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2014 ACUCA Student Camp Shares its Christian Values Without Borders

On August 11, Fu Jen Catholic University Chaplain Rev. John Shou-Chung Lai presided over the opening ceremony of the ACUCA Student Camp from 11th to 15th of August, 2014 and led students from member institutions of the Association of Christian Universities and Colleges in Asia (ACUCA) to prayer. Vice President for Mission, Rev. Leszek Niewdana, SVD, welcomed the participants and presented the award for the 3 best articles on the theme of the student camp. The awardees were: 1. Sharmaine Ang Gonzaga of Mirriam College, Manila, Philippines; 2. Ayaka Kusakabe of Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan and 3. Seung-Hun Kang of Sogang University, Seoul, Korea. The best articles will be published in the ACUCA newsletter.



The theme of the five-day event was "Values Education: Re-discovering our Values to Foster a Better You and Build a Better World." It was designed to give students an opportunity to reflect and re-examine values in a fast-changing society. Students came together to share the wealth of values embedded in their respective cultures in the Asian region, but also to identify the core values rooted in the Christian tradition through different activities.

To boost the spirit of cultural exchange, participants were encouraged to share their ideas and values with each other. Vice-President for Mission Father Leszek Niewdana, who currently serves as General Secretary of ACUCA, said that contemporary society merely encourages its youth to compete for the fruits of success, without reminding them to keep a watchful eye on their spiritual health. "Thus, we encourage students to 'know oneself' and open their eyes to appreciate different cultures."

The 2014 ACUCA Student Camp prepared various activities such as the Keynote Speech, Cross-cultural Communication Workshops (Values in Action), Cultural Presentation and Country Reports. The Student Camp encouraged its participants to introduce traditions of their own cultures and prepare a 10-minute special performance for the Cultural Night presentation.

Fu Jen Catholic University especially invited Rev. George Gerald Martinson, SJ Vice-director of the Kuangchi Program Service, to serve as the keynote speaker of the lecture series. His topic was "Showing Christ's Values in a Secular World." He emphasized the importance of mutual trust and considered "observation" as the key to grow in interpersonal relationship. Fr. Martinson added that the mission of education is not only to spread knowledge, but also connect individuals with one another to share lessons of life. In addition, he urged the audience to continuously pay more attention to details of daily life, instead of only the latest advantages of smartphones.

In the country reports, two students from Sophia University and Kwansei Gakuin University discussed social problems, for example the positive and negative effects of collectivism in modern Japanese society. In the context of its many complexities, Japanese culture always stresses a sense of independence for every member in society, and cohesion within the hierarchy. Secondly, Leung Siu-Ping and Lau Chi-Ho from Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) focused on social problems such as wealth disparity, a serious shadow of short-term quick economic growth. They added that the deterioration of income inequality might have a huge impact on overall development in the long run. Ji-In Jung, student representative from Sogang University, addressed the suicide rate, which has worsened because of over-achievement stress. Then Lorrae M. Ybanez, a member of the delegation from Trinity University of Asia in the Philippines, introduced "Bayanihan," a special mutual aid system, which guarantees strong support for those in need.

Oscar P.P. Karwur, a representative from Satya Wacana Christian University in India, gave a presentation about "Musyawarah Mufakat," a unique social communications platform which allows civilians in India opportunities to raise their voice. He suggested that such a program may play an important role in the progress of democratic consolidation in civil society.

The cross cultural workshops took place for half a day and participants were stimulated to think and be critical of the various issues of the changing society. Students had to go to 3-4 workshop stations, and discuss and debate certain issues. Their decision making skills were tested and ability to discern was practiced. Amidst the summer heat, they all enjoyed the workshops and thought that it was a very meaningful activity to "make a choice and have a voice" in a society with shifts of values. Calvin Tjondronegoro of Krida Wacana Christian University, Indonesia remarked that the "most meaningful experience was the workshop (Values in Action) which was held on the third day (8/13). We were divided into small groups and we re-examined how values are perceived by society. How we agreed or disagreed on certain issues, such as the legalization of same-sex marriage, abortion, and many more. It was also done in a relaxing manner by letting us warm up with simple games before dealing with the presented issues. It really taught me how to react to issues that we encounter daily and how to objectively analyze them before stating our opinion."

The Closing Ceremony was incorporated in the Eucharist which included the giving of certificates and commissioning of the participants to contribute to building a better world by making alive their Christian values. Fu Jen Catholic University Chaplain, Rev. John (Shou-Chung) Lai officiated at the celebration of the Eucharist and V.P. for Mission Rev. Leszek Niewdana, SVD preached the homily. Representatives from different countries were invited to offer prayers in their own language. The Fu Jen Catholic University president Vincent Chiang was present to extend best wishes to the participants and to thank all ACUCA member institutions.

