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UST Librarian attends an international conference at Vienna, Austria

Jenneth G. Capule

Ms. Jenneth G. Capule, head librarian of the Graduate School Section, attended the 7th International Conference on New Horizons in Education last July 13-15, 2016. It was held at Vienna University of Technology in Austria. It was also her second time to present her masteral thesis entitled "*Towards a geriatric-friendly library: a Q Methodology*," this time, in another country, and to a wider audience of library professionals and educators.

The said conference was organized by the Association of Science, Education and Technology (ASET), Vienna University of Technology, Sakarya University, Istanbul University and Governors State University. It aims to bring scholars, researchers, educators, students, professionals and other groups interested on topics related to education and to present their works on recent developments in educational sciences and other related fields.

For this year, there were nine hundred and fifty (950) registered participants from fifty (50) countries. Ms. Capule was the only librarian among the hundreds of participants and presenters but it did not stop her from building collaboration with them. In this aspect, she represented her institution, the Pontifical University of Santo Tomas and the Miguel de Benavides Library. During the event,

she met two Filipino presenters which made her feel at home and proud; they were Dr. Melvin A. Ballera, research director of AMA University and Asst. Prof. Al Francis D. Librero, director, ICT Development Office, University of the Philippines Open University.

While at Vienna, Ms. Capule also took the opportunity to visit the Austrian National Library in Hofburg Palace, the former imperial palace in the centre of Vienna. It was built in the eighteenth century by the Habsburgs, important and influential European family that held several royal titles. The library was originally called the Hof-Bibliothek or "Imperial Library" and was changed to its current name in 1920. It includes museums and multiple special collections and archives. Ms. Capule had the chance to see the reading room and their main catalog, QuickSearch. It is an easy to use and comprehensive online search of holdings via a new search



Ms. Capule as she presents her paper.



Ms. Capule inside the Austrian National Library.

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Building community engagement program for libraries

Anna Rita L. Alomo

The Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines-National Capital Region (CEAP-NCR) celebrated its seventy-five (75) years and convened their general assembly last July 22-23, 2016 at the La Consolacion College, Manila with the theme: **"Promoting the culture of mercy with renewed spirit and fervour."** The highlight of the event was based on the following objectives: (1) that educators help nurture and sustain the spirit of the Samaritan in the young; and (2) that schools be effective witnesses of God's mercy.

Simultaneous with this, the CEAP-NCR Tertiary Library Committee conducted a session with a title **"Beyond these walls: building community engagement program for libraries."** This was held on July 22, 2016 at the St. Augustine Building of La Consolacion College, Manila. The resource speaker was Ms. Ana Fresnido, library director of the De La Salle University Library. Ms. Fresnido presented numerous strategies in building their Institution's outreach programs. She mentioned that in establishing such program, there should be the identification of opportunities that will support the mission and vision of the institutions and to recognize the possible internal and external partners for the realization of the target activities. Ms. Fresnido enumerated some of these outreach activities such as: Adopt-A-Library; KIRA Tells a Story; WeAreInfoSmart; LORA, the Librarian; LiBRO; and GoGreen.

Indeed, the session was very beneficial and an eye-opener to all attendees. It was emphasized that outreach librarians strive to provide equitable delivery of library services to all people through the development of programs, policies, practices, and behaviors which make the library available to all people.

ISO 9001: 2015 training / workshop

Anna Rita L. Alomo

'International Standards' is the backbone of our society, ensuring the safety and quality of products and services, facilitating international trade and improving the environment in which we live. Conformity to 'International Standards' helps reassure consumers that those products, systems and organizations are safe, reliable and good for the environment.

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) Standards are reviewed every five (5) years and revised if needed. Revisions of ISO standards takes 'new environment' into account due to the following: increased globalization; increased expectations from customers and interested parties; and more access to information.

In line with this, the UST Quality Management Office (QMO) organized an in-house training/workshop in partnership with the University Registrar, TÜV SÜD PSB Philippines Inc. which was held last July 14-15, 2016 at the Function

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Continuing Professional Development (CPD) for librarians: an update

Mercy C. Bano

“**A librarian is an active intermediary between users and resources. Professional and continuing education of the librarian is indispensable to ensure adequate services.**”
(IFLA/UNESCO Public Library Manifesto, 1994).

As the library profession continues to develop and transform, librarians must be competent professionals keeping abreast with the latest trends and progress in the field. It is now a mandate for us to be savvy as the clients we serve have this progressively multifaceted information needs.

Republic Act No. 10912 known as the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Act of 2016 is a declared policy of the state to promote and upgrade the practice of the profession in the country. It states that CPD refers to the inculcation of advanced knowledge, skills and ethical values in a post-licensure specialization or in multidisciplinary field of study for assimilation into professional practice, self-directed research and/or lifelong learning (Continuing Professional Development Act, 2016).

Based on Article II Sec. 5 (Nature of CPD Programs), the Programs consist of activities that range from structured to non-structured activities which have learning process and outcomes. These include but are not limited to the following : a. formal learning; b. non-formal learning; c. informal learning;

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UST librarian participates in "Buwan ng Wika 2016" celebration

Jenneth G. Capule

In celebration of the Buwan ng Wika 2016 with the theme "Filipino: Wika ng Karunungan," the UST College of Education and the UST Department of Filipino, have organized a number of activities; one of them was the so-called SIYASIK, multi-disiplinaryong pagbasa ng papel sa iba't-ibang disiplina. This activity aims to gather UST faculties from different disciplines to present their research papers and share what they have discovered using the Filipino language. It was held last August 30, 2016 at the University of Santo Tomas-Alfredo M. Velayo College of Accountancy Multi-Purpose Hall.



