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Payap University, Thailand

Executive Committee Meeting 2017

The ACUCA Executive Committee held its first meeting of 2017 at Payap University in Chiang Mai, Thailand on Friday, April 28. Assistant Professor Dr. Sompan Wongdee, President of Payap University, as President of ACUCA, welcomed the ACUCA Executive Committee attending the meeting.

Attending the meeting were the following representatives:

- ACUCA and Payap University President Asst. Prof. Dr. Sompan Wongdee and staff of the ACUCA Secretariat (Payap University, Thailand)
- Dr. Olga Catherina Pattipawaej (Maranatha Christian University, Indonesia)
- Dr. Yuko Watanabe (Meiji Gakuin University, Japan)
- Dr. Betsy Joy Tan (Silliman University, Philippines)
- Sister Anne Therese Falkenstein (Providence University, Taiwan)
- Dr. Sivapriya Thiagarajan Ramanathan (Lady Doak College, India)
- Prof. Dr. Ricky Wong (Hong Kong Baptist University, ACUCA Treasurer)



Aletheia University, Taiwan

Mother's Day Medalist

Chen Wei-Quan is a freshman student in the Department of Taiwanese Literature, Aletheia University. He attended the writing contest by the Chinese Wade Cultural Association, Taipei City Golden Lion 28 Association. 2017. His writing, on Mother's Day on the topic "My Mother", won a bronze medal in the national competition.

When he was a third grader, he was diagnosed with QiuXin-style muscle atrophy. Wei-Quan slowly began not walking normally, he needed to use a helper or a wheelchair to walk. QiuXin-style muscle atrophy affects skeletal muscles resulting in gradual degeneration and atrophy. The condition is genetic and there are no drugs that can cure or improve the disease.



Due to the muscle atrophy, Chen Wei-Quan only has use of his his palm and fingers, but he is still eager to learn and participate in the national disability contest, and got admitted to the Department of Taiwanese Literature at Aletheia University. His mother gave him full support for his dream of achieving higher education. The theme of in his writing is that "the grace of mother's love is like the rays of the sun, it always shines". Wei-Quan wrote in appreciation of his mother, as an expression of thanks to his mother who has been accompanied and taken care of him in life and school.



St. Paul University, Philippines

DRL Students go for International Internship

Three Graduate students taking up Doctor of Rhetoric and Linguistics (DRL) Program at St. Paul University, Philippines went for a month-long internship at Chang Jung Christian University (CJCU) in Tainan City, Taiwan, from Nov. 14 to Dec. 14, 2016.

Ms. Helen Asio, Ms. Marites Catabay and Ms. Michelle Quijano, the teacher-interns, together with the Director of the International Institute of Languages (and their professor) Dr. Concepcion Doyugan, a Visiting Scholar of CJCU.

The immersion aimed at letting the students experience teaching English as a foreign language. Such exposure also served as avenue for them to learn new culture as they are immersed with the people in the community.

The one-month immersion was filled with meaningful experiences of teaching and learning, through class observations, teaching demonstrations, free talks and tutorial sessions dealing with students who are learning English as a foreign language.

Beyond their duties and responsibilities, the teacher-interns were given opportunity for further professional enrichment through training seminar-workshops and talks. They attended TESOL Workshops: Alternative Language Assessment Strategies; Research Agenda and Educational Landscape in Taiwan and the Philippines; Engaging Students with Globalization Issues. In addition, they were tapped to assist in a Cultural Activity, presenting "Philippine Night."

They visited cultural sites, like the Chimei Museum; navigated the Shankong Temple, the Museum at An-ping, visited Kaohsiung City to see the lotus pond, and climbed the famous mountain at Kaohsiung County. Their awareness to save wildlife was awakened by the Shoots and Roots Animal Parade they have attended.

"We were so lucky for we were given the opportunity to trail the great beyond with the International Internship Program of St. Paul University Philippines, through the shepherding of Dr. Concepcion Doyugan," said Ms. Michelle Quijano, one of the interns.



SPUP Graduate School Interns at CJCU. (L-R): Marites Catabay, Michelle Quijano, Helen Asio (rightmost), with Resource Speaker Dr. Damien Trezise (center) and Dr. Concepcion Doyugan (2nd from right).