Fu Jen Sumer Camp Begins and Offers Prayers for the World in a Time of Suffering

The Center of Rural Areas Education Service (CORAES) held an opening ceremony for the Fu Jen Summer Camp at the Immaculate Conception Chapel, and offered prayers for the world in a time of great suffering on August 3, 2014. Most Rev. John Hung, SVD Archbishop of Taipei and Chancellor of Fu Jen Catholic University, presided over the prayer ceremony with Vice-President for Mission Father Leszek Niewdana, and Rev. Willy Ollevier, representative of the CICM Missionaries (Congregatio Immaculati Cordis Mariae). The CICM Missionaries is an important religious order in the Catholic Church.

"The Stream of Praise" was sung as the participants entered the campus Chapel. Rev. Jac Kuepers, SVD, a member in the Fu Jen Board of Trustees, also partook in this great event and offered his best wishes for the world. At the Immaculate Conception Chapel, every participant mourned for the passing of people claimed by the gas blast in Kaohsiung City and the recent plane crash in Penghu. At the prayer ceremony, Father Leszek Niewdana shared a passage in the Gospel of Matthew with the students: "Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." The Vice President for Mission implored the students to treasure what they have now and express their care for their family and friends.

200 pupils, 100 tutors and 200 representatives of sponsor organizations partook in the Summer Camp. The CORAES prepared a series of warm-up activities for the audience after the ceremony. Tze-Han Lu, Director of the Center of Rural Areas Education Service (CORAES), said that the theme of the program this year was "Love can illuminate the World." She added that CORAES makes constant efforts, in the tradition of Catholic spirit and love, to guide students in remote communities. "In addition to online tutoring and educational guidance, we always stand by their side when our pupils sorely need friendship and a helping hand," said Director Lu.

In the Summer Camp, the Director also spoke with the students on lessons of life education in the context of recent heart-breaking events. "Take your time for learning. Love each other, especially those in need," she stressed. She offered her condolences for the victims of current tragedies. Director Lu quoted an adage, "We never know whether death or tomorrow come first."

At the end of the ceremony, Director Lu expressed her appreciation for the continuous support CORAES has received from university authorities, including the FJCU Clinic and friends of Fu Jen. "The preparation for the Fu Jen Summer Camp could not have gone smoothly without their assistance," she said. She added that the FJCU Clinic provides regular health checks for students in remote areas. The director said to a Chinese publication that, thanks to the great support of the authorities, CORAES will continue to educate its students with knowledge of important news events and the development of a philosophy of life.



Opening Ceremony of the 16th Management Leadership Training Programme for the New Century Takes Place at Fu Jen

The opening ceremony of the 16th Management Leadership Training Programme for the New Century took place at Fu Jen on July 9, 2014. Conrad Lee, Chairman of the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce (KCC), Professor Dennis K.P. Ng, Associate Vice-President and University Dean of Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), Professor Jung-Lung Chen, Vice President for Administrative Affairs at Fu Jen Catholic University (FJCU) and officials of the Ministry of Education in the People's Republic of China attended the ceremony and offered their best wishes and blessings for the participants from universities in the Great China area.

The Management Leadership Training Programme for the New Century is an important annual event in the Great China area. To enable young participants to determine their next steps in future careers, the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce and Chinese University of Hong Kong established the Management Leadership Training Programme for the New Century in 1998. The Kowloon Chamber of Commerce invites students and several institutions of higher education to participate in the programme every year. The KCC aspires to open the eyes of college students and enable them to better understand the meaning of leadership management with its lecture series, seminars and various programs.

The topic of the lecture series in the Training Programme was "The Challenges and Opportunities for the Greater China area in the Booming Asia-Pacific Economy." The Programme has adopted the SWOT matrix

for its special reports, and this year focused on analyses of development in Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. Its previous topics included focuses on first and second tiers of major cities such as Tianjin and Shanghai in China.

Cheng-Kuan Hsu, the Chair of the Formosan Rubber Group, and Andy Wang, the Vice Chairman and President of the Wowprime Group, spoke at the opening ceremony as honored guests. They shared insights on global economy trends with the participants.

The KCC Chair Conrad Lee said that he really appreciated the assistance of FJCU and CUHK. At the ceremony, he expressed his special gratitude for the presence of officials from the Ministry of Education in China. Vice President for Administrative Affairs Professor Jung-Lung Chen said that FJCU hopes to develop the platform of cross-strait communication and help to make the Programme more than a mere channel of academic exchange. Professor Chen added that he has always admired the constant efforts of the KCC Chair in improving ties between Taiwan and China.

At the end of the ceremony, Professor Dennis K.P. Ng, the Associate Vice-President of Chinese University of Hong Kong, encouraged the audience to seize this rare chance and learn to think critically. "Since you are still blessed with youth, take your fifteen minutes in the spotlight and change the world," said the Associate Vice-President.



