



Dr. Aland Mizell, Social Entrepreneurship Technology and Business Institute (SETBI) President; Dr. Baz Dreisinger, Keynote Speaker; and Dr. Lourdes Generalao, USEP President, during the first day of the international conference.

USEP co-hosts international confab on inmates' transformative education

Centered on the theme "Hope for Restoration—Today's Inmate is Tomorrow's Neighbor," the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP), in partnership with the Social Entrepreneurship Technology and Business Institute (SETBI), Inc., organized the 1st International

Conference on Inmates' Transformative Education for Successful Re-entry on May 16-17, 2018 at the Social Hall, USEP Obrero campus in Davao City.

Among the speakers who participated in the first day include Dr. Baz Dreisinger, Founding Academic Director of

John Jay's Pipeline Prison-to-College Program in New York; JSSUPT Amelia A. Rayandayan, BJMP Regional Director; Dr. Gene Gulanes, Manager of the Davao City Treatment and Rehabilitation Center for Drug Dependents; Atty. Danilo B. Balucos, College Education Behind Bars

faculty; and Prosecutor Nestor Ledesma from the Davao City Prosecution Office.

Atty. Cinderella Filipina Benitez-Jaro, Director IV from the Legal and Legislative Service, represented Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Officer-in-Charge, Dr. J. Pros-

pero De Vera III.; Judge Rowena Apao-Adlawan, Presiding Judge, represented Judge Emmanuel Carpio from the Davao City Regional Trial Court (RTC) 13; and Mr. Ronaldo Rivera, City Anti-Drug Abuse Council (CADAC) Technical Adviser for Community Organization, represented

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Jireh John Arebe



Kim Dodongan

USEP grads dominate list of top passers

Fifteen (15) graduates from the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) dominated the list of Licensure Exam for Teachers (LET) top passers released by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) on May 23, 2018.

For the secondary level, among the examinees who garnered the highest results were the following Bachelor of Science in Education students: Jireh John Baquiran Arebe (3rd), Kim Torrenueva Dodongan (4th), Rendie Crausos Bedolido (5th),

Medelyn Butron Pepito (6th), Vincent Molos Rafols (7th), Shalimar Pedroso Dolar (8th), Juvielle Icoy Valdez (8th), Ivy Baco Balaquinto (10th), and Jimville Concon Faustor (10th).

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Davao City Mayor Sara Z. Duterte-Carpio, as the Commencement Speaker, joined the graduating students

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Vision

Premier Research University in the ASEAN

Mission

USeP shall produce world-class graduates and relevant research and extension through quality education and sustainable resource management

Core values

Unity, Stewardship, Excellence, Professionalism

Graduate Attributes

Leadership Skills, Critical and Analytical Thinking Skills, Service Oriented, Lifelong Learning, Professional Competence

Quality Policy



As a Learning Organization, the *University of Southeastern Philippines* commits to promote **UNITY**, harness **STEWARDSHIP**, exemplify **EXCELLENCE** and demonstrate **PROFESSIONALISM** in the conduct of its key functions for the attainment of its *Vision, Mission, Goals, and Objectives*.

The Key Functions of the University - *Governance, Instruction, Research, Extension, and Production* - have corresponding quality objectives and principles covered by the Policy. These include achieving recognitions that are comparable to ASEAN ideals and principles; aligning academic programs and student services to ASEAN standards; nurturing a strong and vibrant research culture; intensifying innovations and technology transfers; and increasing resource generation of the University. *In fulfilling all these, the University is determined to build dreams without limits.*

To these ends, the University is dedicated to a process of continual improvement, satisfying applicable requirements of the standard, addressing risks, and maximizing opportunities. The Top Management pledges to regularly review and monitor strategic implementation of the *Quality Management System* in all aspects and at all levels.


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Mayor Sara Duterte delivers her Commencement Address to the USEP graduating class of 2018



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graduating students from the College of Engineering, College of Arts and Sciences, College of Technology, and Institute of Computing in the morning program.

In her address, Mayor Duterte congratulated the graduates on behalf of the City Government of Davao. She expressed gratitude for being part of the ceremony—a celebration of the ef-

forts and sacrifices of the graduates, including their family members and teachers.

“Do not be pressured to seek immediate success at the expense of your health, happiness, and your personal sense of fulfillment. Recognize when you have to make unnecessary compromise,” Mayor Duterte underscored after explaining to the graduates that there is no

template for success.

“It is not about getting to your destination in record time; our learning curves are as unique and as varied as our personalities,” she added.

Although she urged the graduates not to get married right after graduation, she extolled the importance of heartbreak. Having their hearts broken, Mayor Duterte said, will prepare them to

cope with greater challenges and heartbreaks in the future.

In the afternoon program, degrees were conferred upon the graduates from the College of Governance and Business, School of Applied Economics, and College of Education. Karlo Nograles, Representative of the First Congressional District in Davao City, served as the Commencement Speaker.

Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, University President; Dr. Shirley S. Villanueva, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Danilo B. Pacoy, Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension; Dr. Joan D. Gervacio, Secretary of the University; and Dr. Danilo Galarion, Director of the Office of the University Registrar, facilitated the Conferment of Degrees and Investiture.

USEP confers doctorate honoris causa to Karlo Nograles

The University conferred upon Karlo Nograles, Representative of the First Congressional District in Davao City, the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Development Administration during the afternoon program of the 39th Commencement Exercises of the Obrero Campus. Cong. Nograles also attended the ceremony as

the Commencement Speaker.

