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Chancellor's Report

Prof. Sylvia B. Concepcion

18 November – 31 December 2017

Goal: Contribute to National Development



DAVAO CITY MAYOR SARA DUTERTE-CARPIO [in the photos, above] visited the UP-Mindanao campus on 5 December to view the developments in the Davao City-UP Sports Complex. She went to the newly-completed Multi-Purpose Training Gym [photo: top, left] and to the on-going construction at the Football Stadium and Track and Field Oval [bottom, right]. The Mayor led a ceremonial ribbon-cutting and unveiling of the building plaque at the Gym. Former congressman Isidro Ungab, who was instrumental in mobilizing the funds, led the briefing for the Mayor.

The Sports Complex is the gradual realization of a 20-year old agreement between UP and Davao City for the City to host international-standard sports events and for UP to provide the land and academic expertise. The facilities are funded by the General Appropriation Acts of 2015 and 2016 thru the DPWH and the UP System.

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MEMBERS OF LITERARY SOCIETY POSE WITH OFFICE OF RESEARCH STAFF AT KNOWLEDGE X CHANGE

OFFICE OF RESEARCH and Literary Society co-organized the "Inaugural Lectures Series 2: Knowledge x Change" on 15 November as an offering to the public. Psychologist Dr. Josefa Petilla gave a lecture on positive discipline for everyday life. Physics instructor Maynard Usares showed value-adding opportunities for cacao farmers. Math instructor Sherelyn Evangelio discussed public transport options for Davao City. Biologist Cyrose Silvosa-Millado spoke about cloning. Economist Roxanne Aguinaldo disclosed the debt trap experienced by poor farmers. A legacy lecture on plant-breeding was given by NAST Academician and former biology professor Eufemio Rasco. The lectures were delivered in a manner reminiscent of "TED" talks, and the open forums were done in a casual atmosphere. A launch ceremony was held for the UP-Mindanao YouTube channel featuring the first lecture series held in August. These modes were adopted as ways to popularize research findings.



THE 22ND MINDANAO CONVENTION of the Phil. Society for Microbiology on the theme "Strengthening Academe-Industry Partnership in Microbiology for a Sustainable Mindanao" was held on 17-18 November 2017 in Davao City, where Chancellor Sylvia Concepcion gave the Welcome Remarks. Researchers won recognition in the Scientific Poster Competition [*in the photo, left*]. Instructor Rovi Villame (Food Sci. and Chem.) was in 1st Place for "Rapid capture and detection of E.coli O157:H7 using biofunctionalized magnetic nanoparticles",

Michael Bacus (BS Biology) et al was in 2nd Place for "Molecular Surveillance of Rotavirus A in Backyard Pig

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Farms in Davao City”, and Shem Gempesaw (BSFT) et al was in 3rd place for “Study on the presence of bacteriocin-like inhibitory substances from lactobacillus curvatus F1I2”.



“NURTURING GRASSROOTS CHANGE THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS” PROJECT

NATIONAL GRID CORP. OF THE PHILS. sponsored the “Nurturing Grassroots Change Through Partnerships” project that mobilized livelihood training for residents of neighboring Bgy. Bagó Oshíro. Modules in cacao seedling production, meat processing, and snacks and desserts preparation, with integrative business modules were provided through invited experts and faculty members throughout September-November. The training was led by the Office of Extension and Community Service in partnership with NGCP, UP-CIDS, DOST-XI, Davao City LGU, and Bgy. Bago Oshiro, all of whom pledged their continuing assistance. A participatory planning session was held in December for the creation of the residents’ livelihood association.



ÓBU-MANÚVU Datu Joel Unad [*in the photo*] was among the guest speakers in the Science, Technology, and Society Colloquium held on 27 November. He spoke on the indigenous people’s role in environmental conservation and emphasized the students’ role to continuously write about issues and concerns in conservation. Earlier in the day, news reporter Henrylito Tacio shared his insights on “Popularizing Science”, and DOST’s Mirasol Domingo shared the “Directions and Priorities of the DOST”. The Colloquium was a joint activity of the STS classes of Prof. Ruth Gamboa (Biological Sci.)

[*with Datu Unad in photo*] and the UP Mindanao General Education Committee.

