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USC holds Hugyaw 2023

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After returning to the full face-to-face setup of classes, UPMin conducted the first-ever "Hugyaw 2023: UP Mindanao Orgs Fair" on 27-29 April 2023 at the Basketball Court Area beside the Admin Building. Spearheaded by the University Student Council, the event aimed to enhance students' university experience by presenting the different student organizations within the University. Students were also immersed in the various cultures and activities within the UP Mindanao community.

Hugyaw, the name of the event,

is a Cebuano word that means "for a crowd to roar in laughter, excitement, and the like." The theme of the fair was "Tumindig Iskolar ng Bayan! Magkaisa para sa Karapatan, Trabaho, Edukasyon, at Malayang Lipunan!" The event was an avenue for students to forward their campaigns and create unity among organizations. The three-day fair had booths, games, music, art, and food and drinks. These were not only for fun and festivities but also to create an opportunity for organizations to organize income-generating projects to fund their plans and activities.

During Hugyaw 2023, the UP

Mindanao Biological Society held the Biocoustic Battle 2023, in which acoustic band groups composed of UPMin students battled and showed off their musical prowess and talent.

Another event organized during the fair were the free HIV tests conducted by The Family Planning Organization of the Philippines. One of the challenges that the pandemic brought was organizing activities that allowed students to meet each other and enrich their learning experience outside of classes. Hugyaw 2023 was a way to unlock the potential each student had through the introduction of different existing organizations.

AASS Student Wins Archery Tournament

ANGELINE MARIE REALINGO

In the recently concluded 2023 Archery Grassroots Development Program, Leg 2—Associate in Arts in Sports Studies (AASS) student Kristine Madeline S. Ibag won 1st place in the Under-21 Compound Women Category. The competition was held from 31 March until 2 April 2023 in Bacolod City, at the 2023 Palarong

Panlalawigan of Negros Occidental Province. The tournament was certified by the World Archery Philippines, Inc. (WAP, INC.). Ms. Ibag is currently a first year student of UPMin's AASS program, which opened in Academic Year 2021-2022. The Department of Human Kinetics UP Mindanao expressed their delight by honoring the said candidate and celebrating her achievement.

