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## UST Librarians "benchmark" in Taiwan

**T**echnological advancements are becoming so rapid that if one is contented of what one has achieved so far and improving oneself would no longer be a priority, then most likely, she/he will lag behind and find it difficult to cope with the changing times. Libraries experience the same thing, therefore, frequent updating is needed particularly in the area of computerization.

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library is not to be left behind in this aspect. Through a partnership with UnionBank of the Philippines, it is now working on its future "digital library." Initial steps in progress are the scanning of its rare collection and the acquisition of the software ContentDM where scanned materials will be uploaded.



◀ Director Chen of NTU Library together with the UST Librarians.

With the Library Director, Prof. Lih-Juan ChanLin (4th from left, front line) and library staff of the FuJen Catholic University Libraries. ▼



◀ With Ms. Wu-lanTsao, (4th from left) from the Systems & Information Dept. and Prof. John Francis Diaz, Filipino professor of the CYCU.

Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), the vendor of ContentDM, recommended that a visit be made to the National Taiwan University Library (NTUL), a library in Taiwan which uses the same software. It is for this reason that the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., decided to send four (4) librarians, namely, Narcelita Lane Olamit, Maria Cecilia Lobo, Arlene Matias and Diana Padilla together with the Chief Librarian, Estrella Majuelo, to Taiwan to benchmark with

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## “Social media: highly phenomenal”

*“The Internet and the various social media platforms have democratized not only access to information, but also the dissemination thereof. The increasing accessibility of the Internet, in our homes and even in our cell phones, yields the logical consequence: more and more Filipinos are establishing their online presence – and necessarily, social dynamics have changed” (Binay, 2013).*

**S**ocial media through social networking sites, namely, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and the like is the most popular mode of information access to the whole citizenry. The use of the said media has become so extensive most especially here in the Philippines. According to Universal McCann’s “Power to the People,” eighty three percent (83%) of Filipinos are members of social networking sites; the very reason why Filipinos were labeled as the ‘most active users’ of this new media and the Philippines as the ‘social networking capital of the world.’ It is true that social networking sites bring a lot of benefits to its user such as building connection to families who are miles away from one another; creating more networks to any individual and many more. However, alongside with these advantages are the issues and problems that need to be addressed for it causes harm to some people. The rise of social media platforms causes many possible abuse such as cyber bullying and cyber harassment. The sad truth about this is that even Philippine laws cannot solve these issues. With a number of legislations that aim to diminish the said abuses (e.g, Anti Photo and Video **Voyeurism Act of 2009**) still, there remains a lot of areas which the law does not protect.

With this in mind, the Philippine Group of Law Librarians, Inc. (PGLL) organized a forum on “Social Media: Issues and Problems.” It was held on September 13, 2013 during the 34th Manila International Book Fair (MIBF). The invited guest speaker was the Hon. Senator Nancy Binay, who filed a bill on cyber bullying. Most of those who attended the seminar believed that she is a very reliable speaker because she has a lot of experience regarding the said topic. Having been cyber bullied several times, Senator Binay knows what actions to take especially now that she has been elected to the Senate. According to an article published in the Philippine Star, Sen. Binay, having experienced cyber bullying during the 2013

## Forum on Saint Thomas Aquinas

**T**he UST Miguel de Benavides Library, through the Committee on Human Values, sponsored a forum entitled **Building a Strong Moral Wall through the Basic Virtue in the Life and Teachings of Saint Thomas Aquinas**. It was held last January 27, 2014 at the Library Conference Hall, Grd. Flr.

The said activity aimed to identify the relevant information about the background, family, important places and events in the life of St. Thomas and to apply the virtues learned from his life. The resource speaker was Asst. Prof. Joel C. Sagut, M.A. The panel of reactors consisted of Mr. Joseph Christian M. Legaspi, values teacher from the UST High School department and Bro. Zenon A. Guanzon, Licentiate in Sacred Theology, Ecclesiastical Faculties. Kristi Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet, the Librarian from the Science and Technology Section, acted as emcee.

The forum started with an Invocation and was followed by the welcome address of Chona L. Manguilin.

Asst. Prof. Sagut explained that for St. Thomas, character formation means the development of necessary virtues which are essential in the process of achieving goals in life. He also cited that what one usually remembers about a person is that when he leaves something remarkable in the history through the way by which he lived his life. He also emphasized the importance of deciding the kind of life that one may wish to live as a person by answering these two questions: *What do you want to become? What do you want to become when you grow up?* He pointed out that the said questions are necessary because human actions all come from a decision. These actions can be judged as right or wrong; good or bad. He said that man needs to put his plan into action and he must also know the theological virtues which according to St. Thomas Aquinas are: faith, hope and charity. He also cited the cardinal virtues: justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence.

The teachings of St. Thomas were parallelized with the students’ lives, particularly those in the high school level, who were the participants of the forum. The fourth year students of St. Dominic and St. Dominica listened attentively to the resource speaker as he explained who are considered “virtuous students.” They are those who have prudence and temperance. A prudent student is one who has the habit of asking questions as to whether the actions to be done are aligned with the ends or purposes that he/she has as a student. On the other hand, temperance is the habit of always aligning ones desires, interests and bodily

## Seminar on “Disaster Risk-Reduction Management”

**D**isaster risk-reduction is defined as an “organized approach to identify, assess and reduce the risks of disaster. Disasters hurt the poor and vulnerable the most” (World Bank, 2013).

The UST Crisis Management Committee headed by Rev. Fr. Manuel F. Roux, O.P., also the vice rector for Finance, sponsored a seminar entitled **Disaster Risk-Reduction Management**. It was last February 07, 2014 at the AMV-COA Multi-Purpose Hall , 4th Flr. of the Alfredo M. Velayo (College of Accountancy) Building.

Assoc. Prof. Marielyn C. Quintana, director, UST Simbahayan Community Development Office, gave the opening remarks. This was followed by the introduction of the first resource speaker, Ms. Janice Ian Manlutac, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Programme manager, Oxford Committee for Famine Relief (Oxfam) Philippines.

Ms. Manlutac discussed Oxfam, which is an international confederation of seventeen (17) organizations working together in more than ninety (90) countries all over the world. She mentioned that among its program approaches are: campaigning and communicating, humanitarian response and development. Its response and experience in helping the victims of typhoon *Yolanda* were presented through a video documentary.

In answer to Republic Act No. 10121, an act strengthening the Philippine disaster risk reduction and management system, which is also known as the Philippine Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2010 and an answer to the call of President Benigno C. Aquino, III, the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) launched a project named “NOAH,” last July 06, 2012. Mr. Oscar Lizardo, who is the Communication head of Project NOAH-DOST, was the second resource speaker. He mentioned that the Nationwide Operational Assessments of Hazards (NOAH) was created for a more accurate, integrated and responsive disaster prevention and mitigation system, especially in high-risk areas throughout the Philippines. NOAH will harness technologies and management services for disaster risk reduction activities offered by the DOST through the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHILVOCS) and the DOST-Advanced Science and Technology Institute (ASTI), in partnership with the University of the Philippines (UP) National Institute of Geological Sciences and the UP College of Engineering.

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## “Right or wrong: the practice of ethics in librarianship”

“**E**thical behavior in librarianship does not mean that one should take no action, that is, avoid certain actions or books or ideas in an effort to keep out of trouble. On the contrary, the notion of ethics suggests that librarians take actions that are socially just. Only by actively pursuing social aims can librarians be ethically responsive.”



(Inset) Prof. Nera as she delivers her talk.

