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## When caring and sharing begin...

**T**he United Nations reported that 25,000 people in the world die everyday because of poverty. Imagine how many people live and die in a millisecond without fully experiencing life, especially its beauty and delights. Yes, a lot of people earn their living, take risks and sacrifice happiness to run, escape and overcome life's debilitating cancer called poverty. But does poverty really mean lack of resources? Or it could also mean a lack of sharing and caring?

Everyday people live and move according to the current demands of life but does it mean fulfilling life's quest? Many organizations both public and private work together in alleviating poverty, if not eradicating it. Many programs and projects were also conceived and implemented in order to address this basic yet depressing dearth of community. How far have these actions brought us?

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***“The journey has already started. Will you care, share and walk with them?”***





## CMU-CA did it again...

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**F**arfetched it may seem to have an alumnus/alumna of the College of Agriculture (CA) occupy the highest spot among the topnotchers of the Agriculturists Licensure Examination (ALE) in two consecutive years now. This year's results definitely affirmed the quality of graduates that our university produces especially in the field of agriculture. It is not known who will dominate next year's ALE but definitely, 2012 and 2013 have recorded great accomplishments in the university's history. These accomplishments are reflective of the standards of the University, the commendable hard work and commitment to excellence of the administrators, faculty, staff and students.

Last year, Dr. Carolina D. Amper (BSA major in Plant Pathology, *Magna cum laude*) ranked first and Mr. Alfrizt Ceballos (BSA major in Agronomy) ranked ninth. This year, Prof. Raul E. Margate (BSA major in Horticulture, *Summa cum laude*) ranked first, followed by Mr. Eddiemar B. Laguna (BSA major in Animal Science, *Cum laude*) in fifth place, and Ms. Jerilyn P. Gabato (BSA major in Soil Science, *Cum laude*) in the ninth place.

A record breaker, this is what most people call Prof. Margate, since he got the highest score (90.17) among all those who topped the ALE (formerly LEA) since it started in 2003. ■ **continued on page 22...**

**Prof. Raul E. Margate takes oath as the top 1 in ALE 2013 on August 30 at Manila Hotel.**



# CMU honors successful alumni



**Distinguished alumni who brought reputation to Central Mindanao University.**

To recognize the CMU alumni who brought honor to the University, CMU awarded this year 19 distinguished alumni in three categories: institutional leadership, educational leadership, and public service.

They are those who are either currently or previously in leadership positions that contribute to educational/academic and public growth and development. Plaques of recognition were awarded on the night of September 12, 2013 at the University Convention Center.

For institutional leadership (i.e. as current or previous presidents of academes), the awardees were: Dr. Danilo E. Abayon (President, Aklan State University), Dr. Rolando D. Acoriba, Jr. (President, Tagoloan Community College), Dr. Chliejvferwyn C. Catolico (VPAA, Mountain View College), Dr. Juarlito V. Garcines (President, Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology), Dr. Moh. Asady M. Hussin (President, Tawi-tawi Regional Agricultural College), Dr. Rosalito A. Quirino (President, Misamis Oriental State College of Agriculture and Technology), and Dr. Edito B. Sumile (President, Davao Oriental State College of Science and Technology).

For educational leadership (i.e. as current or previous vice presidents of academes), the awardees were: Dr. Marcelo M. Angelia (VPAA, University of Southeastern Philippines), Dr. Belen S. Dela Peña (VPAA, Agusan del Sur State College of Agriculture and Technology), Dr. Elizar M. Elmundo (VPAA, Misamis Oriental State College of Agriculture and Technology), Dr. Angelo R. Josue (former VPRE and Wetland Scientist, ARJ Environmental Consulting Services), Prof. Reynaldo G. Juan (VP, UIGP), Dr. Lorna Melly A. Navaja (former VPAA, CMU), Dr. Agnes S. Riñon (Faculty, College of Agriculture), Dr. Luisito I. Tabada (VPAA, Caraga State University), Dr. Daniel T. Ugay, Jr. (Professor, University of Southeastern Philippines), and Dr. Ricardo G. Villar (VPA, CMU). For public service award (i.e. as current or previous Representatives of the House or provincial governors), the awardees were: Hon. Wilfredo S. Caminero (Representative, 2<sup>nd</sup> District, Province of Cebu), Hon. Isidro Q. Lico (Representative, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Quezon City) and Hon. Candido P. Pancrudo (Former Representative, 1st District, Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon) [SIC].

# Lubos and Magdato: 2013 Outstanding Alumni Silver Jubilarians

**Dr. Lesly C. Lubos (in black suit) and Prof. Fernando V. Magdato Outstanding Silver Jubilarian awardees for Education and Development Categories. Together with them are Dr. Jose Hermis Patricio (extreme left), Chairperson, Awards Committee; Atty. Maribeth Lopez (2nd from right), President CMUAAI; and Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven (extreme right), CMU President. (Inset) Prof. Magdato receives his award.**



**I**n celebration of the 103rd Foundation Anniversary and Alumni Homecoming, University awarded successful alumni on the night of September 12, 2013 at the University Convention Center. Pegged on the theme: “Overcoming Challenges, Building Resilience, Sustaining Excellence”, two CMU alumni received plaques of recognition as the 2013 Outstanding Silver Jubilarians in Education and Community Development categories.

Dr. Lesly C. Lubos who was the Outstanding Silver Jubilarian in Education, graduated from the ULHS and obtained both his Masters and PhD in Biology from the university. He is an Associate Professor of Liceo de Cagayan University and also the Associate Director of the Liceo Mindanao Center for Biodiversity and Conservation (LIMCEBCON), as well as, of its Research and Publication Office.

Dr. Lubos is a recipient of many awards in the areas of research, leadership, editorship, and community service at three levels - local, national and international. He has produced 46 modules and translated his scientific studies to instructional materials. He authored 36 publications which were

circulated around the world through 12 indexing companies. He had also taken advanced trainings in various countries in Asia and in USA which enhanced his research and teaching expertise. According to Dr. Lubos, his main source of fulfilment as a teacher are his students, in seeing them succeed in earning a degree, in the difference they made in their lives and in their contribution to society. The other awardee for Community Development was Prof. Fernando V. Magdato, Jr. He is a loyal son of the University having obtained his primary, secondary, undergraduate and masters diplomas from CMU. He is currently a scholar of the Agricultural Training Institute Enhancement Human Resource Development Program (ATI-EHRDP) to pursue a doctorate degree at UP Los Baños, Laguna.

Prof. Magdato wore many hats as a community developer - project leader, study leader, project training coordinator and team leader. He was deeply involved in the successful implementation of projects like the Southern Mindanao Integrated Coastal Zone by UPLB and DENR and the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) Community-Based Integrated Development Approach Program

(CBIDAP). He has also received awards from his papers on policy advocacy and governance. He is a paper presenter in national and international conventions and conferences. He had been frequently tapped as a trainer, resource person, and facilitator of various trainings and seminars while serving as Director of the Lifelong Study Center of USEP.

The Search for the Outstanding Alumni is done annually to give due recognition to the outstanding accomplishments of the sons and daughters of the university who have remained true to its philosophy of excellence. This year's pool of awardees came from Class 1963 (golden jubilarians) and Class 1988 (silver jubilarians) [SIC].

## University Orientation held



**Dr. Penaso challenges the students to perform their best so they can cope with the demands of college education; Dr. Bautista encourages students to be dependent on God as they pursue their academic journey in CMU; Dr. Soliven informs students that CMU is one of the top 22 leading institutions in the country today and it has proven its performance by producing topnotchers in various fields of specializations.**

“Holding a university-wide orientation is one of the traditions we have in CMU,” Dr. Anthony M. Penaso, Vice President for Academic Affairs said in his Welcome Remarks during the University Orientation Program on July 2, 2013 at the University Convention Center. He also emphasized that the students need to be informed about the administrators, faculty and staff whose commitment is to be of service to their pursuit of university degrees. “This is the reason for the conduct of the orientation program,” Dr. Penaso conveyed.

Prof. Bobby D. Visayan, the University and Board Secretary, presented the Board of Regents, Administrative Council and other CMU officials. The College Deans also presented all department chairpersons and faculty members. In addition, Prof. Lucerne M. Razalo, University Public Information Office (UPIO) Chief, likewise presented a condensed history of the university, its current pursuits and future endeavours to guide and to encourage the students to act and contribute parallel efforts in realizing the University's mission.

