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# USeP among Asia's best schools anew: QS

## USeP: one of the best schools in teacher education

The University of Southeastern Philippines-Tagum is cited by the House of Representatives as one of the best schools in teacher education in the country due to the exceptional performances of the education graduates in the recent licensure examination for teachers in the high school category.

USeP ranks 7th in high school teachers' licensure examination with a passing rate of 88 percent. This latest achievement was announced by Pasig

City Representative, Hon. Roman Romulo, chairman of the House committee on higher and technical education. Hon. Romulo said the 13 schools, USeP as the 7th, were the only ones with 50 or more examinees and with at least 80 percent of their examinees passing the last licensure exams for high school teachers. While there are other schools with at least 80% of their graduates passing the exams, Representative **(turn to page 7)**

The recent Quacquarelli Symonds regional ranking of Asian universities reveals that the University of Southeastern Philippines is still one of the best schools in Asia.

For third year in a row, USeP, a state university in Davao City, joins the roster of top Asian universities. According to QS University Rankings: Asia, which is on its fifth edition, USeP occupies the 251-300 bracket. This was the same bracket occupied by USeP last year, while it was rated as top 201+ in **(turn to page 7)**

## USePian is top 4 in teacher's exam

Another USePian brought laurels to the cup of the university as Earshad Barroga Banjal successfully placed 4th in the top ten list of passers for the secondary program in the Licensure Examination for Teachers (LET) administered by the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) on September 29, 2013 to seventeen (17) testing centers in the country.

With a score of 92.20%, Earshad, a simple lad from Tagum City who graduated his Bachelor's degree in Biology in 2010 and later decided



Earshad Barroga Banjal

to earn educational units seeing the country's demand for **(turn to page 7)**

## English Camp for Korean Students in USeP

Forty (40) students from Pyunghae Technical High School in Korea attended the three-week English language camp organized by the University of Southeastern Philippines. The global English language study, was held in USeP Obrero campus, Davao City, for fourteen (14) days - December 24, 2013 - January 10, 2014.

The Korean students aged between 15 and 19, participated in various activities, including flea market, stage **(turn to page 6)**



## USEP as Center of Development in English

The Bachelor of Arts in English program of the University of Southeastern Philippines was recently awarded with the Center of Development in English by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The awarding rite was graced with the presence of CHED officials from Manila. Mr. Robert Besana and Rev. Fr. Danilo Isidro, SJ (Technical Committee for Multimedia Arts) with

Ms. Fatima Morales and Ms. Sevilla Galang (Office of Programs and Standards, Humanities Unit) join the USEP people in this souvenir photo. USEP President, Dr. Perfecto Alibin; College of Arts & Sciences Dean, Dr. Eveyth Deligero; and Language Chair, Dr. Catherine Roble received the plaque of recognition. *(Rowena C. Nuera)*

USeP at 35 years 

Experts from IIPi visits USeP ITSO 

CED alumni excel in different fields 

Faculty members present papers in international conference 

## EDITORIAL

### USEP is going more hi-tech

For three years in a row, USEP, is still one of the best schools in the Asian region. The recent Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) regional ranking of Asian universities reveals that the University of Southeastern Philippines is still one of the best schools in Asia. To live up to the public's expectation, USEP has to prove its worth by engaging in high technology though this is not the criteria of the QS.

The year that passed has seen USEP becoming more committed in adapting and integrating high technology to its programs and projects. With the help of the Institute of Computing, several programs and projects were launched to improve the physical facility of the university and to better the services catering the needs of the students.

First, the establishment of multimedia laboratory in the Institute of Computing. This laboratory is powered by high-end computers and is established for graphics, audio, video, and animation development as well as mobile apps development that includes applications for android and iPhone smart phones and tablets.

Second, the development of a Web Portal. Both the college of education and the institute of computing are responsible for this online virtual learning environment system which is aimed at providing accessibility to students and teachers of Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs).

Third, the improvement of university dedicated internet access service. The university upgraded its internet access line from 4MBPS to 10MBPS to improve the network infrastructure and address the problem of slow internet connection because this higher bandwidth provides better internet access including the installation of Internet Wi-Fi hotspots in the University for student-use.

Fourth, the implementation of the University Integrated Information System. This is a two-year project which hopes to automate basic transactions in the university. For its initial implementation, the Student Records Management Information System (SRMIS) was installed and used during the first semester 2013-2014 enrolment. This system which is one of the seven sub-systems to be implemented, holds student records from admission to graduation. In the early part of 2014, the Human Resource Information System (HRIS) and the Financial Management Information System (FMIS) will also be installed.

Lastly, the development of Online Accreditation System. This online system will serve as a databank for accreditation documents of colleges in the university. This system will preserve accreditation documents and will also ensure that those documents which are common among colleges will be shared and will always be available anytime, especially during accreditation visit.

(RCN)

## From the President's Corner

### USEP at 35 years

**Dr. Perfecto A. Alibin**



What the University of Southeastern Philippines has become after its 35 years of existence? How is it relevant today?

All these trying and enduring years, I have been a witness, both as an academic and administrator, of the University's transformation in the areas of instruction, research, extension, production and of physical infrastructure and facilities.

What was not thought of neither imagined before was its being included in the Academic IVY LEAGUE.

Years ago, we dreamed of having good buildings and infrastructures inside our campuses. We also dreamed of creating a name, a good image, a respected reputation, not just in the country but also in the Asia continent. And we have done that.

For 35 years, we have honored our passionate commitment to student learning - the University will do its best so it can provide the kind of graduates who can rightfully respond to the employment in the 21st century, and who are better equipped

to live more complete and rewarding lives and enrich our communities. We are able to produce high-calibre graduates because we continue to espouse the most important aspect of a USEP education, that is the assurance of quality. This is exemplified by the numerous citations, awards, and achievements the University has colared through the years.

For three consecutive years, from 2011-2013, the University has been part of the top 300 best schools in Asia per study conducted by the Quacquarelli Symonds Intelligence Unit. And among the schools in the Philippines that made it to the list, USEP consistently ranked fifth. Further, the Commission on Higher Education recognized the University as Center of Excellence in Teacher Education; Center of Development in Agriculture; Center of Development in Agricultural Engineering; Center of Development in English program; National University for Agriculture in Region XI; and Provincial Institute for

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### Democracy is healthy in USEP

No consensus exists on how to define democracy, but equality, freedom, and rule of law have been identified as important characteristics since ancient times.