As a dedicated public servant, Cong. Nograles launched various Oplan K programs which highlighted the promotion of quality education, labor empowerment, youth employment, environment and agriculture, and community building.

Through noteworthy contributions,

Cong. Nograles helped hundreds of scholars earn college degrees. He was also instrumental in the construction and completion of the 8,000-seater University Gymnasium.

During the conferment rites, Cong. Nograles was joined by his wife, Marga Maceda Montemayor-Nograles, and mother-in-law, Mary Ann Montemayor.

Pamulaan Center holds 7th Commencement Exercises

The Pamulaan Center for Indigenous Peoples' Education held its commencement exercises for Bachelor of Elementary Education, Bachelor of Arts in

Peace Education, Bachelor of Agricultural Technology, Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, and Bachelor of Arts in Social Entrepreneurship students on June 8, 2018 at the

USEP Mintal Gymnasium.

Seven batches of Indigenous Peoples have graduated from the Pamulaan Center since its official launch on October 13, 2005.

SMAARRDEC co-hosts International Symposium on the Impact of and Alternative to Systemic Pesticides



The Task Force on Systemic Pesticides (TSFP) and USEP, in collaboration with the Hijo Resources Corporation (HRC), the Southern Mindanao Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development Consortium (SMAARRDEC), Davao Oriental State College

of Science and Technology (DOSCT), Conservation Centre of the Philippine Islands Initiative, Inc. (CCPIII), and the De La Salle Family Life and Wellness Institute successfully conducted the 2018 International Scientific Symposium on the Impact of and Alternative to Systemic

Pesticides on June 27, 2018 at the Apo View Hotel, Davao City.

The symposium was attended by about 150 participants from the academe, agriculture, and aquatic sectors, and other stakeholders across Mindanao. Experts, scientists, and researchers from

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USEP Prexy joins CHED and SUCs in MOA signing



MOA with CHED and 112 SUCs (Photo credit: Presidential Communications Facebook Page).

Dr. Lourdes Generalao, University President, represented the state

universities and colleges (SUCs) in Mindanao during the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement

(MOA) between the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and SUCs on June 13, 2018 at the Rizal Hall of Malacañan Palace.

President Rodrigo Duterte witnessed the ceremonial signing, where parties agreed to launch the implementation of Republic Act No. 10931 or the ‘Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act.’

USeP, SSS enter MOA on KaltaSSS Collect Program



USeP, represented by its President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Philippine Social Security Sys-

tem (SSS), represented by Mr. Rizalito C. De Leon, SSS South Mindanao-1 Officer-in-Charge and Division Head) on February 21, 2018 for the implementation of the KaltaSSS Collect Program for Job Order (JO) and Contract of Service (COS) employees.

The MOU will facilitate payroll deduction of the SSS contribution of willing COS and JO personnel.

TTRC trains Secondary Teachers in Special Education

The Institution-based Summer Training Program for Secondary School Teachers in Special Education, organized by the Department of Education (DepEd) and the USeP College of Education, through its Teacher Training and Resource Center (TTRC), concluded on June 2, 2018.

A total of 72 secondary teachers from selected public schools of Regions VI-XIII and the ARMM partici-

pated in the Summer Training Program held from May 15 to June 2, 2018. The teachers were sent to the training under a DepEd scholarship program for two summers through the Bureau of Learning Delivery-Student Inclusive Division (BLD-SID).

This national training is in support of DepEd's thrust to improve education for learners with special educational needs. It aims to provide Spe-

cial Education (SPED) and regular teachers with the knowledge and skills on various educational programs and interventions appropriate for learners with special educational needs in the secondary level.

For more than 19 years, TTRC of CED-USeP has been providing DepEd with services for trainings on Special Education, Early Childhood Education, and Multi-grade Education.

USeP co-hosts conference on Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

In celebration of the 29th Philippine Agricultural Engineering Week, the Philippine Society of Agricultural and Bio-

systems Engineers (PSABE) gathered PSABE regional and chapter officers to participate in a week-long conference held

at the USeP Social Hall and Gymnasium in Obrero, Davao City.

Held on April 22-28, 2018, the 15th **USeP CO-HOSTS, P7**

Youth leaders join SK mandatory training

Youth leaders from 18 barangays in Davao City participated in the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Mandatory Training on May 19 and 21-22, 2018 at Seda Abreeza Hotel.

USeP, in partnership with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), served as the

local resource institute (LRI) for the 135 newly-elected SK officials who will soon take their oaths of office.

"Dili mo maka-lingkod isip SK official kung dili makaagi ani nga training (You can't become an SK Official without undergoing this training)," said DILG City Director Vicky Sarcena during

the opening program on May 19. She cited RA 10742 (SK Reform Act of 2015) which mandates all newly elected SK officials to undergo this training.

"Your obligation is to deliver the services expected of you as public officials," emphasized Dr. Danilo B. Pacoy, Vice President **YOUTH, P7**

DepEd, USeP launch Project Eagle

The Department of Education (DepEd) Davao City Division, in partnership with the University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP), recently launched Project Eagle (Elimination of Academic Gaps of Learners in Elementary) where 30 teacher-scholars were sent for training on Early Childhood Education in the College of Education (CED)-Teacher Training and Research Center (TTRC) in the USeP Obrero Campus.

