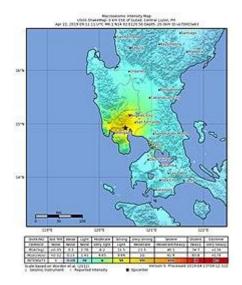
## SPU Manila INTER-OFFICE BULLETIN

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# EARTHQUAKE HITS LUZON SPU MANILA CLOSED FOR A DAY

On Monday last week, the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, an earthquake hit Luzon, affecting a large area, including Metro-Manila. We are posting an account from *Wikipedia* for the information of future generations.

On April 22, 2019, a 6.1 magnitude earthquake struck the island of Luzon in the Philippines, leaving at least 19 people dead and injuring at least 281 others. Despite the fact that the epicenter was in Zambales, most of the damage to infrastructure occurred in the neighboring province of Pampanga, which suffered damage to 29 buildings and structures.



United States Geological Surveyshake map for the April 22 earthquake; a maximum Mercalli intensity scalevalue of 6.6 was observed in Gutad, Floridablanca, Pampanga.

The Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology initially reported an earthquake of magnitude 5.7 striking at 17:11 PST with an epicenter two kilometers N 28° E of Castillejos, Zambales. The report was later revised to an earthquake of magnitude 6.1 with epicenter 18 kilometers N 58° E of Castillejos. [6]

The fault from which the earthquake originated is yet to be determined, with geologists focusing on two nearby fault systems, the Iba Fault and the East Zambales Fault, trying to ascertain the source of the earthquake.

As of April 25, 2019, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council confirmed 18 deaths and 282 injuries. Of the 18 reported dead, 5 were reported in the collapsed Chuzon Supermarket in the municipality of Porac, 7 were reported elsewhere in the town, 2 in Lubao, 1 in Angeles City, and 1 in San Marcelino, Zambales.

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The following day, 23 April 2019, the University was closed so that the buildings could be inspected for structural and electrical damage.

All activities scheduled for the day were cancelled.

### Vice President for Academic Affairs joins SMEC team in UK visit

Dr. Marichen Dychangco, SPU Manila Vice President for Academic Affairs, together with Presidents and other Vice Presidents from the South Manila Education Consortium (SMEC), visited several universities in the United Kingdom, particularly in London, Scotland, and Wales. This project was held in collaboration with the British Council (BC).



The project aimed to conduct planning meetings with selected UK universities to identify ways on how to collaborate through academic program exchange, research, and innovation; develop faculty capacities in areas of specialization and interest; and learn from strategies used by the higher education institutions in UK.

The visit took place on 18-21 March 2019. Various projects were discussed and considered at the consortium and institutional levels.

Marichen shares some photos:





#### **ALUMNAE ACTIVITIES**

#### **SPMAFI MEETING**

As mentioned above, all activities scheduled on 23 April 2019 were cancelled as the school was closed for inspection.

The meeting of the St. Paul Manila Alumni Foundation, Inc. (SPMAFI) was called off. It will be held on Tuesday, 6 May 2019 in Meeting Room 1. As agreed, the Board of Trustees will meet at 10:00 A.M. and the meeting with the jubilarian 2020 class representatives will be held at 12:00 NN.

#### **ALUMNAE GATHERINGS**

High School 1966 Lunch for Marinela Dumlao-Currie Chef Jessie 25 March 2019

> L-R: Nela, Bubut de los Santos, Sherry Alingod, and MOM





High School 1966 Birthday lunch

With Roree Sta. Romana, Gloria Grau, Agnes Devanadera, Gigi Cabuñag, Anna Gutierrez, Rosario Magsino, Carolina Brinas, Milagros Zapanta,