Ms. Capule as she receives the Certificate of Appreciation from Assoc. Prof. Taruc and Fr. Miranda.

The program started with the opening remarks of Prof. Allan de Guzman, Ph.D., dean of the UST College Education, which warmed up the audience for the start of the said activity. He highlighted the importance of the Filipino language and research. He asked the audience which they prefer – a person who keeps on asking or a person who keeps on answering without any question. The audience laughed at the second question. Prof. de Guzman said that there's nothing wrong in

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Lib Talks

Forum on Malaysian librarianship

Anna Rita L. Alomo

The UST Graduate School, Master of Arts in Library and Information Science in cooperation with the UST College of Education, Bachelor of Library and Information Science and the Miguel de Benavides Library, organized a forum entitled "Malaysian librarianship: valuing best practices and research agenda setting in Library and Information Science." This was held last September 17, 2016 at the UST Library Conference Hall. It was successfully attended by one hundred and twenty (120) participants composed of both undergraduate and graduate school students of Library and Information Science (LIS).

The first topic was about LIS Education and Malaysian Professional Associations which were prolifically discussed by Ms. Maimunah Kadir, secretary of the National Committee, International Federation of Library Associations, World Library and Information Congress (IFLA WLIC) 2018, Kuala Lumpur. Ms. Kadir shared her imperative wisdom and expertise emphasizing the detailed history of Malayan Library Group since 1955 to present, as well as the active promotion of the Group of their library education program in Malaysia. She also mentioned important points regarding standards for both school and academic libraries as an assurance of the quality of services they offer to patrons.

The topic entitled "LIS: Best Practices in Malaysian Academic Libraries," was tackled by Puan Pitri Saniah Megat Abd Rahman, former chief librarian of the Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia. She shared their best practices such as: following top building trends in exterior and interior design of their libraries; creation of 24/7 area; and a collaborative study area and quiet study zone. She emphasized that these services and facilities really delight their users because of the ambience and an environment conducive to research and study.



(L-R) Ms. Megat Abd Rahman, Ms. Kadir and Prof. De Guzman during the open forum.

The third topic was "Research Agenda Setting in Library and Information Science," which was discussed by Prof. Allan de Guzman, Ph.D., dean of the UST

She also mentioned their library's wide array of resources ranging from print to online and electronic formats. She said that the best practices of one's institution require administrative commitment, formal policies, continuous benchmarking, enough financial resources, support, and a collaborative staff.

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Following the footsteps of St. Dominic

Michelle M. San Gabriel

"O praise God, laudare! Be a blessing, benedicere! Preach the Gospel, praedicare!"

This m a n t r a reverberated last September 23, 2016 at the Miguel de Benavides Conference Hall during the forum **"A Glimpse of the Dominican Pilgrimage: following the footsteps of St. Dominic,"** which was held to commemorate the feast day of St. Dominic de Guzman, the founder of the Order of Preachers and the first minister of education in the world. Although a little late (this was supposed to be held last August), what we tried to instill among the participants is the significance of continuously remembering St. Dominic and his pure intentions as key to a good-laden life, and not only during his feast day.

The activity was a life-changing experience for it strengthened our relationship with God and with other people through the intercession of St. Dominic and definitely through the enlightenment of the resource speakers in the likes of Rev. Fr. Louie Coronel, O.P., the current parish priest of the Santisimo Rosario Parish and also the director of the UST Social Media Bureau, the members of the panel of reactors, Assoc. Prof. Joan Christi Trocio, Ph.D., a faculty member from the Institute of Religion, and a s t u d e n t from the Sacred Theology of the U S T Ecclesiastical Faculties, Bro. Hilario Sicat, Jr. Included in the audience were the Library Administrators, selected librarians, regular staff, selected Junior High School (JHS) faculty members, and students of the JHS Grade 10 - Saint Dominica and Diana.

'It seemed to be an adventure of not only the physical body going to

various places but also the mind traveling to various ideologies of St. Dominic'.

Fr. Coronel elaborated the life, teachings and legacy of St. Dominic through the UST Dominicans' recent pilgrimage to places visited by this Saint. His presentation helped us understand the Dominican spirituality as a way of life. According to him, St. Dominic was not only convinced of the importance of learning, but he made it an essential element in his new Order. Moreover, Fr. Coronel challenged the JHS students on how to enliven the proper way of grasping knowledge, on learning how



(Above) Fr. Coronel as he delivers his lecture.
(Below) The panel of reactors during the open forum.

they would be able to realize the authentic value of 'truth'. In addition, he mentioned about the Latin words

Discere et docere or "to learn and to teach" which is one of the ways of the Order of Preachers, manifesting what has been enriched in the mind and sharing it to the people for them to also receive the fruits of contemplation. Saint Dominic exemplified in his life love for the poor and he was fond of conversing with God. These words of the speaker were supported by the members of the panel of reactors.