The CED-TTRC handles Project Eagle, which shall run for 6

terms (Term 1-9 units April-May 2018; Term 2-12 units August-December 2018; Term 3-6 units January-March 2019; Term 4-9 units April-May 2019; Term 5-6 units August-December 2019; Term 6-6 units January-May 2020).

The project was made in line with the Memorandum of Agreement between DepEd Davao City Division and USeP. Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao represented USeP in the MOA signing on April 16, 2018.

The training received by the teachers

qualify them to finish a degree of Master in Education-Early Childhood Education (Med-ECE) deemed necessary to upgrade and improve teachers' teaching skills and competencies in an academic face-to-face environment.

In this part of the country, for more than 10 years now, TTRC has been conducting training for DepEd teachers and principals in the areas of early childhood education, special education, as well as multi-grade teaching. (MNNEri)

USeP conducts info dissemination on ISO 9001:2015, institutional four-year plan

Inspired by its ISO 9001:2008 certification, USeP targets to achieve another milestone this year: the ISO 9001:2015 certification. To encourage the full participation of all students, faculty members, and staff, by way of keeping them informed, the University conducted a series of orientation-seminars on the Catch-up Plan 2018-2021 and the ISO 9001:2015.

The USeP Catch-up Plan specifies the institutional objectives,

strategies, initiatives and targets of the University in the next four (4) years, as well as the Plan implementation, monitoring, and evaluation cycle.

President Lourdes C. Generalao believes that the realization of the grand vision of the University entails significant changes that will only happen when the critical mass understands the change process. The President encourages the members of the USeP community to co-own the four-year

plan by committing to change.

The series of orientation-seminars held on April 11-13 in various campuses of USeP was prepared by the management to enlighten the faculty/staff and the students on the institutional goals of USeP. These goals, patterned after ASEAN standards and principles, are also centered in the Key Functions of the University, namely, Governance, Instruction, Research, Extension, and Production.

USeP, DRMC sign MOA on MD program

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP) and the Davao Regional Medical

Center (DRMC) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on May 25, 2018 for the es-

tablishment of the Doctor of Medicine (MD) Program in the USeP Tagum-Mabini Campus.



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Dr. Baz Dreisinger



Dr. Lourdes Generalao and Atty Cinderella Jaro



Atty. Danilo Balucos



Dr. Lourdes Generalao, Dr. Aland Mizell, JSUPT, Edwin Riel, and JSSUPT Amelia A. Rayandayan



Researchers from USeP

Mr. Michael Denton P. Aportadera, Action Officer of CADAC.

Dr. Baz Dreisinger enlightened the participants on the components of the Prison-to-College Pipeline (P2CP) Program. As a professor, she shared how the program impacted the lives of students who are incarcerated

ated—individuals who deserve access to quality education instead of rehabilitation. Dr. Dreisinger also shared success stories of formerly incarcerated college students. According to Dr. Dreisinger, today, 95% of the students who graduated through the P2CP Program are now em-

ployed or enrolled in training programs.

Plenary Speakers who represented different government offices include PCSupt. Joel Orduña, Deputy Regional Director for Administration of the Police Regional Office (PRO) XI; Mr. Robert Michael N. Razon, Senior Assistant Regional Prosecutor

from the Department of Justice (DOJ); and Atty. Behn Joseph O. Tesiorna, Acting Assistant Regional Director of the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) Regional Office XI.

Amalia B. Cabusao, Editor-in-Chief of Mindanao Times and the Mindanao Trustee and Board

Secretary of the Philippine Press Institute, discussed the importance of media—as a watchdog of the government—in shaping public opinion. Atty. Susan Cariaga, Vice President of the Social Entrepreneurship Technology and Business Institute (SETBI), Inc., presented the College Education Behind

Bars (CEBB) Recovery Program, including the four steps to recovery, namely, rehabilitation, reform, restore, and reconcile.

Researchers from different academic institutions also presented their studies on prison-based education, drug addiction, recidivism, and rehabilitation.

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level, the top passers include the following Bachelor of Elementary Education students: Diane Opeña Barbarona (4th), Abigail Ortega Diamante (5th), Loren Priagula Sangco (8th), Jane Gammad Yu (8th), Lady Mae Calvo Genosas (9th),

and Sheila Marie Sumatra Casas (10th).

Moreover, in the April 2018 Electronics Engineer Licensure Examination, among the top passers from the University include Kim Paulino Ravida. Out of the 1,208 passers, Ravida ranked

9th with a rating of 88.20%.

In the May 2018 Civil Engineer Licensure Exam, Jason Vincent J. Ang ranked 10th with a passing rate of 91.25%.

USeP credits this achievement to the hard work of its students.



Rendie Bendolito



Diane Barbarona



Abigail Diamante

NEWS

USeP launches Career and Alumni Center



Committed to provide graduating students and alumni

with opportunities for professional advancement, the USeP launched its

Career and Alumni Center (CAC) on April 19, 2018.

On the same

date, CAC gathered 39 companies to participate in the Career Fair at the

University Gymnasium and Cultural Center, where out of the 637 graduating students and alumni present, 13 were hired on the spot.

In her message during the CAC launching, University President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, highlighted the importance of CAC in establishing the career paths of the students, especially as they begin to navigate the world of employment.

