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## NEW INSCRIPTION

A few years ago, on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the death of Fr. Miguel de Benavides, O.P., founder of the University of Santo Tomas (1605-2005), the university library was granted the privilege to change its name to “Miguel de Benavides Library.” This auspicious occasion was commemorated with a beautiful exhibition on the life and work of our beloved founder and with the engraving of his name on the front of the so-called Central Library Building. The logo of the Library was also changed (see logo).

In view of the forthcoming quadricentennial celebration of the University, we have started preparations for an exhibition that will be the contribution of the Miguel de Benavides Library to this most memorable event. As of now, we are toying with a possible title such as “The University of Santo Tomas Library, 400 years of witnessing to the growth of the Filipino nation.” Initial steps have been undertaken to adequately address the numerous angles that such activity will entail. We hope to keep our community abreast of all important developments on this direction.

In relation to this, we have engraved on the cornice at the back of the Library a legend:

1611 HAS TENEBRAE CINGUNT MENTIS CALIGINE TERRAS 2011  
HOC SANCTI THOMAE UNIVERSITATES OPUS: LUMINA PANDIT

Observant watchers have already inquired about the meaning of this text. Allow me to tell you first of all, that this Latin text is not original in any sense. We picked it up from the medallion of the Monument to Benavides in Plaza Santo Tomas in Intramuros, built in 1892. While the original text read:

HAS TENEBRAE CINGUNT MENTIS CALIGINE TERRAS  
HOC EPISCOPI MICHAELIS OPUS: LUMINA PANDIT

Upon the suggestion of the Rector of the University, Fr. Rolando V. dela Rosa, O.P., we changed the second line to read, thus, **Hoc Sancti Thomae Universitatis Opus: Lumina Pandit.**

The English translation should run thus, “Darkness covers this land in a mental mist. This is the task of the University of Santo Tomas: to spread the light.”



Obviously, this is a reference to prophet Isaiah’s Book of Consolation, chapter 60:1-3 that in the Latin Vulgate reads,

*Surge, illuminare, Jerusalem, quia venit lumen tuum, et gloria Domini super te orta est. Quia ecce tenebrae operient terram, et caligo populos; super te autem orietur Dominus, et gloria ejus in te videbitur. Et ambulabunt gentes in lumine tuo, et reges in splendore ortus tui.*

The Jerusalem Bible translates it, thus,

Arise, shine out, for your light has come,  
the glory of Yahweh is rising on you,  
though night still covers the earth  
and darkness the peoples

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## DIGGING THE PAST, REINVENTING THE FUTURE

**B**efore the coming of the Spaniards in the Philippines, Manila was the site of the native settlement called Maynilad (original name of Manila). Maynilad was the center of trade of Asian goods. It was conquered by the Spaniards in 1571. Miguel Lopez de Legazpi built the city within the walls and called it Intramuros. Since then, Intramuros became the political, cultural, educational, and commercial center of Spanish colonial rule in Asia.



*Filipiniana rare books of the Miguel de Benavides Library which are included in the exhibit.*

In year 1898, as a result of the Treaty of Paris, the Philippines was ceded to the United States ending the Spanish colonial era. The Japanese occupied the Philippines at the outbreak of World War II. For three years, fear and death stalked the city. Fort Santiago became hellhole where thousands of civilians and guerrillas died. In 1945, American forces saved Intramuros from the Japanese occupation. The whole area of Intramuros and most of the walls that were securing the whole city were destroyed except the San Agustin church.

In 1979, efforts were made to restore the remains of Intramuros, through a Presidential Decree created establishing the Intramuros Administration which was tasked to restore and develop the Walled City as a historical site and a tourist attraction. The Maestranza and Almacenes area were the last sections of the Intramuros walls to be built. These particular parts of the walls defended the city on the riverside area

Last September 24, 2008, an exhibit entitled “Reliving Intramuros Today” showed the “Archeological Excavation Project” of Maestranza site.

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF PERIODICAL INDEXING

**T**he key to successful research depends on both the amount and the quality of its content, as well as the adequacy and timeliness of each material. Thus, it is important that the key information on every topic is easily accessed by the researchers.

This is where indexing helps as it provides an integrated and versatile research platform, which delivers easy access to high quality and diversified materials, particularly on research journals. Through this, users can search the right content and find the relevant information they require from every possible source such as: international journals, open access, books, proceedings, or even websites. More so, indexing gives readers the freedom to choose from many different paths to discover relevant data, the ability to analyze information and perceive overall trends and patterns and the power to construct a complete and wide-ranging picture of available research via one single cross search of complementary resources.

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**C**onsidered to be a yearly tradition, the UST librarians, professors and library coordinators have always participated in the biggest, longest-running, and only internationally recognized book fair in the

Philippines – the Manila International Book Fair (MIBF). In a bid to reach out to even more Filipinos, the 29<sup>th</sup> MIBF moved to the country’s newest and largest exhibition and convention center, the SMX Convention Center at the Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City. This was held last September 12-16, 2008.