In response to Fr. Coronel's sharing, Prof. Trocio shared her enlightening experiences in the four significant places that molded the tapestry of her life with the Dominican family. Inspiringly, she considered her stay in our country as well as her journey to France, Indonesia, and Italy as adventures of faith and God's calls. One thing she could not forget is her realization after her missionary work in a predominantly Muslim community in which she said, **"I considered this journey as a leap to the unknown, ang tanging baon ko ay tiwala sa Diyos. Ang tiwala sa Diyos na maari nating matutunan sa mga kwento ni Santo Domingo."**

Bro. Sicat, who, together with Bro. John Andrew Bautista, represented the Philippine Province during the 2016 International Jubilee event in Spain, France and Italy. His presentation 'The Walking Dom: the Dominican Jubilee Pilgrimage of Young Dominicans essentially covered his noteworthy experience in the pilgrimage. He recounted that as a young Dominican, his entire journey can be compared to a

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Library orientation and electronic resources tutorial

Arlene P. Matias

Every year, the Miguel de Benavides Library requests the different colleges and faculties of the University of Santo Tomas for their schedules of freshmen orientation. This school year was different since the Library was expecting only few new students because of the initial batch of Senior High School students in the University.

However, unlike the previous orientations that the library has conducted, the General Reference and Information Section and the librarians from other sections requested to conduct an orientation per section in a computer laboratory so that they can teach the students directly on how to create an account in the Library Online Reader's Network Zone (LOReNZo) catalog.

Below are the colleges and faculties where orientations have been conducted:

College	Number of sessions	Number of students who attended the orientation
Accountancy	1	28
Architecture	4	171
Arts & Letters	2	61
CFAD	2	45
Commerce	3	98
IPEA	1	24
IICS	2	72
GS	3	199
Medicine	4	365
Music	1	20
Nursing	1	44
Pharmacy	6	239
Science	2	53
Education High School (EHS)	2	88
Junior High School (JHS)	11	509
Senior High School (SHS)	53	2,309
Ecclesiastical Faculties	1	69
SHS Faculty Members	3	96
Total	44	1,629

With the emergence of electronic resources, the Thomasian community has become aware of the need to access these materials. Hence, as early as June 2016, the Library has been receiving requests for electronic resources tutorials.

Below are the Colleges which attended the electronic resources tutorials:

College	Number of sessions	Number of students who attended the tutorials
IPEA	10	109
GS	1	26
Medicine	3	120
Nursing	11	473
Pharmacy	5	171
Science (faculty members)	2	66
Junior High School (JHS)	10	439
Total	65	2,219

Researchers nowadays are lucky to have these resources. In a single click, scholarly articles can be easily gathered. Through the hands-on tutorial sessions, students and faculty members are able to understand the different features of each database as well as learn the various strategies on how to access these scholarly and peer-reviewed articles.

In addition, hands-on tutorials teach the participants to create their own account in the Library Online Reader's Network Zone (LOReNZo) catalogue through the Web Access Management (WAM) for them to be able to access remotely.

Freshmen library orientation and electronic resources tutorial are two of the users education the Library offers to its patrons where they are taught basic research skills and ways on how to utilize and maximize the available print and digital materials available in the UST Library. The Library strives to continually improve its series of orientations and tutorials to promote information literacy and encourage more use of the library collection, facilities and services.

... to promote research work among the community, and to provide timely access to a continuously expanding library collection.

New subscriptions bolster Library's database collection

Edward H. Puzon

True to its mission to promote research work among the community, and to provide timely access to a continuously expanding library collection, the UST Miguel de Benavides Library has acquired several electronic databases for this Academic Year 2016-2017. These are the following:

Electronic Databases

ACCESS SCIENCE is an authoritative and dynamic online resource that contains incisively written, high-quality reference materials that cover all major scientific disciplines.

EMERALD INSIGHT offers journal titles on accounting, finance and economics, business, management, human resource, marketing, logistics, public policy, tourism and hospitality, education, engineering, health and social care, and library studies.

SCIFINDER by Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) is a research discovery tool that provides comprehensive and authoritative source of references, substances and reactions in chemistry and related sciences.

eBook Databases

WILEY ONLINE LIBRARY hosts the world's broadest multidisciplinary collection of online resources covering life, health and physical sciences, social science, and the humanities. Through the Consortium of Engineering Libraries-Philippines (CELPh), member institutions would be able to access selected titles not only from their own respective sites but from the sites of the member institutions as well.

KNOVEL by Elsevier is an interactive database that provides full-text access to an online collection of science and engineering reference books.

These new subscriptions, as well as the existing databases of the Library, provide easy access to many scholarly, technical, and professional journal titles and articles as well as electronic books, encompassing various disciplines. With these online databases, library patrons are assured of reliable references and articles as these are peer-reviewed compared to internet sources, majority of which have no editorial process for web pages.

20th Philippine academic book fair

Lady Catherine R. de Leon

This year's theme of the 20th Philippine Academic Book Fair organized by the Academic Booksellers of the Philippines (ABAP) was **"Booksellers and Educators: a Partnership for Sustainable Education in a Global Environment Amidst Educational Reform."** It was held last July 5-7, 2016 at the Megratrade Hall 1, SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City. The event hosted talks and seminars about the latest trends and issues in education.

"We are pushing the ABAP Book Fair because of the needs of the Senior High School, the 11th and 12th grades, to acquire holistic reference materials. These are the materials that educators will be able to refer to when it comes to the curriculum, the subjects, and the competencies that they will be teaching," said Bing de Jesus, president and general manager of F&J de Jesus, Inc. and ex-officio president of ABAP.

