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SPU MANILA INKS MOU WITH CHINA UNIVERSITY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND LAW

Contributed by Sr. Flordeliza Deza, SPC

The worldwide interest for the internationalization of education and the Philippine government's openness towards promoting the Philippines as a center for education in the Asia-Pacific has led to the increasing number of Asian students in Philippine campuses.

St. Paul University Manila, a well-known, accredited Catholic Philippine university, recognized for its Liberal Arts, Nursing, Business, Music and Education courses is getting a more widely diversified student population with the presence not only of students from the U.S., the Middle East and some European countries but more especially Chinese and Koreans. SPU Manila recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CUPSL (China University of Political Science and Law), a prestigious multidisciplinary university specializing in Law, as well as Literature, History, Philosophy, Economics, Management, Education. One of the "211 Project" Key Universities in China, directly under the supervision by the Ministry of Education, it has prepared not only leaders in government but in various areas of public service.

CUPSL officials through Dr. Xie Fan Shou, Director of International Exchange, invited the administrators of SPU Manila to Beijing for the signing of the MOU. The group left for Beijing on 5 October and returned on the 13th after the MOU signing. The memorandum included academic exchange and cooperation in such fields as undergraduate and graduate education, English language learning, joint research, cultural exchange and other projects of mutual interest and benefit. Sr. Flordeliza Deza, SPC, Director for International Relations, coordinated the visit with CUPSL officials.

The first batch of students arrived early October for English lessons to prepare them for eventual enrolment in the various courses of their choice.

CUPSL was ready to send to SPU Manila 57 undergraduate students for education, psychology, business and other courses and 10 graduate students for PhD in Educational Leadership. The hostage crisis affected the plans. Only four for the undergraduate courses came early October; the rest are waiting for more "propitious" times--when perhaps the memory of the unfortunate event will have safely faded. The trip, was nevertheless fruitful and effected a linkage that has been on the talking table for more than two years now.

Beijing is a city with a glorious past and proud of its present achievements, having worked hard to keep in step with (or get ahead of) the modern world. It is clean, bustling, colorful (with flowers of many colors and hues, especially red and yellow), but the skies are almost perpetually gray, the sun looking like the



moon, but other days, it could be very clear and sunny. Our Chinese hosts were very warm, hospitable and went out of their way to facilitate matters for us.

Sister Flor shares some pictures of their visit:



**Sr. Lilia and Dr. JIA WEN HUA, CUPSL
Head of the School of Politics
and Public Administration sign MOU**



CUPSL and SPU Manila officials.



**SPU Manila officials
with Executive Secretary Han (center)
(L-R) Prof. Tzi of CUPSL, Sr. Lilia
Thérèse Tolentino, Sr. Flordeliza Deza.
Ms. Wynna Medina, Sr. Fidelisa Portillo,
Dr. Runvi Manguerra,**

**In front of the University of
International Relations,
one of CUPSL's many campuses.**



SHARING ...SHARING ...SHARING...

From the Campus Ministry Office

CMSV FORMATION

Contributed by Maribel Corcolla

The Campus Ministry Student Volunteers underwent a formation activity on 17-21 October 2010 in the Mt. St. Paul Retreat House, Pico, La Trinidad, Benguet.

Here are some highlights of the formation:

The 1st day of our formation focused on the theme "Prayer and Spiritual Formation." The first session entitled "Prayer and Spiritual Life" was given by Sr. Mary Vianney Ramirez, SPC. There were three objectives highlighted in the talk of Sr. Vianney: (1) to increase the spiritual awareness of CMSV through prayer; (2) to establish deeper relationship and an intimate encounter with God; and (3) to understand the deeper importance of prayer in our lives.



At night, there was a Taize prayer facilitated by Ms. Beng. The Taize Prayer originated in Taize - an ecumenical Christian monastic order in France. It is a form of prayer in which the chants are sung repeatedly.

The focus of the formation on this 2nd day was Liturgy and Eucharist, discussed by Mr. Carlos Evangelista, a Religious Education professor.

Other noteworthy activities were: Holy Mass which was celebrated by Fr. Ben Castañeda; group discussion on "As a CMSV, how can you help the Campus Ministry and Christian Formation Office in promoting the Holy Eucharist to your fellow Paulinian?"; and a Holy Hour (The Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament).



The focus of the third day activities was "Commitment to Service/Mission, Leadership and Community-building." Team building activities were held throughout the day. In the evening, there was a closing liturgy commemorating the Cross.



On the 4th day, there was planning activity, which focused on the first semester achievements of the group and their plans for the second semester.

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From the Office of the President

SMIIC: Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting

Contributed by Flor Ramirez

The new **Cultural Affairs Committee** of the **South Manila Inter-Institutional Consortium (SMIIC)** held its first meeting on 12 November 2010 in St. Paul University Manila at the President's Board Room.