In the Resume Café conducted by CAC on April 17,

2018 at the University Social Hall, resume critics gave graduating students pieces of advice on creating an enhanced resume.

CAC also facilitated the series of Pre-Employment Seminar for Local Applicants (PESLA). Attended by all graduating students from all USeP campuses, PESLA includes tips on writing winning resumes and cover letters, acing job interviews, and power dressing. An officer from the De-

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Vietnamese delegates conduct internship at USeP



Delegates from Tan Trao University with the faculty members from the USeP College of Education

Teacher Education Students from Tan Trao University (TTrU) in Vietnam bid farewell to the University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP) during the culmination of their In-bound International Practice Teaching on March 23,

2018.

On February 26, USeP welcomed the Vietnamese delegates, who conducted Team Teaching in different partner schools in Davao City such as Heartworks Learning Center, Inc., Kids Camp Innovatives, and The NewFields STEM

School of Davao.

During the culmination program, Ms. Bui Thi Lan, Faculty-in-Charge from TTrU, said that the delegates had an interesting experience in Davao City, thanks to their encounters with friendly people. They also commended the

city for having the best conditions for educational development.

In her speech, Bui Thi Lan also conveyed her gratitude to the teachers who accommodated the visiting student-teachers during their one-month Practice Teaching in Davao.

"We learned a lot of things when participating in school activities. We have had beautiful memories and [we] won't forget Davao and the University of Southeastern Philippines. We hope to be able to come back here in the future and we hope to meet you in Vietnam," she added.

The program, made possible through the efforts of the Office of Public and International Affairs (OPIA),

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ICeans emerge victorious in IT Olympiad

Institute of Computing (IC) students emerged victorious in the Mindanao-wide IT Olympiad and Research Competitions for Information Technology Education (ITE) students, an annual event organized by the

Philippine Society of Information Technology Educators (PSITE) XI, in partnership with the Council of Deans for Information Technology Education (CDITE) XI, and endorsed by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED)

XI. The competitions aim to provide opportunities for students to gain significant experiences, adopt innovative techniques, and develop and showcase their ideas and skills.

The IT Olympiad, held on February 8, 2018 at the

Holy Cross of Davao College (HCDC) and Ateneo de Davao University (AddU), featured various competitions such as the IT Quiz Bowl, Infographics Design, Infomercial (Animation), Digital Drawing, ACM Programming, and Game App Concept Development. The Research Competitions, held on February 9, 2018 at HCDC Gym, include the Poster Research Presentation and IT Project Exhibit.

The ICeans bested other students representing over 18 private and public colleges and universities in Mindanao by obtaining a total of four gold medals, one silver medal, and two bronze medals. This outcome manifests the ICeans' competence and excellence in the field of computing and information technology. (NSMozo)



USeP champions 10th Agui-Po Awards

Represented by the Young Marketers' Society of the College of Governance and Business, USeP was hailed the overall champion during the 10th Agui-Po Awards held last February 18, 2018 at the Ritz Hotel, Garden Oases, Davao City.

Besting 11 top business schools in Mindanao, selected third year and fourth year students from

CGB participated in six events and bagged several awards. Romulo Sayon, Jr. and Florendae Batiao placed first in the Sales Pitch Competition. Fides Patricia Bengullo, Jaymar Bustamante, Jely Marie Rendon, Daniela Amahan, and Daniel Grenien also won first place in the Case Analysis Competition.

Precious Estefanie Loyola won 1st place

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CGB conducts community outreach activity



The College of Governance and Business (CGB) through the Health and Sanitation Project of the CGB Extension Program called Alalay sa Barangay Program (ABP), conducted an outreach activity on April 22, 2018.

In partnership with the CGB Graduate School - Supreme Student Council (SSC) and USeP MBA Circle officers, the ABP Program Leader, SSC Adviser, and CGB Associate Dean, Xennie Tupas, led the turnover of a hand wash facility to San Miguel Village Hope Day Care Center in San Miguel Village, Barangay Cen-

tro in Agdao, Davao City.

A welcome message was delivered by Kagawad Harry Araneta, who represented the Punong Barangay. Assoc. Dean Tupas also delivered a message on behalf of the College.

Vimar Connigo, a nurse and a Student Council officer, taught the children how to do proper hand washing. The graduate student organizations donated some books and materials to the center.

The outreach activity was organized in line with CGB's Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Barangay Centro. (RCDB)

NEWS JUMP

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Switzerland, France, Australia, China, Taipei, Japan, Italy,

Vietnam, Canada, and the Philippines discussed the ad-

verse effects of systemic pesticides, particularly neonic-

otinoids, to the ecosystem and human health. (RSPalen)

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for Research Development and Extension, representing Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, USEP President.

"Daghan kaayo ko ug natun-an karong adlaw, kay kinahanglan gyud

namo ni sa among pagka SK official (I learned a lot today, because we need these when we assume the roles as SK officials)," said Jeffrey Gozon, SK Chairman of Brgy. Daliaon

Plantation in Toril. Moreover, Director Sarcena challenged the youth leaders to become responsible models to their constituents. "Much is expected from you. Harness

your passion and dynamism as you help shape our shared future. Make yourself useful in your respective barangays. Maging matino, mahusay, at maasahan," she added. (LDG)

USEP co-hosts, from P4

International Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering Conference and Exhibition and 68th PSABE National Convention brought together more than 1,500 Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering (ABE) practitioners and industry representatives.