This is precisely what the Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) – National Capital Region (NCR) Tertiary Library Committee tried to address in its forum on **Right or Wrong: the Practice of Ethics in Librarianship** which was held last March 6, 2014 at the Pamanang Bedista, San Beda College, Manila. The Committee observes that there is evidence to suggest that librarians choose not to choose, to “play it safe” with services and collections. Instead, librarians ought to exercise ethical judgment in their duties. Only by demonstrating the highest standards of ethical decision-making will librarians inspire confidence and respect in the information field.

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## Duck down, cover and hold!

**D**o you know what to do during an earthquake? They say the best option is to take cover within the building. This is just one of the many tips one learns in an earthquake drill.

Conducting drills is required by law.

In compliance with that law and to prepare the students and the whole University community for the unexpected disastrous earthquake, the University Crisis Committee headed by Rev. Fr. Manuel Roux, vice-rector for Finance, once again issued a memorandum last November 12, 2013 requiring all colleges, faculties, departments, offices, etc. to conduct two (2) clusters unannounced evacuation drills on or before November 29, 2013.

**Duck down, cover and hold** were the words of the day at the UST Miguel de Benavides Library last Tuesday, November 26, 2013. At exactly 3:15 in the afternoon, when the first alarm sounded, all floor coordinators announced the DROP procedure (duck, cover and hold). This procedure requires everyone to drop on the floor, take cover under a table or desk, protecting their head with their hands and hold on to the feet of the table. The drop procedure lasted for more than five (5) minutes to give way to the UST Crises Committee representative to observe if all participants followed the procedure.



A second alarm sounded and that signaled the start of evacuation. The library staff directed all library occupants to the different exits leading to the designated evacuation area. Thousands of people in the library participated in the unannounced earthquake drill. Everyone remained in the evacuation area until Dr. Lito Maranan, UST Crises Committee representative, announced some important reminders and the “All Clear” notice was given. The Library was evacuated in five (5) minutes and twenty two (22) seconds. The drill ended at exactly 3:30 p.m.

The said drill was, indeed, successful although there were some comments and suggestions such as:

- the megaphone used by Dr. Maranan, was too soft; even the one provided to the Library by the University malfunctioned;
- as reminded by Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. Prefect of Libraries, every time there was a drill, all areas in the vicinity of the Library must be “clear” which means no vehicles should be parked around the area;
- during a drill, the UST Crises Committee suggested that all people involved in the drill, especially the exit marshalls, must have a ready camera for record purposes to have clear evidence of incidents that happened. If the said suggestion will materialize, all exit areas in the Library therefore, must have a CCTV camera; and
- all students must be properly oriented when it comes to the exercise of these drills being conducted by the University. A ‘special orientation’ must be given to those people who may be knowledgeable of the law, but are hesitant or stubborn to follow it.

To ensure a safe and successful evacuation drills aside from the designed plan, the following factors are needed:

- responsible and trained individuals who can organize and supervise an evacuation drill;
- orientation and practice of the different evacuation drills in order to inform the people of what to do before, during and after an emergency; and
- the most important is “strict implementation;” it is mandatory that all occupants of the building during the time of the drill should participate and cooperate.

The University tries to educate its students and the entire community, as well as, adopt all other reasonably practicable means to ensure that all occupants may rapidly evacuate the place in the event that a disaster happens. However, cooperation is required from all parties if success is to be achieved.

*Juanita D. Subaldo*

## 2014 Librarians Board Exam

**I**n this world, nothing is constant except change. One proof of this is the *2014 Librarians' Licensure Examination* (LLE) schedule. For many years, the said examination was held during the month of November, but it has been moved recently to April.

Last September 24, 2014, the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC) has released Resolution 782, series of 2013 which refers to the *Schedule of Licensure Examinations for Year 2014*. According to the Resolution, the LLE will be scheduled on April 23 and 24, 2014 while the deadline for filing of application will be on April 3, 2014. Also on the same day of September 24, 2014, President Benigno Aquino III appointed Ms. Yolanda Granda, as the new chairman of *Board for Librarians*, PRC while Ms. Agnes Manlangit and Ms. Lourdes David have been appointed as members.

The sudden adjustment of schedule for the Librarians' Board Exam has many implications in the library community especially for graduating students of Library and Information Science (LIS), including myself, who plan to take the board examination.

At first, I could not believe that they have changed the schedule. With the change, there is just now less than a year before the Board, and I am not sure if I'm ready to take it. Are my four years of studying in the University enough to qualify as a professional? Undecided if I would take the exam or not, I weighed its pros and cons. Here is what I came up with: if I'm going to take the board this year, it would be easier to review the LIS core subjects since I'm still familiar with them. If I passed the board exams, it will be good for my career advancement, but I know I have only few months to prepare not only for the board exam, but also for my school requirements as well. Another dis-advantage is that I do not have enough experience since I'm a fresh graduate. However, if I would not take the board exams, I can enjoy my last days in the University without thinking of any pressure, but I know it would be hard for me to land a good and stable job since I am not yet a licensed librarian. Then the realization came, since the examination will be in April, I would not meet the deadline so I could not take this year's Board, whether I like it or not.

For those who would take this year's LLE, I wish them good luck! I'm pretty sure that the LIS' ideas and

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## "A rainbow after a nightmare"

**I**t is really hard to accept that a paradise would be destroyed by a sudden blast of nature. Houses were flashed out, buildings were destroyed and roads turned into a dead sea. Many innocent lives were gone in seconds! It was very painful to believe that all these things happened to thousands of our countrymen. It was a nightmare, full of sorrow and people were scared, all frightened. They almost lost hope when typhoon *Haiyan*, called typhoon *Yolanda* in the Philippines, brought chaotic situation to Tacloban City and in many of the islands of Leyte last November 8, 2013 which left catastrophic damage to its people.

But God knows what the people need, being the all-knowing God. We know that He never fails to give His people His everlasting love. Through this trial, God has sent his angels to deliver help to the victims of this catastrophe. A helping hand from the whole *Thomasian* community was indeed a blessing to the survivors of the said super typhoon. My nine (9) relatives were airlifted on a C130 and stayed in our home in Quezon City for two months. When my head librarian, Mrs. Marivic G. Usita of the Science and Technology Section, learned about it, she was so kind and understanding to ask me about the situation of my family. It was really unexpected to know that she has included my name among the list of working scholars and library staff who have relatives from Tacloban who might be in need of help.

My family and I felt so grateful especially to the library administrators – the Prefect of Libraries, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P. and Ms. Estrella Majuelo, chief librarian and to all the library staff who extended their generous assistance to my relatives and to other families of my fellow library staff who had experienced the wrath of nature. It was an early Christmas gift for my family despite the *Yolanda* fortuitous event. I will say that all these things happened for a reason, a reason that might put us into realization of what we have done, what we should do, and what we can do. Not just Filipinos, but all the people around the world. Let us open our minds and help protect nature. These may be a call from God, He wants to tell us something, for us to do what is right and help save the environment so that any event like this "nightmare" would never occur again in any country, and the rest of the world shall live in rainbow and peace.

**Ma. Suzanne Grace U. Guevara**  
(working scholar from the  
Science & Technology Section)

## The wonderful journey

*“Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgiving, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings” – William Arthur Ward*

**A**s an expression of gratitude and recognition of excellent service exemplified by the graduating working scholars for years of service to the *Thomasian* community, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library organized a treat to the sixteen (16) graduating working scholars on February 23, 2014. It was spearheaded by the Committee on Human Values chaired by Michelle M. San Gabriel and made possible through the help of one of the “friends of the Library,” Ms. Linda Bernardo.