With this year's theme, the Fair focused on the importance of maintaining a **proactive** partnership between booksellers, publishers, importers and educators in the midst of educational reforms. The **Association** will broaden the horizon for the academe, especially in the era of K-12, by bringing in many exhibitors from various and well-known publishers, local and international.

The Book Fair also featured several reference materials and new titles for academic institutions. UST librarians together with the library coordinators went to the event to select materials for acquisition.

The 37th Manila International Book Fair

Diana V. Padilla

The much-awaited event for book lovers happens every September, and that is the Manila International Book Fair (MIBF). It is the country's biggest and longest-running book fair wherein renowned authors, avid readers, leading book publishers, librarians, educators, and bookworms of all ages are gathered to celebrate the love for books and reading.

This year, the MIBF was held last September 14-18, 2016 at the SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City. Book signing events, talks, quiz bee contests, seminars on librarianship and education, story writing workshop, book awarding and storytelling sessions were some of the engaging activities in the book fair. Another reason that makes this affair appealing to the attendees is the big discounts they get upon purchase of various kinds of reading materials from non-fiction to fiction books, magazines, teaching aids, multimedia tools, and other materials that suit their reading interest.

Moreover, book fairs like MIBF plays a big part in the collection development of libraries because of the wide-array of library resources it offers. Thus, the UST librarians and selected members of the University academe annually support and participate in this event. They select books and other library resources that would support the curriculum and the information and research needs of the members of the UST community. Furthermore, MIBF is also an enlightening place for professionals like educators and librarians to upgrade their knowledge on the trends in their professions. Series of talks and seminars were organized by various library organizations for this matter and the UST librarians were privileged enough to attend in some of them:

PLAI's 10 Point Agenda for Change: a call to action

by Ms. Elizabeth Peralejo

Organizer: Philippine Librarians

Association, Inc. (PLAI)

Date: September 14, 2016

UST Library attendees: Arlene P. Matias, Michelle San Gabriel, and Ginalyn Santiago

Holistic Living: pathways to enhancing productivity in your work

by Dr. Gemiliano

DL. Aligui, M.D., MPH, PhD.

Organizer: Medical and Health

Librarians Association of the

Philippines (MAHLAP)

Date: September 14, 2016

UST Library attendee: Mercy Bano

Portal of Reference Service: assimilating the cross-cultural reference platforms

by Prof. John Hickok

Organizer: Philippine Normal

University Library and

Information Science Alumni

Association (PNULISAA), Inc.

Date: September 15, 2016

UST Library attendees: Edward Puzon, Kaori Fuchigami, Kristi Ma. Fevie Macasaet, and Diana Padilla

Passionate Advocates of Knowledge: bringing the library to the community: a catalyst for literacy

by Troy Lacsamana

(Heneral Basa) and Hernando Guanlao

(Reading Club 2000)

Organizer: University of the Philippines

Library Science Alumni

Association (UPLSAA)

Date: September 15, 2016

UST Library Attendees: Catherine de Leon, Maynard Vitug, Lourdes Fatima Ramos, and Chona Manguilin

Collection Assessment for Academic

Libraries: case studies by Ms. Elizabeth

Padilla, Ms. Cynthia Cordova, Ms. Janice

Peñaflor, Ms. Ana Maria Fresnido, and

Ms. Jocelyn Balangue

Organizer: Philippine Association of

Academic/Research Librarians,

Inc. (PAARL)

Date: September 16, 2016

UST Library attendees: Ma. Victoria Acuña, Rosemary Balbin, Nora Matawaran, and Marjorie Irish Suarez.

The MIBF can be considered a one-stop haven for learning. Book lovers are not just given the opportunity to purchase books at a reasonable price but it allows them to enjoy reading and spread their love for books to others.

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screen. Holdings that can be viewed in the catalogue include the following: printed works published since 1501; academic papers (diploma theses up to 2007); women-specific articles, essays from c o l l e c t i o n s, festschrifts, conference proceedings; special holdings (incunabula, maps, globes, broad-sheets, posters, sheet music, sound recording media); and digital resources.

Ms. Capule took the opportunity to visit other places in Europe like Germany, Czech Republic, France and Italy to see if she could visit some libraries. Unfortunately, due to certain policies that an appointment must be made prior to the visit as well as the limited opening hours, she just enjoyed the beautiful sceneries around the facade of library buildings and took some photos of them. One of these libraries is the historical Strahov Library in Prague w h i c h played an important role in Czech history.

Attending a conference, presenting a paper, traveling abroad, experiencing new culture and meeting new colleagues and friends are really worth an experience which improves one's professional and personal life and expands not only one's worldview and opinion but also a starting point to think outside the box and gain new perspectives. And most importantly, it truly helps us to meet and learn from people of other culture and build collaborative relationships with them. It was truly a memory worthy to be treasured.

ISO 9001... from page 2

Rooms, 4th floor of the Blessed Buenaventura Garcia Paredes, O.P. Building (BGPOP). The highlight of the activity was based on the following objectives: (1) to understand the changes from ISO 9001:2008 to ISO 9001:2015; and (2) to apply the changes to one's organization in preparation for the required transition to ISO 9001:2015.