In USEP, being an academic institution, academic freedom is alive and is being strictly observed. Thanks to our school officials who are not inferior or afraid or intimidated by the faculty members. It is always difficult to follow a "boss" who instructs like a monarch.

But academic freedom is not my issue here. My issue now, and the thing I would wish to discuss in this column is the democracy we so enjoy here in USEP. I am talking about it now because I notice that democracy is being ignored in USEP. And I think we ignore it maybe because democracy is alive. But the more we should be thankful because our school officials -

### On My Own

**Rowena C. Nuera**



president, vice presidents, deans, directors - are allowing us to enjoy this democracy.

Take for example the issue on DRSUS (Davao Regional State University System). For a while, the issue was dividing us. But never did any school official silence us - those anti DRSUS (this writer in particular). Until now, DRSUS is an issue that will continue to divide USEP. And until DRSUS will find its rest, it will cause noise and division in us and among us. That is an example of a very healthy democracy. No attempt to suppress and oppress freedom of expression.

Another example is the issue on biometrics. Gosh! I dread to discuss this but discuss I must. Because for one thing this issue is hot and it gets hotter by the minute. It is actually putting to test the spirit of democracy

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## Experts from IIPi visits USeP ITSO

Experts from the International Intellectual Property Institute (IIPi) visited the University of Southeastern Innovation and Technology Support Office (USeP ITSO)

Last April 10, 2013, USEP-ITSO held an event concerning Intellectual Property needs assessment and roundtable discussion, led by Dr. Romel Gador, ITSO manager of USeP and dean of the College of Technology with the IIPi and IPOPHL representatives, personnel from IIPi, USPTO, IPOPHL and USEP-ITSO. Guests from the International Intellectual Property Institute (IIPi) Experts namely Mr. Andrew Jaynes, Executive Director and General Counsel of IIPi; Mr. Jayson

Nickla Director of Intellectual Property of UNMC; Ms. Remedios N. Garcia, Intellectual Property Rights Specialist III (IPOPHL); and Ms. Ma. Amelou Lim, Intellectual Property Rights Specialist V; did the evaluation. While the USEP was represented by Ms. Liz Faunillan, Ms. Melanie Pagkaliwagan, Engr. Michael Machica, Prof. Joel Ayon and the Vice President for Research, Development and Extension, Dr. Sophremiano Antipolo.

According to Mr. Jaynes Intellectual properties such as Patents, Copyrights, Trade Secrets and Trademarks must be safely protected. He further mentioned the importance of  
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## USeP Library is under major renovation

To strengthen the library resources and comply with the recommendations of Accreditors, the USeP library is undergoing a major renovation.

Lately, the students were complaining because they could not use the library for research and other academic-related purpose but their complaints were turned to delight when they learned that the limited use of the library was due to renovation and repair and that comes January 2014 a beautiful, spacious, and more organized library will soon operate for the USeP community.

The chief librarian, Ms. Michelle Nugas led the library personnel in

the rigorous task of library make-over especially during the inventory of books as per request by the COA (Commission on Audit).

This year the University Library has accomplished the following activities: 7th PHILBIST Conference and Book Fair, Book Fair and Conference (where Faculty members select and evaluate books for acquisition), received book donations from Yoshiko of Japan, De-selection of Library Materials (Faculty members evaluate books to be weeded out - per specialization), Library Orientation, Received foreign visitors from Bangladesh and Netherlands, and library renovations. (RCNuera)

## Summer training program for multigrade teachers

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP) through its College of Education, in partnership with Department of Education Central Office, through the Bureau of Elementary Education, extended training to DepEd multigrade teachers from Regions IX, X, XI, XII and XIII. The training which was held in summer of 2013 was part of the Multigrade Program in Philippine Education. Simultaneous trainings were also conducted in Luzon and in Visayas.

The training has provided the 82 participants with the opportunity to improve their competence in pedagogy specifically on the-what and the-how in teaching multi-grades using the paradigm of developmental  
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## USeP IC team bags 9th SWEEP Ideaspace Award



USeP Team with SMART Telecommunications CEO Manny V. Pangilinan

A team of four students from the Institute of Computing of the University of Southeastern Philippines clinched the Ideaspace Award and a Php 100,000 cash prize for presenting the best business plan among the ten national finalists to the ninth (9th) Smart Wireless Engineering Education

Program (SWEEP) Innovation and Excellence competition, an annual industry-academe awards program backed by Smart Telecommunications, held on February 13-14 at the SMART Tower in Makati City. This is the third year in a row that USeP entered into the finals of the same competition.

For the last two years, student teams from the University's College of Engineering made it to the finals. This year, two student teams from the USeP Institute of Computing, Team Doc Banana and Team Wordify, qualified into the competition's finals. Wordify got the Ideaspace Award and cash prize for presenting the best business plan among the ten finalists.

Wordify and Doc Banana are both digital image processing-based  
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# USeP celebrates 35th founding anniversary

The University of Southeastern Philippines, the first state university in the Region, commemorated its 35 years of service to the public, mainly the students. USeP was founded on December 15, 1978 when Batas Pambansa Bilang 12 was passed. In celebration of USeP's 35th founding anniversary, the University had set six-day activity-based program that started on December 15.

The University's 35th foundation celebration was simple, as compared to previous years, in deference to Typhoon Yolanda victims. Early in December, (the foundation month), the University donated goods/in-kinds and cash to the typhoon victims.

Among the highlights of the celebration were bloodletting and alumni homecoming, December 15; students intramurals, December 16-19; technology forum, December 19; and, giving of loyalty awards and most outstanding awards in the areas of instruction, research, and extension, and simple get-together of faculty and staff, December 20.

The opening ceremonies on December 16, 9:30 am at the USeP Gymnasium and Cultural Center was graced by Arch. Daniel T. Lim (president of Davao City Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Inc.) as keynote speaker, represented by Mr. John Y. Gaisano, Jr., trustee and past president of DCC-CII; and members of the USeP Board of Regents, among others.