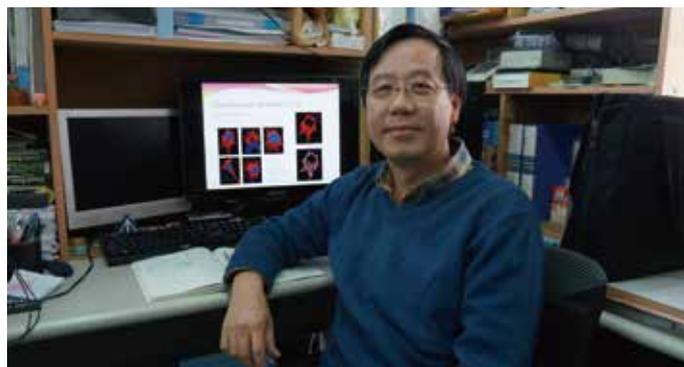
Prof. Tsai Yuh-show et al. on the Cover of Nature Methods

The article entitled Objective Comparison of Particle Tracking Methods by Prof. Tsai Yuh-show (蔡育秀), the Chair of Department of Biomedical Engineering at Chung Yuan Christian University, and his research team has been accepted and published on Nature Methods, March 2014. This research was also on the cover of the journal.

Having been working collaboratively and cross-disciplinarily with Prof. Lin Chung-chi (cell biology), Prof. Lee Kuo-bin (protein function analysis) and Dr. Hsu Chun-nan (bioinformatics) for years, Prof. Tsai Yuh-show has worked on the data-mining on the area of biomedical microscopy. Specifically, this research team led by Prof. Tsai has built a computerized tracking system for distribution for dynamic protein, and the system for identification and morphological analysis of mitochondrion.

Nature methods, with the impact factor of up to 23, is the top-ranked journal in the field of biochemical research methods. Prof. Tsai said, it was with great effort and teamwork that the research findings were finally able

to be released on this influential journal.



CYCU Volunteers Trains English Teachers in Cambodia

Partially sponsored by Youth Development Administration (YDA), Ministry of Education and Program for Promoting Teaching Excellence Universities, the 8th CYCU Volunteer Student Group traveled to Cambodia from Jul 5th to August 19th, 2013, launching a program for seed teachers teaching in English. Working with Formosa Budding Hope Association and Khmer Akphiwat Khmer Organization (KAKO), the university student volunteer group offered a three-week-long teaching training courses in the villages of Ankor Thom and Puok District.

To gradually fulfill the commitment to education in poverty eradication, twenty-seven Cambodian teachers were trained to facilitate the poor children's English learning as the long-term goal. The training included two-day teaching training sessions as well as three-day classroom observation and hands-on experience on a weekly basis. Through different types of games, songs and chants, the university volunteers tried to encourage local teachers to open mind to accept different strategies for English teaching.

One of the Cambodian English teachers stated in the reflection, "Taiwanese volunteers are better than us at attracting students with fun body language while in teaching English. In this way, children feel that it is easier to learn this language."

Lai, ying-ru, a group member majoring in biomedical engineering and

the only one who has stayed a total of forty-six days, said, "It was a huge challenge for me to stay in Cambodia for around forty-six days, and I didn't feel this program meaningful until it has come to an end. With such a tight schedule and limited human resources, our team has fully worked on and been committed to the long-term English education of hundreds of children there." She also said, "The students consider going into college not an easy task. Although it is hard to imagine the situation, I was entirely shocked on hearing this. I thus became to wonder how happy I should have been, because I can do what I want, and I am able to choose the field of knowledge I would like to involve in."



Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong

Carbon emissions offset by HKBU green volunteers through planting trees

Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) is an environment-conscious higher education institution, which strives to develop itself into a green university with a sustainable campus. Being concerned about its carbon footprint and the impacts of its campus activities on climate change, the University proactively set up the Task Force on Sustainable Campus and launched the "Sustainable Low Carbon Campus" project in 2009. BU GreenieS (BUGS), the first green voluntary team among tertiary education institutions in Hong Kong, was established in September 2013.

On 22 March, about 200 volunteers, including HKBU students, staff and alumni as well as their families and friends, were led by Professor Albert Chan, President and Vice-Chancellor of HKBU, and Mr Andy Lee, Vice-President (Administration) and Secretary, in taking part in the first "No-waste Low-carbon Tree Planting Day" in response to the call of BUGS, the organiser of the event. They came together to plant more than 500 saplings in Mui Wo on Lantau Island, offsetting 10 tons of carbon emission annually and lowering the adverse effects of global warming. The activity was also designed to help recover lost tracts of woodland on the island. According to the Global Forest Watch website developed by the World Resources Institute, due to various construction activities, large pieces of woodland had disappeared in Lantau where it is now classified as a forest loss alert area. To achieve the target of "no waste" and minimise the carbon footprint of the activity, volunteers brought their own reusable items such as water bottles and avoided producing disposable waste.

Having shared a meaningful day with BUGS volunteers, Professor Chan said, "In just six months, over 500 students, staff and alumni have joined the BUGS voluntary team. This shows that the HKBU community has so much passion for the environment." An HKBU student volunteer said, "By participating in this event, I learnt that a tree takes a long time to

grow, and it would take one year to absorb 23 kg of carbon dioxide. However, a person eating 1 kg of beef would cause 27 kg of carbon emission. Therefore, on average, we need 260 adult trees to offset each person's annual carbon emission in Hong Kong. This reminds me to cherish our resources and spread the important message of how everyone can help combat global warming by reducing our carbon footprint."