Ms. Anna Rita Alomo, as the Library Quality Management Representative (QMR), attended the said training. The invited resource speaker was Mr. Roy Alminanza, auditor from TUV SUD PSB Philippines, Inc. He explained briefly the various ISO 9001:2015 concepts and methodology such as the seven (7) Quality Management Principles; recapitulation of the Plan-Do-Check-Act; incorporating Quality Management System (QMS) into the organization's strategic direction and explained the top management roles in the new concepts of Risk Based Thinking and Organizational Knowledge.

Mr. Alminanza also emphasized that ISO 9001:2015 sets out the criteria for a quality management system. It can be used by any organization, large or small, regardless of its field of activity. He clarified that this standard is based on a number of quality management principles including a strong customer focus, the motivation and implication of top management, the process approach and continual improvement. Aside from the l e c t u r e s, participants were given a group workshop and exercises applying the quality management principles and understanding the context of the organization such as identifying the respective internal and external issues and interested parties.

Mr. Alminanza delivers his presentation creatively and rationalized that makes it comprehensible to all attendees. It was clearly divulged to all that the success of the new standard will be down to the capability of the certification body and it's a great healthy challenge to the whole Thomasian community in order to have an effective and efficient management system enhancing customer satisfaction and reducing operational costs. ISO 9001:2015 clearly obliges each organization to think about its own particular circumstances, rather than prescribing a "recipe" for how to design the quality management system.

Organizations will therefore have greater flexibility in the way they choose to implement the standard and the amount and nature of the documentation that is required.

The training was indeed enlightening and enhances the organization's ability to satisfy its users providing a coherent foundation for growth and sustained success.

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d. self-directed learning; e. online learning activities; and f. professional work experience.

In addition, there is Article III Sec. 10 of CPD Program Implementation and Monitoring, which is a mandatory requirement for the renewal of professional license and accreditation system for the practice of professions. This is applicable to all registered and licensed Thomasian librarians under the regulation of the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC) in renewing Professional Identification Card/s. (PICs).

As mention in the CPD Act, it will take effect fifteen (15) days following its complete publication in the Official Gazette or in two (2) newspapers of general circulation in the Philippines. This Senate Bill No. 2581 was approved last August 3, 2015 by Feliciano Belmonte Jr., speaker of the House of Representative and Franklin M. Drilon, president of the Senate and was adopted as an amendment to House Bill No. 6423 by the House of Representative on May 23, 2016.

Thus, it is a collaborative accountability by individuals, professional associations and employing institutions to ensure that all have to take full advantage of the progressive education opportunities.

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asking questions because this only shows one's desire to learn.

One of the participants of the activity was Ms. Jenneth Capule, head librarian of the Graduate School Section. She presented her masteral thesis entitled *"Towards a Geriatric-Friendly Library: a Q Methodology"* using the Filipino language. The translated title was *"Tungo sa silid-aklatang mainam sa mga senior citizens: isang pag-aaral ng Q methodology."* Other presenters were: Ms. Wennielyn Fajilan and Dr. Arthur Casanova, both from the field of Filipino; Ms. Diane Mendoza, a Nutritionist; and Ms. Enelyn King and Asst. Prof. Elizabeth Hashim-Arenas, both from the Food Technology department. Each participant was given fifteen to twenty minutes to do her presentation.

The activity was hosted by Asst. Prof. Catherine Cocabo. The speakers were introduced by Asst. Prof. Josephine Villegas and Dr. Susan Gualvez. Rev. Fr. Jesus Miranda, Jr., O.P., Ph.D., regent, College of Education, was also present to award the Certificate of Appreciation to the presenters. Closing remarks was given by Assoc. Prof. Zendel Rosario Taruc, Ph.D., chair, Department of Filipino. The activity was attended by some faculty members and students of the College of Education.

Speaking in one's native language makes it more comfortable to communicate and to express one's views and feelings. SIYASIK was truly a worthwhile activity to celebrate Buwan ng Wika allowing faculty members to convey what they have explored in their field using the native language. It also leads to re-living the importance of Filipino language and upholds one's identity, culture and heritage.

Forum on... from page 3

College of Education. Dr. De Guzman passionately explained all the fun and importance of doing research in the field of LIS. He further emphasized that anything in the library could be a good prospect for research.

Indeed, the forum was full of information regarding best practices in the field of librarianship and establishing the culture of research for LIS, beneficial to all the participants allowing them to keep moving and setting new goals in their endeavours.

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son tracing the steps of his father. Visiting and praying in places that were once touched by Dominic's feet made him feel the latter's presence

"If we look back to the past, it was not to brag about Dominic's achievement, but to take part in his mission, to be inspired by his stories, and to renew our vocation that we might walk through the path set for St. Dominic as disciples and followers of God."

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a new; it made him wonder how St. Dominic trod those roads that led him to set the world on fire. He also emphasized the Saint's virtue of generosity as he would sell his parchment books to feed the hungry. Truly, St. Dominic is a model of charity.

As we celebrate this Jubilee, let St. Dominic

'Book sale'

Edward H. Puzon

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library held a book sale entitled **BOOKod-Tanging Sale**, which ran from May 18 to May 27, 2016. The books for sale were housed in the Spanish section. This activity was initiated by the Library Administrators headed by Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., Prefect of Libraries and Ms. Estrella S. Majuelo, chief Librarian, in cooperation with the Gifts and Exchange Program and the Circulation Section.

Used library books with multiple copies in varying subjects ranging from literature, psychology and philosophy were on display. In addition, Chinese books with several copies were included.