USEP co-orga-

nized of the event, which was centered on the theme Agricultural and Biosystems Engineers: Partners in Agri-Fisheries Development for a Sustainable Tomorrow.

USEP President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, in her prepared message delivered by Dr. Shirley S. Villanueva,

Vice President for Academic Affairs, during the opening ceremonies on April 24, congratulated PSABE for its contributions in the development of the agriculture and fisheries sector in the Philippines. Further, as an advocate of sustainable development, Dr. Generalao said that she considers

these contributions valuable in the promotion, practice, and improvement of the ABE field.

Aside from the agri-fishery exhibit, the week-long celebration featured plenary sessions participated in by representatives from different local and international ABE agencies.

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partment of Labor and Employment also oriented the PESLA participants on the labor code of the Philippines with emphasis on the rights of an employee.

Through the Science, Technology, Research and Innovation for Development (STRIDE) project of the United States Agency for International Development (US-

AID), the USEP CAC is able to align its activities with the career and counselling services standards in international universities. In February 2018, Pres. Gener-

alao and Dr. Mary Ann C. Cacananta, CAC Director, participated in a USAID STRIDE-organized study tour in the United States for a series of career development trainings.

VIETNAMESE, from P6

College of Education (CoE), and College of Teacher Education Technology (CTET), was conducted in line with the Memorandum of Agreement entered between USEP and

TTrU. Another batch of students from TTrU arrived in Davao City on April 5, 2018 for a one-month (April 5 - May 3, 2018) internship program with the College of Agri-

culture and Related Sciences (CARS) in USEP Tagum-Mabini campus.

Choyang Vangya and Linh Huu Khuong are from Vietnam while Tran Hien Quang and Ker Chang

are Government Scholars from Laos. They were accompanied by Ms. Mechelle Mangmang of CARS who returned from Vietnam after a two-week research exposure.

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in the essay writing contest, while James Patrick Ayag, Aileen Mondano, Dexter Ellaga, Ellisha Grace Bandigan, and Romulo Sayon, Jr. won in the quiz bowl contest.

Aside from these remarkable finishes, Angelu Diaz, Jona-

than Caasi, and Ellisha Grace Bandigan bagged the 3rd place in Radio Advertisement. Jasteen Deluao, John Rey Piaastro, Engel Monte de Ramos, Nessa Mutia and Honey Rubias made a commendable performance after a 4th place

finish in the Video Advertisement Competition.

Agui-Po Award is an annual gathering of business students organized and hosted by the Ateneo de Davao University School of Business and Governance which aims

to promote solidarity and camaraderie among collegiate schools in Mindanao. This event also recognizes the achievements of business students both in academic and non-academic fields. (Diaz/Regin-io/Badoy)

Grad school conducts study visit in Malaysia

In exemplifying unity, stewardship, excellence, and professionalism, the first batch of Special Education students from the USEP Graduate School embarked on a study visit to Malaysia on April 24-30, 2018.

The group of graduate students also visited the Cultural Heritage Site in Melaka, the Grand Mosque and Government Centers in Putrajaya and Selangor, Batu Cave, and other tourist spots in Kuala Lumpur, where they immersed in Malay cultures and traditions.

Through the initiative of their professor and Office of Public and International Affairs (OPIA) Director, Dr. Edna Jalotjot, in coordination with the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organisation Regional Centre for Special Education (SEAMEO-SEN), and Dr. Adora Zerrudo, College of Education (CED) Director for Teacher Training, the students visited the PDK Malindo, Masjid Tanab (Sped Livelihood training center), SpEd centers in Sekola

Kebangsaan Kuala Linggi (Primary School), Sekola Menengah Kebangsaan Rahmat (Secondary School), and Teacher Education Institution of Malay Women Campus in Melaka, Malaysia.

In the Federal Government Administrative Center in Putrajaya, the students discussed policies and trends of Malaysian Special Education with the Kementerian Pendidikan Khas, Bahagian Pendidikan Khas Deputy Director, Y.Bhg. Datuk Dr. Yasmin Hussain. The group also visited the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (National University of Malaysia) where they interacted with international graduate students on the best practices of SpEd.

One of the highlights of the tour include the Memorandum of Agreement signing between USEP and SEAMEO-SEN, made possible through Mr. Mohd Zulkarnain Abdul Wahab, SEAMEO-SEN International Relations Officer, under the leadership of its Acting Director, Dr. Safani Bari.

IC champions Philippine Startup Challenge

Team Centsilyo of the USEP-IC was hailed Champion in the 2018 Philippine Startup Challenge. Centsilyo is a mobile wallet application that digitally pays the items and also stores changes up until the last

cent. The same team also bagged the Huawei Special Award (the team will join Huawei's Seeds for the Future Program in China). Team Linique, also from Institute of Computing (IC), ranked fifth in the competition.



Study tour program in the USA

Consistent with the internationalization thrusts of USeP, University President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, together with Career and Alumni Center (CAC) Director, Dr. Mary Ann C. Cacananta, participated in a study tour program in Florida State University and Pennsylvania State University in USA on January 20-February 1, 2018.

The two-week study tour concluded the series of career development trainings organized by the Science, Technology, Research and Innovation for Development (STRIDE) project of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). It was conducted to immerse and expose the heads of University career centers into the operations



of career centers and career counseling services in US universities.