The treat to graduating working scholars does not only serve as a way of the library administrators and staff to thank the scholars for the years that they have served the *Thomasian* community; it also marks the celebration of a wonderful journey because, as the scholars put it, “the time they spent in the University, the Library in particular, is priceless. They are surrounded by wonderful people in the persons of

Fr. Angel Aparicio, OP, Prefect of Libraries; Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo, the chief librarian, the head librarians, and the support staff. These are the people who made their ride worthwhile.

Being a *San Lorenzo Ruiz* scholar is not easy, although there are privileges and opportunities which are tantamount to “blessings.” We are blessed to be given the opportunity to study in the University. However, any opportunity requires responsibilities. We are tasked to serve our fellow *Thomasians* by rendering four to five hours a day which means less time for our study. Many of us, if not all, for sure, had a hard time balancing our priorities. We do not pay a tuition fee, and that calls for some sacrifices. We sacrifice a lot of things including time for friends and other extra-curricular activities. But now, as graduation is fast approaching, the sacrifices begin to turn into blessings. We may not have enough time to bond with friends after classes because of our library duty, we gained what is more than enough, and that is our “Library family.”

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## IMAGE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*“A very gentle and loving Mother” are just a few of the Divine characteristics of the Blessed Virgin Mary causing such exceptional bliss to give Her reverence.*

**T**he image of the Blessed Mother was finally venerated and for this special reason, an exclusive place has been chosen for her by the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. It is located at the 2nd Floor along the hallway going to the Education Technology Center (EdTech). The blessing rite was held last October 23, 2013.

Present during the said event were some academic officials – the *Prefect of Libraries*, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., who officiated the rite of blessing; Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo, *chief librarian*, Asst. Prof. Anna Cherylle M. Ramos, Msc., *director of Ed. Tech Center*, Asst. Prof. Allan A. Basas, *faculty secretary of the Institute of Religion*, and the members of the Library and EdTech staff.

The “Enthronement” is a ceremony rendering homage to the Blessed Virgin Mary for she is the Queen in the truest sense of the word, being both the Mother of Jesus and of the whole mankind as well. She is the primary and the most important intercessor to her Divine Son Jesus Christ, the Lord – and her Son is mankind’s way to the Father.

With this ceremony, people have responded to Christ’s call for them to open their lives to God. As the Library staff welcomes her in their abode, may she heal and teach them to become true sons and daughters of the Holy Mother Church, directed to learn the kind of love she has given to all. Thus, there shall be harmonious bond among the Library staff in their own community and at home through the Blessed Mother, our ‘Intercessor’.

*Michelle M. San Gabriel*

## “Together in one Faith”

One of the annual activities spearheaded by the Committee on Human Values is the *Librarian's Recollection*. For this academic year, the theme is “Together in One Faith” which aims to rejuvenate one's spiritual attributes; to bond together in one faith as a community and as a family; and to sustain such bond and relationship for all to become true and genuine *Thomasians*. It was held last October 25, 2013 at the Sacred Heart Novitiate, Novaliches, Quezon City.

Rev. Fr. Carmelo Arada Jr., the assistant commissioner on Formation at the Manila Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission, was the facilitator for the said activity. This religious activity started with a prayer and was followed by the opening remarks of Michelle M. San Gabriel, Committee chair on Human Values. Subsequently, Fr. Arada presented his lecture about **Lumen Fideior** (Light of Faith). Below are some of the salient points that Fr. Arada highlighted in his presentation:

- Faith as relationship should be a living and loving relationship.
- Faith as seeing means to understand and value one another.
- Faith as listening means we should know how to listen wholeheartedly when our heart speaks.
- The three magic words such as *I Love You*, *Thank You* and *I Am Sorry*, upon hearing these powerful and humbling words from Fr. Arada, the librarians realized that these expressions play a very important role in one's life and in daily communication. These are the simplest, yet the most powerful and magical words in the English language which should be uttered most often by people and also must be taught to children. This is true as the sayings goes that “people might forget what you say or what you do, but they will never forget the way you made them feel.” Harriet Beecher Stowe, an American abolitionist and author, also once said: “the bitterest tears shed over graves are for words left unsaid and from deeds left undone.” May these three magic words be remembered and be expressed always in order to avoid the feelings of regret and guilt in the end.

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## Library Christmas Party 2013

Christmas celebration for the year 2013 had been a season of sympathy and empathy as Filipinos had come together (people from different parts of the world and from different walks of life) to help and join hands for those affected by typhoon *Yolanda*. The University of Santo Tomas, for its part, gave its share of charity through various donations, even to the extent of making the Paskuhan and Librarry Family Christmas party celebration “simple” and yet “FUN.”

As compassionate *Thomasian* professionals committed to the service of the Church, the nation and the global community, the Library staff showed their sympathy through a pledge to support the victims by their sincere approval to the “No Library Christmas Party” and to donate portion of their allocated budget. Everyone understood that it is not apt to rejoice while thousands of fellow countrymen still grieve and try to cope with the grim aftermath of the calamity.

Despite the despairing situation, the Library administrators made an effort to boost the Christmas spirit of the diligent and tireless working scholars, janitors, and casual employees of the Library by preparing a very simple yet fun party for them to make them feel the spirit of Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

The party was held last December 20, 2013 at the ground floor of the UST Miguel de Benavides Library. Eliza Bianca Nazal and Rommel Montaña, working scholars both from the Education High School (EHS) Library, hosted the said event. The party started with a simple prayer led by Leonila Manuel, a member of the Committee on Human Values. Michelle San Gabriel, chair of the Committee, energetically and joyfully welcomed everyone.

There were lively and amusing performances from the library's very own working scholars. One of them was Danna Mae Ilagan, a working scholar from the Ecclesiastical Faculties Library. She sang the phenomenal song “Roar” by Katy Perry. Eliza Bianca Nazal, cheerfully backed her up by playing the guitar. Another astonishing number was the dancing prowess shown by the working scholars from the Humanities section which only proves that they are not just hard working and intelligent individuals but talented as well.

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## *UST Librarians... from page 1*

NTUL. Ms. Olamit, Ms. Lobo and Ms. Padilla are the ones directly involved in the project of 'digitization'. Another aspect that the UST Library wants to enhance further is its "Marketing and Publicity" thus, the presence of Ms. Matias. The Chief Librarian's presence was necessary to oversee the smooth flow of the benchmarking activity and to make sure that the plan be carried out as intended.

The Main Library of NTU is housed in one huge building located at the heart of the campus. There are also two site libraries: the Law & Social Sciences Library and the Medical Library. In addition, six departmental libraries are also available. A warm welcome was accorded to the group by one of the librarians, Ms. Chiawen Kuo. The UST Librarians had the chance to meet Prof. Hsueh-Hua Chen, the library director of the University. The whole day stay in NTUL was very fruitful; so much information were gathered regarding the use of the ContentDM as well as their various marketing strategies.

In order to maximize the trip and to further observe the operations, services, facilities and current technologies being utilized by other institutions, it was decided to visit also the other partner institutions of UST. Hence, next in the itinerary was the Fu Jen Catholic University Libraries. Fu Jen has satellite libraries located in the different parts of the campus. Under its library system, the library services are provided at Msgr. Fahy Library, Stanislaus Kon-Po Tchung Library and Cardinal Shan Medical Library. A brief orientation was given by the Library Director, Prof. Lih-Juan Chan Lin, about their University and the library. Afterwhich, the UST group was ushered to a room where the director was conducting her class in Library Science. Ms. Majuelo gave a brief description of UST giving emphasis on the Library of which the students showed much interest. Afterward, the staff still managed to tour the group around the campus despite the continuous downpour.