For 29 years now, the MIBF has continually contributed to the reading awareness of the Filipino public and renews its commitment to make reading a part of the Filipino lifestyle. With the theme “Words Without Borders,” the 29<sup>th</sup> MIBF celebrates the power of literature to cross the boundaries of time, place, and culture.

Currently, the National Book Development Board (NBDB) website lists 130 book publishers in the Philippines, a 51% jump from 86 publishers in 2003. Ms. Irene Lloren, president of Primetrade Asia Inc. and the organizer of the annual MIBF, shared that “the number of books published in

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## COMBATING PLAGIARISM AND OTHER FORMS OF INTELLECTUAL DISHONESTY

**Pl**agiarism – does everybody know the meaning of this word? Has anyone ever committed plagiarism?

Last September 12, 2008, the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians (PAARL) organized a lecture-forum entitled “The Role of Information Professionals and Librarians in Combating Plagiarism and other Forms of Intellectual Dishonesty.” The main objective of the lecture is to educate librarians and professionals regarding plagiarism. It was held at SMX Meeting Rooms 5 and 6, SM Mall of Asia, Macapagal Avenue, Pasay City.

The activity began with the singing of the Philippine National Anthem and was followed by a solemn prayer led by the P.R.O. of PAARL, Ms. Purita P. Uson. Afterwards, Ms. Uson updated the participants on previous seminars that PAARL conducted.

Ms. Erlinda B. Gonzales, one of the directors of PAARL, introduced the resource speaker, Atty. Vyva Victoria Aguirre, dean of the University of the Philippines School of Library and Information Studies (UP-SLIS) and former commissioner of Presidential Commission on Good Government (PCGG).

As defined by Atty. Aguirre, “Plagiarism is the act of presenting another’s work as his own.” In other words, it is stealing one’s intellectual property. She started the lecture by sharing a story and for everyone to analyze if it is a possible case of plagiarism. Different scenarios were also presented such as people in the industry who are sometimes ignorant of this, thus, neglecting to check if they are guilty of it. This is because plagiarism is often *unintentional*. Some people are not aware of the ways they can accidentally plagiarize. She

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## CUSTOMER SERVICE CARE: CURRENT TRENDS AND PRACTICES

**T**his forum on “customer service” was held on September 13, 2008 at the SMX Mall of Asia, Pasay City. It was sponsored by Ortigas Center Library Consortium. The guest speaker was Mr. Marc Gaudiel, IBM Call Center trainer.

Customer satisfaction is defined as “a measure on how their basic requirements and standards are met. It is the difference between what the customer expects from a product or service and what he perceives.”

CSAT (Customer Satisfaction) is vital to any institution. In the field of librarianship, S.R. Ranganathan’s five laws of library science emphasized the importance of the readers who are considered the direct customers. How can we measure CSAT? The following are suggested:

- a. Feedback Mechanism. The process of conveying how the customer felt about a recent interaction. Feedbacks are highly valued. Knowing directly what the customers think is vital.
- b. Satisfied Customers are Assets. The most effective tool to gain new customers.
- c. Multiplier Effect. One unsatisfied customer potentially equates to 10 lost customers.
- d. Customer Dissatisfaction is Costly. Word of mouth, whether positively or negatively put, is a very potent form of marketing communication.
- e. Complaints are Good. Expressed complaints provide an opportunity to improve or correct a given situation.

“Customer Satisfaction” has evolved from the simple notion that “the customer is always right” to “working with and for the customer.” It is a win-win relationship. Pointers in customer service were given as follows:

1. Always be on hand.
2. Be true to your word.
3. Listen to your customers.
4. Deal with complaints.
5. Be helpful even if there is no immediate profit in it.
6. Train yourself to be always helpful, courteous and knowledgeable.
7. Take the extra step.
8. Throw something extra.

Tips on how to achieve customer satisfaction:

1. Create a positive environment.
2. Service attitude – the need to give it your personal touch.
3. Team attitude – the concern about the goals of your institution.
4. Self-improvement attitude – the drive to become better at your job.

In ending, the speaker shared these valuable insights:

1. The Iceberg Principle. People tend to show only 30% of their conscious selves while the greater subconscious lies beneath. This is relevant in examining one’s own level of commitment to the customer as it is synonymous to the principle of dichotomy.

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## WEBSITE EVALUATION FOR RESEARCH

In celebration of the Manila International Book Fair 2008 with the theme “Words without Borders” which was held at the SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia Complex last September 12-16, 2008, the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), National Capital Region Librarians Council (NCRLC) and Anvil Publishing, Inc. (API) organized a forum entitled “Websites Evaluation for Research” and “Honoring the Great Men and Women of Asia.” The activity was held last September 15, 2008.