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EXTENSION PROJECTS were presented in the 2nd Colleges & Universities Public Service Conference (CUPSCon 2) on the theme “Compassion and Social Responsibility: Cornerstones of Public Service and Extension in Higher Education”, held in Cebu City in 28-29 November, where former president Alfredo Pascual gave a Keynote Speech. Case studies from School of Management were presented: on the improvement of farming systems of smallholder vegetable farmers by Prof. Vlademir Shuck [right, top]; the clustering of farms for capacity-building of smallholder farmers by Ella Vaquilar



[right, bottom]. The case of engaging

multi-stakeholder partnerships for the mango supply chain industry was included among the conference papers. Extension director Michael Gatela facilitated the conference session on “Multidisciplinary approaches in uplifting lives of marginalized communities” [left, bottom].

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

CONFERENCE (BEC 2017) Davao was held by Dept. of Architecture on 8 December on the theme “Sustainability and Resiliency in Architecture, Urban Design, and Planning”. Dr. Nathaniel Von Einsiedel, urban environmental planner, gave the Keynote Talk on the theme. Prof. Carmeli Chaves spoke on



BEC 2017: CONF. DIR. ISIDORO MALAQUE, KEYNOTE SPEAKER NATHANIEL VON EINSIEDEL, CHANCELLOR CONCEPCION, DEPT. CHAIR MYRAFE YLAGAN

“Planned city extensions as a response to rapid urbanization in Mindanao”. Prof. Cresencio Montalbo talked on “Cities and sustainable transport”, and Prof. Karen Jago-on spoke on “Water resource management for sustainable cities”. Faculty members Ryan Songcayauon (Architecture) presented findings on “Embodied energy of economic and socialized housing units in Davao City” and Raymundo Pavo (Social Sci.) talked on “Space and power in Roxas Night Market as Built Phenomenon”. BEC 2017 closed with the launch of the Built Environment Research Network (BERN) of professionals in urban planning. BEC 2017 conference enhanced the Masters in Urban and Regional Planning program and was funded thru the Academic Program Improvement.

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THE PHIL-LIDAR 2.B.13 TEAM AND LGU PARTNER

THE PHIL-LIDAR 2.B.13 resource-mapping project held their final map-turnover ceremony on 12 December after three years of operations funded by the DOST. Local government units received hard copies and soft copies of maps pertinent to their forest, coastal, or agricultural resources. The LGU beneficiaries were: municipalities of Polomolok (So. Cotabato), San Isidro, Davao Oriental, Cateel, Lupon, Banaybanay (all in Davao Oriental), and the Province of Davao Oriental LGU; Maco, Montevista, Nabunturan, New Bataan (all in Compostela Valley); Carmen, Panabo City, and Tagum City (all in Davao del Norte); and Hagonoy (Davao del Sur). Previous to this, the Phil-LiDAR 2 project held a free basic GIS training on December 7-8, 2017 for professional planners.



DEBATE SOCIETY (DebSoc) student organization culminated their best year to date in the 19th National Debate Championship and Union Cup, held on 16-21 December at Xavier University. UP-Min deployed four teams [*in the photo, left*] and ranked in the top 20 in the eliminations; eventually reaching the Open-Quarterfinals. In the Union Cup, UP-Min ranked in the top 4 in the Qualifiers and competed in the Grand Finals. They faced teams from UP-Diliman and University of San Carlos and won rounds against Far Eastern University, University of Sto. Tomas, and San Beda College, among others. The Office of the Chancellor and the colleges supported the DebSoc for the opportunities in training and learning in leadership provided by debates.

Goal: Optimize Use of Resources



TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER and Business Development was boosted in November with the offer of an opportunity to create an Innovation Center on-campus from the HEI Readiness for Innovation and Technopreneurship (HEIRIT) program of DOST-PCIEERD. For this, Chancellor Concepcion signed a Memorandum of Understanding with PCIEERD [*in the photo, left*] at the 1st Philippine Technology Business Incubator in Cebu. Asst. Prof. Miguel Guillermo (Math., Physics, and Comp. Sci.) and TTBDO OIC Lynda Buenaobra will undergo training to craft the proposal for the Innovation Center. In preparation for this, OIC Buenaobra attended the training on Strategic Intellectual Property Management for Effective R&I in Asian

Higher Education (SPIRE) on 26-29 November at Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS), Indonesia. SPIRE is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.

In addition, TTBDO proponent Melvin Pasaporte (BSFT 2009, MM 2013) was accepted to the Leadership in Innovation Fellowships (LIF4) training on technology commercialization at the UK Royal Academy of Engineering for January 2018. Mr. Pasaporte was chosen on the basis of his intellectual property, “Direct Lactic Acid Fermentation from Sago Starch..” that is undergoing patent processing at the IPO-PHIL.