In 2017, Dr. Jeffrey W. Garis, Director Emeritus of Florida State University's Dunlap Center for Student Success, facilitated the career development workshops conducted at USeP. With producing globally competitive individuals as one of USeP's principal goals, the University constantly engages in activities that expand the linkages of its CAC and introduce graduates to a wider range of career opportunities.

Benchmarking activities in Thailand



The School of Applied Economics (SAEc), through its Acting Dean, Jennifer E. Hinlo, conducted benchmarking activities on March 3 and 9, 2018 in two

prominent Faculty of Economics in Chulalongkorn University (Chula) and Thammasat University (TU) in Thailand.

During the visit on March 3, Acting Dean

Hinlo was welcomed by Prof. Worawet Suwanrada, Ph.D., Dean of the Faculty of Economics in Chula. Officially founded on August 8, 1970, the Faculty of Econom-

ics in Chula was the result of the collaboration between the Department of Economics in the Faculty of Commerce and the Department of Public Finance in the Faculty of Political Science.

On March 9, SAEC was welcomed by the TU Dean of Faculty of Economics, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Chayun Tantivasadakarn, Ph.D.; Vice Dean for Academic Affairs, Assist. Prof. Dr. Chalotorn; and Vice Dean for International Affairs of the Faculty of Economics, Dr. Chayanee Chawanote. The Faculty of Economics at TU was founded in 1949 as a leading economics institute in Thailand. The Faculty offers a broad range

of academic programs, including bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees, as well as training opportunities. With over 70 highly accomplished faculty members, most with Ph.Ds from leading universities, the Faculty represents a wide spectrum of academic activities such as influential research that contribute to the advancement of teaching.

The meeting of SAEC and the Faculty of Economics of



Chula and TU was an opportunity to confer respective commitments to educate, spur critical thinking, and develop intellectual skills and knowledge of students in economics.

Agri students join Internship Abroad Program



A send-off ceremony was held on March 23, 2018 for four (4) Bachelor of Science in Agriculture stu-

dents, namely, Anthony E. Banawan (Major in Plant Pathology), Jhon Gil G. Britos (Major in Enterprise Manage-

ment), Beverly N. Perocho (Major in Plant Pathology) and Livy V. Sarucam (Major in Plant Pathology). The students, accompanied by College of Agriculture and Related Sciences (CARS) faculty, Mechelle R. Mangmang, will join the Student Internship Abroad Program (SIAP) in TTrU in Tuyen Quang, Vietnam.

Among the activities of the outbound internship program include exposure to Pummelo and

Orange Orchards, Rice and Mushroom Farms, Tea Farm and Factory, and a chance to work in a tissue culture laboratory.

The program, which ran from March 20 to May 25, 2018, is part of the Internationalization Strategy of the University under the SIAP. In April, UseP, through the efforts of the OPIA and CARS, will host four Agriculture students from Tan Trao University (TTrU) for the SIAP.

Economics of Climate Change Adaptation

Acting Dean Jennifer Hinlo was among the selected participants to represent the Philippines in the Training Programme on Economics of Climate Change Adaptation (ECCA) on February 26 to March 9, 2018 in Sukosol Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand.

The 23 participants from 17 countries in Asia spent 10 days learning about the economic analysis for climate change adaptation projects. Also in line with UseP's RDE Agenda on

Climate Change, the Training Programme was conducted to equip government officials and other stakeholders in Asia and the Pacific Region with economic tools necessary to identify, prioritize, design and implement climate-resilient projects and policies, formulate national adaptation plans, and access climate finance for adaptation action.

The capacity building Programme on ECCA in Asia is a cooperative effort between the United Nations Development

Programme (UNDP), the USAID ADAPT Asia-Pacific Project, the Asian Development Bank, the Global Water Partnership and Yale University. The ECCA programme, which was launched in 2012, resulted from a regional consensus on the need to build governments' capacity in mainstreaming climate risks into planning processes to ensure economically-efficient climate change strategies and plans. The programme has accomplished two runs already in August

2017 and March 2018.

The first week of the training focused on the basics of proposal development for climate change projects and where economic analysis feeds into it, which is a requirement by some key financiers such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF). Aside from engaging in discussions about climate change impacts on economic sectors, the training team also devoted time for exercises and games related to the training topics.

ITE benchmarking activity in Singapore

A five-member delegation from the Institute of Computing (IC) conducted an educational benchmarking activity on Information Technology Education (ITE) programs in Singapore on January 29-February 2, 2018.

The delegation, headed by Dr. Tamara Cher R. Mercado, IC Dean, together with Dr. Randy S. Gamboa, Computer Science Program Head, Dr. Val A. Quimno, Graduate Study and Information Technology Program Head, Engr. Jamal Kay B. Rogers, Research and Extension Head, and Mr. Marvin S. Lagmay, Instruction, Curriculum and Accreditation Head, visited the National University of Singapore (NUS) and Nanyang Polytechnic International (NYP)—two of the prominent academic institutions in Singapore.

At NUS, the Vice Dean for Corporate Relations, Mr. Goh Khim Yong, welcomed the UseP-IC delegation to discuss the significant role of research in NUS and present the undergraduate and graduate programs of the Uni-

versity.

Unit heads from the NUS Information Technology Department also shared the importance of IT infrastructure and support in a premiere university. They gave the UseP-IC delegation a glimpse of their future plans on facility improvements.