One of the speakers, Prof. Edgardo B. Quiros, Chief, Information Division of The National Library of the Philippines emphasized that website evaluation is needed because:

- ◆ it contains all kinds of information;
- ◆ it has information overload;
- ◆ search engines only index *surface web* not *deep web*;
- ◆ library clientele has specific information needed; and
- ◆ each research requires different information.

He also mentioned the role of the librarian in the evaluation process such as:

- ◆ performs community analysis
- ◆ creates collection development policy for website
- ◆ decides between collecting and hyper-linking

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## TRAVEL AND TRAINING GRANTS FOR LIBRARIANS

Attending seminars, fora, conferences and workshops is a plus factor for any professional like me. It does not only feed our minds with knowledge but it also widens our circle of friends in our chosen profession.

Last Sept. 16, 2008, I had the chance to listen to speakers who shared their experiences on how they have availed travel grants from different institutions abroad. Most of the topics discussed during the forum were based on their personal experiences. It was mentioned that training and workshops abroad need not be expensive. According to Elvira Lopus of UP, in searching for grants, one must have the following characteristics:

- ◆ 3P's - Patience, Persistence and Perseverance
- ◆ Be organized, make all your pertinent documents ready
- ◆ Keep the line of communication open
- ◆ Paying forward

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## MEMORIAL LECTURE SERIES ON PHILIPPINE LIBRARY PIONEERS

Mr. Gus Vibal, Executive Director of Vibal Foundation and founder of the *Filipiniana.net*, presented a paper entitled “James Alexander Robertson and the Construction of the Philippine Bibliographical Canon.” This was held during the Lecture Series on Pioneer Philippine Librarians organized by the Philippine Foundation for Library Scholarship, Inc. It was held during the 29<sup>th</sup> Manila International Book Fair last 16 September 2008 at the SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City.

The Forum was about one of the pioneer Philippine librarians, James Alexander Robertson (1873 -1939), an American of Canadian and Scottish parentage, who, in his time, was known as a translator, bibliographer, and scholar of Hispanic America. He was the first director of what is now the Philippine National Library and more popularly known to many Filipinos as the co-editor of Emma Helen Blair of the famous volumes *The Philippine Islands, 1493-1898*.

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## GRADE SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

According to CD McLean (Young Adult Library Services, Fall 2007), there are “fifty ways to promote teen reading in your school library, one of which is to have your students lead the book club discussion or have them pick up a book.” With this, the UST Grade School Library had a series of activities on book discussion.

Last September 1, 2008, the UST Grade School Librarian discussed the story entitled “Charlotte’s Web” for morning and afternoon sessions while Ms. Diana Padilla narrated the story of “Little Women” on September 15, 2008 for two sessions as well. This was followed by the discussion of “The Little Prince” which was facilitated by Ms. Angelica Cruz (morning session) and Ms. Ma. Czarina Lopez (afternoon session). “Alice’s Adventure in Wonderland” will be tackled at a later time by Ms. Kaori Fuchigami and Mrs. Michelle San Gabriel.

The activity was open only to members of the Book Lovers’ Club. Each session was limited to a maximum of sixteen (16) pupils in order for them to fully participate in the discussion.

This activity has truly helped the students especially the club members improve their readings skills as well as their classroom participation.

*Arlene P. Matias*

## GEMS OF THE LIBRARY

Part of the promotional program of the Grade School Library is the search for the “GEMS of the Library.” To find that rare stone, criteria has been set such as:

- ◆ frequency of visits and use of library materials;
- ◆ must be a member of the Book Lovers’ Club;
- ◆ good behavior inside the library;
- ◆ attends library activities; and
- ◆ helps in promoting the mission/vision of the library.

They are called gems because they are considered role model to other students with regard to the use of the library resources and the proper conduct inside the library. The idea is to attract pupils to use this facility so that they can enjoy their library privileges.

For this school year the following pupils have been chosen:

June	Charlene Fernando, 6-A a.m. Clair Louise Diaz, 5-B a.m.
July	Michelle Angeline Falcon, 6-B a.m. Korine Bea Castaño, 6-B a.m.
August	Fides Arrogancia, 6-B p.m. Rvie Recio, 6-B p.m.
September	Eileen Sarmiento, 6-A p.m. Mikaela Gabrielle Fernandez, 5-B p.m.
October	Kristine Nakar, 6-A p.m. Janine Nabor, 5-A p.m.
November	Samantha Poblete, 5-A p.m. Nona Tadeo, 5-B a.m.
December	Inah Marie Real, 6-B a.m. Roxanne Marie Serrano, 6-B p.m.
January	Jane Melvi Templaza, 6-A p.m. Jannele Monique Rivas, 6-B p.m. Jesan Kate Nava, 6-A a.m.

These students have shown exemplary conduct and performance inside the library.