The third day of the activity (April 3) was a little intense having visited two (2) libraries in one day, namely, the Chung Yuan Christian University (CYCU), and the National Central University (NCU).

The morning session was a visit to CYCU Library. It was in 1985 that their new library was completed and was named after the late Chairman of the School

Board, Mr. Chang Ching Yu. The library provides various services similar to what UST offers such as: library tour guide, database training, reference enquiry, uses of internet and inter-library loan to assist faculty and students to access on-line and hard copy materials. Ms. Wu-lan Tsao, librarian from the Systems & Information Dept. and Prof. John Francis Diaz, a Filipino professor of CYCU, provided the UST contingent with a guided tour of the library. It took around two hours to have a view of the different areas. In addition, the visit included a meeting with Prof. Jo-Hui Chen, dean of the Office of International and Cross-Strait Education of the University, who was kind enough to treat the group to a hearty lunch.

The last destination, which was in the afternoon of the same day, was NCU. Since the establishment of the Library in 1969, it has evolved from a temporary building to the present day institution which is comprised of three buildings: the Zhong-Zhen (Old) Library, the General Library, and the Kwoh-Ting Library. Due to time constraint, it was only the General Library (housed in large, white building covering an area of about 13,000 sq.m.) that we had the chance to visit. Two librarians, Ms. Suh-Lan Chen and Ms. Irene Lim from the Reference and Consultation Section, together with some of their librarians, were kind enough to spend the entire afternoon discussing about the Library and entertaining our queries.



Ms. Majuelo as she hands over the Lumina Pandit Catalogue to the Librarian of NCU.

As a sign of appreciation between the UST Library and the different libraries that had been visited, there was an exchange of tokens. UST, for its part, handed to each Library the enriching exhibit Catalogue, the **Lumina Pandit: a Collection of Historical Treasures** while each library gifted the UST group with beautiful and unique souvenir items useful for the Library.

*Estrella S. Majuelo*





### *Social media... from page 2*

elections, filed a bill that seeks to safeguard victims of cyber bullying and other forms of “online violence.” The Bill, known as “Electronic Violence Against Women and their Children” (E-VAW) Law of 2013, involves the exploitation of ephemeral data or any form of information and communications technology which causes mental, emotional and psychological distress such as harassing through text messaging or electronic media means or cyber-stalking a person with whom the victim had a sexual or dating relationship or against the victim’s child.”

Sen. Binay’s talk was mostly based on her personal views and experiences. She mentioned that she was one of the 7,654,817 followers of the Dalai Lama and one of the 2,958,948 followers of the Pope on Twitter. Though she has never posted any message to them, or for them, she considers this an easy way to communicate with them.

As a new communication paradigm, social media has promoted information dissemination in social networks. Furthermore, looking at the social media statistics; Facebook has 751 million monthly active users with 79% outside the United States and Canada (Facebook, 2013). Twitter now has almost 555 billion registered users, with an average of 58 billion tweets per day (StatisticBrain, 2013). Therefore, it can be said that the growth of social media and networking options has been phenomenal; it has changed the way people connect with each other, such as the netizens (users of Internet), and how organizations communicate. Just like what the honorable senator said, “The voice of the ordinary citizen that once was easily ignored by government has become more resounding on social media.” She even mentioned the helpful ways of using social media for public servants like her. She said that this has become a convenient tool for communicating with people and engaging them in discourse. With this, citizens of the Philippines can speak out their desires and aspirations mostly to those who were previously out-of-reach.

This forum served as an eye opener for the participants to become sensitive in using the different social media platforms. It also teaches people to become more responsible particularly in liking a status, sharing a photo, commenting on a post and spreading an opinion. The attendees also learned the right manner of using social media, how they can use this for a better cause and not to harm their fellowmen.

*Michelle M. San Gabriel*

### *Forum on St. Thomas... from page 2*

conditions with what one is supposed to do as a student. The speaker also reminded the students that virtues are primarily habits; to start a life of virtue can be difficult but when a person starts repeating the act, it becomes easier until he becomes more accustomed to it. He encouraged them to live a life of virtue and being virtuous allows one to answer the two questions previously mentioned. When these questions are answered according to the teachings of St. Thomas, then life would become more meaningful.

The forum ended with the closing remarks of Michelle M. San Gabriel in her capacity as Chair of the Committee on Human Values. The organizers were very grateful that it has been another enlightening activity to commemorate the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas (January 28). They left the audience with words of St. Thomas to ponder on –

*“To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.”*

*Leonila M. Manuel*

### *Seminar on “Disaster... from page 3*

Mr. Lizardo also discussed the different components of the Project NOAH which can be viewed at <http://noah.dost.gov.ph>. He also mentioned the following informative and helpful information:

- difference between hazard and disaster: hazard is a dangerous condition or event with potential for injury, loss of life, and/or damage to property, agriculture or environment like earthquake, landslide, typhoon and the like, while disaster is the result from natural or unnatural hazards and that, there is no such thing as natural disaster; and
- people should accept the fact that they are always prone to different kinds of natural hazards; that predicting weather in the Philippines is very difficult as compared to Japan and the US because Philippines is a tropical country.

After the talk of Mr. Lizardo, an open forum followed where the participants manifested so much interest on the topic discussed. The speaker willingly answered all the questions with expertise.

The one day seminar was really fruitful and the participants all agreed that “educating people on the different environmental hazards will eventually lower the impact of disasters on lives and property.”

*Juanita D. Subaldo*

### *Right or wrong... from page 3*

The highlight of the forum is based on the following objectives:

- to review the existing Code of Ethics for Librarians;
- to inspire librarians in advancing their professional ideals; and
- to be able to define the limits of acceptable conduct and give guidance to what kind of actions are regarded as right or wrong.

The invited guest speaker for this forum was Mrs. Corazon M. Nera, director of Libraries, Lyceum of the Philippines. Mrs. Nera discussed that the ethics of librarianship is simply an application of moral standards to the conduct of librarians; it is a type of applied ethics concerned with clarifying the obligations and dilemmas of librarians who make decisions regarding the acquisition, processing and dissemination of information to individuals, groups and community served.

Indeed, the forum was very beneficial to all the participants. They were enlightened on the principles and values that govern the behavior of a person or group with respect to what is right or wrong. The challenge now to librarians is to incorporate those values into routine decision making and develop methods of analysis that are applicable to identifying appropriate goals for themselves and their organizations.

*Anna Rita L. Alomo*

**“*LEARNING* IS THE ONLY THING  
THE MIND NEVER EXHAUSTS,  
NEVER FEARS, NEVER REGRETS.”**

**— LEONARDO DA VINCI**

### *2014 Librarians... from page 5*

concepts are still fresh in their mind even though they only have a limited time to review. After the board, they will see the fruits of hard work and become professional librarians. I want to congratulate all of them in advance.

For those who are not taking this year's examination for whatever reason, we have another year to prepare for 2015 LLE. May we never forget the concepts and ideas of LIS that our Institution has taught us.

This change should teach us a lesson, that is, to be prepared at all times for you never know what will happen next.

*Dez Noelle V. Macasaet*  
(working scholar from the  
Humanities Section)

### *The wonderful... from page 6*

The family bonding was really evident during the treat for us graduating students. We enjoyed each other's company as we strolled along the beautiful place of Caleruega; exchanged laughter and stories while we ate meals together in the rest house of Ms. Bernardo in Southridge Tagaytay. We also got the opportunity to know the other side of Fr. Aparicio while we played billiards and table tennis with him.

