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SPECIAL REPORT

SPU Manila receives major award in 3rd FICL

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On 23-24 February 2017, the South Manila Educational Consortium (SMEC) and St. Paul University Manila held the 3rd International Forum on Innovative Collaborative Learning in Higher Education 2017 and the 2nd SMEC Research Congress in the 4th Floor Hall of the Henry Sy Building of De La Salle University Manila.

With no other than the Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines, Hon. Leni Robredo as keynote speaker, the event featured plenary sessions led by Dr. Huy Nguyen from the Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (Vietnam); Dr. RMW Rathnayake, Dean of Management Studies of the Sabaragamuwa University (Sri Lanka); and Mark Lester Lacsamana, HIV-AIDS advocate (Philippines) on the first day; and Dr. Jantima Kheokao, Professor, University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce (Thailand) and President of the Asian Network of Public Opinion Research; Ms. Annette Asuncion (licensed music therapist from the USA); and Mr. Kevisekuo Sechu (music educator from India) on the second day.



**Mr. Mark Lester Lacsamana (far left)
and Dr. Huy Nguyen (left)
Plenary session speakers, Day 1**

**Dr. Jantima Kheokao (right)
and Mr. Kevisekuo Sechu (far right)
Plenary session speakers, Day 2**





Ms. Annette Asuncion
Plenary session speaker, Day 2

The event also recognized the accomplishments of undergraduate research in four higher education institutions that participated in the student research paper competition and poster exhibit (held in SPU Manila during the two days).

Two awards were given with respect to the student research paper competition, namely, Technical Excellence Award and Compassion Value Excellence Award.

Five were declared winners for technical excellence. They are as follows:

First Place: *Disrupting Power Boundaries: Top Gear Philippines and the Culture of Online Vigilantism* (Far Eastern University)

Second Place: *Nagmahal, Nasaktan, Nagtravel: The Production of Tourist Spaces in Selected Romantic Comedy Films of Antoinette Jadaone* (Far Eastern University)

Third Place: *Ethical Consent Behavior of Filipino Parents towards Sexual Health Research for Minors* (St. Paul University Manila College of Nursing and Allied Health Sciences)

Fourth Place: *Entitlement as a Predictor of Ambivalent Sexism among Filipino Undergraduate Students* (St. Paul University Manila College of Arts and Sciences)



Fifth Place: *Huli Ka! Tutusukin Ko ang Kwek Kwek Mo: A Semiotic Analysis on the Sexual Objectification of Women in the Music Videos of P.A.R.D.* (Far Eastern University Manila)

Six were declared recipients of the Compassion Value Excellence Award, namely:

First Place: *Disrupting Power Boundaries: Top Gear Philippines and the Culture of Online Vigilantism* (Far Eastern University)

Second Place: *Entitlement as a Predictor of Ambivalent Sexism among Filipino Undergraduate Students* (St. Paul University Manila College of Arts and Sciences)

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Fifth Place: *Rise above the Hate: A Step Towards Beating Cyber Bullying among Paulinians in St. Paul University Manila* (St. Paul University Manila College of Arts and Sciences)

Consequently, Far Eastern University, St. Paul University Manila, Asian Institute of Maritime Studies, and Adamson University were declared first, second, and third placers, respectively, for Institutional Excellence for Student Research Training.

**Dr. Marichen Dychangco
receives award for SPU Manila
--second place,
Institutional Excellence
for Student Research Training**



In the poster exhibit competition, SPU Manila's College of Business and Management took home all five major awards. They were ranked as follows:



- 1st: *REFUEL-Turning Trash into Treasure*
- 2nd: *Go E-Bag-Life vest convertible into an emergency bag*
- 3rd: *Pedal-powered charger*
- 4th: *Viability of avocado as a healthy alternative to butter in baking moist chocolate cupcake*
- 5th: *Panaw: Discover Visayas*

First Placer, Poster Competition

Second Placer, Poster Competition





Third Placer, Poster Competition

The judges of the blind-reviewed student paper competition were Dr. Oradol Kaewprasert of the University of the Thai Chamber of Commerce (Thailand); Dr. Christopher Magno of Gannon University (USA); and Dr. Clive Alvyn Ocon of the Jose Rizal University (Philippines). Meanwhile, the jury for the poster presentation was composed of Ms. Emily Mones (visual artist), Ms. Judith Alderete (religious education teacher), and a representative of a student research organization in SPU Manila.

2017 PAULAKalusugan WELLNESS SESSION

Contributed by Nancy A. Aguila

As part of the University Week celebration, the Health Services Unit of St. Paul University Manila, in coordination with Human Resource Services Unit, sponsored a health session activity on health prevention entitled, "2017 PAULAKalusugan: Wellness Session," a program for student and employee health awareness. The activity's aims were: to create awareness on the prevention of Hepatitis B, strengthen consciousness in the care of eyes, and value the importance of the annual medical check provided by the institution.



The event was held on 27 January 2017 in the Founders' Hall, from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon. Twenty-six employees of SPU Manila attended the activity, with nine students from Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management and Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

The sponsors who were invited and generously gave their time and services were Sanofi Pasteur and Vision Check Optical Clinic.

Registration started at 1:00 in the afternoon, and at 1:40 the program started with an opening prayer led by one of our School Dentists, Dr. Vergilyn Montales. Ms. Nancy A. Aguila, Director of Health Services, welcomed the participants and sponsors of the activity. Dr. Montales and Ms. Anne Bungalon, School Nurse, served as Masters of Ceremony and introduced the guest speakers and sponsors.



The first speaker was Ms. Casielyn Diño, Key Accounts Specialist from Sanofi Pasteur, who discussed facts on Hepatitis B and policies of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) about its prevention in the workplace as part of vaccination program the school.

After Ms. Diño's talk, Dr. Glidess Lorei Nuguid-Quiling, a Pediatric Clinical Optometrist of Vision Check Optical Clinic, shared health guidelines from the Department of Health (DOH) regarding Eye Saving Month. Highlights of the talk were refraction errors, proper way of choosing eye glasses, prevention of the Computer Vision Syndrome, and vision related problems, especially in children. Dr. Quiling gave an open eye consultation and assessed one student while Ms. Diño was giving the lecture on Hepatitis B.

The participants were enlightened in the question and answer portion after each session. Capping the program, Ms. Joanne Salve-Popanes, Manager, Human Resource Services, gave the Closing Remarks. On behalf of Ms. Arañas, Vice President for Student Services, Ms. Popanes, assisted by Ms. Aguila, awarded the certificates of appreciation and tokens to the guest speakers.



The seminar ended with a closing prayer by Ms. Bungalon. A group picture of all the participants, employees, and sponsors was taken in remembrance of the said event.