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# CMU triumphs another battle

Central Mindanao University being tagged as the academic paradise of the south, once again proved worthy of its claim by stunning the crowd after being declared as this year's champion in the 4th Marketing Wars and 1st Marketing Apprentice at the Abreeza Mall, Davao City on September 9-12, 2013.

This four-day competitive event was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Philippine Marketing Association (PMA)- Davao, Inc. and the Federation of Junior Marketing Associations (FJMA) to enhance students' knowledge, interest, and appreciation of marketing as a profession and as a way of life through a series of activities where schools get the chance to compete. Seventeen equally competent academes including two defending champions: the University of Mindanao-Panabo (2011 Champions) and Ateneo de Davao University (2012 Champions).

The College of Commerce and Accountancy (CCA) – Department of Business Administration of the university grabbed the opportunity to participate. It was a chance to demonstrate the quality, substance and strength of its program (in spite of being pretty new in the field) through the students and their performance. The faculty coaches (Ms. Daryl Jane A. Caballero, Mr. Gino B. Gaco, Prof. Jane O. Magdadaro, and Dr. Ronel V. Sudaria) brought 47 courageous students and some support staff to compete in six marketing-related fields such as: Print Advertisement, Quiz Bowl, Extemporaneous Speech, Product Development, Video Advertisement, and the quest for Mr. Ambassador and Ms. Ambassadors.

This was only the second time that the university sent delegates to this competition hence, the whole delegation was still relatively neophytes. It took a lot of mental strength to ignore the huge crowd support of the veteran schools to emerge as the Champions! There was an overflow of happiness and pride for the honor accorded to Central Mindanao University (DJAC/CCA).

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Dr. Jupiter V. Casas, Dean of CFES, presents his college curricular programs and faculty and staff.



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Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven, CMU President, affirmed that students are privileged to study in CMU since it has proven its performance through the years. "The university has become one of the 22 leading state universities in the country today," Dr. Soliven disclosed. She informed everyone that CMU has been showcasing high performance and producing toppers in professional licensure examinations in various fields.

Lastly, Dr. Cecilia V. Bautista, Director of Instruction, further encouraged the students to show their inner will, talents and skills, as they study in the University. She exhorted them to depend on God as they continue their journey in CMU (RGP).

## CHE produces 9 HRM students trained in US

The College of Home Economics has shown its active participation in university activities showcasing its students' knowledge, training and skills in hospitality, customer satisfaction and wellness. Its commendable performance has been instrumental in attaining Level III accreditation status by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP).

With Dean Jose S. Valmorida at the helm, this college now resembles its vision brainstormed and implemented years ago. Its current face is a result of regular reviews and revisions of their degree programs, and implementing new innovative degree programs to assimilate the mandates and directions of

# CMU receives awards for blood donation

CMU received awards for its unwavering commitment and participation in blood donation activities of the Department of Health–Center for Health Development- Northern Mindanao (DOH-CHD-ND) and the Philippine Red Cross (PRC)- Bukidnon Chapter to give support to the campaign “ Give the Gift of Life, Donate Blood.”

CMU is a recipient of the Regional Sandugo “Mapanghikayat” Award given by the DOH-CHD-ND on July 25, 2013 at Pryce Plaza Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City. The award was given during the 2013 Regional Sandugo Recognition and Awarding Ceremony which aimed to give honor to people who voluntarily donated blood and to recognize committed local government units and organizations in sustaining the voluntary blood donation activities.

Moreover, the CMU- National Training Service Program (CMU-NSTP) received Certificate of Appreciation from the PRC-Bukidnon Chapter during the 2013 Blood Service Awarding Ceremony on July 29, 2013 at Loiza’s Pavilion, Malaybalay City. CMU for five years has been donating blood to PRC.

The Association of Registered Student Organizations (ARSO) also received a Certificate of Appreciation from PRC for their support during the bloodletting activities held in the University (KDZ).



**Top: Dr. Gamaliela A. Dumancas receives the Certificate of Appreciation from the PRC-Bukidnon Chapter. Bottom: Maj Hermie Pava, CMU-NSTP Director receives the award in behalf of the University President.**

the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). Even today, the College is completely taking the challenge to follow the demands in fostering excellence in the areas of instruction, research, extension and production.

In order to attain another level of remarkable achievements that can create its own history, the College’s strengthens its goals of (1) producing highly qualified professionals in various fields of Home Economics imbued with dignity, lofty ideals and moral values; (2) of uplifting the quality of life to meet the growing demand for college-trained and middle level manpower in the region; (3) and of promoting entrepreneurial or self-employment opportunities. It has prepared for globally competent and morally upright student leaders, as well as, for the enhancement of the quality of life among families through community extension and volunteer service programs.

As a step towards the goal of producing viable graduates and proficient professionals, the college has linked with the First Place Incorporated Company in the United States of America (USA). This partnership incorporated the Work and Travel Program described as a cultural exchange program of the US government. The program allows current full-time university students of any course to enter their country and experience working for a private company during an academic break. The program aims to equip students with opportunities to meet new people, learn new skills, overcome different challenges, help gain independence, and prepare them for the future that is perceived to be dependent on international cooperation and cross-cultural understanding. Aside from these, students are also honed to have better understanding of different business practices, methodologies, and gain valuable insights into their host country’s culture and environment. ■ continued on page 17...

# Amoroso speaks on alternative food source in America

**D**r. Victor B. Amoroso, University Professor and Scientist, presented a paper entitled “Utilization of Indigenous Edible Mindanao Ferns as an Alternative Food Source” at the Botanical Society of America Conference on 27-31 July 2013 at Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, USA. This conference aimed to disseminate and share information from all fields of botanical sciences and establish collaboration with experts worldwide.

Dr. Amoroso was the only participant from the Philippines and was one of the 16 speakers. The conference brought together 1, 100 scientists from 31 countries who also belong to several societies having a wide range of botanical disciplines. Some participants were very interested on his topic considering that it was both basic and applied research. One inquiry was regarding the carcinogenic effect of *Pteridium aquilinum* or bracken fern which is widespread in the US and the only species of fern reported to be poisonous.

Aside from presenting a paper, Dr. Amoroso was also keen on establishing collaborations with the California Academy of Science (CAS). He discussed with Dr. Darin Pennys a possible collaborative research study on three mountain ecosystems in Mindanao. Consequently, a Memorandum of Agreement between CMU and CAS is now being drafted. Dr. Amoroso also had fruitful discussions with Dr. David Barrington and Dr. Michael Sundue of the University of Vermont in Burlington, USA regarding possible exchange

of herbarium specimens, literature, and the possibility of sending students for advanced degrees. He also contacted the person in-charge of the registration of herbaria so that the CMU Herbarium would be included in the Index Herbarium.

Dr. Amoroso’s trip to the US also allowed him to meet previous collaborators. His other great opportunity was to meet the internationally known pteridologists Robbin Moran, Kathleen Pryer, Harold Schneider and many others. Dr. Amoroso’s attendance in the conference was funded by the CHED and CMU (FCT).



# CMU conducts Gender and Sensitivity Training

The University conducts a yearly Gender and Sensitivity Training that promotes women advancement and full implementation of gender and development to the students. This is spearheaded by the University Center for Gender and Development (UCGAD) under the directorship of Dr. Marciana Ruba-Zaman.

This year, from August 16, 22-23 and September 17-19, the training catered the students of the Colleges of Home Economics, Arts & Sciences, and Forestry & Environmental Science on Gender and Sensitivity. The training aimed to raise awareness on gender issues to eliminate sexism and to prepare the students for future entrepreneurship and employment. Furthermore, students were taught to differentiate sex from gender, to identify gender issues in the Philippines, and to weigh the importance of gender equality in sustainable development. Dr. Ruba-Zaman also emphasized to the students their role in dealing with fellow students and treating them with fairness and equality negating gender biases.