The committee was a brainchild of the heads of the SMIIC as a venue for sharing of cultural activities and possible fund-raising events. It was deemed practical and feasible inasmuch as most of the SMIIC member schools have cultural groups, such as chorales, drama clubs, and dance troupes.



Attending the organizational meeting were the following:

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| 1. Ms. Efigenia Magallanes | Emillio Aguinaldo College, Manila |
| 2. Prof. Nenita J. Dimaphilis | Adamson University |
| 3. Mr. Servillano Marquez Jr. | Adamson University |
| 4. Mary Ann Josette Pornie | UP Manila |
| 5. Dr. Jose V. Ogatis | UP Manila |
| 6. Dr. Larry A. Babao | Philippine Normal University |
| 7. Mr. Gil Castillo | DLSU College of St. Benilde |
| 8. Ms. Glorife Samodio | De La Salle University Manila |
| 9. Mr. Jenny Joey Medina | St. Paul University -Manila |
| 10. Ms. Eloisa Y. De Leon | Philippine Christian University |
| 11. Ms. Ellen Carbon | St. Scholastica's College- Manila |
| 12. Mr. Robert Frederick Hayden Jr. | Lyceum of the Philippines University |
| 13. Mrs. Susie Benitez | Philippine Women's University |



Mr. Servillano Marquez Jr.
presider of the meeting





From the Institutional Research and Knowledge Office

Mass Communication Research Papers Accepted for Presentation in DLSU 2011 Arts Congress

Contributed by Dr. Brian Bantugan

Four undergraduate researches have recently been accepted for panel presentation by the screening committee of the 2011 DLSU Arts Congress scheduled in February 2011. Below is the list of studies and their authors.

"The Evolution of Art Association of the Philippines"

Ana Marie Recirido (Batch 2009)

"An Evaluation of Halina't Makiugnay"

Jesylou Lacsamana, Anne Kristine Soper, and Ma. Arianna Tolentino (Batch 2009)

"Digital Book Cover Designs for Palanca Award-Winning Futuristic Fiction Short Stories"

Marie Chriz Miranda, Shiena Pinon, and Junaliza Medriano (Batch 2009)

"Using Animation Tools for Teaching Spelling to Pre-School Children"

Louise Bernadette Banez and Nastassja Helene Lakshmi Ramos (Batch 2009)

From the College of Business and Management

CPA LICENSURE EXAMINATION RESULTS OCTOBER 2010

Atty. Celso D. Benologa, PhD., CPA, Dean of the College of Business and Management and Chairperson, Accountancy Program, shares the following report:

We are submitting this report on the CPA Licensure Examination given by the Board of Accountancy in the cities of Manila, Baguio, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo and Legazpi in October 2010.

THE RESULTS

Out of 8,216 examinees 3,973 passed nationwide, indicating a 48.35% national passing rate.

The performance of St. Paul University Manila showed the following:

The successful examinees are:

2010 Graduates

1. Nikko Don R. Bandoquillo
2. France Seamara T. Garrido
3. Roxan M. Nobleza

2009 Graduates

1. Cathleen L. Batuigas
2. Ma. Camille G. Checa
3. Clementine S.M. Villanueva

2002 Graduate

1. Noemi P. Tan

The college held a Thanksgiving Mass and testimonial lunch on October 22, 2010 for these new CPA's, including Ms. Barbara D. Gonzales, a 2009 graduate who passed the May 2010 Licensure Examination.

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16 November Holiday

Malacañang declared November 16 a national non-working holiday in observance of Eid'ī Ahda, the Islam feast of sacrifice.

Eid al-Adha (Arabic: عيد الأضحى *Īdu l-'Aḍḥā*) or "Eid-u'z-Zuha" "Festival of Sacrifice" or "Greater Eid" is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide to commemorate the willingness of Abraham (Ibrahim) to sacrifice his son Ishmael (Isma'il) as an act of obedience to God, before God intervened to provide him with a ram to sacrifice instead.^[1]

The meat is divided into three equal parts to be distributed to others. The family retains one third of the share, another third is given to relatives, friends and neighbors, and the other third is given to the poor & needy.

The word "Eid" appears in Sura al-Mai'da ("The Table Spread," Chapter 5) of the Qur'an, meaning 'solemn festival'.^[3]

Eid al-Adha is celebrated annually on the 10th day of the 12th and the last Islamic month of Dhu al-Hijjah (ذو الحجة) of the lunar Islamic calendar.^[4] Eid al-Adha celebrations start after the Hajj, the annual pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia by Muslims worldwide, descend from Mount Arafat. The date is approximately 70 days (2 Months & 10 days) after the end of the month of Ramadan, i.e. Eid-ul-Fitr. Ritual observance of the holiday lasts until sunset of the 13th day of Dhu al-Hijjah.^[5]

(from wikipedia, the free encyclopedia)