St. Paul University, Philippines

SPUP Students' Internalization Integration Activity

St. Paul University, Philippines' International Relations Office conducted the grand First International Students' Integration Activity on Sept. 13-14, 2016, with varied activities to foster deeper ties between and among the University's foreign and Filipino students, as well as to deepen understanding about the various cultures now flourishing in the University.



The two-day activity commenced with a Conference on Internationalization was highlighted by the Inspirational Messages from SPUP President Sister Merceditas Ang, SPC; VP for Academics Dr. Agripina Maribbay; CHED Region 02 Education Supervisor Dr. Florida Capili.

Among those who graced the event were the Bureau of Immigration Representative Ms. Analyn Garcia, as well as the SPUP Administrators, Faculty Members, Staff and Student

During the first day of the gathering, the election of Officers of the International Students' Organization was held, followed by the Oath-Taking Ceremony, administered by the University President Sr. Merceditas Ang.

SPUP President Sr. Merceditas Ang, SPC, administering the Oath of Office to the Officers of the International Students' Organization.

Sreyas Manoharan Punjavi from India was elected Secretary-General, with Sister Maria de Araujo, SPC, from East Timor, as Deputy Minister; the rest of the Officers coming from East Timor, USA, Nigeria, Korea, Kenya, Indonesia, Philippines.

Other activities included team building, creative games, historical-displays, cultural and video presentations, and an interactive museum depicting students-made paintings of their respective cultures.

The program culminated with the international cuisines demonstration by the students themselves, followed by food tasting by all those present.

Flags of the countries where the intentional students come from were grandiosely displayed to enhance the ambiance of internationalization.

SPUP international students in their colorful national costumes, together with the Sisters and lay administrators, posing for posterity.



Payap University, Thailand

ACUCA Website Update

ACUCA is pleased to announce that the website ACUCA.net has had a full platform upgrade and is now compatible with tablets and smartphones.

You may notice some changes to content location due to improvements in the menu structure and information hierarchy – but all the information is still there. Try the search box if you can't find what you are looking for.

The ACUCA website will be regularly updated as member institutions send messages, articles and news. The website will serve as a more accessible service than the quarterly printed newsletters. Consequently, the ACUCA Newsletter will be printed twice a year from now on.



CYCU International Volunteer Groups

CYCU International Volunteer Groups go to 6 countries this summer

CYCU International Volunteer Groups-Myanmar division has been going to the Lashio area in northern Myanmar to provide service to children in the Mandarin schools for four years. This year they even initiate the "Taking the love to Taiwan Project", bringing back to Taiwan the loving and missing of their families in Taiwan through letters, in hope that the love in the letter will transcend geographical distance. Besides the Myanmar division, CYCU will also send five other volunteers groups to Cambodia, El Salvador, Thailand, Philippines, and Japan, and these groups are going to stay in their respective countries to provide a 120-day service.



The director of the CYCU Service Learning Center, Dr. Chun-Yao Lee, said that the CYCU International Volunteer Groups-Myanmar division has been providing service in the northern Myanmar area for years, and during one trip, a local noodle stand owner talked about his own relatives in Taiwan

who moved to Taiwan with the military during the Chinese Civil War. Later details confirmed that it is Zhong Zhen Veteran Village that the noodle stand owner's relatives live now. Consequently, this year, the CYCU International Volunteer Groups-Myanmar division not only will go to Myanmar to help the local children learn English through English Summer Camp and lead the local middle school students to volunteer in the Li-Su ethnic minority orphanages, they also will initiate the "Taking the love to Taiwan Project" to assist citizens of Myanmar who

are Chinese descendent to write letters to their relatives in Taiwan. The letters will be brought back to Taiwan by CYCU volunteers.

The service that the CYCU International Volunteer Groups provides in Myanmar has centered around the "Doing-it-together English summer camp", and the CYCU volunteers will design a series of fun English learning activities to help Chinese ethnic Myanmar students to start loving English and in turn gain vocational edges in the future. Also, CYCU International Volunteer Groups also insists on "let the local help the local" principle, and will lead the local middle school students to volunteer in the Li-Su ethnic minority orphanages to help Li-Su orphans.