As an incentive, the *gems* were given gifts by the Administrators of the Miguel de Benavides Library and the Librarian of the Grade School Library. Their pictures were posted on the bulletin board and in the Homepage of the Library.

*Arlene P. Matias*

## LIBRARIANS’ ANNUAL RECOLLECTION

Recollection aims at strengthening one’s spiritual life away from the daily routine of life. On October 22, 2008, the Committee on Human Values initiated a one (1) day Recollection for the librarians of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. It was held at the Immaculata Retreat House, Greenfields Subdivision, Novaliches, Quezon City. The purpose of this activity was “to awaken spirituality among the librarians.”

The place was a good venue for a retreat. It is seemingly -haven, its tranquility and solemn hall is perfectly fitted for reflecting and communicating with God. This also helped the librarians unleash their worries and gave them ample time for their personal reflection with the Lord.



*Fr. Allen de Guzman, O.P. as he lectures during the librarians’ Recollection.*

The activity started with an opening prayer. This was followed by lectures given by the Recollection Master Rev. Fr. Allen S. de Guzman, O.P., Asst. Regent of the UST High School.

Fr. Allen talked about renewing one’s faith and relationship with the Lord. According to him, there are four (4) steps to enhance our relationship with God :

1. Pagkilala – to know God
2. Pagsubok – to make the relationship go deeper by overcoming trials
3. Pag- unawa – the realization or the wisdom; what is the wisdom that you can get from the trials
4. Pagtalima – the response , that is, you have to change or you have to reclaim back your life

The librarians actively participated in the activities like reflecting and sharing past experiences, singing songs of praise and group discussions.

The Recollection was highlighted by a Holy Mass

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### ***New Inscription... from page 1***

Above you Yahweh now rises  
and above you his glory appears.  
The nations come to your light  
and Kings to your dawning brightness...

This is a poem contrasting light and darkness.  
God's glory – writes the poet – triumphs over darkness.

This has been the inspiration of our founder Miguel de Benavides; this has been the vision of our beloved institution, the University of Santo Tomas. For four hundred years, it has remained faithful to this vision. We hope that our present and future patrons will own it as their mission and continue this most noble enterprise of spreading light.

*Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P.*

### ***Digging the Past... from page 2***

The project was a joint undertaking of the Department of Tourism, Intramuros Administration, and the National Museum and funded by the Government of Japan. The excavation commenced last May 10, 2007.

The objectives of this project are:

1. to expose the foundation of the curtain walls of Almacenes, Baluarte de Santo Domingo and the original wall of Maestranza; and
2. to systematically retrieve archeological materials.

The program started with the blessing of the restored Maestranza section located at Maestranza Park, Magallanes Drive, Intramuros Manila led by Manila Cathedral Rector Msgr. Nestor Cervo and assisted by Fr. Pedro Galende, Director of San Agustin Museum with the presence of Mayor Alfredo Lim of Manila. It was followed by the opening of the exhibit of the archeological artifacts found in the Maestranza site. These include old porcelain jars, ceramics, coins, shells, and bones. Also found are firearms and ammunition which were believed to be used during the war.

Another exhibit was launched, entitled "An Exhibition of Dominican Saints and the Devotion of Our Lady of the Rosary in the Philippines" sponsored by the Intramuros Administration in celebration of the month of the Rosary and in honor of the Dominicans who brought this devotion to the Philippines. The aforementioned exhibit was placed at the Almacenes Reales which is commonly called the Royal Warehouse at Fort Santiago. This featured *santos* (wooden and ivory), *relieves*, prints, paintings, and books on Saint

Dominic, various Dominican saints, and Our Lady of the Rosary. In support of this project, the Miguel de Benavides Library generously loaned two of its Filipiniana rare books to Dr. Victor Jose Torres, Editor-in-Chief of *Gaceta de Intramuros* which were included in the exhibit. These are: *Compendio de la Reseña Biográfica de los Religiosos de la Provincia del Santísimo Rosario de Filipinas desde Su Fundacion hasta Nuestros Días*, by Fr. Hilario Ocio and the *Historia de la Provincia del Santo Rosario de la Orden de Predicadores en Filipinas, Japón y China*, by Diego Aduarte.

This special occasion was graced by familiar faces like Secretary Joseph Ace Durano of the Department of Tourism, several professors from the University of Santo Tomas and former UST Rector Rev. Fr. Tamerlane Lana, O.P. The event showed concept of Filipiniana from costume presentations, and the different dishes that were served.

The completion of the Maestranza section will be a great showcase further enhancing the tourism aspect of the historic district. The Almacenes Wall will house establishments such as restaurants, coffee shops, quality stores for tourist products, and a museum. This will become another tourist attraction along the Pasig River bank extending to Fort Santiago.

Intramuros is truly a priceless place— rich in history and culture, a pride to be shared to the entire world!