In its 35 years of service to the public, it is worth mentioning that the University has achieved a lot. For three

years in a row, from 2011 to 2013, USeP is hailed as one of the top 300 Asian universities as rated by education and career network Quacquarelli Symonds (QS). Also for three consecutive years, USeP ranks fifth among the Philippine universities that made it to the QS list. When it comes to recent performance in licensure examinations,

vincial Institute for Agriculture.

With these laudable recognitions of the University, President Alibin encouraged the academics and researchers to produce more technologies, innovations and other creative educational outputs.

"I challenge all members of the USeP family to continue to instill in ourselves

the values of creativity, efficiency, integrity and productivity in our public service, for surely, these values will further lead to superior accomplishments and performance of our very own University in the coming years", Alibin added. He also encouraged the front-line offices to deliver pleasant, efficient and reliable service transactions.

The foundation celebration gathered the officials of the University headed by President Perfecto A. Alibin with the three Vice Presidents: Dr. Rodolfo C. Sumugat, VP for Administration, Dr. Marcelo M. Angelia, VP for Academic Affairs, and Dr.

Sophremiano B. Antipolo, VP for Research, Development and Extension; and the faculty, staff, students and alumni of the five (5) campuses of the University located in Obrero, Davao City (main); Mintal, Davao City; Apokon, tagum City; Mampising, Mabini, Compostela Valley Province; and Bislig City, Surigao del Sur.

The 35th anniversary celebration with the theme "USeP: Towards Global Excellence in the Third Millennium" was hosted by the College of Governance and Business. (USeP PIO)



a USeP graduate ranked fourth in the September 2013 Licensure Examination for Teachers for the Secondary Level. The University's pioneer graduates of Bachelor of Science in Geodetic Engineering program performed well in the board exam. The University is also recognized as the Center of Excellence for Teacher Education; Center of Development for Agriculture; Center of Development for Agricultural Engineering; Center of Development for English Program; National University for Agriculture in Region XI; and Pro-

## NEWS BITS

### Two USEPIans won as Best Bakers

Two students from the Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management of the Evening Program won two plaques with P10 thousand cash prize and free round trip ticket on each contestant as Regional Winner for Visayas and Mindanao on the URC Flourish Pilipinas Bake Off Competition which was held August 9-10, 2013 in Davao City. The Baking Academy and Bake off Competition is one of the highlight projects of tourism as partnered with food culture expo which was participated in by all colleges and University all over Visayas and Mindanao.

The Baking academy were able to select top 30 original concocted recipes which duly evaluated by best chef d partie in Manila. After a thorough deliberation only 15 competitors will compete in the final round for the actual baking process given 1 hour and 30 minutes from baking process to plating. Only top ( 6 ) six will be chosen as regional winner and (2) two USEPIAN students were able to win as two of the top six best baker enthusiasts, to wit: Daryl L. Tacang and Luther A. Roquero both are third year students of BSHM Evening College.

The winners were trained by Professor Sharon L. Binoya as head coach /program coordinator and assisted by Prof. Raquel Trucio HM faculty with the leadership of Dr. Danilo Galarion, Director Evening College.

### Geodetic engineering grads perform well in board exam

Results for the Geodetic Engineers Licensure Examination, released by the Professional Regulation Commission this month, showed that the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) got 85.71 passing percentage as against the national passing rate of 37.50.

Six out of seven first batch of USEP Bachelor of Science in Geodetic Engineering graduates passed the licensure examinations given by the PRC in Manila.

Another program of the USEP College of Engineering, the BS Electrical Engineering, also performed well in the licensure examination given in Manila, Davao, and Cebu cities. The University got 76.6 passing percentage, while the national passing rate was 53.64.

Likewise, 16 out of 21 first batch of graduates of the University's Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering passed the licensure examination.

The University started offering the BS Geodetic Engineering and BS Mining Engineering programs in 2008 in response to the needs of the region. The USEP administration believes that the performance of its graduates in the licensure examinations is a good start for the two new engineering programs that have been receiving support from the industry through donation of laboratory equipment, faculty training and student scholarships.(USEP PIO)

## USEP, SMC Global Power ink MOA for scholarship

The University of Southeastern Philippines has signed a memorandum of agreement with San Miguel Corporation (SMC) Global Power, a subsidiary of SMC for the implementation of a student scholarship program.

President Perfecto A. Alibin represented the University, while general manager Miss Elenita D. Go, represented the SMC Global Power Holdings Corporation. Both Alibin and Go encouraged the scholars to study hard and treasure the opportunity given to them.

Sixteen (16) students of USEP qualified in the scholarship program. They are all under the College of Engineering: seven (7) Electrical; four (4) Mechanical; one (1) Geodetic; 1 Mining; and one (1) Geology.

Among the benefits of SMC Global Power scholars are the following: free tuition and miscellaneous fees;



USEP President Perfecto A. Alibin (2nd from left), SMC Global Power Holdings Corp General Manager Elenita D. Go (extreme right), some officials of USEP and SMC Global Power and the 16 student-scholars from the University of Southeastern Philippines in a posterity pose after the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between SMC Global Power and USEP.

book allowance; monthly allowance; and free board and lodging during board review. The student-scholars will also have the chance of getting employed with SMC subsidiaries.

Orientation and signing of letter of understanding with the scholars, as well as awarding of scholarship certificates also happened in the same event.

## USEP launches teacher resource web portal

To provide an internet-based knowledge resource management system for teachers and teacher education students, the University of Southeastern Philippines officially launched the teacher resource web portal at the College of Education Training Center.

The teacher resource web portal aimed at providing easily accessible, reliable, and free resources that will help teachers and students of teacher education institutions (TEIs) upgrade their competence. Specifically, it was developed for the following purposes: to share teaching and learning resources through the web portal; to provide online access to review materials for licensure examination for teachers; and to provide an arena for sharing teaching and delivery systems and other learning innovations. This functional web portal for online sharing of resources and collaboration is housed in a computer hub in USEP College of Education.