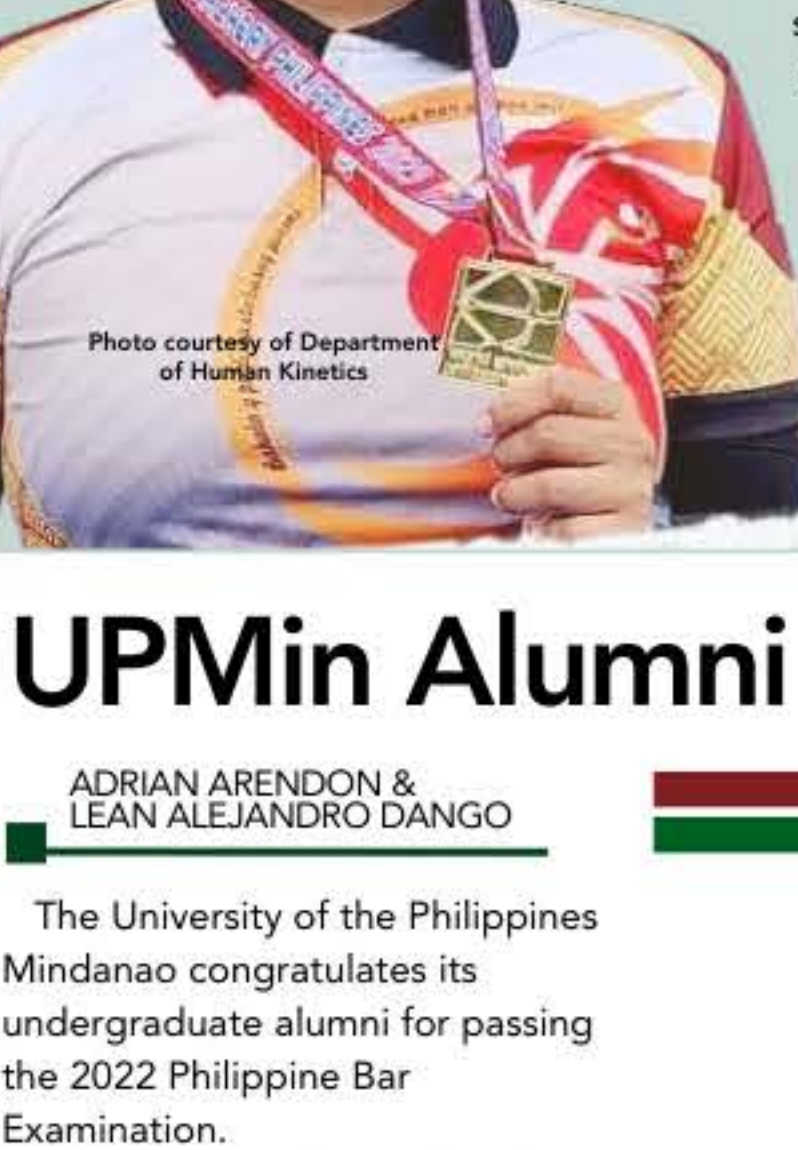


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UPMin Alumni pass Bar Exam 2022

ADRIAN ARENDON & LEAN ALEJANDRO DANGO

The University of the Philippines Mindanao congratulates its undergraduate alumni for passing the 2022 Philippine Bar Examination.

Among those who took and passed the Bar Exam include, but are not limited to: Atty. Mia Frances Balbas (BA Communication Arts), Atty. Carla Louise Bayquen (BS Biology), Atty. Caryl Shenn Boliver (BA Communication Arts), Atty. Sheila Mae Cabazares (BA Anthropology), Atty. Kristelle May Cagatin (BA English), Atty. Marvin Doods de Castro (BA Anthropology), Atty. Mary Ann Constantino (BS Biology), Atty. Mikko Jan Epe dela Cruz (BS Agribusiness Economics), Atty. Karl Justeen David (BS Agribusiness Economics), Atty. Niel Edward Demery (BA Communication Arts), Atty. Hazel Diane Estrosas (BA Communication Arts), Atty. Shandy Garcia (BS Agribusiness Economics), Atty. Ryan Mendez (BS Computer Science), Atty. Meriam Angela Narawi (BS



Applied Mathematics), Atty. Princess Melody Narcilla (BA Communication Arts), Atty. Eloisa Oliveros (BA Communication Arts), Atty. Kristel Saligan (BS Agribusiness Economics), Atty. Karlo Mauro Tanjili (BS Biology), Atty. Lizette Tuballa (BA

Anthropology), and Atty. Justin Niel Villanueva (BA Communication Arts). According to the Supreme Court, a number of 3,992 aspiring lawyers out of 9,183 examinees successfully passed the bar exam, with a national passing rate of 43.47%.

UPMin reaches out to Caraga, Sulu

JAMES EDWARD PANGAN

To promote the upcoming UP College Admissions Test (UPCAT), the Ugnayan ng Panihungod Mindanao—in partnership with the UPMin Office of Extension and Community Service, UPMin Office of the University Registrar, and the UP Office of Admissions—assembled volunteers to visit Caraga and Sulu and conducted UPCAT Simulation Exams and Manual Application Campaigns for Grade 11 Students.

The visits occurred between 24 April 2023 and 28 April 2023. During their trip to Caraga, the UP Mindanao visited the following

high schools: Cugdiano National High School, Ruben Edera Eclo Sr. National High School, Primitivo J. Ebo Memorial National High School, and the Dinagat School of Fisheries.

The UPCAT Simulation Exam and Manual Application Campaign in Caraga was made possible through the collaboration of UP Mindanao and the Youth Formation Unit under the School Governance and Operations Division of the Schools Division Office of Dinagat Islands.

From 25 to 27 April 2023, the team visited eight schools in Sulu: Sulu National High School (Sulu

NHS), Jolo School of Fisheries, Jolo Agricultural School, Hadji Butu School of Arts and Trades, Mindanao State University Sulu (MSU Sulu), Sulu State College, Notre Dame of Jolo High School, Sulu College of Technology.