The founder of CYCU International Volunteer Groups, Dr. Chao-MingWu, has also said that CYCU has been sending information technology volunteers to northern Thai area since 2006 to provide teaching and service in information technology, and this service has expanded

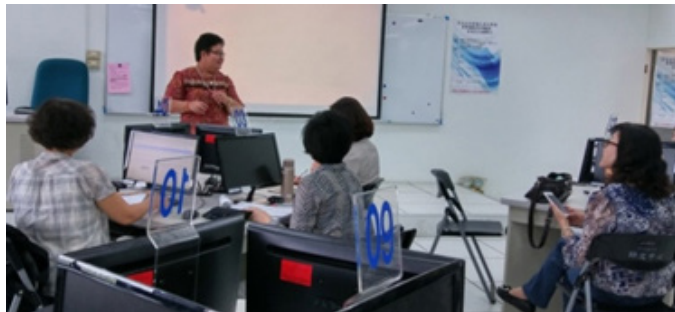


to more than 10 locations such as Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Philippines, China, Japan, America, South Africa, and El Salvador. So far, there are more than 300 student volunteers who have devoted their heart, expertise, compassion and love in a foreign country.

Dr. Wu hoped that through a combination of altruism and professional learning, the students in the CYCU International Volunteer Groups will make the most out of their education, and bring positive influence from campus to the society, and from Taiwan to the world.

SPUP Professor, Visiting Scholar in Chang Jung Christian University

Dr. Concepcion Doyugan, Associate Professor and Head of the Intercultural Institute for Languages of St. Paul University Philippines, explores Taiwan after being accepted as a visiting scholar in Chang Jung Christian University (CJCU), for one month, from Nov. 14 to Dec. 14, 2016.



Dr. Doyugan conducted training workshops for faculty members of the CJCU Department of Translation and Interpretation, the Department of Language Education, and the Department of Nursing. Her first workshop was on "Alternative Learning Assessment." This was followed by a workshop on "Interactive Teaching Strategies." She also gave talks to the faculty on "Enhancing Students' Global Competition" and "Making SPUP a Choice for International Exposure."

Furthermore, she was tasked to give two speeches for the students entitled: "Philippine Culture," and "Enhancing Global Competition." She was invited to be one of the inspirational speakers in the International Week Celebration at CJCU, together with the Indonesian Ambassador

and another guest from Malaysia.

She also participated in the Roots and Shoots Animal Parade, joining the international students from Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines, where she choreographed their movements, which became one of the attractions during the event. In addition, she led the Filipino students in the Philippine Night Celebration, where the Taiwanese students got to know about Philippine agricultural practices, famous places, food and the Filipinos who rose from rags to riches.

This exposure provided more avenues for linkages in CJCU and other nearby Taiwanese universities. In fact, she was also given a chance to explore the beautiful places in Taiwan, like the Chi Mei Museum, Kaohsiung City, the Anping Museum, and other temples in Southern Taiwan.



Sharing of insights during the talk of Dr. Concepcion Doyugan.

Parahyangan Catholic University, Indonesia

2016 ACUCA Biennial Conference Proceedings

The proceedings of the previous ACUCA conference have been published by UNPAR Press and are now available to ACUCA members and the public.

Parahyangan Catholic University held the 2016 ACUCA Biennial Conference and the 21st General Assembly in Bali, Indonesia from 13-16 Oct, 2016.

The conference included keynote speeches and call-papers presented by participants from ACUCA member institutions with a variety of topics related to the conference's major theme.

To order copies of the conference proceeding contact UNPAR Press via email from unparpress@unpar.ac.id

SeinanGakuin University, Fukuoka, Japan

Seinan Gakuin's Peace Declaration

A Confession of War Responsibility and Post-war Responsibility

In May 2017 Seinan Gakuin added translations of its Peace Declaration on its home page* in English, Chinese, Korean, German, French, and Italian. The peace declaration was originally issued in Japanese in connection with the May 2016 centennial anniversary of Seinan Gakuin, for which the catch phrase was "Thanks and Next." As preparation for the centennial, we wanted to look back at the school's 100 year history and to learn from it as we face the future.