Hosted by the current USEP website, the web portal will allow teachers to upload files classified into categories such as learning materials, researches, assessment or examination, among others.

Dr. Alibin, USEP President was quoted saying in his message, "With the Teacher Resource Web Portal in

the University, I am certain that USEP can sustain its name in the educational map by being an instrument to development of teacher education institutions in Mindanao".

According to the Vice-President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Marcelo M. Angelia, "The teacher resource web portal is valuable especially for those who will be taking the licensure examination for teachers (LET) but has no budget to enroll in an extensive review center". He further stressed that web portal "Provides free access to online teacher resources and assessment instruments for LET".

The web portal was developed by the University's College of Education and Institute of Computing in partnership with the Commission on Higher Education which funded the project.

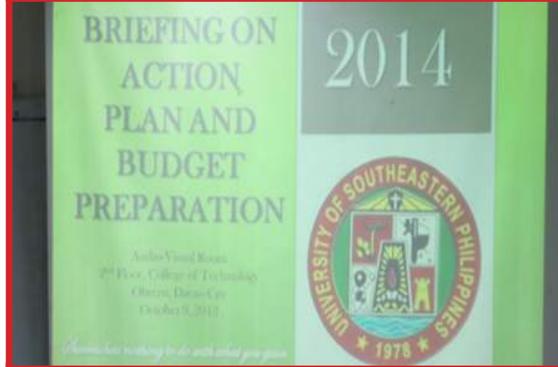
Being the Center of Excellence for Teacher Education and being the only one among state universities and colleges in Mindanao, the USEP College of Education was tapped by CHED to develop and administer the web portal designed for TEIs in the country.

USEP was the first to launch the teacher resource web portal among the seven SUCs in the country identified by CHED as Center for Teaching Excellence. (MCPagkaliwagan, USEP PIO)

# Action plan 2014 and budget preparation



**LAUNCHING AND BLESSING OF CADD.** USeP President, Dr. Perfecto A. Alibin cuts the ceremonial ribbon during the launching and blessing of the College of Engineering's CADD (Computer Aided Drafting and Design). Together with the President are the following officials: (Left-Right) CoE dean, Dr. Lyndon H. Roble; CHED representative, Dr. Louie Perez; and USeP-Tagum chancellor, Dr. Daniel T. Ugay. (Rowena C. Nuera)



## English... (Cont'd from 1)

play, games, speech choir, Philippine dances, theatre performances, and field trips during weekends - all focused on the use of English.

The teacher-lecturers emphasized English communication skills as the Korean-students have limited exposure to spoken English. Teachers did the lectures in the morning, while one-on-one tutorial happened in the afternoon. The morning classes also focused on Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC). Students were grouped according to their English levels, namely: basic, intermediate, and advanced. Besides learning English, they were also introduced to the Philippine culture and the education system of the country.

Perfecto A. Alibin, the USeP President, said that the camp was a good way for the Korean students to learn

the English language, and for the University students, who served as tutors, to interact with fellow students from another country, and also learn from them. Patricia O. Elbanbuena, the Camp Director, said it was refreshing to see young individuals so excited and enthusiast during the activities. The English Camp culminated in a graduation ceremony where students sang English songs and did informative speeches in English, and performed folk dances. During the culmination program, the students presented what they learned and practiced from their clubs.

The camp was the output of the partnership between the USeP represented by Pres. Alibin and Pyunghae Technical High School represented by Principal Baek Gi Heum. The two schools had the ceremonial signing of the business and academic cooperative agreement last December 24, 2013 in USeP, Obrero, Davao City. (USeP PIO)



**PARTNERSHIP.** The University of Southeastern Philippines, represented by President Perfecto A. Alibin (4th from left), and Pyunghae Technical High School, South Korea represented by Principal Baek Gi Heum (3rd from left), formalized their business and academic cooperative agreement on December 24, 2013 at the Office of the USeP President in Obrero, Davao City. Witnessing are the faculty and staff of the two academic institutions.

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2011.

Also for the third time, USEP ranks fifth among the Philippine universities that made it to the list. The top four (4) slots were still occupied by University of the Philippines; Ateneo de Manila University; University of Santo Tomas; and De La Salle University.

"Staying on the list of Asia's top universities for three consecutive

years is a big achievement for the University, given the number of higher educational institutions in Asia", President Perfecto A. Alibin said. The University President underscored that this is an output of the concerted efforts of USEP administrators, faculty, staff, and students.

USEP is the only state university (outside of the UP system) and the only school from Mindanao that made it to the top five (5) best schools in the country per QS ranking.

QS said on its website that the rank-

ing is based on the following criteria: academic reputation; employer reputation; faculty/student ratio; papers per faculty; citations per paper; international faculty review; international student review; student exchange inbound; and, student exchange outbound.

QS is the world's leading network for top careers and education. It launched the World University Rankings in 2004, and the Asian University Rankings in 2009. (*MCPagkaliwagan, USEP PIO*)

## USEPian...

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teachers, is 4th best among the 25,755 successful examinees for the BSED program.

According to the Board for Professional Teachers (BPT), only 50% of its total examinees from secondary and elementary programs have successfully passed this year's examination. USEP, on the other hand, takes pride for having exceeded the national passing rates of 39.75% and 31.18% for sec-

ondary and elementary teachers respectively. The top five list for the 2013 LET includes the University of Santo Tomas, University of the Philippines-Diliman, Bicol University, USEP, and Cebu Normal University (CNU).

Earshad expressed his sincerest appreciation to God, his family and cousins, his friends, teachers and classmates, including the Brokenshire College through his Facebook post "Kawaton nako ning taknaa arun magpasalamat ug mudayeg sa Labawng Kahitas'an nga Makagagahum sa tanan. Daghan salamat sa mga ni-

ayuda kanako nga makab'ot kini. Sa akong pamilya, mama ug papa, cousins, ug friends, teachers, classmates, Brokenshire College, Mrs. Marivic Birondo, BEST family ug sa mga level heads, supermegaextraduperultra "Thank You"". (I take this opportunity to thank the Good Lord and everyone who supported me).

