo Polinar, Sarika Rey, Isabel Abonal, Brylie Bacatan, Michael Bacus, Kari Butalid, and Frederick Omaiza.

UP MINDANAO DEBATE SOCIETY competed in a national debate for the first time in the Philippine Inter-Collegiate Debating Championship held on June 2-7, 2017. UPMin Team A ranked 23rd in the field of 54 teams.



EXCHANGE STUDENT FROM MYANMAR, Ms. Soe Myat Theingi, is welcomed on August 4. She is taking courses in biology.



DR. LOWELA SIAROT served as Balik-Scientist in 2017. She did a syllabus, training, lectures, and a paper on research gaps on zoonotic viral diseases in the Philippines



BLENDED AND E-LEARNING seminar-workshop will be held on 7-9 August with Faculty Regent Patricia Arinto as lead resource person



TUITION AND OTHER STUDENT FEES

UP Mindanao deferred until August 25 its collection of student fees. The deferred payment schedule is in line with the memo issued by UP President Danilo L. Concepcion last July 31.

Around 634 of the expected 700 incoming students for the 1st Semester of 2017-2018 applied to the SFA Online application. Of this number, 373 students applied for both free tuition subsidy, STS and Tulong-Dunong. About 261 students applied for STS only.

Towards Excellence in Research & Creative Works



THE FUTURE OF FOOD. UP Forum on Food Security for Sustainable Development with (seated, left-right) Aleli Quirante, Joe Palabao, Dean Elena Pernia, VP for Public Affairs Jose "Butch" Dalisay, Chancellor Sylvia Concepcion, Alma Mahinay, Odette Portus; with participants.

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Food security forum in UP Mindanao

A MEDIA RECEPTION AND FORUM ON FOOD SECURITY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT was hosted by UP-Mindanao on July 6, in partnership with College of Mass Communication. Vice-President for Public Affairs Jose Dalisay delivered the message of UP President Danilo Concepcion. UP Mindanao faculty members Juma Novie Alviola (Dept. of Food Sci. and Chem.), Emma Bayogan, and Cleto Nañola (Dept. of Bio. Sci. and Envir. Stud.) presented their research reports on sago palm, pummelo fruit preservation, and reef fish populations to reporters from newspapers, radio and television.



Teody Perez (Dept. of Humanities) served as illustrator of the fully-illustrated book "Sadam and the Biggest Crocodile in the World" written by Tomo Matsui, published in Tokyo by the Imajinsha Publishing Company, July 2017.

BIOLOGIST PERRY ONG donates copies of the book, "Mammals of Luzon Island" to UP Mindanao on 19 May





Research published:

- "Philosophy, K-to-12, and the Overlap", by Raymundo Pavo (Dept. of Soc. Sci.), in Philosophical Association in the Visayas and Mindanao (Phavisminda) Journal, May 2017
- "Photocatalytic and antibacterial studies on poly/titanium dioxide composites", by Erwin Fundador (Dept. of Food Sci. & Chem.), in Banwa Journal, May 2017
- The research on the Hullubaton oral epics of the Mandaya indigenous people by Genevieve Quintero (Humanities) has been accepted for publication by the National Commission on Culture and the Arts.

Research completed:

- "Effect of Climate Variable on Income of Agriculture and Aquaculture Farmers in Davao Region: A Ricardian Approach" by Pete Alviola (School of Mgt.), et al
- "Valuing A Community-Based Sea Ranching of Sandfish, *Holothuria scabra*" by Vlad Shuck (SOM) and Ruth Gamboa (Dept. of Bio. Sci. & Environ. Stud.), et al

Participation in international conferences:

- GISTAM 2017: 3rd Int'l Conf. on GIS Theory, Applications, and Mgt. Conference, Portugal, 27-29 April, 2 May: Papers contributed by Cinmayii Garillos and Joseph Acosta (Dept. of Math., Physics, and Comp. Sci.)
- International Conference on Food, Environment and Culture, BSU, 15-18 May 2017: Presentations by Aurelia Gomez, Larry Digal, and Roxanne Aguinaldo (SOM)
- Luis Hualda (SOM) joined an experts meeting on the New Urban Agenda at the United Nations, New York on 14-15 June. This aims to integrate food security and nutrition in urban and territorial planning.
- Albert Ramos (Hum. Kinetics) participated in the Inclusion Through Sports (ITS) training program held on 4-11 July in Kenya. This program uses sport to improve social inclusion of young people and is implemented in eleven countries.

Grant received:

- DOST PCHRD Research Grant, P3.276 Million, received in May 2017, for the research project "Isolation and Purification and Structure Elucidation of Potential Anti-cancer compounds from bio-active extracts; Year 2", JG Tolentino (DFSC), project leader

New research project:

- GEO SAFER Mindanao (Geo-Informatics for Systematic Assessment of Flood Effects and Risks towards a Resilient Mindanao), Project Leaders Meeting, 11 April, Caraga State University, Butuan City; Joseph Acosta, Project Leader

Research and Creative Work Development:

- Participated in DOST Workshop on Establishment of Food Safety Hubs, 18 May, Manila and crafting of UP Mindanao Food Safety R&D Hub, 29 May; Dean Dominica Dacera, proponent
- The Philippine Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology 44th PSBMB Convention will be on Nov. 29 to Dec. 1, 2017 in Davao City. A Planning meeting was held on 19 May between the UP Mindanao team lead by Chancellor Concepcion and the PSBMB team of Grace Yu and Frank Heralde
- Workshop on Thesis-Writing for Humanities-BA Communication Arts Program participated by upcoming fourth year students, 29-31 May



NEW DAVAO WRITERS GUILD officers took their Oath of Office on June 7 before Davao City Councilor Pilar Braga (left-most), chairperson of the City Committee on Education, Science and Technology, Arts and Culture. Among them are faculty members John Bengan, Jhoanna Cruz Daliling, and Darylle Rubino (Humanities)



EXT 3 YEARS. The new officers of Writers Guild take their oath with Councilor Pilar C. Braga and guild members. The officers also presented Braga with a copy of the book, "Best of Dagmay 2", a publication containing the literary works by local writers published over the past three years.

