

## SPUP Convenes 3rd International Research Conference

As St. Paul University Philippines (SPUP) adheres to its vision to become a premier global research university, it spearheaded for the third time an international research conference (IRC3) with the theme, *“Emerging Trends and Innovative Approaches in Global Education for the Third Millennium.”* IRC3 was held on Dec. 14-16, 2017, at the SPUP Global Center. Converging close to 300 delegates from all over the Philippines, as well as from Thailand, Indonesia, Timor Leste, Taiwan, Japan and Canada, the conference aimed to serve as an avenue for education leaders, researchers, project/program implementers, innovators, and other education specialists to participate in global forum around current innovations, best practices, noteworthy breakthroughs, opportunities and challenges pertinent to global education for the third millennium.

In her welcome message, Sr. Merceditas Ang, SPC, SPUP President, reiterated the urgent role of research in the academe and in all aspects of life. She articulated the need to create and transfer knowledge that will have universal relevance and value to people and nation. Likewise, City Mayor Hon. Jefferson Soriano emphasized that it is imperative to continue pursuing further education and undertake research. He shared that equipping the people with the necessary competencies is enabling them to serve their community better..

Two keynote lectures and three concurrent sessions highlighted the first day of the conference. In his talk on Global Health Care for the Third Millennium, Dr. Federico Macaranas, Professor from the Asian Institute of Management and former undersecretary for Economic Affairs, capitalized on wise leadership.. Dr. Abdul Malik Iskandar, Chairman of the STKIP Mega Rezky Makassar, Indonesia, spoke about Cross-Cultural Collaboration among stakeholders. The second day of the conference was filled with a series of parallel sessions on different disciplines. As expressed by the participants, they were overwhelmed with researches that inspired them to write their own and personally present in a fora similar to the IRC. After the concurrent sessions, Dr. Michel Plaisent, Professor, University of Quebec, Canada, lectured on Technology and Education. In his talk, he used both his personal experiences and several research findings to reiterate the dramatic changes and challenging trends confronting the learners, the teachers, curriculum planners and other stakeholders of education. Day two was even made more memorable as SPUP and its Indonesian partner schools signed Memoranda of Agreement and Memoranda of Understanding (MOU).

Dr. Ir. Hj. Paristiyanti Nurwardini, Director of Learning, Indonesian Directorate General Indonesian Higher Education talked on Internationalization in Higher Education..

Dr. Pilar Acorda, Dean of the School of Arts, Sciences and Teacher Education, and the Over-all Chair of the conference, articulated her profoundest gratitude to all the delegates, participants, guests and the working committees.



*Sr. Merceditas Ang, SPC, St. Paul University President, giving her Welcome Message during the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Research Conference held at the SPUP Global Center.*



*Dr. Federico Macaranas delivering his Keynote Lecture at the SPUP 3<sup>rd</sup> International Research Conference.*



*SPUP IRC3 Research Conference Organizers posing with the SPUP Administrators, Guests and Speakers.*