Even though planting trees is not the only answer to saving the earth, it is an effective way to offset one's carbon footprint and a rewarding action we can collectively take to improve our living conditions. Through photosynthesis, trees can help purify the air by converting carbon dioxide into oxygen, an essential element for sustaining life. As far as possible, every one of us should seriously consider planting a tree for the sake of our environment and with a view to passing on an invaluable ecological heritage to future generations.



Wenzao Establishes New Partnership with Universities in Southern Taiwan as well as Universities of Mainland China

Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages has recently extended its partnership with local universities in Taiwan as well as universities of Mainland China. On April 22, 2014, President Lucia Lin, Dr. Kit Lam, the Dean of the Office of International and Cross-strait Cooperation (OICC), and Dr. Chiu-Hui Wu, the Manager of OICC were invited to National Kaohsiung University, which initiated a union with other Southern Taiwan universities to develop cross-strait partnerships with nine universities in Mainland China. The memorandum was signed by the delegates of the Southern Taiwan (ST) union with nine universities of Mainland China, named E9. The E9 universities of Mainland China include: Beijing Institute of Technology, Southeast University, Dalian University of Technol-

gy, Harbin Institute of Technology, South China University of Technology, Tianjin University, Tongji University, Northwestern Polytechnical University and Chongqing University.



Wenzao Delegates Participate in Global Education Conference Organized by the Ursuline Education Services

President Lucia Lin, Dr. Kit Lam, Dean of the Office of International and Cross-strait Cooperation, Dr. Peter Lin, Director of Ursuline Education Center and 2 more faculty members attended the Global Education Conference organized by the Ursuline Education Services held at the College of New Rochelle in New York, USA from June 15 to 20. In addition, Ursuline educators from over 20 countries had the opportunity to experience the "globalness" of Ursuline education. The conference, with the theme of "Global Education in the Ursuline Spirit," was organized by Ursuline Educational Services, which seeks to connect institutions sponsored or affiliated with Ursuline congregations in the United States and Canada. It seeks to establish collaborative relationships, celebrate common heritage and values, and share wisdom about 21st-century education.

Wenzao was founded by the sisters of the Roman Union of the Order of St. Ursula in 1966, and has always been proud of the rich heritage that is rooted in the vision of St. Angela Merici.



Taiwan Education Center (TEC) found in Vietnam

In order to promote Chinese Language Learning in Vietnam and Vietnamese Language education in Taiwan, Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages has established the Hanoi Taiwan Education Center (HTEC) with Vietnam National University of Social Sciences and Humanities (USSH), Hanoi. The agreement of HTEC was signed by President Lucia Lin, and Dr. Nguyen Van Kim, Vice President of VNU USSH on May 15, 2014. The center is partially funded by the Ministry of Education in Taiwan and aims to offer Chinese language learning courses and hold Chinese language proficiency tests. The establishment of TEC is a milestone for the long-lasting partnership between Taiwan and Vietnam. Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages and VNU USSH have been partner schools since 2006. It is believed that the official launch of HTEC

in 2014 will definitely further strengthen the cooperative relationship between both parties in the future.



Wenzao Holds Chinese Summer School in July, 2014

In July, 2014, Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages received more than 100 students and faculty members from Spain, Belgium, France, the United States, Vietnam, Thailand, and South Korea coming to study Chinese language and experience authentic Taiwanese culture.

Wenzao Chinese Summer School (WCSS) is an annual event held by the Office of International and Cross-strait Cooperation, and this year marked the seventh straight year that WCSS accommodated 36 participants from partner institutions. During the three-week intensive course, participants attended Chinese language lessons, tutoring sessions, and cultural classes, such as Thai Chi, Chinese chess, and calligraphy. Furthermore, homestay arrangements were made for participants to experience more of the Taiwanese lifestyle on weekends.

One participant, Kandyce Williams, from Ursuline College, USA, stated that Chinese language is a must-learn language nowadays and that she especially loves local snacks and Taiwanese people's hospitality, so she had looked forward to learning more Chinese phrases for daily life. Another participant, Mint, from Bangkok University, Thailand, also considered Chinese language fairly important, especially when she found out that her friends were able to speak a little Chinese, which motivated her to come to Taiwan and learn more about Chinese language and culture.

Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages is well-known for its Chinese language teaching, so there were other groups of foreign students and faculty coming to study Chinese language. In July 2014, 15

participants aged 10 to 22 from Espace Culturel Franco-Asiatique, France, came to study Chinese language and culture for 3 weeks. The Chinese Language Center also arranged city tours and field trips for them to know more about Taiwan.

