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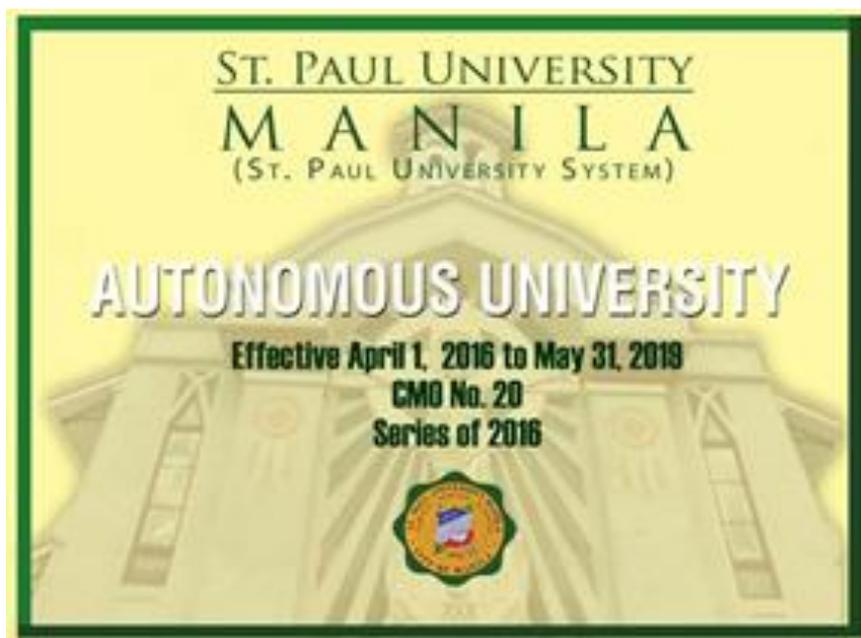
25 April 2016

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

On 22 April 2016, leaders from 160 countries officially signed the Paris Climate Agreement on Earth Day 2016.

The deal was thrashed out in Paris in December in order to stem global warming.

The signing makes this year's Earth Day one of the most important in years, and the organizers will be attempting to build on the momentum created by last year's Paris Climate Summit.



Autonomous and deregulated status is granted by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) based on the following criteria: long tradition of integrity and untarnished reputation; commitment to excellence; and sustainability and viability of operations.

Benefits enjoyed by autonomous HEIs include: exemption from issuance of Special Order (SO) for their graduates; freedom from regular monitoring and evaluation from CHED; priority in the granting of subsidies from CHED; privilege to determine and prescribe their curricular programs; privilege to offer new courses in the undergraduate and graduate levels; privilege to establish branches or satellite campuses without securing authority from CHED.



At its core, voter education is an enterprise designed to ensure that voters are ready, willing, and able to participate in electoral politics. It has been assumed that this entails election literacy and confidence that the electoral process is appropriate and effective in selecting governments and promoting policies that will benefit the individual voter.

## **LOOKING BACK**

### **NAPA REACHES OUT TO AETA COMMUNITY OF MATANGLAO IN BAGAC, BATAAN**

Contributed by Ivy Coronel

In partnership with the Community Development Center (CDC) and the SPC Medical Clinic and Pastoral Center, representatives of the Non-Academic Personnel Association (NAPA) went to Bataan on 2 April 2016 to personally hand out packed goodies to the families in the Aeta Community of Matanglao in Bagac.

Accompanied by Sr. Marie Adele Bonzon, SPC, Local Superior, and Ms. Estelita Bustos, CDC Social Worker, the NAPA representatives had a very fulfilling time playing with the children, bonding with the ladies of the community, and learning the ways of the aetas through the eyes of the elders and Apong Poon Siony, the barangay chairwoman.



**The women folk lining up for their packed goodies**



**NAPA members entertaining some of the children**



**The women demonstrating how to prepare/roast cashew nuts**



**With some of the members of the aeta community**



**Apo Poong Siony (left) discussing the ways of the aetas**

**The group posing for posterity**



To cap the experience, Sr. Adele brought the group briefly to a private beach resort owned by a friend. There, the group ran about happily for a while on white sand and sampled fruits from the fruit-bearing trees.



In gratitude, a thank you card was sent by Sr. Adele to the NAPA members, and it read:

*To NAPA Family,*

*Please accept our deep appreciation and gratitude for sharing your presence and goods to our poor people in Bagac. Truly, God hears the cry of the poor! The Aeta community of Matanglao were fed and shared the joy of your coming. Our adopted Barangay—Bagbag will also receive your gifts, as we begin the parish apostolate—"Visit to Families." The remaining goods will be given to the poor people, who come to the clinic.*

*You are the Face of God—in your "Habag at Awa" to our poor brothers and sisters.*

*Rest assured of God's blessings and love.*

*Love,*

*Sr. Marie Adele Bonzon, SPC*

*Sr. Rebecca Calumpang, SPC*

*Sr. Danilla Garces, SPC*

The outreach was made possible through the generous contribution of the NAPA members and additional donations from Dr. Jennifer Joy Olivar, Ms. Joanne Salve Popanes, Dr. Pricila Marzan, and Ms. Annie Demetrio.

Truly, Caritas Christi Urget Nos!

## FROM THE CMPA

The College of Music and the Performing Arts has prepared a number of activities dubbed "Experience a Paulinian Summer."

These include a Musical Theater Workshop for singers and actors aged 17 and above, scheduled on 18 April to 27 May 2016 and an Enhancement Training Program for teachers on 16-20 May 2016.

The Second Music Therapy Conference in the Philippines, "The Sound of Healing," will be held on 28-30 July 2016.



## FROM SENDAI SHIRAYURI WOMEN'S COLLEGE



Ms. Mary Ann Pascual, a faculty member of the College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences and moderator of the *Infonursetion*, the official publication of the college, is in Sendai Shirayuri Women's College as an exchange professor.

The school has posted the news of Ms. Pascual's joining the faculty in their publication.

SPU Manila congratulates Ms. Pascual and wishes her a happy and fulfilling stay in Sendai Shirayuri.

## ALUMNAE GATHERINGS



**AB 1976  
Birthday of Bibs Benedicto-Figueroa  
Cubic Homes  
16 April 2016**

**Gala Showing of Lila  
Starring Sherry Lara-Alingod  
SM Megamall  
22 April 2016**