He also added that the techniques will not be learned only through reading, one must "live by it, by heart". He closed his FB post saying that he is indeed a USEPian. (*IMGFernandez*)

## USEP: one...

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Romulo explained that they were excluded since they only had fewer than 50 examinees.

The licensure exams were given in March and September 2013 for elementary and high school instructors, respectively.

The following is cited by the House of Representatives as the best school for high school teacher education with the corresponding passing rate:

1. University of the Philippines-Diliman (91.66%); 2. Saint Louis Univer-

sity-Baguio (90.88%); 3. University of San Carlos-Cebu (90.16%); 4. University of Santo Tomas (89.59%); 5.

Philippine Normal University-Manila (89.43%); 6. Philippine Normal University-Agusan (88.83%); 7. University of Southeastern Philippines-Tagum (88.00%); 8. Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (84.06%); 9. Bohol Island State University-Tagbilaran (82.89%); 10. Polytechnic University of the Philippines-Taguig (82.26%); 11. Davao Oriental State College of Science & Technology (82.18%); 12. Xavier University-Cagayan de Oro (81.71%); and 13. Technological University of the Philippines-Cavite (80.65%). (*RNuera*)

## Experts...

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protection and promotion of traditional knowledge of the country's products. Mr. Jayson Nickla on the other hand discussed the capturing and commercializing of the University researches through the Technology Transfer Office. He explained its importance and benefit to the University and the people of the Country.

The second event, Roundtable Discussion, took place at the Research,

Development, and Extension (RDE) Conference Room, which was attended by the USEP-ITSO, IPI, IPOPHL representatives and stakeholders from different government agencies and private institutions.

Mr. Andrew Jaynes, Mr. Jayson Nickla, and Mr. Romel Gador presented Intellectual Property commercialization and invited stakeholders who attentively listen to their discussion. IPI personnel emphasized the importance of Intellectual Property to the inventor, to the University and to the Country as a whole.

## Summer...

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growth approach. As a teacher training institution, the University provides relevant trainings to teachers to enhance competence in pedagogy, and more importantly, provides avenue for multi-grade teachers to know how to analyze the core learning and rethink the paradigm of developmental growth as reflected in the age-grade approach.

The College of Education through its Teacher Training Center is the service provider in this endeavor. Facilitators include: Dr. Edna H. Jalotjot, Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr., Dr. Danilo Galarion, Dr. Marlyn Biton, Dr. Emmie Cabanlit, Prof. Leonardo Pongos, Ms. Lilibeth Cenojas and Ms. Raquel D. Almasa.

In the Philippines, multigrade teaching means teaching two or more grade levels in one classroom. It includes teaching a group of students with different levels of ability and for some instance, different ethnic groups.

As a Center of Excellence in Teacher Education, the College of Education continues to strive to support promotion of quality education in the country. (*Raquel Almasa*)

## Two graduates earned master's degree through ETEEAP

**Olie B. Dagala** and **Perla R. Pandan** earned their master's degree through the Expanded Tertiary Education Equivalency and Accreditation Program or ETEEAP of University of Southeastern Philippines. Both Mr. Dagala and Ms. Pandan earned their Master of Public Administration in Public Policy and Program Administration in the College of Governance and Business.

ETEEAP is a deviation from the traditional certification of learning in the educational learning system. Its legal basis is E.O. no. 330, Series of 1996 - "Adopting the Expanded Tertiary Education Equivalency and Accreditation Program as an integral part of the Educational System and designating the Commission on Higher



**Olie B. Dagala, MPA** **Perla R. Pandan, MPA**

Education as the Authority Responsible for its Implementation." USEP undertakes its privileged role as a deputized Higher Education Institution (HEI) to implement the Expanded Tertiary Education Equivalency and Accreditation Program (ETEEAP).

USEP-ETEEAP commits itself to contribute to the development of glob-

ally competent teachers, technologists, engineers, foresters, environment resource managers, administrators, and business leaders through academic equivalency and accreditation of relevant learning and experiences gained in the workplace.

At present, five academic programs are available through ETEEAP, to wit: Bachelor of Agricultural Technology and College of Education in USEP Tagum-Mabini; Bachelor of Science in Forestry in USEP Bislig & USEP Tagum-Mabini; Bachelor of Elementary Education in College of Education; Master of Business Administration and Master of Public Administration in College of Governance and Business; Master of Arts in Education in USEP Tagum-Mabini. *(Rowena C. Nuera)*

## CED alumni excel in different fields

The year 2013 was harvest year for the alumni of the College of Education. Some of them have brought recognition to the University in their fields of expertise.

Michelle V. Torres, who was a DepEd Scholar trained in USEP and completed Master of Education in Exceptional Children - Visually Impaired in 2012, and now a SPED teacher 1 in Dapitan city, was awarded second (2nd) place in the 2013 National Search for Outstanding SPED Teacher Handling Children with Visual Impairment.

Joining Ms. Torres was Jean Pavon. Jean was also a DepEd scholar trained in the University under its short-term program for teachers handling children with disabilities, and now a teacher at Maa SPED Center, Maa, Davao City. She was Region XI's winner for the 2013 Search for Outstanding SPED teacher handling Children with Visual

Impairment and became one of the National Nominees.



**SPED Teacher National awardee 2013 (Jean Pavon—Third from Left, Michelle Torres, Fourth from Left) during the Awarding on November 14, 2013 in Iloilo City.**

Still another alumna from the College of Education made USEP proud after being named by the Bato Balani Foundation and Diwa Learning Systems as National Awardee for the Many Faces of the Teachers Award.

Randy Halasan, a teacher at the Peg-alongan Elementary School in Marilog, received the prestigious award given to teachers who have recorded inspiring teaching experience and selfless community outreach services. Mr. Halasan inspired the award-giving body because of his contributions to the development of the Matigsalug community in Marilog district. *(Irish Mae G. Fernandez)*



**Mr. Randy Halasan with the Matigsalug Children in his school.**

## CED launches hospital-bound educational program



**Students of the Hospital Bound Education with some faculty members of CED.**



USEP through the CED Extension Office launched the Hospital Bound Educational Program last June 19, 2013 at SPMC-House of Hope. It is a research-based extension program of the College which caters cancer patients who are long staying in the Hospital for cancer treatment. This project gives more hope to children with cancer and regains their interest to continue their studies. This was made possible through the partnership of USEP, SPMC, DepEd, and office of the city mayor. *(Irish Mae G. Fernandez)*

## USEP at...

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### Agriculture.