However, this wonderful journey has come to an end. It is because we have to move on to the next chapter of our life. As we enter the other world in corporate attire, our Library family welcomes new members to their home.

The graduating working scholars are not bidding goodbye but they are expressing their heartfelt gratitude to their library family for taking care of them. Now, as we go on to battle in the real world, rest assured, we are armored with the knowledge and experiences the Library has taught us.

Congratulations to all the graduating Working Scholars!

*Kimberly Marie D. Castro*  
(working scholar from the  
UST High School)

### Latest assignments

**T**here's an old adage that says "people resist change." This is not quite accurate. In fact, it is not always the actual proposed change that people resist, but rather, the interference that their work lives would have to go through.

Relative to this, a re-assignment of staff occurred once more at the Miguel de Benavides Library. While people may generally imagine change as constant in today's world, it takes focused planning and arrangement for it to be successful. In order to succeed and thrive in today's rapid-paced changes, the Library as well need an agile workforce that can effectively respond to, adapt to and perform under rapidly changing requirements.

Effective November 18, 2013, the following librarians have accepted their new assignments:

Names	Previous Assignments	Present Assignments
Capule, Jenneth G.	Cataloger, Technical Section Ecclesiastical Faculties Library	Head Librarian, Graduate School Library
Estoya, Ma. Teresa F.	Head Librarian, Graduate School Library	Cataloger, Technical Section

*Anna Rita L. Alomo*

### *Together... from page 7*

Fr. Arada's presentation was indeed inspiring, enlightening and at the same time, humorous. Undeniably, librarians felt the spiritual nourishment spent in prayer and contemplation for it rekindled and deepened their relationship with God. With this, the librarians are grateful to the library administrators for the opportunity to hear God's healing grace and by attaining a degree of spiritual renewal.

*Michelle M. San Gabriel*

A library is not simply a repository of books, it is the symbol and centre of our culture... a door and a window for those who might not otherwise have such doors and windows.

— Amy Tan

### *Library Christmas... from page 7*

The intermission number was followed by a well-known game from a variety show "Meron o Wala." There were lots of fun and laughter because of the explanations given by some candidates to the things being asked. Immediately after, the party had the most exciting part which was the cash raffle draw. Most of the working scholars had been waiting for their names to be called but only few lucky winners were randomly selected. Another game followed, this time, unity among members of the participating group was required.

The party ended with the distribution of packs of *Ham* to the working scholars. The ever dedicated and active working scholars, janitors and casuals were indeed grateful to the administrators and to their Library family for making them feel the true spirit of Christmas despite the 'heartbreaking' situation.

*Michelle M. San Gabriel*



## Memoirs of Graduating Working Scholars 2014

**Name: Baula, Apple Grace**  
 Section Assigned: Serials  
 College: Faculty of Arts and Letters  
 Major: Communication Arts



If there is one thing to describe Apple, it would be versatile. She can easily cope with any environment. It is because she never

gets tired of learning. Nothing can stop her for she is resourceful. Apple can also handle both academics and extra-curricular well. As a matter of fact, she is a consistent *Dean's Lister* of her college and was awarded *Best Performer* during the *Paskolar* held in 2011.

**Name: Dayday, Maria Eralgine**  
 Section Assigned: Circulation  
 College: Faculty of Engineering  
 Major: Industrial Engineering



At first glance, you may be struck by her beauty. You may think of her as a very shy type and quiet girl but always remember, looks can be deceiving.

Eralgine is a woman who possesses the strength of a man. She is a very brave person. Nothing can let her hold back her decisions for she knows her responsibilities too well. She is also an active student in her Faculty. For three (3) consecutive years, she was elected as *PRO* of their class. She is also a *Department's Lister*.

**Name: Diaz, Ma. Bernadette**  
 Section Assigned: High School Library  
 College: Commerce & Business Administration  
 Major: Marketing Management



Berna is an adventurous type of woman. For her, the purpose of life is to live it and to taste new experiences to the utmost. For that is

where she will earn new lessons in life. She gets tired of doing the same old thing because there is more to being adventurous than being relaxed in one's comfort zone. She plans and achieves; dreams and believes.

**Name: Castro, Kimberly Marie**  
 Section Assigned: High School Library  
 College: Faculty of Arts and Letters  
 Major: Communication Arts



Kimberly is a type of person who never settles for less. She always exerts much effort in everything she does because she believes that any result

of her work is a reflection of herself. She always aims to succeed in every path she would take and for her, success is being able to surpass failures pleasantly. She is an achiever in her Faculty. She was also a pioneer delegate of UST to the 1<sup>st</sup> *Philippine Scholar's Summit*. She also won an *Award for Excellence* for her entry *Alay ni Inay*, a breastfeeding advocacy campaign in *IABC Philippines – Student Quill Awards*.

**Name: Demol, Mikka**  
 Section Assigned: Civil Law  
 College: Accountancy  
 Major: BS Management Accounting



In every task Mikka does, she makes sure to set her goals first. It is because it would be much easier for her to attain it and finish the work with quality.

Mikka is also a persistent person. She believes that nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Even if you have a talent or you are well-educated, yet you do not put effort to your work, nothing will happen.

**Name: Fernandez, Karell**  
 Section Assigned: Science and Technology  
 College: Faculty of Engineering  
 Major: Industrial Engineering



Karell is a very family person. She sees to it that her family will always be on top of her priorities in life. It is because she believes that the love for family is much

more important than any material thing in this world. This is the reason as to why when you look at her, you know exactly that this person is beyond happy because she is filled with love by the people surrounding her. Aside from being a family person, Karell is also an academic achiever. She is a *Dean's Lister* in her Faculty and ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the *Safety Thematic* contest.

**Name: Florendo, Klaudine**  
**Section Assigned:** Humanities  
**College:** Faculty of Arts and Letters  
**Major:** Asian Studies

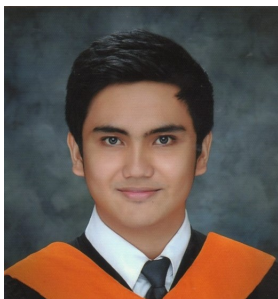


Klaudine is a very soft spoken person, though she may seem snobbish at first glance. It is not enough for anyone

to judge her. She only wants to constantly keep herself busy and productive. She also loves learning about new things in life. It is because she has a strong value for time, that, no single amount of time should be wasted because it is an opportunity to make something new. Moreover, never underestimate her because she is a *Civil Service Exam* passer, just so you know.

**Name: Gorospe, Ma. Angelica**  
**Section Assigned:** Social Science  
**College:** Faculty of Arts and Letters

Angelica can be described in three adjectives: persistent, service-oriented and family-person. Persistent because she is a girl who simply shakes off the dirt life throws at her and keeps on moving forward; service-oriented because she always find time to serve God despite the busy schedules and school requirements; and family-person because she is a daughter who values her family so much. Angelica is also an achiever. She was part of a special report which bagged an *Award of Excellence in Student Quill Awards 2013*.



**Name: Tabora, Raymond**  
**Section Assigned:** Humanities  
**College:** Education  
**Major:** Special Education

Raymond's passion for teaching is exceptional. It is because he is a compassionate person. He has a strong will to help others by educating them. He believes that imparting his skills and knowledge would be his best service to other people most especially the youth of the next generation.