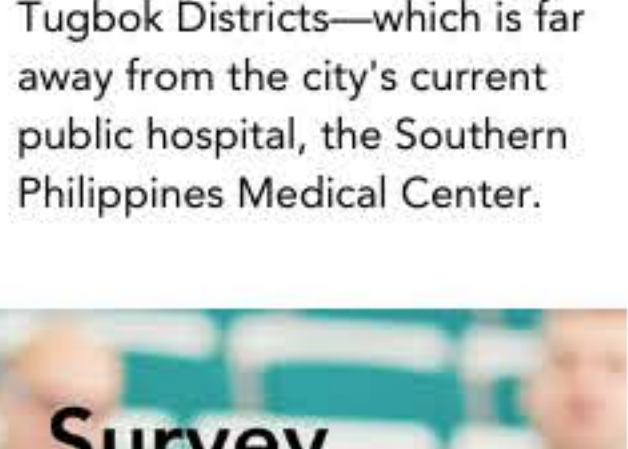


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UP Mindanao to establish Med School

ADRIAN ARENDON

The University of the Philippines Mindanao plans to establish a School of Medicine with the help of UP Manila and the UP President. The soon-to-be degree-granting unit will offer a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) program with a curriculum adopted from the UP Manila College of Medicine. The School of Medicine will cater to the underserved growing population of Mindanao.

The said initiative became feasible when UPMin did a study and found that there is a shortage of medical professionals in Mindanao.

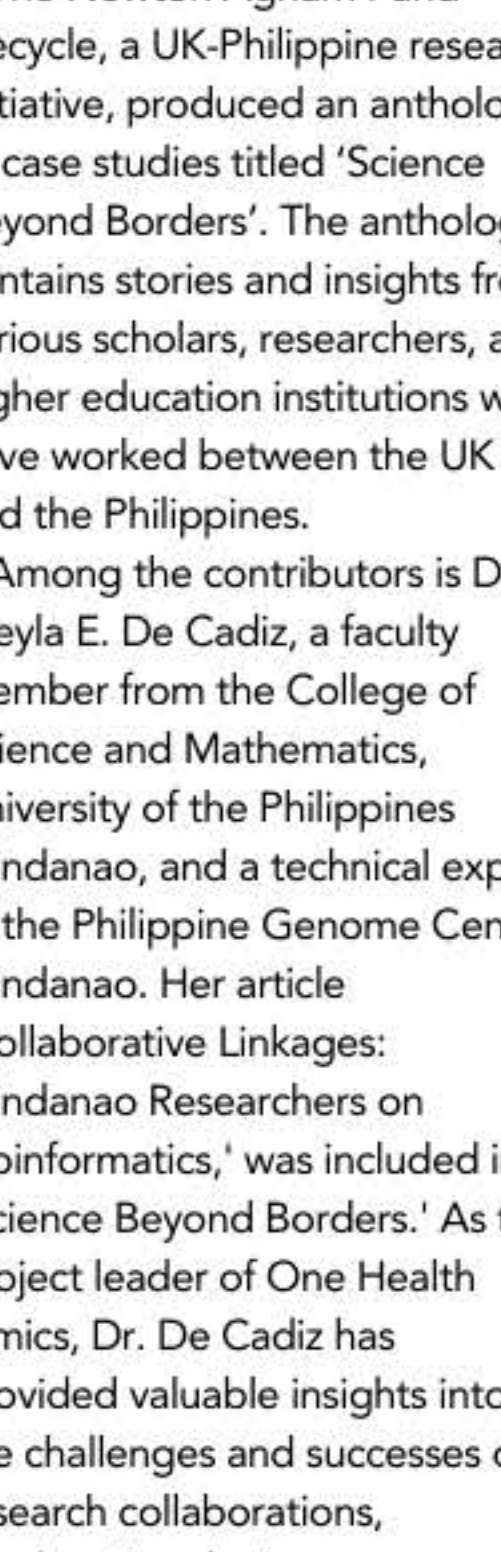
The Davao City Public Hospital, a public healthcare facility currently under construction in UPMin, will serve as the teaching hospital for the School of Medicine. The DCPH is a collaboration between UPMin and the Local Government Unit of Davao City (LGU-Davao). It will also serve the Third District of Davao City—consisting of the Baguio, Calinan, Marilog, Toril, and

Tugbok Districts—which is far away from the city's current public hospital, the Southern Philippines Medical Center.



Tingle Anthology is finalist at 40th National Book Awards

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The Tingle Anthology of Pinay Lesbian Writing, edited by the Department of Humanities chair Professor Jhoanna Lynn B. Cruz, was a finalist in the Literary Division - Anthology category of the 40th National Book Awards. The anthology is a collection of short stories by different Pinay lesbian authors on visibility, different aspects of lesbian life, and diverse pieces that show women-loving-women. Organized by the National Book Development Board and the Manila Critics Circle, the annual

Philippine National Book Award hails prestigious works written, designed, and published in the Philippines. BA English alumni such as Ria Valdez, Nina Maria Alvarez, Mary Liezl Raniel, Viv Salve, Jacedel Zulita, and Krista Melgarejo were also contributors to the anthology.