Moreover, Prof. Jose S. Valmorida (Dean, College of Home Economics) expressed his gratitude of the concerted effort by the UCGAD team in promoting gender and development in the university. "Gender and development has been addressed to the principle of equality and participation, and as long as women continue to be viewed as equal citizens, the progress would be unlimited," he said. Prof. Valmorida emphasized the greater role of students' sensitivity on gender and development as the society's perceived future leaders and change-agents (TON).



Student participants during the presentation of workshop outputs

## CMU Library holds book fair

The University Library held a book fair on August 27-28, 2013 at the University Library. Book dealers that participated were the CD Books International, Inc.; Ford J De Jesus, Inc.; Fastbooks Educational Supply, Inc.; Megatexts; and Superpages, Inc.

Books displayed were on various disciplines: Agriculture, Arts and Sciences, Commerce, Computers, Education, Engineering, Environmental Science, Forestry, General Interest, Home Economics, Music, Nursing, Physical Education, Sports, Veterinary Medicine, and other reference materials.

Ms. Marichu M. Bonalos (University Librarian) disclosed that an estimated 2,000 book titles were recommended by the faculty and professors to be purchased as textbooks and references (FCT).

# 26th CMU Annual In-House Review and Evaluation held

Left to right: Dr. Daquiado presents her study; Dr. Medina and Prof. Aguinatan receive their awards from Dr. Simborio.



Led by the Director of Research (Dr. Maria Estella B. Detalla) and the VP for Research and Extension (Dr. Luzviminda T. Simborio), the University conducted its 26th Annual In-House Review and Evaluation (AIHRE) of its Research and Extension outputs on July 23-24, 2013 at the Farmers Training Center. AIHRE showcases the RDE activities of CMU in all areas of discipline hence, this activity aimed to evaluate on-going and completed RDE projects/studies; disseminate significant RDE results and highlight their contribution to national goals and research agenda; promote interaction between and among researchers and extensionists on findings generated for verification, dissemination, and/or commercialization; strengthen RD and E capabilities of CMU researchers through sharing of research outputs and experiences; and identify future RD and E activities from the on-going and completed research studies.

A total of 87 R and D papers, 5 dissertation/thesis studies and 9 technical posters were presented and evaluated. Of the 87 R and D papers, 65 were either research papers and 22 were development papers that were on-going or completed.

Fourteen external evaluators reviewed/evaluated the CMU researches. They were faculty members, researchers and agriculturists from other prestigious universities and line agencies in Mindanao, namely: Misamis Oriental State College of Agriculture and

Technology (MOSCAT), Regional Crop Protection Center (RCPC), Northern Mindanao Agricultural Research Center (NOMIARC), Liceo de Cagayan University (LdCU), Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU-IIT), University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP), and Capitol University (CU).

One of the evaluators, Dr. Frances Thaise A. Cimene (Dean of the Graduate School, Capitol University, Cagayan de Oro City), shared her impression that “CMU is an all-in-one university. Only in CMU where you can find a researcher, an extensionist and a faculty member packed into one.”

The winning papers were:

## Completed Research Category AFNR

*1st, Methane Gas Emission Characteristics of Different Rice Varieties by N.P Daquiado, et al.*

*2nd, Detection and Quantification of Antibiotic Residues in Meat and Liver Samples in Region 10: Misamis Occidental and Lanao del Norte by L.T Simborio*

*3rd, Seroprevalence and Risk Factors of Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis (CAE) among Goats in Mindanao and Visayas by A.P. Dargantes*

## On-going Research Category AFNR

*1st, Morphology, Re-Assessment and Conservation of Threatened, Endemic, Rare and Economic Pteridophytes by V.B. Amoroso, et al.*

2nd, *Project II. Faunal Inventory, Assessment and Monitoring in Mindanao LTER Sites* by A.H. Mohagan, et al.

3rd, *Project V. Valuing Ecological Services: Stakeholders' Use Value for Long-Term Ecological Research Sites in Mindanao* by A.S. Laureto, et al.

#### Completed Research Category NON-AFNR

1st, *Effectiveness of Instructional Materials in Mathematics, Statistics, and Methods of Research* by N.I. Prado, et al.

2nd, *Nurture and Nature: a Community-Based Project for Sustaining the Matigsalug Tribe's Indigenous Language, Culture and Nature and Health Practices* by E.D. Alfabeto, et al.

3rd, *A Case Study on Pre-Service Mathematics Teacher's Conceptions of Mathematics and Its Teaching: The Coherence with Classroom Instruction* by D.A. Tan, et al.

#### On-going Research Category NON-AFNR

1st, *The Linguistic Features of Children's Stories: Tracing the Matigsalug and Pulangihon Manobo Cultural Patterns* by E.D. Alfabeto, et al.

2nd, *Examination Questions in General Education Subjects: An Evaluation* by A.C.S Calimbo, et al.

3rd, *Development and Evaluation of Context-Based Instruction Materials* by E.P. Cubillas

#### Completed Development Category AFNR

1st, *Rural Water Supply Improvement Project for Barangay Bayabason, Maramag, Bukidnon* by G.G Silabay, et al.

2nd, *College of Home Economics Culinary and Processing Training Project* by R.A Arroyo, et al.

#### On-going Development Category AFNR

1st, *National Cooperative Trial (NCT) for Field Legumes (Soybean and Peanut)* by M.S.Paulican

2nd, *Home Economics Integrated Extension and Development Project* by J.B Doydora, et al.

3rd, *Multi-location Adaptation Trial- Transplanted Rice Wet Season 2011* by E.A. Dispo, et al.

#### Completed Development Category NON-AFNR

1st, *Community Organizing and Participation on Health Promotion* by D.G. Camatura

2nd, *Adopt-A-School Extension program of the College of Education to Sinangguyan National High School of Don Carlos, Bukidnon* by N.I. Prado, et al.

3rd, *Mentoring Assistance: Education Gateway for Empowerment* by G.S Escarlos, et al.

#### On-going Development Category NON-AFNR

1st, *Enhancing Capability of High School Teachers in the Department of Education District of Quezon, Bukidnon* by L.G. Cabigon, et al.

2nd, *Assessment and Rehabilitation of Micro-hydro Electric Power Station at Edlimar Spring Resort, Dologon, Maramag, Bukidnon* by C.M. Verula, Jr., et al.

3rd, *Assessment of Electrical Installation and Enhancement of Safety and Conservation Practices in Barangay Butong, Quezon, Bukidnon* by A.E Abay

#### Dissertation/Thesis AFNR

Best Dissertation, *Plant Diversity and Structure of Caimpugan Peat Swamp Forest in Mindanao island, Philippines* by L.G. Aribal

#### Dissertation/ Thesis NON-AFNR

Best Thesis, *A Common Framework of Measuring the Sustainable Development of Local Governments* by M.A.P. Medina

#### Best AFNR Poster

*Low Frequency Ultrasound Exposure of Palm Oil Mill Effluent: Preliminary Studies on Impacts to Bioprocess Performance and Underlying Microflora During BioH2 Production* by E.P. Leño

#### Best NON-AFNR Poster

*College of Forestry and Environmental Science Network 9 CFESNet: A Web-based Survey for Conducting Graduate Tracer Studies* by M.A.P. Medina with R.G. Aguinatan (FCT & KDZ).

**“CMU is an all  
in one university. Only  
in CMU where you can find a  
researcher, an extensionist and  
a faculty member packed in  
one.”**



# Faculty researchers attend 35th ASM-NAST

This year was the biggest delegation of CMU faculty researchers (with more than 16 scientific poster papers accepted) from the Colleges of Agriculture, Arts and Sciences, Education, and Forestry and Environmental Science who attended the 35th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) of the country's National Academy of Science and Technology (NAST) on July 10-11, 2013 at the Manila Hotel, Manila.