Remarkable performance in government licensure examinations has also been consistent.

After 35 years, we now have different buildings that house our various colleges. And we are continuously exerting effort to build more classrooms and laboratories for our students. To rise next year are the Science Laboratory and the Industrial Electronics buildings. The Information Technology or the IT building is in the pipeline. We also have in our Obrero campus the biggest sports dome in the Region. Within the Obrero campus' perimeter are commercial stalls that help generate income for the University.

At present, the University practices equivalency and accreditation of programs, and provides online classes through the USEP Virtual Learning Environment, mainly utilized as a delivery system for the eMaster of Business Administration and Master of Education in Instructional Leadership. USEP also engages in internationalization of curricula through the use of videoconferencing facility, and the virtual learning environment.

When it comes to research development and extension, USEP does not just produce researches but transforms them into useful technology for the benefit of the community. USEP also emphasizes the significance of dissemination and utilization of research findings and the interplay of research and extension wherein research findings are used in extension activities.

Safeguarding of own innovations and technology as an output of research and development can now be done in the University through the USEP Innovation and Technology Support Office or ITS/O, which functions as a patent search facility, and library for patent information and patent processes. This is established in partnership with the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines or IPOPHL and the Department of Science and Technology.

USEP also partnered with various international organizations and academic institutions because the management believes that international linkages offer an effective and efficient opportunity for faculty and

student exchanges, collaborative research projects, and shared resources, among others. And just like big organizations, the University also invested for management information system (MIS), crucial element to planning and decision-making. The USEP MIS includes financial records MIS, student records MIS, human resource information system, library MIS, Records Office MIS, and property, equipment and supplies inventory system. USEP also has system for paperless teachers' evaluation and online grades access. The University also embraces Quality Assurance system.

After 35 years of existence, this is what the University of Southeastern Philippines has become. Learning these developments in the life of USEP, one can certainly say that this University is a center of education, training, research, and innovation which are sine qua nons to the development of the community and to the society as well. This explains why, in 2012, the University received an award, from the City Government of Davao, that is only given to an organization that has greatly contributed to the good image and socio-economic growth of Davao City.

These accomplishments and achievements of the University, which we thought were not possible years ago, are indicators of "consistency of purpose" towards quality education which somehow attained our vision of becoming a premier University in the ASEAN region. We have already made a name not just in the ASEAN region, but in the entire Asia continent.

With these laudable recognitions of our University, I encourage the academics and researchers to produce more technologies, innovations and other creative educational outputs. I challenge all members of the USEP family to continue to instill in ourselves the values of creativity, efficiency, integrity and productivity in our public service, for surely, these values will further lead to superior accomplishments and performance of our very own University in the coming years. I encourage our frontline offices to deliver pleasant, efficient and reliable service transactions. Lastly, may the core values of the University - Unity, Stewardship and Professionalism - be part of our set of values as



**Tinapa para sa biktima ni Yolanda.** CAS Language faculty and students pose after dropping off the donations of more than 500 tins of tinapa for the victims of super typhoon Yolanda at the Ascension of the Lord parish in GSIS, Matina. (Joy R. Risonar)

we continue to make our University of Southeastern Philippines sustain its being a premiere academic institution in the ASEAN region.

## Democracy...

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we so enjoy in the campus.

I have read somewhere that authentication by biometric verification is becoming increasingly common in corporate and public security systems. Biometrics is defined as the science and technology of measuring and analyzing biological data. In information technology, biometrics refers to technologies that measure and analyze human body characteristics, such as DNA, fingerprints, eye retinas and irises, voice patterns, facial patterns and hand measurements, for authentication purposes. Authentication is the process of determining whether someone or something is, in fact, who or what it is declared to be. In private and public computer networks (including the Internet), authentication is commonly done through the use of logon passwords.

My take on this issue is that using biometrics is not a guarantee that teachers are holding classes. Biometrics is a system for authentication, yes! But it does not help to authenticate the presence of the teachers INSIDE THE CLASSROOM.

But because our officials know the art of listening to the complaints, arguments, and issues of the USEP community, they are giving everyone a fair chance of honesty by allowing every faculty member to choose between biometrics or the traditional DTR (Daily Time Record). That is democracy in the truest sense of the word!

## Two faculty members to study in US under Fulbright Scholarship



**Ms. Mariche C. Llanto**

Ms. Mariche C. Llanto of the College of Education and Dr. Shirley Villanueva of USEP-Tagum have been awarded the Fulbright scholarship for the 2014-2015 academic year. Both will study in the United States. Ms. Llanto is a principal candidate for a Fulbright award for graduate studies, while Dr. Shirley S. Villanueva is a Fulbright-Philippine Agriculture Scholarship Program for Advanced Research award for five months.

Ms. Llanto will pursue a Ph.D. in Special Education while Dr. Villanueva will pursue her research on "Genetic Diversity of Native Chicken Groups in Davao Region, Philippines." (Rowena C. Nuera)

## SAEc holds various extension services

To date, there are six (6) different extension projects that SAEc has implemented or has been implementing. Among the recent ones was the Barangay Skills Enhancement and Development Program. The general objective of the program is to develop the skills of the barangay officials and staff in the area of planning, management, project monitoring and evaluation. This also provides technical assistance in the formulation of their barangay development and investment plans.

Ten (10) barangays accepted and committed to adopt the 10-year barangay comprehensive development plans presented by the SAEc Faculty and Students. These are Baguio Proper in Baguio District; Magsaysay barangays such as Kasuga, Mabini, Dalumay, and New Ilocos; Padada barangays specifically Northern and Southern Paligue; Ruparan in Digos; and Tinagacan in General Santos City. SAEc has also conducted Participatory Rapid Appraisal and SWOT Analysis Workshops. There were a total of 110 participants that attended the workshops simultaneously given in Barangay Indangan, Buhangin and Barangay Manambulan, Tugbok District.