In 1933 the dying words of C. K. Dozier, the missionary founder of the school, were "Tell Seinan to be true to Christ." His words were adopted as the motto for the school, but as we reflected on past events in our history, we had to confess that we did not always observe the founder's challenge. This was especially true during the Asia and Pacific War. Ceremonies to revere the emperor and activities to prepare the students to participate in war were introduced into the school program. We involved ourselves in the war that brought enormous pain and suffering to many people in other countries, especially in Asia. Even after the war, we showed no empathy to victims of the war in which we were participants.

We pray that this opportunity to look back will help us to be vigilant and take action so that we never repeat the same mistakes of being self-centered and suppressing the dignity of humanity through power and violence. This peace declaration has also been a good resource for helping our students to be aware of the past. Looking toward the future,

we have pledged our unwavering determination to be part of the global community and to be truly a part of international society and live in the blessing of "those who work for peace."

*http://www.seinan-gu.ac.jp/about/christian/peace_declaration.html



HKBU joins Tianzhou-1 space life science research

JHong Kong Baptist University(HKBU) is the only higher education institution from outside Mainland China chosen to conduct a space life science study onboard Tianzhou-1, China's first cargo spacecraft. Launched in April, Tianzhou-1 has successfully docked with the Tiangong-2 space laboratory and several space experiments have already begun.

The HKBU research investigates the effect of microgravity conditions on bone formation. "When astronauts stay in space for one week, they lose about 10 percent of their bone mass. That is why they must be carried by others instead of walking out from the return capsule themselves right after touchdown." Associate Director of HKBU School of Chinese Medicine (SCM) Teaching and Research Division, Director of the Technology Development Division, and Associate Director of the Law Sau Fai Institute for Advancing Translational Medicine in Bone and Joint Diseases (TMBJ), Professor Zhang Ge, elaborates that under microgravity, bone loss is several times faster than on Earth, posing a serious health threat to astronauts and limiting the time they can safely stay in space.

The HKBU team, responsible for investigating the effect of the "CKIP-1" gene on bone formation under microgravity conditions in space, hopes this study can lead to the discovery of new drugs to prevent or treat bone loss resulting from space travel. As the results could also serve as reference for the development of therapeutics for osteoporosis, the study will not only benefit space development, but also the general public.

The team is led by Professor Lyu Aiping, Dean of SCM and Director of TMBJ, and Professor Zhang Ge, with Post-doctoral Research Fellow Dr Liang Chao and Senior Research Assistant Miss Wang Luyao as team members. To ensure success of the plan, the two team members participated in a number of experiments organised by the Chinese Academy of Sciences and stayed at the Wenchang Space Launch

Centre to make all necessary preparations.

Entitled "Research on the impact that microgravity has on the proliferation and differentiation of cells", the space life science study on Tianzhou-1 is led by Northwestern Polytechnical University in collaboration with HKBU, Tsinghua University, Zhejiang University, and two national research institutions. The project consists of eight subprojects and HKBU is the one solely responsible for the "CKIP-1" experiment. This is another important contribution made by HKBU to the Mainland's major scientific research initiatives after its participation in the first deep-sea expedition of the manned submersible Jiaolong in 201.



Filamer Christian University, Philippines

NAFSA 17: A big leap in FCU's Internationalization

Joining NAFSA facilitates Filamer to have opportunities to receive unlimited communications, e-mails, invitations, information, such as, but not limited to, research consortiums, scholarships, partnerships, etc. These are actually unlimited possibilities for learning, development and improvement in both academics and administrative, from networks that FCU touches and links through her participation to NAFSA. In the same way, those unlimited communications of valuable opportunities which FCU have been receiving by emails are products of her constant presence through the representation of her Director for International Programs, in various involvements in both local and international gatherings and activities.

NAFSA 2017 was attended by twelve Higher Education Representatives from eight Colleges and Universities in the Philippines which include University of the Philippines, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University, De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde, University of Mindanao, Central Philippine University and Filamer Christian University.

Convening with other International educators around the globe, Filamer Christian University representatives, Dr. Indaylou Almeida, Director for International Programs and Dr. Minnie P. Chan, VP-Academic Affairs joined for the first time in NAFSA 2017, May 28-June 2.

NAFSA is the world's biggest association and convention of international educators which has an educational exposition that facilitates to expand communities and strengthens connections. It basically expands one's network of collaboration and cooperation among educational institutions worldwide. Among others, it entails to find partners for educational and cultural programs, research consortiums and scholarships for local and international students, faculty and staff exchanges and opportunities even to include opportunities for its administrators and members of the Board.