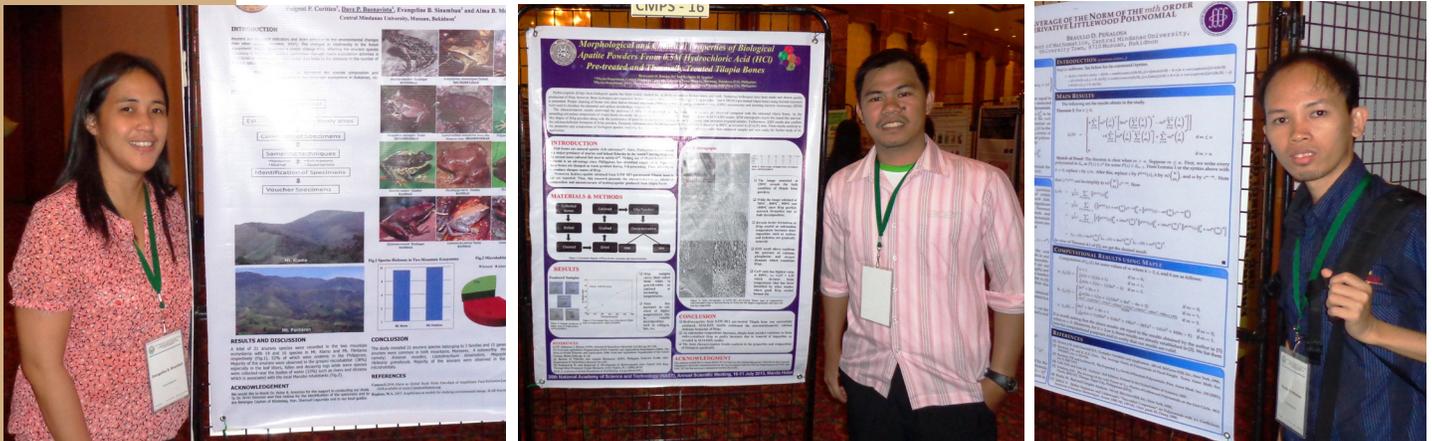
“Harnessing Science and Technology: Reversing the decline of the manufacturing sector in the Philippines” was this year’s theme. The 35<sup>th</sup> ASM aimed to sensitize the manufacturing sector to improve productivity by using the latest knowledge, tools and machineries in order to respond in a timely manner and be able to identify a technology explicit road map to revitalize the manufacturing sector by adding value to the inputs in the manufacturing process. The continuing decline on the productivity and viability of the local manufacturing sector has been the subject of many discussions even prior to the 35th ASM. Many

observers attributed the decline to a combination of several factors. Perhaps the factor that concerns the science community is on the access and use of modern technology.

The CMU researchers were: Dr. Joy M. Jamago and Ms. Mellprie B. Marin from the College of Agriculture; Dr. Rico A. Marin from the College of Forestry; Mr. Joemar B. Capuyan from the College of Education; and Drs. Reggie Y. dela Cruz, Alnar L. Detalla, Emmanuel P. Leaño, Alma B. Mohagan, and Lorelie Gloria A. Samaniego; Professors Marilou M. Ediza, Victoria T. Quimpang, and Evangeline B. Sinamban; Mr. Dave P. Buenavista, Mr. Bienvenido M. Butanas, Jr., and Mr. Braulio D. Peñalosa from the College of Arts and Sciences.

The NAST Philippines is the symbol of the nation’s commitment to science. The ASM started in 1978 and has earned the distinction as the most prestigious Philippine Scientific Conference. NAST publishes books and monographs based on studies of its members and other renowned scientists. The NAST members are those who have made outstanding contributions to science and technology in the Philippines and also Filipino scientists who work outside the country (FCT).

Some of the faculty researchers with their scientific poster papers.



# Leaño is new EIC for CMU research journal



**D**r. Emmanuel P. Leaño is the new designated Editor-in-chief of the CMU Journal of Science from August 2013 to December 2014. (The journal however is to be renamed Asian Journal of Science pending approval of the CMU Board of Regents.) The journal is a multidisciplinary, peer-reviewed

scientific journal that will be published twice per year by the University. It disseminates credible and high quality research results by CMU researchers and those outside the university.

Dr. Leaño finished his Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Technology at Sirindhorn International Institute of Technology, Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand. His major fields of interest are on environmental microbiology and biotechnology, bio-hydrogen and bioelectricity production, microbial fuel cells, renewable energy, and biodiversity.

Guided by his principles in life to be independent, able and willing to experiment and learn new things, dedicated and committed to succeed, and prepared to work in a competitive and challenging environment, Dr. Leaño for at least 15 years had exposed himself to the rigors of research. He had been a project and study leader, research collaborator, research investigator, research associate, field assistant, and co-researcher in various fields of studies.

Dr. Leaño did not only present results of his researches but also published them in high impact factor ISI (or Institute for Scientific Information) journals. His skill and competence in conceptualizing, writing, and editing were very useful for him to publish in various journals both print and online. He has also peer-reviewed several papers. His attendance in many conferences and trainings had been helpful in his enrichment. Also, his various scientific papers presented either as a sole author or as co-author in the local, national and international fora and conventions had garnered several awards (FCT).



## ND takers: 100% passed

The College of Home Economics continues to add feathers to its cap with this year's 100% passing of their 18 alumni takers of the Nutrition and Dietitian Licensure Examination by the Board of Nutrition and Dietetics. This was on July 30-31, 2013 in Manila and Zamboanga City and overall, the national passing percentage was 64.36.

On August 2, 2013, the Professional Regulation Commission released the list of new Nutritionists and Dietitians (ND). The university's new NDs who joined the circle of registered experts are: Bayabos, Remegio, Jr. E.; Borres, Airen Pearl H.; Cabao-an, John C.; Carilla, Mary Joy V.; Clemen, Aldenia M.; Cuevas, Dawn Fatima S.; Dioquino, Jose Eric J.; Española, Harlyn G.; Gamil, Rose Ann B.; Jose, Jeryll Dawn D.; Magbojos, Wrechelle Hope A.; Mangubat, Beverly G.; Mapeso, Ani Rotzeh A.; Ratunil, Elzai Marnelli P.; Satonero, Marlon A.; Senobine, Jundom Bon Z.; Villas, Marybon Precy M.; and Yañez, Guada Faye P. (RGP).

## Palaro 2013 showcases excellence through sports



“Sustaining excellence through sports” was the guiding theme of the 2013 CMU Palaro on August 25-30. Dr. Soliven encouraged the participating teams to demonstrate and adhere to the tenets of sportsmanship. “Play with passion, cheer for your respective teams with echoing voices and let sports be the uniting force in the court, in the track and in the field,” Dr. Soliven said.

This year, the University Palaro included these competitive events: Search for G. at Bb. Palaro 2013, cheer dance and dance sport, basketball, football, softball, chess, volleyball, sepak takraw, table tennis, badminton, lawn tennis, track and field, and swimming. Beach volleyball was demonstrated this year to be possibly included as a regular event in the next palaro. Four teams: Aggies (College of Agriculture), Wildcats (College of Engineering), ACE Warriors (Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Education, and

Commerce and Accountancy) and Blazing Dragons (Colleges of Forestry and Environmental Science, Home Economics, Nursing and Veterinary Medicine) showcased their athletic skills, abilities, intelligence, endurance, and potentials.

On August 25, 2013, the Search for G. at Bb. Palaro was dominated by the candidates from the College of Arts and Sciences. A Fil-Am beauty, Ms. Mara Luz Smith ( AB Psychology 1) took the crown as she highly impressed judges with her winning answer. When asked “What is the importance of sports in achieving academic excellence and why?” She smartly answered that “Sports is important because it is the medium that helps us all to have holistic development. When we are developed holistically, we can be physically, emotionally,

A glimpse of the CMU Palaro 2013 where students display extraordinary skills and abilities in sports parallel to academic excellence.



mentally and socially healthy; and with that we can attain success that we want; and (all) sports is the key and one of the aspects so that we can achieve and attain CMU's quest towards academic excellence."

Remarkably, Mr. Cepriano Justo (AB English 2) was also crowned G. Palaro due to his winning answer that stunned the crowd. In response to the question "What is the relevance of the G. at Bb. Palaro competition to the sports program of the university?" He replied that "the relevance of the G. at Bb Palaro 2013 is that we will be able to encourage students to indulge in sports as well, because CMU is not just academically inclined but it promotes sports as well as self-esteem, self-environment, self-preference, and other things because these will help usher success to us students".



At the end of the week-long competition, the Aggies which earned 468.5 points remained dominant and were again declared Overall Champion. The Aggies were 137.5 points ahead of the Wildcats (1st runner-up), 144 points ahead of the ACE Warriors (2nd runner-up) and 154.5 points ahead of the Blazing Dragons (3rd runner-up) [RGP].