Another recent extension project conducted by SAEc was the Training Needs Assessment (TNA) of High School Students and Out-of-school Youth in Paquibato District. This TNA

was done to guide the Office of Cong. Mylene Garcia in the formulation of the appropriate trainings to provide to the high school students and out-of-school youth. Three extension projects are still on-going. First is the Solid Waste Management Program whose main objective is to enhance the understanding of the residents on the solid waste management program of Davao City, and assist them on the proper segregation and best practices on solid waste disposal. Second is the Luntiung Davao: An Urban Greening Project which aims to establish and adopt a tree plantation area in Davao City in line with the National Greening Program of the Government that ultimately targets biodiversity conservation and climate change adaptation. Last is the Capability Building and Technical Assistance to Industry Associations (IAs) in Davao Region whose main focus is to develop the skills of small entrepreneurs and provide technical and consultancy services in their respective small businesses.

Last December 2013, SAEc has facilitated a Basic Economics Course for NEDA-CARAGA Region. The main goal was for participants to apply their knowledge in economics, as inputs to their formulation of the regional development plan. 30 technical staff from NEDA-CARAGA joined in the training. (Joy R. Risonar)

## USEP-IC Holds Barangay Websites Turnover

The Social Hall of USEP in Obrero, Davao City was filled with 128 barangay officials and representatives as well as students and faculty from the USEP Institute of Computing (IC) for the turnover of more than 90 barangay websites on September 5.

The endeavor is part of the USEP-IC's research and extension projects. It aims to allow people or residents to know about the current news, on-going and developed projects, and other vital information of their respective barangays. This also targets attracting investors to establish investments in a certain barangay that eventually results to continuous growth of Davao City's economy. The project was initially intended for only a few barangays, but, later on, accommodated even more barangays from the three (3) districts of the City.

Earlier in the project, Memoranda

of Agreement (MOA) were signed between USEP and the various barangays. This then led to the development of the websites and afterwards, the turnover ceremony.

The launch and formal turnover was attended by Councilor Edgar Ibuyan Jr., Association of Barangay Council (ABC) president; Atty. Sam Matunog, ICT Davao president; barangay officials and representatives; USEP Key Officials headed by Dr. Perfecto A. Alibin, University President; and IC faculty, staff and students.

The official turnover of the barangay websites by Pres. Alibin, and acceptance of the same by Councilor Edgar Ibuyan Jr. highlighted the ceremony. The presentation of websites, that showcased the features and contents of the sites, followed the official turnover. (USEP PIO)

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## Industry Partnership: USEP- IC Inked MOA with Eversun Software Philippines Inc.

USEP-IC partnered with Eversun Software Philippines Inc, an IT and Business Process Outsourcing company to strengthen its program offerings by providing on-the-job training opportunities for students as part of its effort to adequately expose them to actual work situations, and to enable them to acquire the necessary knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values of an IT professional.



## Faculty Members present papers in international conference

USEP has always been consistent in cultivating a culture of relevant and high-impact researches. Whenever these researches are accepted for paper presentation, USEP's support is unwavering.

Below is a list of some researches which were presented in an international conference indicating the faculty members' academics' initiatives to be competent in the field --- in support of the university's thrust in research.

Research Title	Nature	Date	Authors/Researchers	College
Motivation and Language Retention – Attrition of Learning Spanish as an Effective Course	International	March 15-16, 2013	Dr. Milagros M. Villas	CAS
Eclectic film viewing: An alternative approach to writing proficiency	International	March 15-16, 2013	Ms. Irish Mae G. Fernandez	CAS
The Effectiveness of Teaching Vocabulary using the First Language of the Students	International	November 13-15, 2013	Dr. Catherine M. Roble	CAS
Discourse Analysis on the Ordinances of Davao City, Philippines	International	November 13-15, 2013	Prof. Rioliza B. Molina	CAS
Utilizing Polysemous Filipino Words and their Collocations to Enrich English/Filipino Vocabulary for Visayan Learners	International	December 5-7, 2013	Dr. Milagros M. Villas	CAS
Unmasking the Gaffes: Teachers' Feedbacks and Students' Writing Performance	International	December 5-7, 2013	Ms. Irish Mae G. Fernandez	CAS
Literary Patterns in Kagan and Tausug Legends	International	May 17-19, 2013	Mr. Sajed S. Ingilan	CAS
Lexicalization of Profanity in Cebuano and Bahasa Sug	International	May 29-31, 2013	Mr. Sajed S. Ingilan	CAS
Advantages and Disadvantages of Using Co-co-methyl Ester (CME) or Coco-Biodiesel Fuels	International	October 23-26, 2013	Dr. Nelson Fuentes	CoE
Overview of Air Pollution Control Technology and Management	International	October 23-26, 2013	Dr. Lyndon Roble	CoE
Wordify: A Selected Language Translator Using Digital Image Processing	International	October 3-4, 2013	Mr. Randy S. Gamboa	IC
State of the Philippine IT Education	International	November 7-8, 2013	Mr. Randy S. Gamboa	IC
Literacy Orientation and the Reading Comprehension of Pre-Service Teachers	International	December 5-7, 2013	Dr. Velma S. Labad	CED
Measurement of Environmental Efficiency of Selected ASEAN Countries Using the Nutrient Balance Nutrition Approach	International	November 27-28, 2013	Fuerzas, Julito and Tan-Cruz, Agustina	SAEC
Determinants of Investment in ASEAN Countries	International	November 27-28, 2013	Caramugan, Karlo Martin C. and Tan-Cruz, Agustina	SAEC
Demand Estimation for Meat in the Philippines Using Source-Differentiated Almost Ideal Demand System	International	November 27-28, 2013	Ompoy, Tito and Prantilla, Edmundo	SAEC
Inter-Sectoral Relationship of Employment and Output in the Different Sectors of the Philippines Using Seemingly Unrelated Regression Estimation	International	November 27-28, 2013	Pepino, Mariel and Bayacag, Purisima	SAEC
Estimation of Demand for Tuna in the Philippines Using the Source-Differentiated Rotterdam Model	International	November 27-28, 2013	Galo, Aileen and Tan-Cruz, Agustina	SAEC
Factors Affecting Exchange Rate Movements in Selected Asian Countries	International	November 27-28, 2013	Patosa, Jerson and Tan-Cruz, Agustina	SAEC

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Android applications. The former is aimed at redefining the process of automated language translation while the latter at speeding up the banana industry's disease detection process. Team Wordify is composed of project leader Nick Faenar, Mari Nakaoshi, Karlo Bueno and April Mae Bonto. Project leader Jhun Rey Cubelo, Nikko Comido, Laian Joy Chavez, Jesmael Galindo and Alvin Mark Cabeliño make up the Doc Banana team.