Beside the group from France, a group composed of 26 teachers of Chinese Language from Vietnam came to study teaching methodology to improve their Chinese teaching skills. They all have had several years of experience in teaching Chinese, and were particularly interested in digital teaching in Chinese language. During their stay, they also visited several universities and tourist attractions in Kaohsiung, Tainan, and Taipei.



Soochow University graced by Kao Koong-lian as Chair Professor of Business Management SCU students blessed to have first-hand accounts on cross-strait exchanges

Soochow University has the honor of welcoming Professor Kao Koong-lian, former Vice Chairman and Secretary General of the Straits Exchange Foundation, and now National Policy Advisor to the President, on board to be our Chair Professor of International Business Management. On the 3rd of June 2014, a ceremony and reception was held in Professor Kao's honor and was graced by many distinguished guests.

President Pan Wei-Ta thanked Professor Kao for returning to Soochow to share with our students his many years of experience in cross-strait negotiations, and business management of Taiwan enterprises in China. Professor Kao Koong-lian has been involved in literally every single agreement and negotiation across the strait in recent years. His profound understanding of the economic development of China and all commercial activities involving Taiwanese businessmen is beyond measure. And he is the person responsible for an epic-making era in economic exchanges between Taiwan and China. Soochow is greatly honored, and our students and faculty members as well are all extremely blessed to have Professor Kao joining the university.

Professor Kao was the fifth person in Taiwan to have earned a PhD degree in Business Management. Upon returning from America, he spearheaded the development and growth of SCU's Department of Business Administration. His students at the time all became pillars of our society. Professor Kao quipped that teaching at Soochow, entering public service, or holding key positions in the government have all been an act of chance, that he didn't plan to have accumulated so much experience in politics nor in business.

Beginning in September 2014 Chair Professor Kao Koong-lian will be teaching a "International Business Management" in the Business School's Master's Global Business Program. He will be focusing on cross-strait business management, development plans for Taiwan businesses, business negotiations and consultations, and conducting seminars on special topics in management. Former Chairman of the

Straits Exchange Foundation Chiang Pin-kung praised Soochow University for having great insight, and offered his best wishes to Profes-

sor Kao. He further noted that Professor Kao could pass on and bring to full use his experience and network to Soochow so that the Business School could develop into a research and teaching institution on cross-strait economic exchanges.

Dean of the School of Business Jan Chyan-Long responded by saying that Soochow University has always put first the bringing in of first-rate faculty members. He cited two examples to prove his point, Chair Professor Sean C. Chen, former Premier and now Senior Advisor to the President, who joined Soochow in 2013 and, in 2014 Chair Professor Kao Koong-lian. These master teachers definitely open up a new horizon for Soochow University.

SCU's Department of Business Administration has always been highly acclaimed for research on Small and Medium Businesses of Taiwan. With the addition of Chair Professor Kao Koong-lian, new perspectives will be opening up in the fields of business development on China, and theories and practices of bilateral negotiations. Soochow's Department of Business Administration will be able to serve as think tanks for Taiwanese businesses in China, develop more academic and business co-operation across the strait, and become an important research and teaching center in the field of cross-strait business administration.



Sanata Dharma University, Indonesia

Sanata Dharma University Interlaces Cooperation in Education and Culture with Prominent Universities in Hungary, Eastern Europe

Sanata Dharma University Yogyakarta Indonesia was invited by the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia in Hungary to an event entitled *Indonesian Day* and *Charity Bazaar* in Budapest, Hungary, Eastern Europe. The event which was held on May 8 – 13 2014. The celebration featured many cultural performances such as Indonesian traditional dances and songs. There was also an exhibition of traditional handicrafts from Indonesia.

Sanata Dharma University invited the choir group of Sanata Dharma University *Paduan Suara Mahasiswa Cantus Firmus* (PSMCF) and a group of traditional dancers of Sanata Dharma University, *Gerakan Tari Sanata Dharma* (Grisadha) as cultural delegates representing Sanata Dharma University. PSMCF sent 12 members, while Grisadha sent 6 members. They were accompanied by Dr. Fr. Ninik Yudianti, M.Acc, QIA. The following focuses on their activities in Hungary :

Performing Indonesian Arts

For the first occasion, the delegation of Sanata Dharma University performed traditional Indonesian songs in Art Mozik Mosdo di Miskols. Grisadha showed a traditional dance entitled *Aduh Manis*. Grisadha and PSMCF collaborated together in for a dance called *Jogones* with the Indonesian traditional song *Suwe Ora Jamu*. This event was attended by more than 700 visitors, including the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia in Hungary, Mr. Maruli and his wife, The Head of Miskols University, Prof. Dr. Andras Torma and the Vice Rector of Miskols University, Prof. Dr. Tamas Kekesi, Dsc.

PSMCF and Grisadha continued their performance in SYMA Sport-es SYMA Sport-és Rendezvény Központ, Hall B, Budapest. After the show guests and officials enjoyed viewing the exhibition of Indonesian handicrafts.