TEODY PEREZ AND MISHAEL PUEBLAS WITH THEIR PAINTINGS

PAINTERS Asst. Prof. Teody Perez (Humanities) and alumnus Mishael Pueblas (BA Comm. Arts 2011) contributed two paintings each to “Beginnings and Beyond” art exhibit sponsored by Phoenix Petroleum Corp. for its 15th anniversary, held on display at SM Premiere Lanang Mall in December 2017. All paintings were purchased at premium prices by Phoenix Petroleum.

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In November, Prof. Perez was awarded “Honorable Mention” in the Advance Category of Colored Pencil Magazine Art Challenge, an international art contest originating from North Carolina, USA, for his entry “Fallen Leaves” [image on right].



SALES OF VISUAL ART from a continuing exhibit of Prof. Perez in a restaurant are generating modest income for UP Mindanao thru the Technology Transfer & Bus. Dev. Office.



ÓBU MANÚVU DATU LUIS LAMBAC OPENING THE BANANA WILT DISEASE TRAINING

TWO LAND RESERVATIONS are supervised by UP Mindanao. The lands--that cut across provincial boundaries--are not owned by UP but are covered by Certificates of Ancestral Domain Titles. Presidential Proclamations 1252 and 1253 mandates UP to contribute to training and development in the areas.

In Barangay Marilog located in the Marilog (Davao City)-Arakan (N.Cotabato) Land Reservation (area: 4,100 hectares) was provided the Training on the Prevention and Control Practices of Banana Wilt Disease on 21 November [in photo, above]. Twenty-one farmers of the Óbu-Manúvu indigenous people who plant Cardáva bananas attended. The resource person was plant pathologist Araceli Yebes of Bu. of Plant Industry.

In Barangay Kidawa, located in the Laak (Compostela Valley)-Vuela (Agusan del Sur) Land Reservation (area: 2,800 hectares), was held the Basic Cacao Production on 13 December, with 40 farmers of the Dibabawon indigenous people and members of the Kidawa Farmers Cooperative. Mr. Lendon Bacote of Kennemer Foods Inc. was the resource person. The trainings are part of the Land Reservation Management and Development programme supported by the UP System.

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PANAGTAGBO UP-Mindanao Alumni Association homecoming was held on 22 December despite stormy weather caused by Typhoon Vinta. Chancellor Concepcion gave updates and promoted the upcoming Innovation Center, where alumni could participate, she said, thru a holding company to nurture the products of knowledge towards commercial success. A ceremonial launch was held for the Search for Outstanding Alumni for 2018. The Panagtagbo Torch was turned-over [*in the photo, above*] from the current officers to the pioneer alumni batch who accepted the challenge of organizing the Panagtagbo in 2018.



RECORDS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SEATED) AND THEIR INTERNAL CLIENTELE

THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT MANUAL was presented to internal users for validation on 17-18 November. This output of the Records Management Committee is intended streamline record-keeping processes. Previous to this, the Committee opened the University Records Room for operation in June. The Mission/Vision of the Records Management Committee/Unit was copyrighted thru IPO-PHIL to accommodate a request from the UPLB to adopt the said Mission/Vision.

Goal: Promote Access and Diversity



DR. KC CHUAN (CENTER) AND AUN-QA SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS

ASEAN UNIVERSITIES NETWORK Quality Assurance Framework for Programme Assessment and Institutional Assessment was provided on 23 and 27 November for faculty members and member-schools of the Davao Colleges and Universities Network [top photo]. The resource person was Prof. Tan Kay Chuan/“KC”, Quality Assurance Officer of National University of Singapore. On 18 December an echo seminar was provided by Office of Extension and Asst. Prof. Aurelia Gomez (SOM) [in photo, below] to 9 higher educational institutions to help prepare regional HEIs for ASEAN integration.



DAVAO REGION HEIs AT AUN-QA ECHO SEMINAR LED BY ASST. PROF. GOMEZ (CENTER)



PROMOTING BA ANTHROPOLOGY program to high schools motivated the student organization Dalub-aral na may Ugnayan, Galing, at Organisadong Ningas na Ginagabayan ng Antroplohiya (DUGONG-Antro) to hold their 2nd City-wide Tagisan sa Agham Panlipunan in November with 14 teams from Davao City high schools competing on topics in anthropology, philosophy, and

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political science. Winners were teams from University of Mindanao [*in the photo, above*], University of the Immaculate Conception, Davao City National High School, Calinan NHS, Davao Chong Hua HS, and Holy Child College of Davao HS.