Apart from visits to academic institutions, UseP-IC also visited the Singapore headquarters of two global IT industry brands, Adobe and Apple. In the Head Office of Adobe Southeast Asia, Account Executive Greg Sisk discussed the different applications under Adobe's Creative Cloud, including how the suite of applications can help in the refurbishment of the UseP website.

Mr. Lagmay said that albeit being inferior to Singapore's IT education, UseP-IC is on the right track in terms of fostering linkages with the industry. UseP-IC has recently established its Industry Advisory Council composed of select industry partners which has helped in revising the Institute's new curriculum. (MAJan-dayan)

Academic trip to Nanjing City and Jiangsu Province

Dr. Shirley S. Villanueva, Vice President for Academic Affairs, along with Dr. Cesar A. Limabaga, College of Agriculture and Related Sciences (CARS) Dean, conducted an Academic Trip to

Nanjing City and Jiangsu Province in China on May 28-31, 2018 to visit agricultural institutes and recognized botanical gardens.

Dr. Villanueva met with higher officials of the Jiangsu Associ-

ation for Friendship and International Exchange (JAFIE), including the China-Jiangsu Overseas Education Service Center (CJC) and the academic administrator of the Jiangsu Institute of Botany.

The academic trip aims to establish collaboration with agricultural and related sciences institutes in China on exchange and joint degree programs for both students and faculty members.

STEP UP in Australia

The UseP Vice President for Academic Affairs participated in the Scholarships in Teacher Education

in Teacher Programs to Upgrade Teacher Quality in the Philippines (STEP UP) Sponsored Learning and Partnership Visit

on Educational Governance and Teacher Development organized by the Philippine Business Education (PBE), in

partnership with the Australian Government, on June 3-9, 2018 in Canberra, Melbourne, and Sydney in Australia.

Mainstreaming Gender in SMAARRDEC Member Institutions

Ms. Rioliza B. Molina, Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Person of USEP, delivered a talk to the members of SMAARRDEC Institutions during the Mainstreaming Gender in SMAARRDEC Member Institutions: Clustering

Gender-Partnerships in Research and Development on May 05, 2018 at the Grand Men Seng Hotel, Magallanes St., Davao City.

The program was centered mainstreaming gender and applying gender lens in the research and extension pro-

posals of the consortium members. The participants of the program were given the basic gender sensitivity training and were introduced to the gender tools needed in determining the attributable or chargeable amount against the GAD funds as man-

dated by the Joint Circular Memo issued by Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), National Economic Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), and Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG).

Gender-Sensitivity Training and Anti-Sexual Harassment Orientation Series

In partnership with the Human Resource Management Division

represented by the training coordinator, Dr. Jocel D. Ripdos, the Gender-Sensitiv-

ity Training and Anti-Sexual Harassment Orientation was conducted on April 27,

2018. Issues on HIV and sexual harassment were addressed in the forum.

Training on Genderizing the Curriculum in the Context of OBE

In coordination with the Curriculum and Instruction Office led by Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr., the seminar-workshop on Genderizing the Curriculum in the Context of OBE was held on April 18-19, 2018 at Homitori Dormitel in Davao City.

In the seminar-workshop, Dr. Gabales discussed the following: a) Mapping of Performance Indicators across Subjects; b) Matching Performance Indicators with Learning Evidence, Assessment Rubric and Grading System; and c) Contemporary Teaching Pedagogies and Adult Learning Strategies.

Dr. Lourdesita S. Chan, Research Council Director of Ateneo de Davao University, participated as the event's resource speaker. She discussed the process of Integrating Gender Concepts and Perspectives in the Learning Plans/Guides and Syllabi and gave useful inputs on how to genderize a curriculum. The Deans or their Representatives, ICA Heads and GAD Heads were responsive throughout the event. She also emphasized certain key points to adequately come up with syllabi that are gender-sensitive and responsive.

Research, Development, and Extension Stories

City Government of Davao recognizes USEP's SKP2

The City Government of Davao recognized the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) for its Drug Rehabilitation program and its support to Davao City as its partner for development during the Pasidungog: Garbo sa Davao event on March 12, 2018 at the Davao Convention and Trade Center in Davao City.

USEP, through

the Extension Division, has initiated a University-led project called the Sagop Kinabuhì Program 2 (SKP2) in response to the mass surrender of drug users and pushers of the Oplan Tokhang campaign. SKP2 is designed to contribute to the multi-sectoral efforts at reconciling and reunifying the Voluntary Submission for Reformation Persons (VSRs) with their re-

spective families and communities.

As a community-based rehabilitation program, SKP2 has provided its beneficiaries with psychosocial seminars and trainings, spiritual coaching, and skills training. This initiative helps former drug users regain self-confidence as they prepare to be reintegrated into society.

As of this date,

the SKP2 beneficiaries have completed their Skills Training on driving small vehicles, motorcycle, and small engine services, and welding with NC II and NC I recognitions from TESDA, respectively. The moving-up ceremony for the SKP2 Program management is also looking forward to expand and help more reformists in Davao City.



USEP RDE meets with Parole and Probation Administration

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) Sagop Kinabuhì Program 2 (SKP2) management team, spearheaded by the Vice President for Research, Development and Extension, Dr. Dani-

lo B. Pacoy, met with Parole and Probation Administration (PPA) Regional Director, Benjamin C. Cutay, Jr., and PPA Assistant Regional Director, Amites B. Butiong, to propose the integration of select Region 11

parolees and probationaries in the University program.