*Artifacts found in the Maestranza compound.*

*In 1591 Almacenes Reales or Royal Warehouse were built and used as a storehouse for goods unloaded along Pasig River. In 1690, new warehouse was built closer to the riverbank and continually renovated until its completion in 1739. The former almacén in use until the building was renovated as soldiers' quarter after the 1863 earthquake. The river side section of the walls lasted along 1903 when American military engineers demolished the walls for river wharves.*

**Ginalyn M. Santiago**

### *The Importance... from page 2*

In addition, researchers could verify the credibility of the material that they acquire. This is attributed to the fact that indexing also provides extensive information about the journal being viewed, since indexed journals are highest of all forms having undergone peer-review. Peer-reviewed journals are carefully and intensively examined and analyzed by respected critiques, thus, making these materials extremely credible, timely and accurate.

For the UST Miguel de Benavides Library, its main goal is to provide enough information on two relevant aspects that are deemed significant for every researcher – to look for “*WHAT*” article was published and on “*WHICH*” subject. In this way, those who use the system could browse and view articles easily and conveniently.

Indexing of journals and magazines is part of the job description of a librarian – a craft each librarian should ardently muster. Perfecting this method is one of the brilliant action plans and activities of the Collection Development Committee of the Library.

As years go by, this process has drastically evolved. Before, articles were usually written in 3 X 5 call slips and filed alphabetically by subject. This was then called home indexing.

However, technological advancements help improve this method, as indexing of materials is now faster and more efficient. Currently, worksheets are filled up by a person called the *indexer* and all indexed articles will be submitted to the Serials section for encoding. The articles will then be encoded to the library system software. For the UST Miguel de Benavides Library, the software program is called MILLENNIUM. For the academic years 2005-2008, the librarians were able to index a total of 34,391 articles, thus, providing more scholarly and peer-reviewed journals available for every researcher.

All journals that are being subscribed by the sections and the branch libraries such as the Ecclesiastical Faculties Library, Health Sciences Library and Civil Law will be indexed by the respective librarians. As part of the procedure, each indexed material will be submitted to the Serials section for encoding.

Generally, an indexed journal is a very useful tool to help every researcher find the most suitable material for his/her respective inquiries and studies. The relevant contents of the journals could easily be viewed, thus, making research convenient, easy and fast without sacrificing accuracy and credibility in the process.

**Ma. Luz C. David & Nora M. Matawaran**

### *The 29th Manila... from page 2*

the country is equivalent only to the number of books published for teens and children in the US where 6,000 books are printed daily. In the UK, 115,000 titles were released in 2007, while in the last 20 years, China has printed at least 50 million books with at least 72,000 booksellers.”

In cooperation with over 300 exhibitors, including the UST Publishing House, the MIBF showcases the largest and most varied collections of literature, textbooks, educational supplements, general references, religious and inspirational titles, self-help books, management books, Filipiniana, coffee table books, popular novels, children’s books, art books, graphic novels, rare and hard-to-find titles, magazines, audio and e-books, multimedia, teaching supplies and services, publishers’ technology, and travel materials.

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library Committee on Collection Development in coordination with the Acquisitions Librarian takes charge of organizing this activity for the UST community.

**Jonas T. Sahagun**

### *Combating Plagiarism... from page 3*

stressed that placing citations, quotation marks, acknowledging the source are some of the keys or methods one can use to avoid illegal copying. Furthermore, by not doing sentence paraphrasing, patch writing and altering grammatical structures, one can avoid committing this crime.

As librarians, we have to be aware of this crime. We have now the role to educate the students by making them aware of the consequences of the act. We can instill in their minds that it is not enough to just surf, browse, search, copy and paste; they have to be reminded to really read books and journals and learn to list references or citations.

Indeed, this lecture-forum proved to be fruitful and certainly has educated the participants on how to combat plagiarism.

**Jose Enrico Miguel B. David**

### *Customer Service... from page 3*

2. Emotional Bank Account (EBA). A helpful measure of awareness to maintain good relationships. In a similar fashion to a financial bank account, we all make emotional deposits and withdrawals towards people we interact with everyday. The objective is to keep a healthy balance, make more deposits than withdrawals, and avoid bankruptcy.
3. Climate Control. We all have a direct influence on our own environment. Keeping with a proactive behavior enables us to carry our own weather.

**Ma. Czarina D. Lopez**

### *Web Evaluation... from page 4*

- ◆ produces web reference guides (webliographies)
- ◆ develops web evaluation criteria for clients

Furthermore, he mentioned that the next steps are:

- ◆ to develop well evaluation procedures, policies and manuals;
- ◆ to develop structure of library staff in evaluating web evaluation;
- ◆ to produce web reference sources; and
- ◆ to include client education in web evaluation.

