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## SME HOLDS 2<sup>ND</sup> RESEARCH CONGRESS & 3<sup>RD</sup> INTERNATIONAL FORUM ON INNOVATIVE COLLABORATIVE LEARNING

Mrs. Leni Robredo, Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines, was the Keynote Speaker in the 2nd SMEC (South Manila Educational Consortium) Research Congress and 3rd International Forum on Innovative Collaborative Learning. The congress and forum focused on inclusive education.

Sr. Evangeline Anastacio, SPC, SPU Manila President, gave the opening remarks in the congress-forum, which used to be an activity of the University.

Plenary speakers in the SMEC Research Congress and FICL 2017 were Dr. Huy Nguyen from Vietnam and Dr. Jantima Kheokao from Thailand.

A number of administrators and faculty members of SPU Manila also attended the activity.

Following are pictures of the event:



**With VP Robredo...**

**and keynote speakers...**

**Delegates posing for souvenir photos...**





More souvenir photos...

### From the International Relations Office

## **ASIA-JAPAN ALUMNI INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM** **(ASJA–Asia-Japan Alumni, ASCOJA–Asian Council of Japan Alumni,** **PHIL FEJA-Philippine Federation of Japan Alumni)** **20 February 2017, AIM Conference Hall, Makati**

Contributed by Sr. Flordeliza Deza, SPC

The event gathered JAPAN ALUMNI/SCHOLARS from the ASEAN—with some invited guests from a few universities (like SPU Manila) which have faculty/alumni who are members of the organizations above. The group was composed of ASEAN alumni (from Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam). Alumni from the Philippines came mostly from UP Diliman, UP Los Baños, and other SUCs, and Ateneo and La Salle. Programs/studies were along STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and Japanese Language Learning. Dr. Portia Vitug was the only alumna/scholar from SPU Manila.

Keynote Speaker for the Symposium was Mr. Susumu Ito, Chief Representative of JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency, who spoke on “Japan Development Assistance: Trends, Patterns, Issues, and Prospects for Education and Human Resource Development.” Presentations/papers/reports from chosen speakers and alumni featured their experiences and benefits that accrued to their country (such as infrastructure), to their home school (value-added manpower quality) and to their personal life/family (employment opportunities, economic gains, personal prestige) as a result of the assistance provided by the ODA (Official Development Aid of Japan) channeled through the organizations above.

The “internationalization” aspect focused on the above efforts of Japan to assist in developing highly skilled human resources in this time of internationalization and ASEAN integration.

Two noteworthy inputs were “ASEAN Integration and New Generation Trade Agreements: Implications for Human Resource Development” by Dr. Cielito Habito, Professor-Economics, Ateneo, former Philippine Secretary for Socio-Economic Planning, and Director General of NEDA; and “Internationalization of HEIs in the midst of ASEAN Integration” by Dr. Caesar Saloma, Professor, National Institute of Physics, UP Diliman and Member, National Academy of Science and Technology, Philippines.

What does the symposium mean for SPU Manila?

1. It is good to learn about Japan's efforts and willingness to invest material resources for building and establishing goodwill in Asia and ultimately to help ASEAN countries in their development through human resource development.
2. For SPU Manila to participate and be part of this circle, it has to a) give attention to building its STEM programs (if any); b) explore possible programs where its people (faculty, staff, students) can participate in human resource development programs; and c) to undertake research, which is always a rich area for cooperation.



**Dr. Portia Vitug, Sr. Flordeliza Deza, SPC, and Dr. Marichen Dychangco at the conference**

### **SPC Sisters celebrate OBE Father's Birthday**

The SPC Malate Community was fortunate to have celebrated the birthday of Dr. William Spady, Father of OBE (Outcomes Based Education) on 26 February 2017.



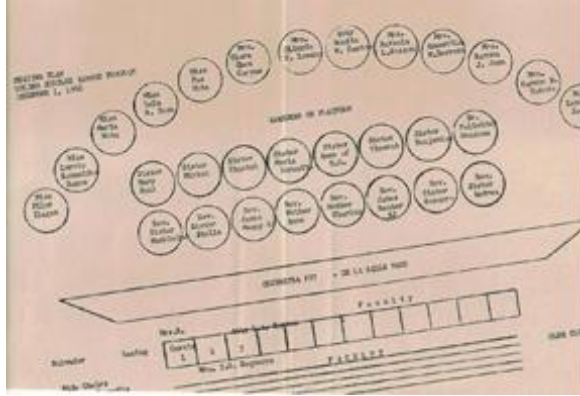
### **ALUMNI NEWS**

#### **Looking back in time**

Betty Ann Besa-Quirino (AB 1977), shared this bit of nostalgia:  
*I found the souvenir program of the Golden Jubilee Celebration (50th year) of SPCM among my mom's things.*

This was the event where she was the recipient of the Fleur-de-lis Award on December 1, 1962.

I scanned the inside pages, which show her award and the seating arrangement of the other awardees.



Sr. Lilia asked if I remember my mom's batch so when I was reading the program, I saw the name of Ms. Clara Oben-Corpus (also a Fleur-de-lis awardee for establishing the Mother Butler Guild). I recall that mommy mentioned Clara was her classmate in elementary.

Also, re my mom's papal award. My sister made a correction. My mom was awarded the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

We have her medal at our home in Tarlac. I found photos of her during the investiture in Manila with the Papal Nuncio at that time, but there are no captions.

## ALUMNAE GATHERINGS

**High School 1980  
With Mimi Arce-Luna,  
Morela Basa,  
Rina Chico-Anduiza,  
Lorie Mumar-Severino  
Adeliza Basa,  
Jenny Justo-Lee,  
Sarita Jovellanos,  
and ChiChi Comsti**



**High School 1963  
Despedida for balikbayans  
20 February 2017  
Residence of Ruby Tuason**

**High School 1967  
More golden times  
26 February 2017**



**High School 1967 and 69  
Visit to Vigil House  
26 February 2017**



**SPCM Interns Mini Reunion  
Hosted by Aying de Leon  
21 February 2017**



**Paulinian Get-Together in Honolulu  
With Lena B. Ligaya, Charito Zafra,  
and Myrna Obligacion-Carreon**



**Visit of Paulinians from Australia  
20 February 2017  
Bimbi and Ronnie Flor with MOM**