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The following are the results worthy of recognition:

1. 1st Place/Winner: Mr. Ambassador - Jan Rigel Pelayo (BM4), also a winner of two minor awards: Best in School Uniform and Best in Creative Jeans
2. 4th Runner up: Ms. Ambassadors - Kristine Obsid (BM4) who won all the minor awards: Best in School Uniform, Best in Corporate Wear, and Best in Creative Jeans
3. 1st Place: Product Development - Marigold Uayan (BM4), Marjun Baguio (BM4), and Katrina Veñegas (BA3)
4. 3rd Place: Extemporaneous speech - Lyka Besing (BA3)
5. 5th Place: Video Advertisement - Ardie Calang (BM4), Caryl Berbigal (BM4), Jessel Daug (BM4), Charisse Cabrera (BA3), and Alice Caballeda (BA3)
6. 4th Place: Print Advertisement - April Tessa Cahiles (BM4), Marvielyn Ong (BM4), and Hanna Rose Yuson (BA3)
7. 4th Place: Quiz Bowl - Bonn Bonifacio (BM4), Mercedarius Yamit (BM4), and Lyka Besing (BA3)



Lyka Besing delivers her extemporaneous speech.

## University Library acquires STARBOOKS



The University Library acquired free of charge the DOST STARBOOKS (Science Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly Operated Kiosk Station) which is the first Philippine Science Digital Library. CMU has acquired the STARBOOKS after making a formal request and compliance to the set of requirements. Consequently, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by CMU, DOST Region 10 and the Science and Technology Information Institute representatives.

The STARBOOKS which is also known as One-Stop Science and Technology (S&T) Information System, contains thousands of digitalized science and technology resources in various formats (text and video/ audio) placed in

pecially designed “pods” that are set in a user-friendly interface. This digital library serves as an information access portal in key areas in the Philippines, in which case CMU becomes now the center of research in Bukidnon with the installation of these programs in the university.

An orientation on how to use this digital library was conducted to all CMU librarians, staff and students on August 16, 2013. Students could now access a wealth of science and technology information right at their fingers (FCT).

# CMUEAI hosts Roel Manlangit's concert

In celebration of CMU's 103rd Founding Anniversary and Alumni Homecoming, the Central Mindanao University Employees Association Inc. (CMUEAI) hosted the concert of Roel Manlangit, Grand Winner of Philippines Got Talent (PGT) Season 4 on September 13, 2013 at the University Convention Center. The concert was an additional major festivity and opened the event "CMU Show Your Talent: Season 2".

Roel Manlangit shook the UCC when he sang 'My Heart Will Go On' with intense passion and life. His astonishing performance induced the crowd in giving him an overwhelming applause. It was the same song that made him a "YouTube" sensation and the PGT Season 4 Grand Winner. Undeniably, the outstanding performance of Roel Manlangit and the superb performances of the other presenters blew away the audience.

For the CMU Show Your Talent: Season 2 presenters, these included After Effect (dance number); CMU Show Your Talent: Season 1 finalists (song number), CMU Show Your Talent: Season 1- 2nd place winner (painting), D' Obedience - CMU Show Your Talent: Season 1 Grand Winner (song number), Flip Duo - PGT Season 3 semi finalists (dance drama), and a dance number from the Bidlisiw [FCT].



**Top: Roel Manlangit sings 'My Heart Will Go On' very impressively.**

**Bottom: CMU HRM students with their immediate supervisors in USA.**

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Apart from experiencing new horizons and enhancement of knowledge on the actual nature of future jobs, students are also given benefits such as allowances from \$6.50 to \$12.50 per hour depending on position, host company, and location.

Just this year, the College of Home Economics produced nine Hotel and Business Management students who successfully finished the Work and Travel Program in several states in the USA. This was credited as On-the-Job Training by the university. The very fortunate students were: Jhusan Suare Mibalo, Cherie Ann Gastaldo, Joy Miranda, Niño Dominic Rabago, Raissa Anjela Carman, Kryzzia Abby Gale Cortezano, Michote Anne Laid, Shane Borres, and Lovely Madarang. Dr. Rubie A. Arroyo served as their immediate practicum adviser who also visited the OJT students in the US.

These students (and some more in the future) were sent to experience the one-of-a-kind opportunity gauged as a powerful honing initiative to guide them to better appreciate and apply the knowledge acquired through hands-on experience and to meet and bond with other students from different countries. It was also meant to engrave important values as they performed their jobs in the workplace that can best contribute not only to the university but to various future workplaces (RGP).



# CEBREM hosts Symposium on Biopharmaceutical and Medicine from Natural Resources

Left to right: Dr. Annabelle P. Villalobos, DOST Balik-Scientist and Research Fellow & Consultant, Johnson & Johnson Biopharm Research & Development (USA) presents to the participants the rationale of the symposium.



CMU through the Center for Biodiversity Research and Extension in Mindanao (CEBREM), hosted a DOST Balik-Scientist Symposium on Biopharmaceuticals from Laboratory to Market and Medicine from Natural Resources on June 20-21, 2013 at the Farmers Training Center (FTC). This is a collaborative undertaking of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology of the UP-College of Medicine with Dr. Anabelle P. Villalobos, a Bali-Scientist. Dr. Villalobos used to be a faculty of the university who currently works in the USA.

The Balik-Scientist program was established pursuant to the Presidential Decree No. 819 in October 1975. To respond to the call for exchange of science and technology information, the DOST Balik-Scientist program aims to strengthen the scientific and technological manpower of the academe and public and private institutions in order to promote exchange of science and technology information.

The symposium primary aim was to gather a varied group of scientists, physicians and medical researchers, engineers, pharmacists, entrepreneurs, faculty and students. The second aims were to broaden, strengthen and give practical applications

of the current knowledge in biotechnology, biopharmaceuticals, natural products, and regulatory approval process; share experiences and expertise on biopharmaceuticals from drug discovery until reaching the market and beyond; discuss and give insights on the research and development direction of natural products and medicinal plants in the Philippines; inculcate the importance of plant biodiversity and conservation and their implications to medicinal plants researches and development; and establish and enhance collaboration with scientific and technological projects and links, and for business interest.

The keynote speaker was Dr. Lourdes J. Cruz, National Scientist and President of the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP). Dr. Anabelle P. Villalobos presented the rationale of the symposium, gave the welcome remarks and introduced the keynote speaker.

The symposium tackled relevant topics which included the following: Introduction to Biotechnology and Biopharmaceuticals by Dr. Annabelle P. Villalobos, also a Research Fellow & Consultant, Johnson & Johnson Biopharm Research & Development (USA); Upstream Process – Large Scale Cell Culture for



Biopharmaceuticals Production by Mr. Tim Hughes, Senior Director, Biotech Manufacturing CSL Behring (AUS) Melbourne, Australia; Downstream Process – Drug Substance and Drug Product: Quality, Safety, Efficiency and Consistency by Dr. Anabelle P. Villalobos; Herbal Medicine Research and Development: The NIRPROMP Experience by Dr. Cecilia C. Maramba-Lazarte, Professor, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology, UP College of Medicine; The Philippine Pteridophytes: Potential Sources and Conservation Initiatives by Dr. Victor B. Amoroso, University Professor, CMU & Director, CEBREM; Continuous Innovation in Research and Development by Dr. Isagani Padolina, Director, Research and Development, Pascual Laboratories, Inc.; Secondary Metabolites from Philippine Medicinal Plants by Dr. Irene M. Villaseñor, Professor, Institute of Chemistry, UP Diliman; The Search for World-class Marine Drugs: Conotoxins from Fish-Hunting Conus species by Dr. Elsie C. Jimenez, Professor Emeritus, UP Baguio

A poster competition was held in tandem with the symposium. Twenty-three posters were presented for judging. The poster “Phytochemical, Antipyretic, and Anti-inflammation Activities of Selected Medicinal

Pteridophytes” authored by Dr. Victor B. Amoroso, et al. won first place and the poster “Pediculicide Property of a Shampoo Formulations from the Extracts of Lacy Fern Leaves (*Cyathea corperii*), Ylang-ylang Flowers(*Cananga odorata*) and Neon Seed Oil (*Ozadirachta indica*) by Dr. Kaycie A. Gabiola et al. won second place.

