

Chancellor's Report

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Towards Excellence in Instruction

Master of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning



The newly-reopened program, Diploma and Master of Arts in Urban and Regional Planning, was formally launched by Dept. of Architecture on 18 August with School of Urban and Regional Planning Dean Mario de los Reyes. At the ribbon-cutting are (L-R) Isidoro Malaque, SURP Asst. Prof. Carmeli Chaves, Dean Mario de los Reyes, Chancellor Sylvia Concepcion, Dean Jean Juanga, Dept. Chair. Myrafe Ylagan, Ar. Danilo Lim, Mark Puso, Alexei Ibañez, and Ryan Songcayauon.



Training Gym



The Multi-Purpose Training Gym, the first sports facility to be completed in the Davao City-UP Sports Complex, is presently being equipped with sports equipment by the Dept. of Human Kinetics



Photo shows athletes and coaches representing badminton, chess, swimming, volleyball, basketball, and football varsities

SCUAA-XI Sports Meet

In the State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association-Region 11 meet held on 26-29 October in Tagum City, UP Mindanao sent 65 athletes distributed in 8 teams:

- Swim Varsity were Swim Champions with 28 gold medals, 8 silver, and 1 bronze
- Women's Football were Champions in Futsal earning the gold medal and a trophy
- Chess Women's and Badminton Women's Varsity won 1 silver medal each
- Other Teams: Volleyball (W), Chess (M), Table Tennis (M), and Basketball (M)

Dula 2017

DULA 2017 UP Mindanao Sports Festival was on 23-25 October:

- The competition games were: Dagan-Dula foot race, Teams Banner-Raising, Basketball for Men, Volleyball for Men and Women, Chess for Men and Women, Dama for Men and Women, Table Tennis for Men, Women, and Mixed Doubles, Badminton for Men, Women, and Mixed Doubles, and Bowling.
- Exhibition games were played for: Scrabble, Football, Philippine Games/Amazing Race, and Cyber-games.



UPCAT

UP Mindanao served as UPCAT Test Center for Davao City. On 21-22 October, UP Mindanao served its biggest cohort in its service as a Test Center with 1,080 applicants. Photo shows some applicants before the test.



Carnegie Mellon University-Australia

Dean Emil Bolongaita of Carnegie Mellon University-Australia visited on 15 August to discuss possible collaborations. Dean Bolongaita said CMU-A signed a program with CHED

for faculty and staff of Philippine HEIs to study at CMU-A on full scholarship. Photo shows Dean Jean Juanga, Dean Dominica Dacera, Dr. Bolongaita, VCAA Nilo Oponda, and Dean Larry Digal.

Debate Society

UP Mindanao Debate Society achieved first-time accomplishments in 2017:

- It hosted the 36th Mindanao Parliamentary Debate, for the first time, on 22-23 September 2017 with 152 debaters from 18 schools
- It won its first championship trophy at the 2017 Mindanao International Humanitarian Law Debates, held 13-15 October in Davao City

UP-Mindanao Team B won over Xavier University in the finals on the motion, "This House Regrets the Airstrikes in Marawi". The champion team was composed of [in photo, L-R] Andres Segovia (4BA Communication Arts), Karl Butalid (4BA Anthropology), Bryle Bacatan (4BS Food Technology)



Towards Excellence in Research and Creative Work



In the 2017 Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Awards for Literature held on 1 September:

- First Prize, English Division-Short Story, "Disguise" by John Bengan (Humanities). The story portrays a city official who drives a taxi at night to watch over his city—a reference to an anecdote about former city mayor Rodrigo Duterte. Published in BooksActually's Gold Standard, Math Paper Press, Singapore.