MANDAYÁ INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

hosted the book launch of "Popular Indigenous Games of the Mandayá and the Mansáka", on 24 November in the research site of Barangay LibayLibay [*in the photo, left*], Municipality of Maco in Compostela Valley Province. "Pangayam", a game that uses a spear called "palidok", the game "Sumpitan" that uses a hollow bamboo tube named "kamili", and the

"Busog", a game that uses the "tambuang" bow-and-arrow, were among the Mansáka games documented in the book. The book is a product of inter-disciplinary cooperation among researchers Assoc. Prof. Genevieve Jorolan-Quintero (Humanities), Senior Lecturer Emmanuel Nabayra (Social Sciences) and the Dept. of Human Kinetics.

WRITERS FROM VARIOUS MINDANAO

TOWNS were accepted to the 9th Davao Writers Workshop, held on 30 November – 4 December in Davao City. Four students of BA English



were among the 15 fellows were selected from 60-plus applicants from all over Mindanao. The stories, poems, and essays of the workshop fellows [*in the photo, above*] were worked on for improvement. Dr. John Labella of Ateneo de Manila University was the Guest Panelist and Keynote Lecturer. Faculty members who served in various capacities as panelists/ lectures/ organizers were Antonino de Veyra, John Bengan, Jay Quintos, Darylle

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Rubino, and Jhoanna Lynn Cruz-Daliling. A book-launch for “Bloodlust: Philippine Protest Poetry”, featuring poems from two faculty members, was also held during the Workshop. The Workshop was organized/sponsored by Davao Writers Guild, the National Commission on Culture and Arts, and UP-Mindanao, in line with its Mindanao studies agenda.

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY held an on-line soft-launching of the KOHA open-source Library Management Systems and the Library of Congress Classification System on 8 December simultaneous with members of the



LIBRARY STAFF AT THE MINDANAO-WIDE LAUNCHING OF KOHA LIBRARY SYSTEM

Mindanao Association of State Tertiary Schools Library Network (MASTLiNet). This Network is composed of 30 member-libraries of Mindanao-based SUCs, LGUs, and TESDA. This connectivity milestone is in pursuit of the “One VAM” (One Vision, One Access, One Mindanao) of the Network.



RESIDENTS OF BGY. BAGO OSHIRO AND U.P. MINDANAO STUDENTS AND FACULTY

HINIUSA: LEADERSHIP FOR WOMEN with the theme “Developing Leadership Skills Towards Livelihood” was held on 12 December in Bgy. Bagó Oshiro by the Society of Agribusiness Economists (SOABE) student organization with the Office of Gender and Sexual Harassment (OGASH). SOM faculty members gave lectures on women empowerment through the sharpening of communication skills, and on trust and creative skills. Team-building activities were done to test team work. Fun games were also facilitated in between to break the ice.

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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT was shared with drug reformists thru the "Sports and Music: Pakigdúyog Para sa Kaigsoónan sa Bgy. Bagó Oshíro", held on 14 December. Sporting games for social inclusion were facilitated by Instructor Albert Ramos (Human Kinetics), interactive music was led by Agipo band, and gift-giving of rice and other goods were facilitated by Office of Extension and Alpha Phi Omega student

organization. This initiative, supported by API funds, is an offering to the City Anti-Drug Abuse Council's T.A.R.A. N.A. (Tabángan Átong Reformist Áróñ Náa'y Asénso) program, which UP Mindanao committed itself to thru the Ceremonial Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement with City Mayor Sara Duterte on 24 November.

Goal: Improve Welfare of Constituents



SOME OF THE KASADYA LANTERNS

KASÁDYA CHRISTMAS LANTERN PARADE was held on 12 December on the theme, "Ipadán-ag ang Kaháyag: Pagpalíg-on sa Komunidád Pinaági sa Pagkaáנגgid ug Kalahían" (Light it UP: Strengthening Our Communities by Celebrating Differences and Similarities). The Pa-ílaw Lighting of the University Lantern was earlier, on 5 December, at the Oblation Plaza. The Kasádyá Lantern Parade started at the University Library and culminated in the Administration Building Atrium. Prizes were given for the best lanterns, building decoration, and dance contests. The Kasádyá celebration ended with a dinner a la "boodle-fight" for everybody.