A post-symposium tour and field trip were also conducted to the University projects, namely: Mt. Musuan Zoological and Botanical Garden, University Museum, and Fernery. A climb to Mt. Musuan was done early morning of June 22, 2013. Mt. Musuan is about 646 meter above sea level (mASL) and is one of the LTER (Long-Term Ecological Research) sites in Mindanao with natural forest and grassland vegetation types.

There were 82 participants: 65 were researchers, faculty members from the different SUCs and private schools, and company representatives; and 17 were research consultants and students from various schools in the country (FCT & KDZ).

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There are many lives whose hopes and dreams are realized through people who provided them the springboard to take a leap. Many of these “helpers” have experienced wonderful lives, have attained success, and looked back to assist others, not as beneficiaries but as partners in community development. This is one of many stories of how academic institutions like CMU, LGUs and private agencies tied the knot together in unleashing the potential of unity towards defeating poverty.

about building relationships as Filipino brothers and sisters to create an atmosphere of caring and sharing. “Kalinga ng CMU” is a move empowered with love to make the Higaonon tribe a sustainable community.

During the outreach program on August 21, 2013, the team cheerfully handed members of the Higaonon tribe several health kits, slippers and foods while the children vigorously participated in several games prepared for them. The Bb. & G. Palaro 2013



Regardless of how a community looks like, when caring sprouts, sharing begin.

A certain community in Dologon, Maramag where members of the Higaonon tribe live caught the attention of the University to make a significant decision to take part and to help address their needs and adverse situation. The University initiated linkage with the Gawad Kalinga (GK) Foundation and LGU Maramag as partners to help address the Higaonons’ current situation. Indeed, this tribe evidently needs sincere help, care and love.

This community of Higaonons clearly lacked adequate resources but their genuine smiles are like jewels worthy of value and respect. This reality encouraged the CMU family led by President Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven and the CMU-GK student movement led by their Peace Ambassador, Grant M. Amoncio, to initiate the “Kalinga ng CMU Outreach Program at Higaonon Village, Dologon, Maramag, Bukidnon”. The “Kalinga ng CMU” is not just an outreach program. It is

candidates also assisted in giving goods as a way of exposing them to take part in up-building people’s lives. Their exposure to an inevitable reality aimed to expand their roles that in life, one’s beauty and brains can become concrete instruments to share courage, love and kindness.

To help this community grow, the University, plans to help provide livelihood to the Higaonon community by putting up production projects for bamboo and palm oil. In complementation, LGU Maramag will set up an area (not far from the place they used to live) where this Higaonon community could start again. Meanwhile, the GK Foundation will help build homes for each of the families.

*“Walang Iwanan! Magsama-sama tayong lahat! I am so thankful that CMU was able to connect with GK and LGU Maramag,”* Dr. Soliven shared. When she started to take the helm of the university, Dr. Soliven revealed that she already incorporated the plan to design and implement extension program for

indigenous peoples and resource-wanting households in the service areas of the university, as well as, to strengthen linkages among LGUs as partners in poverty alleviation. She was very thankful to see her plans starting to take shape. “I thank God for providing me these wonderful people worthy to serve. My goal really is to help poor people so they will experience some of life’s wonderful provisions that we are enjoying now,” Dr. Soliven said with teary eyes. With a thankful smile, Captain Mike Ceballos

the beginning of the University’s unceasing desire to help build, develop and sustain communities along its service areas. Bae Alma, a Higaonon member, disclosed her gratitude to the people who considered them important. They may just own a pinch of wealth but their willingness is enough to complete the journey. “I can’t give what I don’t have but we can give you our trust, love and confidence as you help us make things possible,” Bae Alma disclosed with a smile.



expressed how happy he was in behalf of the entire Higaonon tribe. “I want to thank CMU especially to Dr. Soliven for choosing our community as a recipient of the future University livelihood program. This will greatly help us especially that we are poor.”

How wonderful it is to see every Filipino, regardless of varying living standards, intersecting at one point to serve brothers and sisters who are hungry of help, care and love. “I am here because I care. We are here to build a good relationship as one family. If we are one, development is possible. We can make this goal happen,” says Mr. Harvey Maraguinot, Head of GK Foundation Mindanao.

This journey is one of a kind, an experience worth sharing for, and a memoir that should inspire more people. CMU indeed is not just an institution of higher learning. It is also an institution of great courage and generosity as it helps shape and build a sustainable future for the resource-poor communities. The helping hands extended to the Higaonon tribe is just

The journey has already started, will you walk with them? Your decision can make a difference and it only begins with one word - love (RGP).



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When asked how he prepared for the board, he shared that he spent months of intensive studying, reading, praying, proper mental conditioning, and collecting appropriate review materials from different sources.

Prof. Margate has this to say for the next ALE takers. “Takers should be well-prepared. Preparation should not be limited to the knowledge on the six ALE subject areas. Health, monetary and material resources should also be considered. Takers should pay attention to particular details, such as the exam kit composition.” He further dispensed more tips that he thought might work: [1] takers should be very committed to the exam and those unnecessary (activities) in life can be set aside, [2] takers should pay attention to the basic concepts when studying; [3] it is also important to decide what to memorize and not to memorize; and most importantly, [4] takers should practice answering many review questionnaires as much as possible.

On the other hand, Dr. Ma. Luz L. Soriano (CA Dean) expressed her happiness in helping create a good starting point for all upcoming ALE takers of CMU. “I am thankful that they performed the best they can. I hope they can translate their good performance in their (current or future) workplaces because they are bringing the name of CMU.” She also encouraged takers who failed to take heart. “For those who failed, maybe it’s not just their time. Perhaps, they need a little push so they should never give up. They must try and try until they succeed.” When asked for the faculty’s role in producing competent graduates, Dr. Soriano challenged the faculty who are believed to be great contributors in shaping the students become



great professionals in their own fields. “May the faculty teach difficult subjects easily and interestingly so that students would appreciate and remember the teachings well.”

CMU students come from all walks of life. However, in spite of different family backgrounds, economic capacities, cultures and traditions, religious beliefs, and political awareness, among others, the common denominator of every CMUan is hard work. Equipped with such basic value and with the academic and non-academic enrichments in the university, it will not be surprising for a CMUan to be successful, to go more distance, to reach greater heights, and yes – to bring honor to his/her Alma Mater (RGP).

## University President and VPs attend Conference

**D**r. Maria Luisa R. Soliven, Dr. Anthony M. Penaso (VP for Academic Affairs), and Dr. Luzviminda T. Simborio (VP for Research and Extension) attended a conference on International Rankings and Its Implications on Philippine Higher Education Institution at the Crown Plaza Hotel, Quezon City on July 3-4, 2013.

The conference was a venue for dialogue between an international ranking group (i.e. QS-Quacquarelli Symonds World University Rankings) and Philippine universities, and a forum for discussion on how the latter can communicate ideas on what should also matter in ranking universities and/or Higher Education Institutes (HEIs) based on their ideals and experiences. It also aimed to facilitate the strengthening of

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# CMU orients newly hired faculty members

**Ms. Haidee Helena H. Garcia, HRMO Chief, discusses personnel matters to the newly hired faculty members.**



**T**he Human Resource Management Office (HRMO) and the Office of the Director of Instruction (ODI) in coordination with the CMU Faculty Association, Incorporated (CMUFAI) conducted on June 28, 2013 at the College of Education Hall an Orientation Program for the newly hired faculty members. It was meant to inform and acquaint the new faculty members some important information about CMU for their smooth integration.

Prof. Lucerne M. Razalo (Chief of the University Public Information Office, UPIO), presented the CMU history and its four-fold functions. Dr. Ricardo G. Villar (VP for Administration) discussed about the university's organizational structure and administrative functions. Ms. Haidee Helena H. Garcia (Chief of

HRMO) elaborated on personnel matters. Dr. Cecilia V. Bautista (Director of Instruction) presented the faculty performance evaluation system. Finally, Ms. Iris D. Opiso (OIC-Chief of the Finance Management Office, FMO) talked about the financial aspects of the university.