Another speaker was Ms. Lorna Kalaw-Tirol, editor of the acclaimed book "Great Men and Women of Asia." She mentioned that within the last five years, the Ramon Magsaysay Award Foundation has released nine titles of this book. The books are according to the regional coverage in Asia: South, South East and North East. Out of these nine books, Ms. Kalaw-Tirol edited five of them. The Ramon Magsaysay Award is given annually to one or more persons from Asia whose demonstrated leadership is motivated by concern for the welfare of people comparable to that which characterized the life of Ramon Magsaysay. This Foundation has been an inspiration for all men and women of Asia. By this overwhelming opportunity, people are more motivated to give, and share her own individuality to people that could change the world.

*Kaori B. Fuchigami*

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### *Travel and Training... from page 4*

Heidi Dizon a recipient of International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions – Action for Development through Libraries Programme Core Activity (IFLA-ALP) grant said that when applying for a grant, one has to follow the selection criteria and give her best to convince the sponsors. After the conference, an IFLA recipient is required to write a 2000 word-essay stating what she has learned and the impact that she got from the workshop/training. This will widen knowledge of the profession which when shared will serve as inspiration to others.

Not all recipients shared the same experiences; some were happy, some were not. Others experienced racial and cultural differences that made them uncomfortable. Adaptability to the place is important for any individual who seeks grants abroad. Security should be noted also because there are experiences like missing luggage. Make sure also to get a health insurance coverage during the period of the workshop/training .

This seminar inspires all librarians to seek and take chances of travelling abroad for free, gaining knowledge and imparting later what they have learned for their own professional development and for the improvement of their respective libraries.

*Madonna V. Alonzo*

### *Memorial Lecture... from page 4*

The lecture was divided into three (3) parts: first, a short biographical overview of Robertson was given, as well as capsule biographies of his contemporaries wherein his relationships with his superiors, peers and subordinates were examined and the interconnections between eminent archivists, bibliographers, historians and other lesser-known pioneer Philippine librarians were traced. These pioneers such as Wenceslao Retana, Emma Helen Blair, James LeRoy, and Clemente Zulueta who, working in different parts of the world and often under difficult circumstances, created the Philippine bibliographical canon during the early 20th century. Mr. Vibal profiled each individual's sense of librarianship and judgment in choosing which classic Philippine books to include or to reject in modern Philippine library; the second part described Robertson's efforts to create the core holdings of what is now the Filipiniana section of the Philippine National Library; the last part of the lecture assessed his contributions to librarianship and historiography in the light of recent studies and focused on the ideological mindset which conditioned Robertson's acquisition of books for either the National Library or as part of the B&R series.

The Paper also summarized recent research which demonstrated that, far from being a neutral and scientific enterprise, Robertson's acquisition policies were strongly guided by American colonialist considerations overriding the B&R's claims to historical objectivity. Mr. Vibal stated that "what seemed to be a monumental scholarly undertaking also masked an imperialist ideological bias which has been picked up unwittingly by nationalist historians and passed on today as orthodoxy and accepted as textbook truth."

Once again, the lecture series have been successful in rekindling the life and works of Philippine library pioneers in the minds of the modern Filipino librarians as well as students in the profession.

*Jonas T. Sahagun*

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### *Librarians' Annual... from page 5*

officialiated by the Retreat Master. He delivered his homily by way of a continuance to the topic that has transpired during the recollection proper.

The food served to the group has brought positive compliments as it was deliciously and abundantly prepared during breakfast, lunch, and merienda.

It was indeed a fruitful Recollection and an eye-opener event. The participants anticipate next year's similar activity to grow more on spirituality together with their co-librarians, friends and most especially with the Almighty Father.

*Ma. Teresa F. Estoya*

## MR. RAMON V. DEL ROSARIO, SR. ... TRULY AN ICON

It is always a great feeling to recall and recognize the life of a person whose contributions bring about the fulfillment and accomplishment of a certain mission. Just like the late Amb. Ramon V. del Rosario Sr., whose life was dedicated to the real meaning of “service;” who proved himself as exemplar of a true educator and entrepreneur in the field of the corporate world. His numerous noble contributions would always be considered great in the hearts of many, more so now that he is no longer in this world. Amb. Del Rosario, Sr. joined our Creator last September 7, 2008 at the age of 90.



The late Amb. Ramon V. del Rosario, Sr. will forever be cherished by his family and friends from the world of education, business, and social service. His generous contribution to the University of Santo Tomas was the creation of the UST Heritage Library. It was formally inaugurated on January 27, 2006 and this was made possible through a grant support from his family. The section was named after their great grandfather Antonio Vivencio del Rosario. This library now serves as the depository of great historical bibliographical collections that will serve as the University’s window to the past.