**Name: Macasaet, Dez**  
**Section Assigned:** Humanities  
**College:** Education  
**Major:** Library and Information Science



For Dez, her uniqueness is what sets her different from others. She believes that God made each one of us with distinctiveness.

She also believes that each one of us should not waste the blessings we received from God most especially the wisdom, talents and knowledge, and use it for a better purpose.

**Name: Naag, Joy**  
**Section Assigned:** Reference  
**College:** Commerce & Business Administration  
**Major:** Business Economics



Joy is a woman of passion. Being passionate in everything she does is her ultimate goal in life. She looks at every problem as an opportunity to

be stronger. She is also an academic achiever and a pride of her college for she placed in a number of quiz bee competitions such as *JPES National Quiz Bee* and *INQUEST-Commerce Journal Quiz Bee* and is a consistent *Dean's Lister*.

**Name: Nolasco, Yoshabel**  
**Section Assigned:** Civil Law  
**College:** Faculty of Arts and Letters  
**Major:** Asian Studies



Being committed is what describes Yoshabel. Commitment plays a very special role in her life. She sees to it that in every work she does, she is

committed to doing it. It is because commitment is what drives her into action. She is also driven and an ambitious person. For her, there should be no single opportunity to waste because it is only given once in a lifetime.

**Name: Taag, Karl**  
**Section Assigned:** Science and Technology  
**College:** Faculty of Engineering  
**Major:** BS Information Technology



It looks like Karl is inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's famous saying "Live as if you were die tomorrow; learn as if you will live forever." Karl is always in

thirst of knowledge that is why he keeps on exploring to learn new things. His passion for technology is undeniably exceptional and is reflected in the many achievements he earned in his four years of stay in his Faculty. He represented UST in a number of talks in different schools where he was invited as a resource speaker such as *What's app: Windows Phone Consumers & Developed Preview*." He also bagged several awards in various competitions like *UST Appcon 101: Mobile Application Challenge*, to name a few.

*Compiled by*  
**Kimberly Marie D. Castro and Ma. Bernadette L. Diaz**  
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## The Library collection on the “Basic and Supreme Law”

February 2 of every year is the commemoration of Constitution Day by virtue of Proclamation No. 211, s. 1988 issued by then President Corazon C. Aquino. The Philippine Constitution is known as the basic and supreme law of the land. Former Philippine Supreme Court Associate Justice, Isagani A. Cruz, defined the constitutions’ supremacy as:

“the basic and paramount law to which all other laws must conform and to which all persons, including the highest official of the land, must defer... all must bow to the mandate of this law.”

Six (6) Constitutions have governed the Philippines since the Proclamation of Independence on June 12, 1898: the Malolos Constitution of 1898; the 1935 Constitution or Commonwealth Constitution; the 1943 Constitution during the Japanese occupation; the 1973 Constitution during the martial law and post-martial law period; the Freedom Constitution or the Provisional Constitution of 1986; and presently, the 1987 Constitution.

Highlighted below are some of the many research materials on the Philippine Constitution that are available at the UST Miguel de Benavides Library:

- Compilation of all the constitutions, past and present, in one printed volume can be found in the book by Clarence Oaminal entitled *Philippine Political Law: the Constitutions of the Philippines* (2012).
- For materials regarding comparisons between the different constitutions, one can consult Sison’s *The 1987, 1973 and 1935 Philippine Constitutions: a comparative table* (1999) or the U.P. Law Center’s *Comparative Study of the 1987, 1973 and 1935 Philippine Constitutions* (1988).
- Constitutional Convention proceedings which can provide for intent and background of each provision of the Constitution.
- Proceedings of the current constitution can be found in the *Journal of the Constitutional Convention* (1986) and *Record of the Constitutional Convention* (1986) published by the 1986 Constitutional Commission.
- For the 1935 Constitution, one can consult the *Constitutional Convention Record* (1966) published by the House of Representatives or the *Proceedings of the Constitutional Convention* (1966) edited by former Vice President Salvador Laurel. It is also important to note that proceedings of the 1973 Constitutional Convention have not been published.

For specific titles on a particular Philippine Constitution, one may consult the following materials:

- *The 1987 Constitution*. Most used at the college level is Hector de Leon’s *Textbook of the Philippine Constitution* (2011).

- More in demand with law students and Bar reviewees are: *The 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines: a commentary* (2009) and *The 1987 Philippine Constitution: a reviewer/primer* (2011) by noted constitutionalist Fr. Joaquin Bernas.
- Other in demand titles, among others, include: the *Philippine Political Law* (2002) and *Constitutional Law* (2007) of former Supreme Court Associate Justice Isagani Cruz as well as the two (2) volume book of UST Law Professor Rene Gorospe entitled *Constitutional Law* (2006).

**The 1986 provisional Constitution.** Available titles include, among others, full text compilations of government and commercial publishers as well as treatises from Hector de Leon’s *Textbook on the Philippine Provisional Constitution* (1986), and *The 1986 Provisional Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines* (1986) by Manuel Manansala.

**The 1973 Constitution.** Aside from textbooks and annotations, titles include, among others, *The Dynamics of the New Constitution of the Philippines* (1974) and *The Living Constitution* (1976). The former is proceedings of a seminar conducted by UST and the Commission on Elections and the latter a publication of the COMELEC seminar lectures on the 1973 constitution by the U.P. Law Center.

**The 1935 Constitution.** Available titles are full text in English (*Constitution of the Philippines*), Spanish (*Constitucion de Filipinas*) and Visayan (*Konstitusyon san Pilipinas*) published by the former Bureau of Printing (1936). Other materials, among others, include *The Framing of the Constitution of the Philippines (1934-1935)* by Miguel Cuaderno (1937) and a book by former President Jose P. Laurel entitled *The Three Powers of Government under the Philippine Constitution* (1936).

**Constitution of 1898.** An English and Spanish copy of the Malolos Constitution entitled *Political Constitution of the First Republic of the Philippines = Constitucion Politica de la Republica Filipina* published by then Bureau of Printing is available as well as a volume entitled *La Constitucion de Malolos* printed in 1910.

One can also view the full text of all the different Philippine Constitutions stated above on computer workstations using the *Philippine Legal Encyclopedia (Lex Libris)*, a local legal database of Philippine statutory laws, also, on the *Official Gazette* online ([www.gov.ph](http://www.gov.ph)).

Researchers are also encouraged to browse the UST Law Library Pathfinders on [Constitutional Law](#) and [Political Law](#) posted on the Civil Law Section page of the Library website for other available literature and resources.

**Jonas T. Sahagun**



## The 7<sup>th</sup> “Hiyas ng UST”

The 7<sup>th</sup> “Hiyas ng UST” award with the theme “Mga Kawaning Tomasino: Kaagapay sa Pagbabago” was held last March 7, 2014 at the UST Medicine auditorium, St. Martin de Porres building. The event started with a Holy Mass officiated by the Vice-Rector of the University, Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P.

This annual event recognizes and honors the services, achievements and dedication of selected support staff of the University of Santo Tomas. The Miguel de Benavides Library is particularly proud to acknowledge the “*Hiyas*” awardees for their loyal and dedicated service in the department for the year 2013. The special award for “Complete Attendance and for Punctuality” were given to the following: Jasmin Mangona from the Ecclesiastical Faculties Library, Ma. Theresa Milabo from the General Reference and Information section, Evangeline Panizal from the Library Administration Office, and Rafael Travilla from the Technical section. Mr. Travilla was also recognized for his hard work, commitment and dedication through the “St. Joseph, the Worker” award.