The orientation was attended by the 151 newly hired faculty members. The University anticipated that the orientation would give the newly faculty members ample information about CMU and more importantly, a better grasp and understanding on their roles, functions, and responsibilities as faculty members (KDZ).

**A pose for posterity with the participants, Drs. Maria Luisa R. Soliven (4th from the left, first row), Anthony M. Penaso (3rd from the left, first row) and Luzviminda T. Simborio (1st from the left, first row).**



# PASUC and MUST President speaks to CMU Faculty Members



**Dr. Rotoras shared that the old may have the wisdom but the young may have the refreshing ideas in teaching the students.**

**D**r. Ricardo E. Rotoras, President of the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) and President of Mindanao University of Science and Technology (MUST) spoke before the CMU faculty members at the 2013 Annual Faculty Conference on July 18 at the Farmers Training Center. Dr. Rotoras is a nationally recognized expert in higher education. His numerous achievements in research, leadership and management allowed him to serve as PASUC President in his second term.

“It’s an honor to be invited to this famous university,” Dr. Rotoras started. Although Dr. Soliven was not around during the conference due to other pertinent national commitments, Dr. Rotoras explained that she was ably represented by the Vice Presidents whom he also referred to as the lieutenants and/or generals. “The Vice Presidents to me are also presidents of their respective offices. Any SUC President has no business of staying longer inside the University. The President always travels somewhere and looks for blessings that can be brought back to the University.”

Dr. Rotoras stressed that CMU is the best among the State Universities and Colleges in Region 10 because of its strong faculty force of which majority have advanced degrees. “The strength of a university lies on its faculty members, therefore, unity and cooperation are very crucial,” Dr. Rotoras emphasized.

He shared that Dr. Soliven has been very supportive and cooperative of his PASUC presidency, particularly in the implementation of the organization’s many activities. Accordingly, her cooperation has been really valuable in sustaining PASUC as an organization.

Dr. Rotoras is a man of power and charisma. Those in attendance were charmed and inspired of his thoughts and pronouncements. In the open forum, Dr. Rotoras was asked many questions on several issues: the NBC promotion system, hiring of faculty members, renewal of contracts for job order faculty, and the involvement of faculty members in research and extension, among others. Dr. Rotoras responded to all questions generously and incisively. Indeed, the CMU faculty had learned a lot from him.

Lastly, as part of university traditions, Ms. Zenaida Torrepalma (OIC-Human Resources Management Office, HRMO) introduced the 47 newly hired faculty members. Further, a total of 32 returning faculty members were also given Certificates of Recognition for finishing advanced degrees. Three hundred twenty-six faculty members attended the conference (FCT & KDZ).

# CMU hosts KAAD Scholarship Symposium

The Linkages and Technology and Licensing Office (LTLO) headed by Dr. Joy M. Jamago in cooperation with the Office of Admissions, Scholarships and Placement (OASP) headed by Dr. Nenita I Prado hosted a symposium on the Opportunities for Sponsored Graduate Studies under the Katholischer Akademischer Ausländer-Dienst (KAAD) Scholarships on July 6, 2013 at the University Convention Center (UCC). The symposium sought to inform, encourage and invite the graduating students and some interested faculty and staff of the university to seize the opportunities for graduate studies in Germany through the KAAD scholarship grants.

KAAD is a scholarship organization of the German Catholic Church that provides financial and civic educational support for high potential post-graduate scholars from Africa, Asia (Bangladesh, Indonesia, Cambodia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam and China), Latin America and Eastern Europe. The organization has been providing scholarship programs for post-graduate studies that already have gained professional experiences and are interested in graduate studies or a research stay in Germany.

Dr. Heinrich Geiger, Head of KAAD's Asia Department, discussed about the scholarship, application requirements, academic and personal

qualifications of scholars and some information about Germany. Dr. Geiger was amazed of the number of students who came to the symposium. He said that anyone interested in the scholarship must have a clear vision of his/her future, on what he/she really wants to achieve in taking up master or doctoral degrees abroad.

Mr. Horacio Factura, a KAAD alumnus from Xavier University who took his master's degree in Germany, shared about his wonderful experiences as a KAAD scholar. He also inspired the students through a video presentation about his life in Germany, travels around Europe, the learning he acquired from his fellow international students, and how he socialized with the Filipino communities in Germany.

The symposium was participated in by more than 2,000 senior students, and some faculty members and staff. It was held in collaboration with the Office of the Student Affairs (OSA), University Senior Students Council (USSCO), University Public Information Office (UPIO), General Services, and the Auxiliary Services Unit. Lastly, the CMU Bidlisiw Dance Troupe performed a superb ethnic dance that impressed the German national, KAAD alumni, students, and others in attendance (KDZ).

**Students listen to Dr. Heinrich Geiger as he presents the KAAD scholarship grant.**



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structures and competencies toward a sustainable strategy for improvement in the international rankings of leading HEIs in the country.

The University Ranking Systems (URS) have been increasingly shaping the arena of higher education since the start of the 21st century. In various countries, these systems resulted to significant increased attention and provision of investments in higher education. The URS spotlights the ability of HEIs to provide quality higher education, the influence and outcomes of their researches, and the over-all performance of their graduates, vis-à-vis other leading HEIs in the world stage.

Mr. Antonio D. Kalaru, Jr. (President of the Development Academy of the Philippines, DAP) welcomed the participants. Important topics that were discussed in the conference included International Rankings and Publications of Philippines HEIs by Commissioner Maria Cynthia Rose B. Bautista (CHED), Conference Background and Workshop Mechanics by Dr. Gisela P. Concepcion (VP for Academic Affairs, University of the Philippines System), Research and Development in the Philippines Partnering with Elsevier by Mr. Pio Salvador Ramon Omana (Accounting Manager- Elsevier Philippines), Getting Philippine Journals Scopes by Ms. Ng Hui Ling (Academic and Government Group-Elsevier), External Improvement Strategies Relevant to QS World University Rankings by Ms. Mandy Mok (Managing Director of QS Asia Quacquarelli Symonds Pte. Ltd. Singapore), and Introduction to the Ranking Landscape, Analysis of Ranking Methodologies, Developing Strategies for Improving Rankings Performance and Driving Internal Changes to Respond Positively to Rankings to Human Factor by Mr. Michael Fung (Director of Planning and Institutional Research, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology). The conference was hosted by the CHED, DAP and UP (FCT).

## CMU and IRRI sign MOA

CMU and the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to formalize their partnerships regarding the implementation of IRRI's "Gawad Patnubay Scholarship Program." Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven and Ms. Corinta Q. Guerta (IRRI Director for External Relations) signed the MOA at the IRRI headquarters on July 2013. This scholarship program is intended for the deserving CMU students taking up Bachelor of Science in Agriculture (BSA) and other agriculture-related disciplines.

IRRI's scholarship program aims to provide educational assistance to the poor but deserving dependents of the Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs), Cooperatives, and Local Government Units (LGUs) where LANDBANK operates, particularly in the field of agriculture. This is a nationwide program intended initially for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year college students willing to pursue or are pursuing BSA or allied disciplines. This will take effect on the second semester of S.Y. 2013-2014 (KDZ).

**Left: Dr. Soliven and Ms. Guerta signing the MOA at IRRI.**

**Right: One of the CMU's sustainable and eco-friendly initiatives that support the greening program of the University.**



# CMU represents Region 10 to the 2013 Search for Sustainable & Eco-Friendly Schools Nationwide

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) 10 declared our university as the region's representative to the 2013 Search for Sustainable and Eco-Friendly Schools nationwide after edging five other contenders. The search aimed at recognizing the environmental programs, projects and activities initiated by various schools all over the country in compliance with the provision of Republic Act No. 9512 otherwise known as the Environmental Awareness and Education Act of 2008.

The University has been implementing sustainable and eco-friendly initiatives. Dr. Rodrigo L. Malunhao, who was then the OIC, created the University Ecological Solid Waste Management Task Force which became a Committee in 2011 designated by Dr. Soliven upon her assumption of the university presidency. The committee facilitated other "green initiatives" that involved electricity and water conservation, paper conservation through recycling and encouragement of paperless communication, pollution prevention, biodiversity awareness and greening programs. In retrospect, these efforts made CMU a recipient of several awards including the Asian Biodiversity Research Excellence, Nestle Water Leadership

and Meralco Energy Leadership Awards. "These initiatives do not just support the university's goal to become a 'Green University' and to win the on-going 2013 search but to inform people that sustainable environment is necessary and we really have to make it happen," Dr. Jose Hermis P. Patricio, Chair of the Department of Environmental Science articulated. "It is about reminding people that CMU is really concerned about the environment which is equally important as the social and economic needs and concerns of an academic community. These initiatives are an attempt to inform and educate people the value of a clean and green environment" he added.