Prof. Aleyla de Cadiz's Science Beyond Borders publication

JAMES EDWARD PANGAN

The Newton Agham Fund lifecycle, a UK-Philippine research initiative, produced an anthology of case studies titled 'Science Beyond Borders'. The anthology contains stories and insights from various scholars, researchers, and higher education institutions who have worked between the UK and the Philippines.

Among the contributors is Dr. Aleyla E. De Cadiz, a faculty member from the College of Science and Mathematics, University of the Philippines Mindanao, and a technical expert of the Philippine Genome Center Mindanao. Her article 'Collaborative Linkages: Mindanao Researchers on Bioinformatics,' was included in 'Science Beyond Borders.' As the project leader of One Health Omics, Dr. De Cadiz has provided valuable insights into the challenges and successes of research collaborations, emphasizing the importance of exposing Mindanaoan researchers to bioinformatics tools and techniques.



The One Health Omics project at the University of the Philippines Mindanao in collaboration with PGC Mindanao is definitive proof of how research collaborations between the UK and the

Philippines can lead to the building of a bioinformatics workforce in Mindanao that pushes the boundaries of knowledge and contribute to both science and the community.

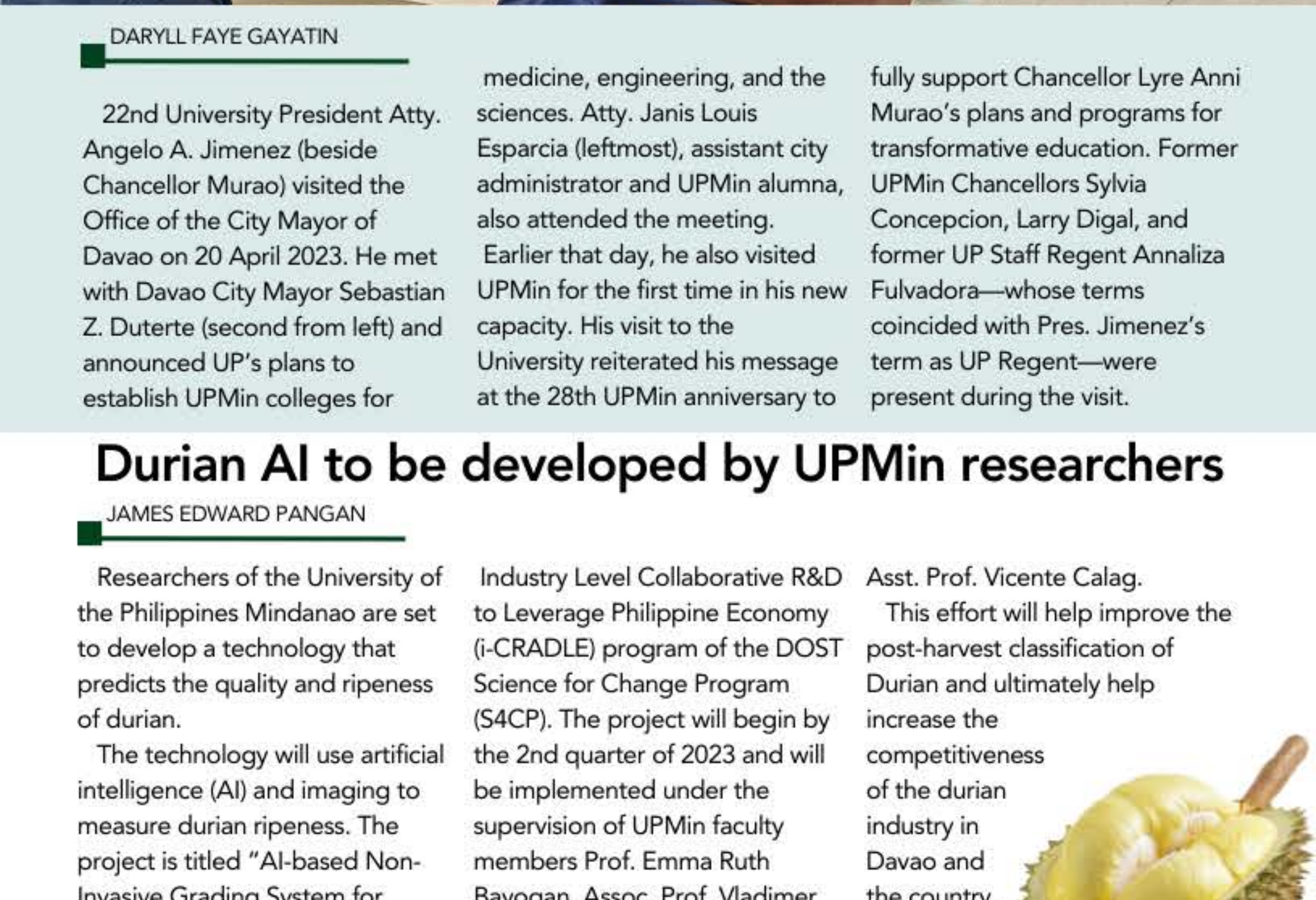
PAAJ visits City Hall, UPMin

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22nd University President Atty. Angelo A. Jimenez (beside Chancellor Murao) visited the Office of the City Mayor of Davao on 20 April 2023. He met with Davao City Mayor Sebastian Z. Duterte (second from left) and announced UPMin's plans for established UPMin colleges for

medicine, engineering, and the sciences. Atty. Janis Louis Esparacia (leftmost), assistant city administrator and UPMin alumna, also attended the meeting. Earlier that day, he also visited UPMin for the first time in his new capacity. His visit to the University reiterated his message at the 28th UPMin anniversary to

fully support Chancellor Lyre Anni Murao's plans and programs for transformative education. Former UPMin Chancellors Sylvia Concepcion, Larry Dugal, and former UP Staff Regent Annaliza Fulvadora—whose terms coincided with Pres. Jimenez's term as UP Regent—were present during the visit.



Durian AI to be developed by UPMin researchers

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The Researchers of the University of the Philippines Mindanao are set to develop a technology that predicts the quality and ripeness of durian.

The technology will use artificial intelligence (AI) and imaging to measure durian ripeness. The project is titled "AI-based Non-Invasive Grading System for Durian" (AIDurian) and will be funded by the