Through the years, the following support staff have shown their dedication to the Library and for this, they were recognized through the following *Hiyas* Service awards: *Kristal* (15 years in service) awarded to Joel Palangan from the Technical Section; *Emerald* (20 years in service) given to Nemesio Magtaan from the UST Heritage Library; *Pilak* (25 years in service) given to Rafael Travilla; *Perlas* (30 years in service) awarded to the following: Lucy Bermudez from the General Reference and Information section, Lilibeth Cardenas from the General Circulation, Annabelle Lauro from the UST High School, Perla Martin from the Health Sciences Library, and Elma Nagorite from the Social Sciences.

The Library is also proud of the support staff who were nominated for the “Most Outstanding Employee.” Recommended to represent the following categories were: Professional Support Staff – Jasmin Mangona; Technical Support Staff – Joel Palangan; and Skilled Support Staff – Rafael Travilla.

To all the awardees and nominees who serve as a MODEL and INSPIRATION to their fellow workers, our heartfelt congratulations!

Ma. Theresa A. Milabo

## 15<sup>th</sup> “Dangal ng UST” awards

The University of Santo Tomas in cooperation with the University of Santo Tomas Faculty Union (USTFU), gives recognition to faculty members who made exceptional contributions in the attainment of the mission of the University through their exemplary performance in teaching, research and community service. The theme for this year’s event was: “*Tomasinong Guro: sa Karunungan Pinagpapala, sa Gawa Nakikilala, sa Pananalig Tinitingala.*” It was held last March 5, 2014 at the UST Medicine Auditorium, St. Martin de Porres Building.

The opening remarks was delivered by Assoc. Prof. Susan Maravilla, R.N., dean, College of Nursing. The University Rector, Rev. Fr. Herminio Dagohoy, O.P., expressed his warm greetings to all faculty members. He also mentioned that the long awaited additional benefits of the faculty members shall be given before the semester ends. Guest speaker, Engr. Francisco Eizmendi, Jr., congratulated the faculty members for their achievements and inspired all to work hard for the University.

More than a hundred faculty members received awards for their length of service and outstanding work performance. The awards given were: **Gawad Santo Tomas** (*Pinakamahusay sa Pagtuturo*), **Gawad San Alberto Magno** (*Natatanging Pananaliksik, Imbensyon o Inobasyong Teknolohiya at Masining na Nilikha*), **Gawad San Lorenzo Ruiz** (*Pagkilala sa mga Gimawaran ng Parangal at Pagkilala sa Pambansa o Internasyonal na Lebel*), **Gawad San Raymundo Peñafort** (*Natatanging Librarian*) at **Gawad San Martin de Porres** (*Natatanging Guidance Counselor*).

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library is very honored for the recognition given to its librarians, namely, Leonila Manuel, head Librarian of the Social Sciences for twenty-five (25) years of service; Madonna Alonzo, head of the Circulation Section and Sabina Viernes, head Librarian of Music Section both for thirty (30) years of service; and Narcelita Lane Olamit, head of the Technical Section, for rendering twenty-five (25) years of service to the University. In addition, the entire Library staff is proud of Ms. Olamit for being accorded the **Gawad San Raymundo Peñafort**.

For upholding excellence and dedication in teaching, research and community service, the *Thomasian* faculty members are truly “Dangal” of UST.

Lady Catherine R. de Leon

## Circulation Section: heading towards steady transformation

Many have witnessed the evolution of the name of the UST Library from a simple “Main Library” to “Central Library,” then renaming it after its founder, Miguel de Benavides - to which the “Miguel de Benavides Library” is known today. Time, indeed, has changed many things in the Library. In 2004, it embraced the changing world in the field of librarianship, the world of “technology.” Automated borrowing and returning of library materials has been centralized. This particular service is done at the ground floor of the library which gave birth to the Circulation section.

For more than a decade, the said section has served its purpose and continuously improves to meet patrons’ needs. The Library Administrators have been very supportive to materialize gradually the advancements and innovative ideas that librarians have witnessed and observed from their benchmarking activities held outside the Philippines in order to make the Miguel de Benavides Library globally competitive.

One of the developments that has been made in the section is the location. From the central part of the ground floor, it has been moved near the entrance of the library, specifically at the left wing adjacent to the Current Serials section and the General Reference and Information section. This was done to make it more accessible to patrons who are returning library

materials and simultaneously offers an easier way out for those who will borrow.

Self-check machine was also acquired and has been used since November 2012. It serves as support to the Circulation section staff by facilitating the borrowing services of the library. It also minimizes the long queue of library patrons when borrowing library materials. However, close monitoring by the Library staff is still needed especially for first time users.

Meanwhile, aside from the payment of library fines, other payment transactions (use of the library by outsiders, the purchase of library publications such as the Catalogues and Proceedings, etc.) which were previously managed by the other sections, have been transferred to the Circulation section. It was done, again, for easy accessibility and for the convenience of the library users.

The new location and other developments made in the Section truly benefit both the library clientele and the staff. Time has proven to have made its imprint sealed on the library itself – from the name, to its collection, to its facilities, to its services, to its location and more recently, to the new face of the Circulation section which proves that it is heading towards steady transformation.

*Madonna Remedios V. Alonzo*

## A ‘special day’ with the Aeta kids

November 10, 2013 was another special day spent with the Aeta kids. It was a day of friendship and bonding among library personnel together with the friends of the Library who are mostly members of the Legion of Mary. The group visited Sitio San Martin Library in Bamban, Tarlac to give joy to these wonderful kids and to nurture them spiritually.

The group left UST as early as 8:30AM and reached Sitio San Martin at around 10:30 AM. The travel was a bit long but it was worth it especially for there were people who eagerly awaited their arrival.

The main objective of the visit was to educate spiritually the members of the community especially the kids. The activity started with a Holy Mass officiated by Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries. In his

homily, Fr. Aparicio requested Mr. Juan Pabon, member of the Couples for Christ, to explain the message of the Mass using Tagalog. Mr. Pabon explained the consecration of the bread and wine which symbolizes God, offering His life to redeem the world.

After the Mass, the group had a short break followed by a film showing on the “Creation of Man.” It was facilitated by Mr. Pabon himself. He translated some of the dialogues from the film in Tagalog so that the kids could easily understand the message. Most of them had been listening attentively, filled with longing for more. After a short interaction, the group distributed snacks to all the participants. Before the UST personnel left, they were entertained by the Aeta kids who performed a native dance number. The

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## Holding Christmas in one's heart

Last December 8, 2013, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library staff once again had the opportunity to visit the children of Cottolengo Filipino, Inc. This time around, the group aimed to spread the holiday cheer by conducting a Christmas party filled with fun activities and games. The event was facilitated by a small contingent from Jollibee.

Among the Library staff who participated were Rosemary Balbin, Kaori Fuchigami, Cecille Lobo, Raquel Lontoc, together with her family, Chona Manguilin, Diana Padilla, Gigi Panizal, Jonas Sahagun, Vercie Subaldo, Marivic Usita, Maynard Vitug and yours truly. This event was co-chaired by Ms. Estrella Majuelo, *chief librarian*, and Ms. Lani Olamit, head of the Outreach Committee.

The group was graciously welcomed by Fr. Estefan Bulais, the director of Cottolengo Filipino, Inc. As he was giving a tour of the place, it was interesting to note that they have a pottery workshop of religious images where some of the children do pottery work as part of their activities. The group was then called into the dining area in a short while as the preparation by the Jollibee staff was being done.