(photo from JB Bengan)

Dept of Mathematics, Physics, and Computer Science produced the publications:

- "Text Mining in Organizational Research" and
- "Text Classification for Organizational Researchers, A Tutorial",
both published in "Organizational Research Methods", Sage Journals, August 2017
- "Cuckoo Search via Lévy Flights for the Capacitated Vehicle Routing Problem" and
- "Cuckoo Search via Levy Flights applied to Uncapacitated Facility Location Problem",
both in "Journal of Industrial Engineering International", Springer Link, August 2017
- "Measuring System Usability and Readiness of System Users for Basic Healthcare Awareness and Education" and
- "Design and Development of an Online Repository System for Thesis and Special Problem Manuscripts",
both in "International Journal on Open and Distance e-Learning", Vol. 3, No. 1
- "A Comparison between Conventional and High-Priority Bus Services in Davao City"
In "Banwa" Journal, October 2017



In the 30th Anniversary Celebration of Southern Mindanao Agriculture, Aquatic, and Natural Resources Research and Development Consortium (SMAARRDEC), held 23-25 August in Davao City, were the research projects:



- “Use of LiDAR Technology for Resource Mapping”
- “Comparison of Wheat and Underutilized Local Flours” and “Utilization of Adlai Flour in Bibingka” from the Dept. of Food Sci. and Chem.
- “Improvement of Sago Palm Seed Germination” and “Improving Somatic Embryogenesis for Coconut” from the Dept. of Bio. Sci. and Environmental Studies
- “Granulation in Pummelo” and “Valuing Community-Based Sea-Ranching of Sandfish” done in cooperation with biology, food technology, and agribusiness.

Photo shows Research Director Dr. Emma Bayogan receiving awards from SMAARRDEC Director Dr. Danilo Pacoy on behalf of UP Mindanao

In the 11th Philippine National Health Research System (PNHRS) Week, held 22-25 August:

- Gayle Lagmay (BS Food Tech. 2016) was 1st Prize winner-Undergraduate Research Paper Oral Presentation for “Photocatalytic and Antimicrobial Studies of Polyhydroxybutyrate- CO- Hydroxyhexanoate Nanocomposite Film”

Her study shows that biofilms have potential as packaging material for food and as material for wastewater treatment in the textile industry.

In the 7th Regional Health Research and Development Expo, 21-22 September, Davao City:

- Elizabeth Velasco (BSFT 2017), 1st Place, Research Paper Presentation and 1st Place-Poster Exhibit for “Development of Antimicrobial Durian Starch-Carrageenan/Carvacrol Films”. (photo from EZ Velasco)



- Ruby Ricalde (BS Agribusiness Economics 2017), 2nd Place-Poster for “Optimal Diets of Indigenous Children in Conflict and Non-Conflict Areas of Davao del Norte”

In the Philippine Society of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology International Banana Conference and 1st PSBMB Mindanao Scientific Conf., held 26-27 October in Gen. Santos City, were:



- Papers by BS Biology graduates in the Young Scientists' Forum (YSF)
 - "Assessment of Intra-Individual Heterogeneity of *Metroxylon sagu* Rottb."
 - "Isolation of an Alpha-amylase Gene from *Saccharomycopsis fibuligera* 2074"
 - "Optimization of Coconut Calloid Induction and Proliferation"
 - Presentations by faculty members
 - "Biotechnology Researches at UP Mindanao"
 - "Davao Region plant extract library for screening of bioactivity against various diseases and isolation and purification of potential anti-lung cancer compounds"
 - "Utilization of Sago Palm Zygotic Embryos for Cryopreservation"
 - "Raw Starch Digesting Amylases from Indigenous Sources"
 - Scientific posters
 - "Molecular Surveillance of Rotavirus A in Backyard Pig Farms"
 - "Improving Sterilization and Tissue Culture Methods of Coconut"
 - "Understanding the Genetics of Spine Formation in Sago Palm"
- In the photo are Cyrose Millado, Mae Asumbrado, Lyre Murao, Michael Bacus, Reu Enguito, Annabelle Novero, Agape Valila (photo from CS Millado)

In the 2017 International Conference on Physical Education, Recreation, Fitness, and Sport Science, held 26-28 October in Davao City, were papers from Dept. of Human Kinetics:

- "Leisure Activities of Two Resettlement Sites"
- "Motivational Facets of Filipino Players in Multi-Player Online Battle Arena"

Towards Improved Research Capability

Training for improved research capability was pursued with the continuing series of seminars organized by the Office of Research:



