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Book Selection and Benchmarking Tour in Singapore

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"The reading of all good books is like conversation with the finest men of the past centuries." – Descartes



On 1-5 June 2015, St. Paul University Manila was getting ready for the school year 2015-2016 by initially reviewing reference materials to be used in the new school year. Headed by Sr. Ma. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC (SPU Manila President) and Sr. Flordeliza Deza, SPC (Director of the International Relations Office and Language Development Center), a group of administrators went on a visit to four publishing houses in Singapore. Ms. Lalaine Vitug-Mallari (Chairperson of the AB Programs) and Ms. Maridel Negradas (Chairperson of the CS-IT Program) were with the Sisters.



Sr. Flor and Sr. Evangeline



Maridel and Lalaine

The publishing houses which the group visited were CENGAGE, WILEY, SAGE, and TAYLOR & FRANCIS.

Part of the trip was also to do benchmarking of two schools in Singapore, namely Nanyang Technological University (NTU) and Management Development Institute of Singapore (MDIS). At NTU, SPU-Manila delegation was welcomed by Dr. Meng-Hwa Er, VP for International Affairs. With him were Dr. Kian Lam Toh, Director of International Affairs, and



Prof. Lalit Goel, director for Global Education and Mobility. A library tour was also made possible as NTU Librarian Head, Choy Fatt Cheong, was very accommodating.

At MDIS, the group came to know that their course offerings are quite similar to those of St. Paul University Manila. Among the courses offered at MDIS are: Business and Marketing, Management, Psychology, Media and Communications, Digital Media, Computer and Network Technology, Tourism and Hospitality Management.

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ALUMNI GATHERINGS



**High School 1970
Get-Together in the residence
of Marot Fernandez
9 June 2015**

**High School 1965
Despedida for Elvie Reyes-Sison
Sentosa Restaurant, Shangrila
12 June 2015
L-R: Geepers Pascual, Ella Valencerina,
Nina Ganal, Millie Braganza,
Elvie Sison, and Lahla Laforteza.**



**High School 1965
Despedida for Espie Villaba-Alvez
Via Mare
15 June 2015
Seated L-R: Annie Salita, Rosemarie Sapugay,
Espie Alvez, Lulu Carrasco, Oro Gomez.
Standing L-R: Millie Braganza, Yvonne Vergara,
Marilen Ruiz, Lahla Laforteza,
Eca Gonzales, Sherry Lara, Cocoi Andal,
MOM, and Dottie Lucasan**