For the first timers that is Filamer, NAFSA17 could mean not only fulfilling CHED's mandate for internationalization of Philippines HEIs that is now inscribed in her vision to be a globally-linked Christian university, but it likewise becomes a forum for effective benchmarking, exploring and learning to grow at better competitiveness, if not at par with other educational institutions in the world yet admittedly far reaching.

"The NAFSA 2017 introduces for the first time, provincially but peacefully located FCU to the international community, her century-rich historical existence, the Christian foundation she was known for, her nurturing quality and spirit, and the virtuous symbolism she stands for, for her to find compatible partners to grow and developed with", Dr. Almeida said.

Highlights of NAFSA 2017 which FCU participated include the Opening of International Booths, Meetings with Prospective Partners, visit to Los Angeles Trade Technical College (LATTC), a tech-voc state funded college for benchmarking, scheduled meetings with Education USA arranged by the US Embassy, meeting with Global Advancement of Community Colleges (CGACC) at the Fashion Institute of Design Merchandising, and a campus tour and luncheon at the University of Southern California.



The Philippine Education delegation to NAFSA 2017 includes representatives of Filamer Christian University, Dr. Indaylou B. Almeida and Dr. Minnie P. Chan.

International events at Assumption University of Thailand

The following are the International events taking place at Assumption University of Thailand:

June-July 2017: The Montfort de Rosario School of Architecture is organizing a workshop on Bamboo Architecture in collaboration with its German collaborator, Weismar University.

August 21-27, 2017: The ASEACCU Student camp, The ASEACCU Campus Minister's Workshop, The 25th Annual ASEACCU Conference with the theme on Inclusive Education, and the ASEACCU Board meeting. More details are available on the Assumption University website: www.au.edu.

September 8-9, 2017: The Assumption University Martin de Tours School of Management and Economics and the Japan Society for Production Management will hold the third Annual Conference on Production Management and New Technologies at the Assumption University Suvannabhumi campus.

December 5-8, 2017: The Assumption University's Graduate School of Human Sciences and the Catholic Bishop's Conference of Regensburg, Germany will hold a Conference: The Meeting of the East and the West: Dialogs through Religion and Philosophy at the Assumption University Huamak campus.

SU Designs "Calamity-Smart" Church for UCCP Bohol



The construction of a church building made of six 20-footer container vans in Catagbian, Bohol is completed and will be formally turned over to the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP) Catigbian, Bohol on July 2. It is a "calamity-smart" structure that can withstand up to 400kph winds and an intensity 8 earthquake. It is also termite-resistant and fire-saf.

The building of this church is part of Silliman's Continuing Calamity Response Program (CCRP) which includes designing and prototyping "calamity-safer" structures for possible adoption by others in the country. The Philippines is prone to big typhoons and powerful earthquakes, and termites and fire are serious threats to homes and buildings.

The construction and the use of container vans carefully considered studies made by a team of engineers from Silliman. This is not the first calamity-resilient structure that the University has built. On campus, a total of 12 40-footer container vans were retrofitted into three classrooms and one storage room that comprise the second floor of the Nutrition and Dietetics Department. The Public Assistance and Security Office (PASO) is also made of container vans, as well as structures in both the Rose Lamb Sobrepeña Writers and Divinity Village. They can be safe from falling branches and flying debris in the event of typhoons. They are also safe from having walls and ceilings fall on people in the event of earthquakes.

External donations to the University's CCRP funded the building of the Catigbian chapel. CCRP is the Silliman's pro-active disaster relief and rehabilitation program anchored on the University's mission of extending services to communities in need.

For more on Silliman's CCRP, refer to this link: <https://su.edu.ph/page/195-continuing-calamity>

The Assumption University Chorus group at South Africa's Freedom Day reception

The Ambassador of the Republic of South Africa H.E. Geoff Doidge and Mrs. Carol Doidge posed for a picture with Assumption University's Faculty of Music Chorus Group at the reception to celebrate South African Freedom Day on Thursday April 27, 2017 at the Conrad Hotel Ballroom, Bangkok.

The talented student singers were greatly applauded for fine renditions of both the Thai Royal Anthem and the National Anthem of South Africa.



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