Extension Director Mervin Gascon, together with project leaders Dr. Rosfe Corlae Badoy, Assoc. Prof. Gladys Florangel Ortiz, and Dr. Orvil Basug,

also joined the SKP2 management team in the meeting.

Dir. Gascon introduced the holistic approach of the SKP2, an extension program of USEP that provides opportunities for former illegal drug users in

Davao City. SKP2 is now in its second year of implementation has 35 Voluntary Submission for Reformation Persons (VSRPs).

As part of its goal to make the program grow not only in number but also

in scope, the SKP2 engages the participation of selected parolees and probationaries convicted of illegal drugs and other related offenses to help them become productive members of the society once again.

Groundbreaking Ceremony of new CDM building

To start the year with a new milestone, the University held the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the

three-story College of Development Management (CDM) building on January 15, 2018 at the USeP Mintal Campus.

Among the USeP officials who graced the event were University President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, Vice President

for Administration, Ms. Ma. Luisa B. Faunillan, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Shirley S. Villanueva, and Vice Presi-

dent for Planning, Quality Assurance, and Resource Management, Mr. Aristeo C. Salapa.

CDM Dean, Dr. Eulalio C. Patay-

on, and Physical Development Division (PDD) Director, Archt. Ericson P. Europa, also participated in the activity.



Creating a PWD-friendly campus



An accessible ramp added to the Trade and Crafts Building

According to the 2010 census of the Philippine Statistics Authority, 16 out of 1,000 Filipinos or 1.57% of the population suffer some forms of disability. These persons with disabilities (PWDs) often struggle to gain access to private and public facilities, including educational institutions.

A restrictive campus environment makes it difficult for PWDs, whether student, faculty, or staff, to undertake what non-disabled persons experience. It automatically deprives them of services and opportunities available to the rest of the

university population.

Existing laws, like Batas Pambansa Blg. 344 or Accessibility Law and Republic Act 7277 or The Magna Carta for Disabled Persons, are already in place that mandate buildings to be PWD-friendly. Unfortunately, only a small percentage of government and private buildings are compliant to these legislations.

In USeP, creating a barrier-free environment for the disabled in the main campus in Obrero, as well as its external campuses, has been given great importance. The Physical Development Division (PDD) has adopt-

ed a two-pronged approach towards this end. First is the retrofitting of existing buildings to make them PWD-friendly and secondly, incorporating accessibility features in new and proposed structures.

The number one challenge for PWDs is accessing rooms on upper floors of buildings. Hence, elevators will be installed in all

new buildings in USeP. The first building that will have an elevator is the Industrial Electronics and Mechatronics Training Center. For old buildings, plans are underway to connect them to the elevator-equipped new buildings via elevated pedestrian bridges.

At present, not all existing buildings have ramps adjacent to main entrances making it difficult for

PWDs to enter these buildings. But steps have been made to address this concern. Some old USeP buildings, like the College of Technology building, College of Arts and Sciences building, and the Trade and Crafts building, have already been retrofitted to have ramps with the proper dimensions and correct inclination.

Accessible comfort rooms have specific dimensions and features to assist PWDs. In our new buildings, comfort rooms have already been designed to be PWD-friendly. In the rehabilitation and repair of existing

comfort rooms in the campus, cubicles were already adjusted to conform to prescribed dimensions and assistive devices, like grab bars, have already been added.

Despite the headway that have been attained, much has still to be done. Not only buildings must be made barrier-free but also outdoor facilities, like sidewalks, parking areas and student kiosks, must be accessible as well. We are on the right track though. Slowly we will eventually transform our campuses to be totally PWD-friendly in the years to come. (EPEuropa)



The new IT Building with its PWD ramp near the main entrance.



The newly-repaired comfort room at the Social Hall with grab bars for PWDs.



Installation of an elevator at the Industrial Electronics & Mechatronics Training Center.

OBRERO CAMPUS

Project: Construction of 7-storey Multi-media Learning Resource Center

Date Started: December 25, 2017

Status: 50.15% Completed



Project: Construction of College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Building Façade

Date Started: March 11, 2018

Status: 14% Completed



Project: Construction of 5-storey College of Engineering Laboratory Building - Phase I

Date Started: December 17, 2016

Status: 39% Completed



Project: Construction of Quality Assurance, Accreditation, TLE Building - Phase I

Date Started: December 27, 2016

Status: 49% Completed

Project: Establishment of 5-storey Science Laboratory Building

Date Started: May 8, 2017

Status: 49% Completed



Project: Construction of 5-storey College of Governance and Business Building - Phase 1B

Date Started: January 24, 2018

Status: 39% Completed



Project: Renovation of the University Hostel
Date Started: November 25, 2017
Status: 98% Completed

Project: Construction of a new 3-storey building to replace the old building (MINTAL PROJECT) 1B

Date Started: January 3, 2018

Status: 19.64% Completed



Project: Establishment of Industrial Electronics and Mechatronics Training Center Phase IV
Date Started: December 3, 2017
Status: 65% Completed



TAGUM CAMPUS

Project: Renovation & Extension of Garage

Date Started: February 27, 2018

Status: 45% Completed