- New faculty members who were trained ala “TED Talks” gave “popular-ized” lectures in "The Inaugural Lectures: Knowledge x Change" (above) on August 30:
 - Leah Miñoza (Social Science) delivered “Contractualization-A Love Story”
 - Darylle Rubino (Humanities), “Abstract Roads to Concrete Poems”
 - Mae Responde (Biological Science), “I Am Spider-Woman”
 - Jedi Ebarle-Bangcaya (Management), “Wealth from ‘the Poor Man’s Cow’”
 - Marbie Alpos (Food Science), “Secret Shelf Life of Fruits and Vegetables”
 - Kenneth Montajes (Mathematics), “Minding the Energy Gap”
 - Kristin Olalo (Architecture), “Do You Want to Build a Shelter?”
 - Kim Ligue (Mathematics), “The Curious Case of the Matina Flooding”

In the photo are Michael Bonghanoy, Dr. Emma Bayogan, MA Responde, DL Rubino, KM Olalo, MA Alpos, KP Montajes, JE Bangcaya, and KB Ligue

- A workshop on research communication, “How to Present Your Research in Scientific Conferences” was provided on 22 September with Dr. Inez Ponce de Leon of Ateneo de Manila University as resource person for 50 UP-Mindanao researchers.
- The Technology Transfer and Business Development Office provided a “Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights” for researchers on 23 October featuring speakers from the UP System TTBD and the Intellectual Property Office of the Phils.

Towards Excellence in Extension and Public Service



UP MINDANAO LAND RESERVATION in Laak, Compostela Valley benefited with Banana Flour and Cake Production training (in photo above) for Dibabawon indigenous people on 15-16 August; “Gender Sensitivity Training” for teachers and barangay functionaries was held on 23-24 October.



UP-NGCP PROJECT “NURTURING GRASSROOTS CHANGE THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS” livelihood training was undertaken by Office of Extension and Community Service (OECS) throughout September-November for residents of Bgy. Bago Oshiro. The training modules were on cacao nursery production, dessert and snack preparation, and meat processing.



Books from Dr. Juanita Nacu of UP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION-SAN DIEGO (USA) were donated to the Bgy. Bago Oshiro Barangay Library on October 11 by the Office of Extension. Bgy. Chair Chris Lapayag (center) received the donation.



The 14th Art Exhibit of Asst. Prof. Teody Perez (Humanities) was displayed throughout September at Seda Abreeza Hotel, Davao City. Photo shows Prof. Perez (4th from left) with art patrons.

Towards Operational Excellence



Human Resources Development Office provided:

- FORUMS ON SUICIDE PREVENTION for non-teaching staff on 19 June and for students on 9 November; the photo above shows the session on 14 August for faculty members with clinical psychologist Dr. Ericson Batican as resource person
- UPDATES ON FACULTY BENEFITS with a/Prof. Stella Salazar as speaker on 14 August
- WORKSHOP ON OFFICE COMMUNICATION with a/Prof. Karen Cayamanda on 9 October
- PREPARING FOR RETIREMENT with A/Prof. Maria Araceli Dans-Lee as speaker on 11 October

A series of forums were organized for campus safety:

- DISASTER MANAGEMENT TEAM leaders held planning meetings to review and refine contingency plans with inter-office team members on 15 September. The complete team convened on 10 October to review the set-up, materials, signage, and communication.
- FIRE PREVENTION ORIENTATION with a micro fire-drill was held for students and staff by Office of Student Affairs on 18 September with the Bureau of Fire Protection
- VEHICLE STICKERS are currently being issued to public and private vehicles plying the campus. Guidelines for safe public transport were disseminated to campus constituents.





NON-TEACHING STAFF held its conference on the theme "Building an Effective Work Team Towards Operational Excellence" on 3-4 November, as seen in the photo above.

RECORDS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE held conferences on:

- File Classification Guide and Records Retention and Disposition Schedule on 2 October
- Presentation of Records Management Manual for End-User Validation on 17-18 November

EIGHT HOUSEHOLDS OF INFORMAL SETTLERS (in



photo) who are affected by the construction of the sports complex were provided with P10,000 by the Davao City LGU as assistance for their voluntary transfer to an adjacent area.



ALL UP ACADEMIC WORKERS UNION-UP Mindanao chapter held elections on 20 September with National President Carl Ramota.

Elected were Ruth U. Gamboa as president and Kennette I. Millondaga as VP for Faculty. An *Acad-Admin Unity Fiesta* boodle lunch was held on 27 October (right photo) to celebrate the Academic Union Month