The book sale was warmly received as no less than seven hundred eighty (780) books were sold. Thomasian students, faculty members, alumni and even library staff got the chance to purchase and own books at near give-away price. As they left with their purchased materials, the most frequently asked question from them was "when will the next book sale be?" – a sign of excitement and enthusiasm for the next book sale should the Library decide to hold another one in the future.

ON THE SHELF



Law and prayer for teachers

Jonas T. Sahagun

To generate widespread awareness and support for 'World Teachers' Day', the Philippine government declared, through Proclamation No. 242, s. of 2011, the period from September 5 to October 5 of every year as "National Teachers" month and enjoined all concerned departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the national government, the various local government units, the private sectors and the public at large to actively participate and support activities and programs for the celebration.

To further see the *raison d'être* of the *d e c l a r a t i o n*, researchers may view the printed copy of the law published on the Official Gazette found at the UST Miguel de Benavides Civil Law Library. The proclamation is cited as Proc. No. 242 (2011), 107 O.G. 5071 (October 2011). For the millennials and others who prefer digital versions, you may view the above stated law on the online Official Gazette or the Law Library's local legal database Philippine Law Encyclopedia.

Furthermore, as recommended by the Teachers' Month Campaign Steering Committee, the proclamation endorsed the recitation of the National Prayer for Teachers during the said period.

A Prayer for Teachers

Giver of all wisdom and greatest of all Teachers,
Look upon our teachers with love
Grant them the resolve
To nurture our eager minds
And to never give up on us who fall behind
Bless their hearts
For they rejoice when we succeed
And encourage us when we fail
Endow them with gentle patience
For the path of learning is never easy
Kindle a spirit of passion in them
It is the flame that ignites the love of learning in us
Help them see the potential in each student
Their belief in us means much more than the grade
we make
Instill in them the commitment to keep on learning
It shows us not to fear new knowledge and experiences
Inspire them to touch the future
They influence how big a dream we dream for ourselves
Bless our teachers who have come before
For their work endures to this day
Let the light of Your example shine upon all teachers:
To build up their words
To love with their mind
To share with their heart
Amen.

UST Ecclesiastical Faculties Library benchmarking

Michelle M. San Gabriel

Last July 26, 2016, the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties Library staff composed of Michelle San Gabriel, head librarian and Jasmin Mangona, support staff together with Rev. Fr. Max Gatela, O.P., the Library Coordinator of the Ecclesiastical Faculties, had their library benchmarking activity with its intent to benchmark the best practices of their library, and to foster and enhance the professional and personal growth of the UST librarians, particularly the Ecclesiastical Faculties Library staff.



The UST Library staff with Fr. Gatela, O.P., together with SVT Library staff Fr. Pilario, CM, Fr. Pacheco, C.M., Ms. Brazal and the SVT Library staff.

The first destination was St. Justin Theological Library (St. Vincent School of Theology). The group was pleased by the warm welcome from the staff headed by Rev. Fr. Daniel Franklin Pilario, C.M., dean; Rev. Fr. Dario Pacheco, C.M., the Library director together with the librarians, Ms. Agnes Brazal and Ms. Maylene Urcia. The library was named after the Vincentian saint, St. Justin de Jacobis. The Library is located in a separate one-storey building at the center of the school; it is fully air-conditioned, and adopts the open-shelf system whereby users have direct access to the collection. As the group toured around the vicinity, the one that got their attention was the well-organized Vincentiana collection that contains biographies, correspondences, conference proceedings and documents of St. Vincent de Paul written by Vincentian priests. It has 50 titles of books and 105 volumes of bound periodicals published from year 1986 up to the present. The library's

present collection includes about 20,000 titles of books; 116 titles of periodicals both local and international. Furthermore, the Adamson University Library provides them intranet connection where students enjoy the perks of accessing and searching in their online full-text journal databases.

The group had also series of consultations and exchanges of ideas with the librarians primarily with regards to the arrangement of their Filipiniana, series collections and journal subscriptions. The tour was a very productive one since both groups have learned from each other's experiences.

The last library destination was the Ralph B. Gehring Library or the Loyola School of Theology (LST) Library which serves as the information arm of the LST in support of the curricular and research needs of its students and faculty. The library was named after Rev. Fr. Ralph B. Gehring, S.J., the first LST librarian, in recognition of his dedication and hard work as a librarian, scholar and as a priest. It is a 3-storey building which was formerly owned by the Philippine Province of the Society of Jesus and later donated to the Loyola School of Theology in 1965. Its primary collection are books from the Berchmans College and the San Jose Major Seminary. Named as the "best Theological Library in Southeast Asia," the current collection contains around 80,000 volumes of books; 20,000 volumes of periodicals and more than a thousand books on Ignatian spirituality. The library's remarkable collection of theological resources is intended primarily for the use of faculty and students of Loyola School of Theology.

After the tour, the group had a brief orientation by the Head Librarian, Ms. April Manabat about their facilities, services and collections. Their systematized library operations and personnel are impressive.

The group would like to thank the UST Library Administrators and the UST Ecclesiastical Faculties for supporting the staff in this activity especially to the ever supportive Library Coordinator Fr. Gatela, O.P.

College of Nursing operational planning

Anna Rita L. Alomo



The participants as they pose for a souvenir photo.

“Operational planning performs a crucial role in moving organizations forward. It is a process of planning strategic goals and objectives and designed to present comprehensive information on how to direct people in performing daily tasks needed to run the organization effectively and efficiently.”