Cooperation with Colleges in Hungary

In a visit to Hungary, representatives of Sanata Dharma University met with colleagues in Hungary from Miskols University, Pecs University and Budapest Business School.

At one meeting, both Sanata Dharma University and Miskols University agreed to plans for more cooperation soon. A meeting with Pecs University resulted in a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) among the Illyes Gyula Faculty of Education, and the University of Pecs for Teacher Training and Education. Sanata Dharma University signed agreements for cooperative programs in education and culture. Meanwhile, the result of a meeting with Budapest Business School was an agreement to invite a teacher from Sanata Dharma University especially from the Faculty of Economics to study the Graduate program in Budapest Business School.



New Leadership at Payap University

Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, recently elected a new President. Dr. Sompan Wongdee, only the fifth President in Payap's 40-year history, began her tenure on 1 June, 2014. Her long and distinguished career began in 1981, when she first came to Payap University as an instructor of music. Since then, Dr. Wongdee has held various key positions within the university, including a successful term as Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Sompan Wongdee was born in Chiang Mai, Thailand. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Music in 1979 from Payap University (First Class honors) and completed her Masters at the University of Nebraska Kearney (formerly Kearney State College), USA. She then returned to Thailand and completed her PhD in Higher Education at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.

Dr. Wongdee will preside over a dynamic organization consisting of over 900 members of faculty and staff, and a diverse student body of nearly 7,000. Payap is the first private university in Thailand and the largest such university in the north. It has nationally renowned programs in business, law, nursing, music, theology, and various other liberal arts programs. Payap also has the first all-English International College in northern Thailand and a strong international presence and reputation.



Parahyangan Catholic University, Indonesia

UNPAR and The Act of Internationalization

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Globalization is eventually a phenomenon that leads to world-sca-leintegration. World is seems to be borderless and people are connected one to another even easier than they used to be. It becomes even truer today that globalization has affected every sector inhuman-life. Instead of only focusing in managing day-to-day relations, globalization has also put heavy emphasis on the role of its people in a wider i nteraction.

As one of leading learning institutions in Indonesia, UNPAR realizes the importance of playing a major role in this globalization era. Therefore, UNPAR through its International Office tries to globalize UNPAR into a wider and more comprehensive context. Not merely UNPAR as an institution, but every one taking a part in UNPAR shall also be incorporated to the so-called internationalization. It fits perfectly with the mission of International Office to promote UNPAR academia in international academics.

To what extent, International Office held an open recruitment to all eligible students to be part of UNPAR delegation to various international events varying from seminar, conference, development program, camp, summit, dialogue, and summer school on March 21, 2014. In total, there were 90 students who participated in the selection process. However, there were only 18 students who passed the selection process which fundamentally based on merit and performance. These students come from different educational backgrounds, from law to International relations to economics to engineering. They are:

- Jessica Christina and Inigo Abigail participated in 14th Melaka International Youth Dialogue (Melaka, Malaysia);
- Jessica Bellamy, Anthony Christianto, Adrian Panata, and Jovita Setiawati Darmawan participated in International Network Universities Student Seminar (Hiroshima, Japan);
- Nsikan Emmanuel Ekwere participated in International Network Universities Master's Summer School for Global Citizenship (Hiroshima, Japan);
- Falencia C. Naoenz and Anthony Stefanus participated in UNESCO International Youth Development Summit (Manila, Philippines);
- Carlos Roberto, Ancilla Pramudita, Sarah Amadea, and Steven Sergij Salim participated in 5th Social Enterprise and Economic Development Program (Kelantan, Malaysia);
- Sara Chrisenka participated in ASEAN Youth Leaders Camp (Mahassarakam, Thailand);
- Jeanne Sanjaya Awwaludin participated in ASEACCU Conference (Davao City, Philippines);
- Ignatius Ivan participated in ACUCA Student Camp (Taipei, Taiwan);
- Steven Reinaldo Rusli and Obaja Wijaya participated in International Network Universities Master's Summer School for Environmental Science (Hiroshima, Japan).

For more than three months, these eighteen selected students were trained and prepared through series of practice. They were gathered to discuss world most frequently discussed issues, such as refugee, millennium and sustainable development goals, education, and role of youth in the globalization. They were also asked to draft an amendment to one of the oldest conventions; UN 1951 Refugee Convention. It is simply accurate to say that their skills, abilities, and potential were boosted in order

to prepare them as UNPAR ambassadors.

By participating in various international events, UNPAR wishes to expand its students' knowledge and network within many aspects. It is also expected that those international events will provide them with a genuine opportunity and platform to develop their potential as students are the next generation of world-leaders.