There were other guests present on that day: students from Ateneo de Manila University and some nurses from St. Augustine, all of whom took part in the activities as well. Fr. Estefan gave a message to

open the event. Some of the activities in which everyone, from the children to the students, nurses and library staff, greatly enjoyed were: stop dance, trip to Jerusalem, loudest cheer and relay. Toys, courtesy of UST librarian Ginalyn Santiago, were handed out to several winners as prizes. The kids also presented a brief dance number to which even the Jollibee staff gamely joined. After the games, the guests assisted in the distribution of food and drinks to the children. This was also the chance for the group to interact with them. The party would not be complete without the appearance of Jollibee himself. He made his grand entrance after everyone was nearly done eating. Several group pictures were taken with the mascot.

The event culminated with the host thanking everyone who made the event possible for the sake of the children, acknowledging the UST Library staff and the Committee chair, Ms. Olamit. Ms. Majuelo was asked to give a short message to conclude the event. She also expressed her gratitude to Fr. Estefan for allowing this occasion to happen, giving everyone the possibility to interact and the opportunity to help the children of Cottolengo.

Christmas comes but once a year and it was a blessing to share it with these kids as they cherish these treasured memories in their hearts.

*Edward H. Puzon*

presentation made the library group nostalgic about the Philippines' rich cultural heritage.

The group left the place almost lunch time. As in previous occasions, there was a stopover at Amado's restaurant for lunch courtesy of Ms. Linda Bernardo, a long-time friend of the Library and herself, a member of the *Legion of Mary*.

After such an activity, the feeling is always fulfilling and heartwarming – reaching out to these kids of exceptional character who are not reluctant to share their rich culture, expressing themselves sincerely. Indeed, it was another special day with the Aeta kids.

*Madonna Remedios V. Alonzo*

**“The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them.”**

— MARK TWAIN



## UST High School batch '64 surprises the Library

Last February 1, 2014, it was a red-letter day once again for the UST High School (USTHS) Library. Aside from a homecoming of around seventy (70) jubilarians, it was likewise a special day when the UST High School Batch '64 handed over a brand-new 40-inch *My View High Definition LED TV* to the Library, which is another testament of their love and commitment to the institution especially to the High School Department. It is with great intention that they made the donation, which is actually the third in a row. They also gave ten computer sets and a glass table and sofa. They want to help teachers with the utilization of state-of-the-art equipment, a better technologically assisted classroom instruction and a genuinely enjoyable learning experience for the students.

Before the group set their foot at the UST High School building, Atty. Jesus Manalastas, the batch president, and his fellow alumni, first dropped by the Office for Alumni Relations for a courtesy call to its director, Asst. Prof. Fides Ma. Lourdes Carlos who was gracious enough to give them a tour of the campus to see the developments which many of the visiting alumni have not seen for decades. Subsequently, they all proceeded to the UST High School building where they got to see the different facilities, and to finally witness the formal turn-over of the LED TV. They also took this opportunity to reminisce — when they were young and eager learners.

It would be worthwhile to mention that the building currently being occupied by the High School students is not the original building for this building got burned in 1975.

The program proper, which began at exactly 3:30 p.m., was emceed by Mr. Caesar Anthony Yoma, a Community Development coordinator while the

opening prayer was led by a HS English teacher, Ms. Katherine Sibug. The ribbon-cutting ceremony was participated in by school administrators, namely, Ms. Marishirl Tropicales, Ms. Imelda Rosales and Mr. Emmanuel Batulan, the principal, assistant principal and School secretary, respectively, to officially accept the batch's legacy gift to the UST High School. Ms. Estrella Majuelo, the chief librarian of the Miguel de Benavides Library, also joined the group during the hand-over of the gift.

In order to express how grateful the UST High School is, the principal, Assoc. Prof. Tropicales, gave a short speech thanking the UST High School Batch '64 for continuously loving and supporting the endeavors of UST in developing the mind and heart of the students, as well as, their character and spirit.

Before the program came to an end, the still vibrant alumni were serenaded with folk songs by the UST High School Glee Club whose angelic voices and world-class performance had surely captured and touched the hearts of these special visitors.



(L-R) Ms. Tropicales, Mr. Sandoval, Ms. Majuelo, Atty. Manalastas, Atty. Eduardo Escueta (partly hidden) and Mr. Jess Veguillas.



Happiness is marked on the faces of the jubilarians.

To complement the cordial reception being extended to the special guests, the High School Batch '64 were ushered to the two adjacent classrooms where they were treated with simple snacks. Finally, as a culmination of their homecoming, Fr. Louie Coronel, O.P., the High School regent, celebrated Mass for them in the High School auditorium.

It may have been simply a half-day affair for the alumni, but based from the writer's experience, beautiful memories and rekindled friendships would undoubtedly remain between and among them, and their legacy for the young generations to come will last a lifetime.

*Maynard M. Vitug*

## PICTURE PERFECT!

Last February 12, 2014, the UST Librarians, together with the Library Administrators, had their individual and group photos taken. The photos aim to give the staff and the Library greater visibility and proper identification for its library patrons. Moreover, this photo captures the amenable, helpful, committed and compassionate nature of these people who have come to be known by the library users. It reflects the love and dedication of the UST Librarians to their profession. Thank you USTLA Executive Board A.Y. 2013-2014 for this simple yet memorable activity. “A moment in time has been frozen, and preserved forever.”

*Ms. Fevie Ma. V. Macasaet*



### Simply smart – that’s Fevie!

With today’s fast-paced and globally renowned workplace, it is an edge of a library to hire employees who can easily adapt to the ever-changing library environment. Young bright minds are great factors to maintain and attribute to the company’s success as they become good assets.

Employees come and go for many reasons. When one leaves, another one comes. In August 2012, Ms. Kristi Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet or “Fevs” to some of her colleagues, has been added to the UST Miguel de Benavides Library Family as a *Junior Librarian*. Born on February 1, 1990, Fevie is the eldest among the three (3) children of Mr. Noel and Mrs. Olympia Macasaet. She hails from Lipa City, Batangas. She is now considered as the youngest among the librarians.

She was accepted as a San Lorenzo working scholar in 2006 assigned at the Civil Law section. During her college, she was a finalist in the *18th Search for Library and Information Science (LIS) Wizard* held at the National Library of the Philippines. Molded, trained and worked all throughout her college years in a library environment, she has been sharpened and graduated *Cum Laude* in March 2010 with a degree of Bachelor of Library and Information Science. She placed 9th in the *Philippine Licensure Examination for Librarians* given in November 2010.

Her first employment was at the University of Asia and the Pacific in Ortigas as Library Assistant and later as ‘Subject’ Librarian. There is always a reason for coming back, as they say, “there is no place like home.” She decided to try her luck in UST. Fortunately, she was hired by the UST Library and her first assignment was at the Serials section. Her inclusion in the re-assignment of librarians gave her the opportunity to be assigned in a different section, and this time, at the Science and Technology, a position she holds up to the present. For her personal growth and professional upliftment, she is currently enrolled in Masters in Library and Information Studies at the School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS)-University of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City.

This smart lady readily adapts to her surroundings and harmoniously associates with superiors and peers. She does her job with a personal approach, once given an instruction she easily comprehends and does it with cleverness. Her life is full of awesome and amazing experiences, her work and personal life are always done with common sense and wisdom. She has the willingness to embrace and engage in whatever duties and responsibilities she may be given. She is techno-savvy and can easily adapt to her technologically-driven workplace. She is now on a tenure track status. With her accomplishments and contributions in the library for almost two years to this date, she is an ‘asset.’

*Marivic G. Usita*

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