Amb. Del Rosario, Sr. is also considered one of the founding fathers of the Philippine industry in the corporate field having founded the Philippine Investment Management Consultants, Inc. (Phinma), the first Filipino-managed investment company. Within the last fifty-two years, it has grown into a group of twenty-three companies with interests on energy, education, roofing, financial services and property and shelter sectors. In addition, he was one of the founding trustees of the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) where his efforts at promoting good corporate citizenship is honored. Still in the line of social service, he also served as ambassador for fourteen years representing the country in Canada, Germany, and Japan.

These great and honorable works are just part of the life of a nobleman, Amb. Ramon V. del Rosario, Sr. His family and friends would surely miss him and definitely, they will always be proud of the late Ambassador, carrying with them the great meaning and spirit of a good service.

The University of Santo Tomas, in joining the family in prayers, will forever be grateful to the late Ambassador for his remarkable contribution to the University.

*Jenneth G. Capule*

## A DAY WITH MA’AM ABELLO

Ms. Juana L. Abello, retired UST Chief Librarian, is now 82 years old, still single, and a living proof of a “still smart and confident” despite the age.

Last September 21, 2008, the UST librarians together with the Library administrators and some friends of Ma’am Abello, visited her in her hometown in Peñaranda, Nueva Ecija, the purpose of which was to celebrate her birthday together with Fr. Angel Aparicio’s birthday bash.

Upon arrival, we were graciously received by Ma’am Abello. The affair started with a morning snack, followed by a Holy Mass officiated by Fr. Aparicio.

It was a perfect day for all of us enjoying each other’s company. We also enjoyed the sumptuous meal prepared by the family of Ma’am Abello which, of course, has been traditional with the Abello clan.

The affair lasted up to 4:00 pm.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ma’am Abello for being the person who has always been – kindhearted and generous. Thank you so much from the bottom of our heart.

“Danke,” “Grazie,” and “Gracias!”

*Juanita D. Subaldo*



## DIAMOND OF AN ANGEL

*"With 60 seconds in each minute  
And 60 minutes in every hour  
Don't let this birthday get you down  
Or make you hide and cower,  
But celebrate the march of time  
That endows you with "60 Power!"*

The 60th birthday of our beloved Prefect, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. last September 25 was indeed a grand celebration due to the much-awaited "Diamond Day." Sixtieth birthday marks another milestone in the life of a person. Since this is a special day, the library staff made this truly extraordinary.

It was a whole day celebration. Well wishers gave their greetings as early as 10:00 in the morning, one of which is the Book Lovers Club of the Grade School department which presented a drum and lyre rendition of the happy birthday song. Each one presented a handmade artwork with the letters HAPPY BIRTHDAY embossed to the delight of the birthday celebrant.

The Library staff headed by the Chief Librarian, Ms. Estrella Majuelo, has prepared a sumptuous snack for the staff and friends of Fr. Angel. At the center of the menu is a lechon given by the staff. While having the snacks, there were surprised performances prepared by some library coordinators and librarians that truly

entertained the visitors. Another group of Grade School pupils serenaded Fr. Aparicio with a song and with a bouquet of paper flowers and handmade birthday poster. Two UST high school students, Ms. Danica Salasalan and Ms. Angelica Milabo, rendered song numbers. A group of students from the Conservatory of Music, together with Prof. Dolores Andres at the piano, played the longer version of the Happy Birthday song.

Highlights of the day also included video presentations, one video courtesy of the USTLA officers through the kindness of the Ed Tech Center and another video presented as a gift to Fr. Angel by the Ed Tech Center.

A diamond is a valuable stone which symbolizes prosperity. For Fr. Aparicio, prosperity means having been blessed with a strong and dynamic personality and faithful friends. His own legacy as the longest termed Prefect of Libraries is manifested in the continuous growth of the Miguel de Benavides Library.

Buildings may burn down and books may wither, but as long as there are people searching for knowledge and people guarding its roots, the library will never fade. Like a diamond which lasts forever, Fr. Angel strives and stands forever. At 60, I know the memories will last forever.

*Ma. Arleen M. Abad*



## MY PROFESSOR TURNED 80

**P**rof. Candida C. Agcaoili, the mentor of most UST library science graduates, turned 80 last August 28, 2008. Such a blessing of staying a happy life all these years! Every year, we, her students in the Graduate School, make it a point to treat her to a simple get together partaking whatever is prepared for her birthday. But this time, it was a bit different. She is loved every moment of that “special day,” maybe because we are the living witnesses of her accomplishments and we have stood by her side all these years.

As an educator, Prof. Agcaoili is well known for her exacting scholarship and logical thinking. She is tireless in her ambition and although a traditional librarian, she can also be innovative. She understands her students, and knows how to scaffold activities to ensure that maximum learning occurs. She motivates, supports and encourages her students to be active in this noble profession.

As a wife, mother, and grandmother, she tries to make everything perfect and assures family members of

quality time spent together.

Prof. Agcaoili was born on August 29, 1928 in Laoag City, Ilocos Norte. She was a brilliant student who strived hard to be successful; the fruits are now apparent with her present position in life. She is happily married to Engr. Teodoro D. Agcaoili and are blessed with four brilliant children, now all successful professionals.