Here are some testimonies from our students:

"Participating in INU Seminar was a wonderful and priceless experience to expand my horizon." -Adrian Panata

"My participation in INU is definitely one of the most exciting experiences. Meeting students from different parts of the world and got to share our ideas and knowledge has not only developed myself but also prepared me for the bright and challenging future ahead." -Jessica Bellamy

"Being part of UNPAR delegation has helped me to be better and encouraged me to exceed my utmost potential." -Inigo Abigail

"SEED was awesome and splendid. It was such an unforgettable moment I've ever experienced." -Ancilla Pramudita

"Participating in ACUCA 2014 was a tremendous experience for me. I got the chance to meet with new friends coming from different countries and practice my English communication skill." -Ignatius Ivan

The participation of our students has brought many experiences as well as achievements. One of our students, Sarah Amadea, received *best business plan* and *best individual presentation awards* in Social Enterprise and Economic Development Program. Meanwhile, UNPAR delegates to 14th Melaka International Youth Dialogue also received an acknowledgment for their contribution in the making of youth-drafted declaration "Youth and Education: Taking Action, Getting Results". In Hiroshima, Japan, UNPAR was honored as one of the best participants for their students' outstanding performance in the International Network Universities Student Seminar.

Furthermore, to show its full and consistent commitment to the development of this rapidly changing and challenging world, UNPAR also organize a global-scale conference; International Student Conference on Global Citizenship. ISC as it is usually being called is an annual event held by UNPAR since 2013. Next year's 2015 ISC will take place in Bandung, Padalarang, Jakarta, and Bogor with "*Sustainable Urban and Human Settlement: Creating Smart City for All*" as its main theme.



Jesusuit scientist, Typhoon Yolanda and sustainability

By Julie Javellana-Santos

The day after Typhoon Yolanda devastated Samar and Leyte last November, Ateneo President Fr Jett Villarin SJ was at a patron's concert by the Ateneo Chamber Singers.

Being an environmentalist, Fr Jett tracked the typhoon even before its eventual landfall in Guian, Samar. "I was monitoring the typhoon via satellite feeds and model results on the web, and listening to the news about preparations being made," Fr Jett said.

Although Fr Jett was safe in the Jesuit Residence on the Ateneo de Manila University campus in Quezon City, "I was afraid for the people of the Visayas since I knew it was going to be a big one. But I did not foresee the extent of devastation, especially to the people of Tacloban (Eastern Leyte) and Guian.

At the concert, Fr Jett described the mood was somber and said the audience could do nothing but offer prayer for those affected.

It was second nature to activate Ateneo's Disaster Relief and Management (DREaM Team) because "the question of mobilizing relief (incoming and outgoing, in kind and cash) was always uppermost" in his mind.

The real eye-opener came on Sunday, two days later, when news from Ateneo's partner communities in the Eastern Visayas started pouring in.

Preparing the Ateneo for a disaster

Suddenly, Fr Jett's strategic goal under environment and development made even more sense, especially the specific item which focused on reducing disaster risk (due to geophysical and climate hazards).

"This means reducing our exposure and vulnerability (by moving people out of harm's way, delineating evacuation and relief zones, installing alternative energy, water and communication systems, etc.). For instance, the usual locus of relief operations is the college covered courts. We are going to improve ingress and egress points to better streamline disaster operations," Fr Jett said.

In fact, a new campus master plan is in the works that will take disaster preparedness into consideration. "But that is only a part of the solution. We are concerned not just with typhoons and flooding and drought, but with earthquakes as well. And so we are examining and strengthening many things, e.g. structural integrity of our buildings, drainage and water catchment systems, mobility and communications, security, public health, etc."

Making the campus more sustainable

"We are trying to recover as much open space as possible, pedestrianizing areas where we can, minimizing waste generation and energy consumption, installing more efficient lighting, beefing up security systems, rationalizing the zoning of the campus, including green areas such as those planted to trees, and even planning for the installation of alternative energy systems in the event of a power shutdown," Fr Jett added.

His plans go even beyond the campus. According to Fr Jett, "We are also working with groups outside, since environmental concerns go beyond campus fences. We plan to help the nation in disaster risk management by training LGUs and the national agencies. We want to do more extensive research on disaster risk reduction (including early warning systems, risk education, psycho-social treatment regimes, etc.) that can address the needs of communities adversely affected by disasters."

University president and climate change advocate

For Fr Jett, training Ateneo's students to be friendly to the environment means a lot of things. Most important is the fact that the Ateneo produces people knowledgeable in technology and the environment. He said in an earlier interview that the first challenge of sustainable development lies in having people who will propel development, while having this mindset and concern for sustainability - development with concern for nature and its lifelines while the second challenge is in developing and deploying the proper kind of knowledge - and technology that will help us grow without taxing unduly the resources we will continue to need for the future, and without increasing the likelihood of harm that will imperil that growth.

It stands to reason that today's young people, particularly Ateneans, can learn from the mistakes of their parents and elders. He said they can then teach and influence their parents, elders, and teachers as to the new

ways of relating to nature, new and better processes, new and better products and services that do not have a huge ecological footprint.

Even social media and other multi-media engines can come into the picture, as these can be used to increase environmental awareness and propose more sustainable solutions.

Fr Jett, the scientist

The scientist in Fr. Jett was born during his undergraduate studies at the Ateneo de Manila University. There, he majored in Physics, graduating as class valedictorian with a magna cum laude.