As resource persons:

- JOHN BENGAN, *panelist. Ateneo de Davao Univ. Writers Workshop, 22-26 May; and lecturer of "Lecture on Mindanao Literature"* in Komisyon ng Wikang Filipino Orientation for K-12 teachers. Dapitan/ Bulacan. April/ May 2017
- KENETTE JEAN MILLONDAGA (Soc. Sci.). Speaker, "*Leadership Development and Capacity-building for Gender and Ecological Justice*", Ecumenical Women's Forum, National Council of Churches in the Phils./In Peace Mindanao, 25 May
- RAYMUNDO PAVO, External reviewer. Review of Women's Studies (UP Diliman) and Social Ethics Society Journal of Applied Philosophy (Mindanao Chapter)

Towards Excellence in Public Service

LiDAR 2 map turnover and forum in Davao City

THE University of the Philippines Mindanao LiDAR 2 research program held its 5th Map Turnover Ceremony and Resource Mapping Forum in Davao City on May 30. Some 11 local government units from Region 11 received sets of agricultural, forest, coastal and bio-mass resource maps from the research program.

Davao City Councilor and Council Agriculture Committee Chairperson Marissa Abella, who graced the Forum, received a set of Davao City maps from Donatelo Tangilan.

TURNOVER. Prof. Annabelle Novero (left) hands over maps to officials of the local government of Maco, witnessed by Chancellor Sylvia Concepcion.

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A BASIC JOURNALISM SKILLS WORKSHOP was given on 29-30 May for teachers of 14 public high schools in Davao City. Antonino de Veyra and Khurshid Kalabud (Humanities) served as resource persons for the Office of Extension.



JOURNALISM WORKSHOP. Public school teachers at the submission of the Basic Journalism Skills Workshop provided by UP Mindanao through organizers (seated, left-right) Asst. Prof. Nino de Veyra, Asst. Prof. John Bengan, instructor Khurshid Kalabud, and Director Michael Gatela.

Journ training for public HS teachers



DAVAO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN launching event on 7 July benefited from UP Mindanao. Students designed art for the billboards, streamers, brochures, and the Plan document, and for the bags, shirts, flash-drives, notepads, pens, and fans. An animation video for the stage backdrop was produced, the UP Mindanao Koro Kantahanay chorale performed, and faculty member Julius Piala (Humanities) was emcee. Aurelia Gomez (SOM), representative to the Reg'l Dev't Council, served as coordinator and also as reviewer of the Plan document.



TRAINING ON BASIC CACAO PRODUCTION and a Field Visit were held on July 14 for farmers from the UP Mindanao Land Reservation in Compostela Valley Province. Some 51 farmers of the Dibabawon indigenous people representing the Laak Multi-Purpose Cooperative, participated. Cacao seedlings were provided by Dept. of Agriculture.



CHOCOLATE PROCESSORS' FORUM, organized by City Agriculturist's Office, was hosted by UP Mindanao on 26 May with some 66 stakeholders and the UP Mindanao Dept. of Food Science and Chemistry



ART WORKSHOP: Youth residents of Bago Oshiro, Davao City display their Certificates of Participation after completing the Summer Art Workshop for Youth on May 23. Datto Bago-awardee Prof. Teody "Bong" Perez (standing, 5th from right) served as Resource Person in the one-day workshop. The

participants exercised the basic execution of visual art using colored and lead pencils. The event was organized by the UP Mindanao Office of Extension and Community Service under Director Michael Galita (standing, third from left). UPMN PHOTO

YOUTH RESIDENTS of Bgy. Bago Oshiro, Davao City availed of the Summer Art Workshop for Youth on 23 May. Teody Perez served as resource person for the Office of Extension and Community Service.

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM won third place in the 1st Sagrado de Jesus Football Festival in Samal City on 2 July.



Towards Operational Excellence



ELECTED 5th STAFF REGENT was Ms. Analiza S. Fulvadora, Scholarships Officer and chapter president of the All UP Workers Union. Selection began with convening of campus-level ad hoc committee on June 27 and call for nominations; Two nominees were presented, both from UP Mindanao. Elections were held on campus (below) on 18 July. The turnover of office, and oath-taking were held in conjunction with the UP Board of Regents Meeting on 27 July.



Union and Sectoral activities



BRIGADA ESKWELA (left) was done by All UP Workers Union on 17 May in Ladi-an Elementary School in the UP Mindanao Land Reservation in Davao City.



Consultation on the Merit Promotion Instrument, 14 June



left: On-line consultation on the Public Service Handbook, 13 June



Suicide-prevention forum training, 19 June



Nationwide Earthquake Drill, 29 June



Administrative matters



CITY ADMINISTRATOR ZULEIKA LOPEZ met with Chancellor Sylvia Concepcion on 20 June to discuss mutual roles in the development of the Davao City Sports complex in the campus.



Davao City Councilor Bonifacio Militar, Chair of the City Properties Committee, consulted UP Mindanao on 22 June regarding the letter of the Army Reserve Command-XI to President Duterte asking for an area inside the campus.



UNIVERSITY RECORDS ROOM held its soft-opening on 5 June at the 3rd Floor of the Administration Building.



Retirement



ANTONIO G. MORAN (Soc. Sci.) was given a Testimonial Ceremony on 6 June on the occasion of his retirement from service.