Hence, CMU keeps on strengthening its sustainable and eco-friendly initiatives by linking with 28 local, national and international agencies and institutions. "These linkages provided CMU the opportunities to extend technical services to the local communities as partners in environmental management. The University has also been a recipient of some financial support particularly through the national linkages," Dr. Patricio added. "In fact, the DENR and PCAARRD in collaboration with CMU, will soon establish a clonal nursery in the university for the production of endemic tree seedlings in support of the National Greening

Program of the Aquino administration. Our international linkages also support the university through research collaborations in the field of biodiversity science and management."

Lastly, Dr. Patricio shared that the current CMU administration plans to further institutionalize the implementation of these environmental programs to make them sustainable (RGP).



# IMDC and C&E Publishing, Inc. host IM Writing Seminar-Workshop

The Instructional Materials Development Board (IMDB) through the Instructional Materials Development Center (IMDC) in cooperation with the C&E Publishing, Inc. hosted the “Instructional Materials Writing Seminar-Workshop” on August 30, 2013 at the Farmers Training Center. The C&E Publishing, Inc. is one of the leading proponents of academic and professional excellence, with services that include distribution, publishing, adaptation, and reprinting of textbooks for basic and higher education.

The seminar-workshop aimed to equip the university faculty with more techniques to write scholarly, creative and scientific materials; to develop IMs that enhance teaching-learning environment in the classroom; to implement the models and strategies for sustainable resources generation in SUCs through production and publication of IMs; and to be aware of the intellectual property and copyright laws on publishable materials.

The University President challenged the faculty in attendance to become more productive by writing and producing good quality IMs. “I am happy that many faculty members joined this very important seminar-workshop. I really encourage you all to write and produce more instructional materials and books for national distribution,” impassioned by Dr. Soliven.

Dr. Jimmy R. Soria (VP for Research and External Affairs of the University of Northern Philippines, and former President of PASUC) was the invited guest speaker. Dr. Soria expressed his excitement to see CMU, as well as his first impression about the university. “It’s worth coming here. It’s worth seeing your university - the University in a Forest”, Dr. Soria said with a smile.

A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was signed between CMU and the C&E Publishing, Inc. represented by Dr. Soliven and Ms. Darroca of C&E Publishing, Inc. Ms. Darroca is grateful to CMU for supporting Public-Private Partnerships. The C&E



**MOA signing by Dr. Soliven and Ms. Darroca, with the IMDB members and C & E Publishing, Inc. representatives as witnesses.**

Publishing, Inc. partnership with CMU is their first partnership with a state university. She seconded what the University President had voiced out and highly encouraged the university faculty to write quality IMs that can be distributed nationwide by their company.

Three hundred twenty two faculty members joined the seminar-workshop. All were taught on how to write publishable instructional materials and books and on how to get them into printing for local and national distribution (KDZ).

# VPRE and Research Director attend Course on Management of Research in SUCs

**D**r. Luzviminda T. Simborio (VP for Research and Extension) and Dr. Maria Estela B. Detalla (Director of Research) attended the Flagship Course on the Management of Research in the State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) on July 8-12, 2013 at the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) Conference Center, Tagaytay City. The course aimed to equip top executives of various SUCs all over the country with key leadership and management competencies required to effectively lead their respective schools toward performance excellence and global competitiveness.

The flagship course is a major component of the Executive Development Program for State Universities and Colleges (EDPS). It is designed specifically for research managers and officers of academes with essential competencies and skills to better manage their research programs. The course would enrich them on strategies to develop and implement innovations in management and to build on current best practices to resolve pressing problems in research, such as the challenges of limited resources, low productivity, and lack of strategic direction and competent manpower.

Dr. Ricardo C. Rotoras (President of PASUC and MUST) formally opened the event. The week-long session was divided into two course modules. The first module was the Context of Research in the SUCs

and Self Mastery for Research Leaders and Managers. It included important topics such as the [1] Vision, Mission and Goals of the Philippine Higher Education: Focus on Research as a Core Function of SUCs by Dr. Evelyn C. Cruzada (Former President, Leyte Normal University); [2] Development and Trends in the 21st Century: Implications for Higher Education Research by Dr. Lourdes Y. Cruz (President, National Research Council of the Philippines, NRCP); [3] SUCs Research and Knowledge Production vis-à-vis Regional and National Development by Dr. Fernando A. Bernardo (Former President, Visayas State University); [4] SUCs Research vis-à-vis the National Research Targets by Dr. Amelia P. Guevarra (Undersecretary, Research and Development, DOST), Dr. Portia G. Lapitan (Director, Ecosystems Research and Development Bureau of Agricultural Research, DA), Dr. Lilibeth C. David (Director, Health Policy and Planning Bureau, Department of Health); [5] Creating an Enabling Environment for Institutional Research by Dr. Ruperta S. Sangalang (Commissioner, Commission on Higher Education and Former President, Cavite State University); and [6] Insights Sharing: Integrations SUCs Research with Regional Development Goals by Dr. Faylea Patria M. Lauraga (President, Bicol University). The second module is scheduled at a later date (FCT and KDZ).

## CA receives donations from IRRI

**T**wo academic units of the College of Agriculture (CA): the Department of Agronomy and Plant Breeding and the Department of Plant Pathology received donations from the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI). These donations included laboratory equipment and materials which are intended for instructional and/or research use.

The donations were personally received by Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven together with Drs. Guia Saludaes and Revelieta Alovera of the Department of Plant Pathology on July 22, 2013 at the IRRI Headquarters (KDZ).



# Faculty and Bidlisiw present Variety Show



**I**n celebration of the University's 103rd Founding Anniversary, the faculty members together with the Bidlisiw Socio-Cultural Troupe showcased their exemplary talents through a Variety Show on the night of September 12, 2013 at the University Convention Center. It also served as the opening act prior to the awarding of outstanding CMU alumni.

There were five major presentations: 1st was a set of dances performed by the Bidlisiw; Scene 2 was a series of Philippine Folk Dances from the CMU faculty which featured performances from Dr. Maria Luisa R. Soliven, Dr. Anthony M. Penaso and the Bidlisiw; Scene 3 was a rendition of nationalistic songs; Scene 4 was a set of dance performances from Bidlisiw; and the 5th scene was another series of songs and dance performances.

The event ended with a unity dance performed by the current and the alumni members of the Bidlisiw. The success of the said variety show was made possible through the direction of Mr. Procopio Galendez with the help of Dr. Maria Stella M. Paulican, the Head of the University Socio-Cultural Committee (CKM).



# CMU holds tree planting

Spearheaded by the College of Forestry and Environmental Science (CFES) and in collaboration with the Forest Resources Development Project Division (FRDPD) of the University Income Generation Project (UIGP), the University conducted a tree planting activity on June 28, 2013 near its Material Recovery Facility (MRF) at the foot of Mt. Musuan. High quality seedlings of native tree species (total of 21,000) from the FRDPD were planted in a two-hectare piece of land. These native seedlings included kalumpit, lumbayao, white lauan, prickly narra, bagalunga, kalomata, molave and tindalo.

This activity was in support of the World Environment Celebration and in compliance with Sec. 32 of the Republic Act (R.A.) no. 10352 that declares the observance of the Philippine Environment Month in June every year. This activity aimed to promote public awareness and involvement in the protection and conservation of our natural resources. A total of 730 administrators, faculty and staff, and more than 5,000 students joined the activity (RGP).





The new maingate which was renovated on April 2013.

## CMU Vision

*An academic paradise of higher learning actively committed to the total development of people for a globally sustainable environment and a humane society.*

## CMU Mission

*To advance the frontiers of knowledge for economic prosperity, moral integrity, social and cultural sensitivity, and environmental consciousness through equitable access to quality instruction, research, extension and production.*