While completing his theology studies in the late 1980s, he taught Physics and did research at the Laser Laboratory of the university's Physics Department. Years later, while studying abroad, he was a graduate research assistant at Georgia Tech and did experimental fieldwork on urban air quality and theoretical studies on global atmospheric circulation.

It was not until the following decade, however, that Fr. Jett's academic interest and passion was ignited by the issue of global warming. He was a Global Change scholar at Georgia Tech and while he was a PhD student, the American Geophysical Union (AGU) gave him an Outstanding Student Paper Award for what he presented at the AGU conference in San Francisco in 1995. At the end of his studies, his work won for him the school's Best Graduate Student Research Award.

Fr. Jett was then awarded National Outstanding Young Scientist in 2000 by the National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST). In 2001, he edited a book titled "Disturbing Climate" which was conferred the National Book Award (Sciences) by the Manila Critics Circle, the National Book Development Board, and later in 2002, by NAST.

Due to his work on greenhouse gas emissions, Fr. Jett became part of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a team of climate scientists that won the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize together with Al Gore.

He is also an active member of several local and international environment and climate groups. Internationally, he is lead reviewer of the UN Convention on Climate Change and has worked with UN Consultative Group of Experts for Developing Countries. Nationally, he is part of the advisory board of the Climate Change Commission, among others.

From 1997 to 2005, Fr Jett headed the Climate Studies Division of the Manila Observatory. During that time, he co-wrote papers on "Forecasting Philippine tropical cyclone tracks and associated precipitation using MM5," "A Comparative Analysis of Clustering Techniques for the Classification of Philippine Climatological Rainfall," "Envisioning Future Philippine Climate Conditions," and several others.

In 2005, he became president of Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan, a position he held until he was appointed president of Ateneo de Manila University.

Just before he assumed his position as Ateneo de Manila University President, Fr Jett collaborated with the Manila Observatory's Climate Change Center and put out a paper entitled "Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation on Philippine Coasts."

He also imparted concise and practical knowledge on climate change during a talk with the students of Ateneo de Cagayan.

Fr Jett was then described as an effective teacher, and he drummed into his audiences in and outside classrooms that people must always think of their carbon footprint and make decisive actions to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Climate change is a serious concern and we have to act now so that the young generation will still have a future to look forward to, he said.



2014 ACUCA Student Camp Report Third Prize: Values Education with Catholic Faith

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There are a lot of important values in our modern society such as liberty, equality, dignity, globalization, capitalism, cultural diversity and so on. These are not values to just be gained but the results of efforts to build a better world. But there are also many problems pursuing these values nowadays. For example, the new type of hierarchy based on the money is formed. That is, income inequality occurs in capitalist society. This means that people don't have same status effectively and equality cannot be hold in capitalism. Then we can ask ourselves the questions like 'How can we balance these values to make the better world than now?' or 'Are there any other values we must seek for?' To answer these questions, I am going to reflect on my country, Korea.

In Korea, values in modern society are important like in many other countries. However, I think values of competition are too prevalent in my society. People in Korea are usually ranked by every aspect from childhood. Of course, competition is necessary value in modern capitalist society. It can be helpful to give a motivation to grow. But the problem is that education cannot perform the original role. In other words, getting a higher grade than other students to enter the good university becomes only the object of education. Therefore, other important values like consideration, sympathy and faith tend to be ignored. In this educational system, students cannot learn necessary values to make their life rich and mature. They just learn the knowledge of how to solve problems in examinations. Considering this situation, people have to think carefully what type of educational system is needed. I think values education is needed. Each person has a unique value that cannot be estimated by one uniform criterion. Therefore, education should help students to have a variety of experiences to discover their own values and each student has to be evaluated by his individual capacities. By doing so, education can be the fertilizer to help make students be better people by fostering each unique value they have. Then, education is not only ranking people or competition anymore. Of course, it is not easy to make this kind of educational system put in practice. But the situation of the education system needed for only preparing the exams should be changed. Actually, many students in Korea go to the academic institutions for complementary study after school, even if they are in school all day long. Hence, students have no chance to discover and reflect on their values and develop them.

Studying at the University for four years, I have felt that education in Catholic University is somewhat different from education in other Universities. Unlike other Universities, Catholic Universities teach students based on Catholic faith. So, students learn and think about the teachings of Jesus naturally. It means that students can reflect on values such as love, sympathy and consideration which is the core of Catholic faith. Of course, it is not important whether education is based on the Catholic faith or not. The important thing is what values education is based on. Therefore, values education is the thing that gives students motivation to study not only for getting a good job but also for contributing to a society.

2014 ACUCA Biennial Conference & 20th General Assembly

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- To create an opportunity for educators of ACUCA member institutions to meet and establish a network of cooperation;
- To provide an opportunity for re-examination and reflection of the role of Christian educational ideals in each institution;
- To strengthen efforts in integrating values education into the curriculum at member institutions.

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