In line with this, the UST College of Nursing conducted its annual Operational Planning last July 1-2, 2016 at Casa San Pablo in Laguna. The theme was *“Looking beyond 70 years of excellence and target setting on the operational plan of the UST College of Nursing.”*

In this regard, Ms. Anna Rita Alomo, head librarian of the Health Sciences Library was invited to the said activity. Ms. Alomo served as one of the voices from the stakeholders chosen by the College. She was given a fifteen minute presentation on the first day of the event and reported the accomplishments, activities and services done by the Health Sciences Library for both Nursing students and faculty members.

Other invited stakeholders were from the UST Hospital nursing service representative, two nursing students/officers of Nursing Student Councils and Ms. Mila Delia Llanes, president of the UST Nursing Alumni Association.

The activity was very well organized and executed as all participants actively contributed their opinions and experiences. Assoc. Prof. Susan Maravilla, dean of the College, extended her gratitude to the Library administrators for the support, as the Library is considered one of the major stakeholders of their College as they collaboratively work in continuing the tradition of excellence in their department making it more responsive to both national and global demands.

**COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING, STAYING TOGETHER IS PROGRESS,
AND WORKING TOGETHER IS SUCCESS.”**

- HENRY FORD -

Working in teams

Lourdes Fatima C. Ramos

"The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team."

-- Phil Jackson

The UST Miguel de Benavides Library conducted its annual planning and team building last July 7 and 8, 2016 at the White Rock Beach Hotel + Waterpark in Subic Zambales.

Upon arrival, the staff immediately started with the planning session. Each committee head / representative reported their accomplishments for AY 2015-2016 along with their operational plans. Ms. Anna Rita Alomo also discussed the UST's Strategic Directional Areas under which each library committee falls.

After the session, the staff started the team building activities with a jigsaw puzzle depicting the logo of each committee. The Committee prepared both indoor and outdoor games that would develop camaraderie and unity among the staff. Although the weather was at storm signal no. 1, the rain did not stop the ever energetic group to enjoy team-building highlights and have fun. Among the indoor contests were the trust walk, sack race and caterpillar race while the outdoor games included the pipeline and pass the water. The young ones and the young at heart selected

the games that best suited their ability, capacity and skills. The last year's team building over-all champion, the Information Technology Committee, was consistent in their title because they are still the over-all champion this year. The Extension Services Committee was the first runner-up while the Collection Development Committee ranked second runner-up. The evening was spent in activities of choice such as swimming and bowling while others preferred to relax and enjoy the comfort of their spacious hotel rooms.

On the second day, the staff savored the amenities of the resort such as the infinity pool, rampage, seesaw, beach volleyball and the wave pool. Some were busy taking pictures to be uploaded for the *groupfie* photo contest with the hashtag #USTLibTeambuilding2016.

The two-day activity was an exciting and empowering experience. It left the staff re-invigorated to face the challenges of the coming academic year. The activities surely made the library staff closer and appreciate each other.



SOME PHOTOS OF THE ACTIVITY



Marilou G. Palermo



Fr. Aparicio, O.P. as he inducts the newly elected officers of USTLA

The activity started with an invocation led by Lady Catherine de Leon, the outgoing vice-president. The accomplishment report of the Association was presented by the outgoing President Marilou Palermo, through a powerpoint and video presentation. Report on the finances of USTLA was given by Ginalyn Santiago, the outgoing treasurer.

The new officers are the following:

President: Juanita D. Subaldo
Vice-President: Nora M. Matawaran
Secretary: Kristi Ma. Fevie V. Macasaet
Treasurer: Marivic G. Usita
Auditor: Ma. Teresa F. Estoya
PRO: Maynard M. Vitug

Fr. Aparicio, O.P. gave his inspirational message wherein he encourages the officers to be active in projects for the welfare of the librarians and the community as a whole.

To the newly installed officers, our heartfelt congratulations!

The newly appointed Assistant Chief Librarian

Sabina C. Viernes



Last September 1, 2016, the former Acquisitions Librarian was appointed as Assistant Chief Librarian of the Miguel de Benavides Library. Serving the library for more than two decades, Ms. Ma. Cecilia D. Lobo has taken the leap on becoming an administrator of the Library.

Ms. Lobo took up her secondary education at the University of Santo Tomas and also graduated from the UST College of Education under 'Batch '92'. She likewise finished her masterate in Library and Information Science at the UST Graduate School.

For several years of being a Thomasian, her loyalty to the Institution and to her profession has been apparent as embodied in her consistent practice of the Thomasian core values of competence, compassion and commitment. Ms. Lobo has competently enjoined herself in different organizations such as the Philippine Librarians Association, Inc. (PLAI), Philippine Association of Academic/Research Librarians (PAARL), UST Library Science Alumni Association (USTLSAA), and the UST Librarians Association (USTLA). She also played an active role in the Lumina Pandit II as Project Coordinator. In 2002, she was a member of the Collection Development Committee and became its Chairman from year 2004-2007. Furthermore, she has worked as chairman of the Information Technology (IT) Committee from year 2007, a position she holds up to the present. From 2012 up to her appointment as assistant chief librarian, she was a member of the Library Council.