Faenar and Bonto represented Wordify while Comido and Galindo suited up for Doc Banana in the two-day event. The student representatives were accompanied by two mentors from the Institute of Computing including Dr. Tamara Cher Mercado, Dean of the Institute.

Along with other finalists, Comido and Faenar presented their project's description, block diagram, target market, as well as a demo of their respective applications in front of the competition's judges and some of the bigwigs in the country's I.T industry. SMART Telecommunications CEO Manny V. Pangilinan also graced the event during the Awards Night held at Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati City.

The event was a culmination of SWEEP's search for innovative, community-based and sustainable applications; anchored on this edition's theme of "Technology in Nation-building". From a total of 112 entries from SMART SWEEP's partner schools across the country, the top ten ideas were short-listed and their proponents were given an opportunity to learn from industry experts in a national bootcamp held last October 5, 2012 - serving as a final precursor for the national finals.

The achievement ranks as the biggest crown jewel so far for the Technopreneurship program that the USEP Institute of Computing has been offering for the past two years.

With the amount of positive results the program has brought to the Institute and with the great head-start this SMART SWEEP award has provided, the USEP IC teaching force expects nothing but further strengthening of the Institute's Technopreneurship foundation in hope of discovering more noteworthy student tech innovations in the future. (USEP PIO)

## USEP officials present papers in int'l confab on special education

Officials of the University of Southeastern Philippines, led by President Perfecto A. Alibin, presented papers in the Fourth (4th) International Conference on Special Education at the Graduate School of Suan Dusit Rajabhat University (SDRU), Bangkok, Thailand, August 8-9.

Three research papers were presented by the USEP officials with the University President at the forefront. The theme of the conference was on Inclusive Education in the ASEAN where USEP officials and faculty shared their work on: (1) Models of Inclusive Education in Southern Philippines, (2) Outcome Evaluation of Training Program for Teachers Handling Children with Visual Impairment in Southern Philippines, and (3) Inclusive Practices for Students with



Dr. Perfecto A. Alibin, President, University of Southeastern Philippines presented a paper on Models of Inclusive Education in Southern Philippines during the 4th International Conference on Special Education at the Graduate School of Suan Dusit Rajabhat University (SDRU), Bangkok, Thailand.

Multiple Disabilities in Southern Philippines.

The USEP College of Education through its Teacher Training Center for Mindanao is a service provider of the Department of Education in

the Training of Teachers and School Administrators towards the promotion of quality education in the field of Special Education for more than ten (10) years. Thus, the paper presentation in the conference became a good avenue to share some of the research findings of USEP in this field. More activities were agreed upon by both universities to strengthen the exchange program.

The USEP College of Education offers the following programs in the field of Special Education: BEED in Special Education, Master of Education in Special Education (Streams: Intellectual Disability, Visual Impairment, Gifted and Talented). More information about these programs may be obtained from the university website: [www.usep.edu.ph](http://www.usep.edu.ph). (USEP PIO)

## USEP prexy joins foreign academic trip to Hawaii

With 11 other heads of state universities and colleges across the country and two representatives from DAP, Pres. Alibin joined the foreign academic trip (FAT) to Hawaii on May 19-25, 2013 the last phase of the executive training. The trip, which is part of the ECAML, aimed to provide, the school heads, a venue to recognize best practices in managing large higher education institutions; to learn and adopt world standards in program development, research, and instruction; and to establish linkages and networking with foreign counterparts, among others.

"Basically, the training gave an opportunity for the Presidents of state universities and colleges (SUC) in the Philippines to observe/benchmark

and appreciate the best modern and good practices of University of Hawaii system, particularly on tropical agriculture, international partnerships, distance learning, and the relationship between the Community Colleges and the University of Hawaii Manoa", said the USEP President.

The President also added, "The exposure and experience of the school Presidents are good inputs for educational reforms and initiatives in the Philippines' system of education".

Dr. Alibin believed that his exposure to the University of Hawaii system further equipped him to be a visionary, skilled marketer, and innovative educational leader in a state university that has been acknowledged as one of the



USEP President Perfecto A. Alibin with UH President M.R.C. Greenwood in Hawaii.

best schools not just in the country but even in Asia, per Quacquarelli Symonds, an educational and career network, study in 2011 and 2012. (USEP PIO)

## USEP links with Thai school

The University of Southeastern Philippines, through its College of Education, has recently partnered with the Faculty of Education of Suan Dusit Rajabhat University (SDRU), Bangkok, Thailand.

Tagged as 'Cooperation in the Field of Education', a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was forged between the two universities to develop educational cooperation on the basis of equality, reciprocity and mutual benefit, and to promote relations and mutual understanding between them. The Cooperation focuses on

the following areas of engagement: exchange of scholars and teaching staff, and students; facilitation of in-country work experience for students in relevant field of studies; establishment of joint Master's degree programs, research activities, and workshops and seminars; and exchange of academic materials, scientific publications and other relevant information.

Signatories to the MOU are Professor Dr. Perfecto A. Alibin, USEP President and Dr. Sirote Pholpuntin, SDRU President, who is represented by Dr. Prakrit Bhulapatna, Dean of Faculty of

Education, SDRU. The MOU signing which took place at the Knowledge Development Center (KDC) in USEP was witnessed by Associate Professor Bhulapatna and Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr., Dean, USEP College of Education.

Significant part of the program included the respective presentations of both the USEP Chronicle and the SDRU's best university features. The event was witnessed by 19 other colleagues from SDRU, USEP Vice Presidents, some faculty members of USEP College of Education, and administrative personnel. (USEP PIO)