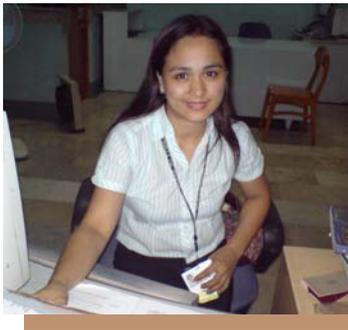
A teacher by heart, her salary is secondary; what matters most is that she finds enjoyment in the classroom, sharing her expertise and big heart with her students.

Forever we will always honor and be grateful to her for the knowledge she has imparted. A well known figure in the field of librarianship, we proudly rank her as one of the most outstanding educators. She is one person well deserved of emulation and exaltation, unique in many ways. This made her a model in her profession, guided by sound theories and applications. She is also famous for her unforgettable line “at this juncture.”

To our dear Prof. Agcaoili, “happy 80th birthday and may you have more to come!”

*Juanita D. Subaldo*

## OH, BERNADETTE!



**I** have browsed several references searching for the significance of this name, if it really matches the magic persona of the bearer. Indeed it is! For the name Bernardita or Bernadette stands for beauty and charm.

Badet as she is fondly called in the office was born on April 2, 1975 in the province of Masantol Bagang, Pampanga. She is the youngest among the six children of Brigido and Timotea Manansala.

While studying in Family Clinic College, Badet was working at the same time in the University of Santo Tomas. She finished a course on BS in Radiologic Technology in March 2006. She worked as a casual teller at the UST Cashier’s Office from 1992-1996, as a casual employee at the UST ID Room, then

in the Purchasing Office and at the Ecclesiastical Faculties Office from 1998-1999 before she was hired as support staff by the UST Library on April 16, 1999. Her assignment ever since has been at the Circulation section where I had the chance to supervise her. Having worked under me, I can attest that Badet is a dedicated and hardworking employee.

Because of her angelic face and charming beauty, she was chosen as muse of a team during the non-academic personnel sportsfest in 1999 and in 2008. Her sporty personality contributed to the UST Library volleyball team bagging the championship in those years. Aside from being an athlete, she is also a good dancer and singer.

She found true love in the person of Francisco “Kiko” Dela Vega which started when they were still in their internship as Radiation technicians at the Jose Reyes Memorial Hospital in Manila in 1995. They got married on December 20, 1996 at the UST Santissimo Rosario Parish. They are blessed with 4 children and another child is due this December.

*Narcelita Lane T. Olamit*

## NEW LIBRARIANS



**Diana V. Padilla**

Ms. Diana Padilla obtained her Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education major in Library Science "Cum Laude" from the University of Santo Tomas in 2004 and passed the Licensure Examination for Librarians given by the Professional Regulation Commission on that same year. Before joining the Miguel de Benavides Library, she worked in San Benildo Integrated School Library in Cainta, Rizal as Grade School Librarian. She had created an extraordinary kingdom

of books and was also able to formulate a number of library programs that helped library users develop their love for books, library and even for the librarians which truly made her enjoy her work.

In October 2006, Ms. Padilla passed the Licensure Examination for Teachers, Bachelor of Secondary Education major in Social Science.

She joined the Miguel de Benavides Library on April 1, 2008. Her present assignment is at the Office of the Library. She finds her work very challenging and enjoyable. She meets a lot of people being in charge of the working scholars, visitors of the library and gets the chance to work closely with the library administrators.

Ms. Padilla is currently enrolled at the UST Graduate School taking up her Master's degree in Library Science and will soon defend her thesis. Her maxim: "Instead of worrying about what you can't do, just think of what God can do for you." She always puts in her mind that God is always with her and constantly stays in her heart. This is lady Diana, a person who adheres to what she believes in, a proud librarian and educator!

**Jenneth G. Capule**

The Miguel de Benavides Library has another new male librarian in the person of **Jonas T. Sahagun**. This silent and hardworking gentleman was born on August 10, 1981 and is the youngest son of Mr. Francisco and Mrs. Mimia Sahagun.



**Jonas T. Sahagun**

Mr. Sahagun is a graduate of the UST College of Education with a degree in Bachelor in Secondary Education major in Library Science. He now has 36 units in Master of Library and Information Science at the University of the Philippines and presently working on his thesis.

He was a Law Librarian from the Lyceum of the Philippines University before he was hired by the UST Library. His first assignment was in the Civil Law section assisting the students in their research and at the same time indexing legal articles.

Presently, Mr. Sahagun is in charge of the Gifts & Exchange section of the Library, a task which he considers very challenging.

Although just a few months in the UST Library and possessing an unassuming personality, he now feels comfortable working with the library staff.

**Anna Rita L. Alomo**

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