Ms. Lobo has not only displayed her competency within the walls of the University for she has also expanded her active participation in other events held in the national and international setting. Some of the conferences or undertakings she has joined since 2011 are the following: Policing Plagiarism & Copyright Updates; Beyond Borders: Unlocking the Future of the Libraries; PLAI National Congress 2013 and General Assembly Libraries: Preservers and Promoters of Culture and Arts; and the 6th National Electronic Conference: E-volution: Surviving the Emerging Challenges in the Digital Age. She had also been part of the benchmarking held in countries like Taiwan, Malaysia, Macau and Japan.

Aside from her many involvements, Ms. Lobo was in pursuit of her professional development. She also portrays the value of compassion through her regular participation in community outreach in the partner communities of UST such as sitios Layak, Malasa, Mabilog and San Martin in Bamban, Tarlac.

Lastly, the Thomasian's core value of commitment had also been evident in her continuous selfless service in the University and her passionate leadership that has led her to the position as Assistant Chief of the Miguel de Benavides Library.

68th birthday of Fr. Angel!

Ma. Victoria Acuña

Last September 25, 2016, Fr. Angel Aparicio, O.P., UST Prefect of Libraries, celebrated his 68th birthday. A simple but meaningful celebration was prepared by no less than the staff of the Library.

In his message, Fr. Aparicio invoked God to keep him healthy, not only physically but most especially, spiritually and emotionally. He prayed to have good working relations with his staff and to bear with him as he was simultaneously appointed as Regent of the UST Faculty of Medicine and Surgery.



Working devotedly for twenty three (23) years in the library (which equates to one-third of his life), he said that he never asked for it. Nevertheless, he l o v e d working in the Library and with the p e o p l e. He requested everyone to pray for him so that he will be able to do the job well, both as Prefect and as Regent.

What made the event more momentous was the presence of former Chief Librarian, Ms. Juana Abello and the former head of the Filipiniana section, Ms. Margarita Cruz. Some close friends of Fr. Angel also came to celebrate with him. In addition, a group of students from the UST Education High School serenaded the celebrant to the delight of their Regent, Fr. Jesus Miranda, Jr., O.P., and Principal, Prof. Loreto Sauz, who were gracious enough to accompany them.

Cheers to you Fr. Angel and wishing you a longer and more meaningful life ahead!

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Senior teacher John Raymond S. Sandoval UST Junior High School



*"Without others, I cannot learn.
And if I cannot learn, I cannot
teach."*

- Carl D. Glickman

This adage has been an inspiration and guide to Senior Teacher John Raymond Sandoval since he was hired in 1999. He is a Science teacher and a Grade 10 Classroom Adviser at the UST Junior High School. When the idea to have an appointed Library Coordinator in every college or department in the University was first conceived and implemented by the Library Administrators in 2007, Mr. Sandoval was appointed by the then Principal, Master Teacher Eden G. Tolentino, to be the first Library Coordinator of the UST Junior High School (UST JHS) department. Mr. Sandoval was quite apprehensive then to accept the post, for he didn't have an educational background related to the basic nature of library science. However, having thought of another opportunity to learn, he finally accepted the challenge and as they say, "the rest is history." From then on, he has been assisting in recommending, selecting and evaluating library resources. Furthermore, he welcomed the idea of having a library coordinator serving as bridge in bringing the library and its services and programs closer to the students and faculty.

Mr. Sandoval has been the Chair of the Library Committee since the USTHS department applied for accreditation in October 2008 in the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU). To date, the department is now accredited

to Level II. He likewise ensures that the library budget is optimally utilized. He involves the faculty and students in acquiring print and non-print library resources by attending local and international book fairs every year. He provides the head librarian copies of updated curriculum to check that the resources requested and acquired meet the demands of each learning area. In addition, he leads the Library Committee, together with the head librarian, in generating and organizing activities, creating programs and improving some library policies. These activities and programs aim to help raise the number of library users,

He truly believes that difficult tasks become easier if everyone works together. As he always says, "working with dynamic people allows one to learn more and share more."

increase and maximize the use of library resources, raise awareness regarding latest library activities and programs, services, print, non-print and electronic resources, improve library facilities and most of all promote the culture and love for reading not only among students but in the entire high school community. Among these activities are library orientations, book reviews, author visits, seminars and symposia. A program called, Drop Everything And Read (DEAR), was also initiated, allowing students and teachers to spend 40 minutes of their time reading any academic or recreational materials once a week. Likewise, a Library Program is at present being implemented. It provides

each academic subject an organized quarterly schedule of library visits.

The Library Committee has also initiated several physical improvements in the High School Library even before the initial PAASCU visit. These include the relocation of the circulation counter and the addition of a cozy and carpeted reading corner inside the JHS library. The completion of the construction of the Library Media Center last year located just across the JHS library at the second floor of the High School Building is the latest addition to its physical improvement and services. The active coordination of the Library Committee with the High School Administration also paved the way for some benefactors such as the High School alumni to donate a number of new computer units, head phones and LED screen TV unit to the High School Library and Media Center as well. Indeed, the Library Committee, spearheaded by Mr. Sandoval, has been instrumental in ensuring optimum library services.

He is thankful to the former and present High School Administrators for believing and trusting in his capabilities. Moreover, he appreciates the support of the former High School head librarian, Mrs. Michelle San Gabriel, the current Head Librarian, Mrs. Fatima Ramos, all the library staff, members of the Library Committee and faculty. He truly believes that difficult tasks become easier if everyone works together. As he always says, "working with dynamic people allows one to learn more and share more."