Industry Level Collaborative R&D to Leverage Philippine Economy (i-CRADLE) program of the DOST Science for Change Program (S4CP). The project will begin by the 2nd quarter of 2023 and will be implemented under the supervision of UPMin faculty members Prof. Emma Ruth Kobayashi, Asst. Prof. Vladimir Kobayash, Asst. Prof. Armacheska Mesa-Satina, and

Asst. Prof. Vicente Calag. This effort will help improve the post-harvest classification of Durian and ultimately help increase the competitiveness of the durian industry in Davao and the country.



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UPMin and DOST-PTRI talk collaborations

BY ADRIAN ARENDON & TTBD0

The Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Textile Research Institute (DOST-PTRI) led by Mr. Audric Zureal Cruz paid a visit to UP Mindanao Chancellor Lyre Anni Murao.

The said meeting aimed to establish potential partnerships on indigenous weaves and natural fibers such as ramie, banana, and pineapple which are present in the Davao Region. The use of the Lactic Acid Laboratory was also brought out in the discussion, as well as possible opportunities for technology transfer.

The Philippine Research Textile Institute presented its research and development for the textile industry. Its Research and Development (R&D) Division further exhibited projects that use textiles in different applications such as footwear and fabrics. The R&D Division are considering the adoption of polylactic acid for their future projects. It was suggested that the infrastructure for these projects be placed in the proposed Innovation, Science, and Technology (KIST) Park that will be built inside the UP Mindanao campus. UP Mindanao Chief Science Research Specialist Dr. Melvin S.

Pasaporte guided the DOST-PTRI around the Lactic Acid Laboratory. He presented the new equipment for the 2nd phase of polylactic acid development. The visit paved the way for more opportunities in the future of polylactic acid application by the learning institution and the agency.

Erratum: In the article "SOM holds forum" in the Madayaw's April issue, Melissa Loquias was mistakenly credited as Michelle Loquias. We apologize for the error.

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UPMin holds Hudyaka 2023

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Photo courtesy of the SOM Student Council

The UPMin School of Management Student Council (SOMSC), together with the Society of Agribusiness

Economists (SOABE) and the SOM community, recently held the first-ever college level sports event in the SOM, the Hudyaka: Sports Festival. The festival had the theme "HUDYAKA 2023: Pagsaulog, Panaghiusa, Pagpasindayag." Participants were divided into two teams: Alindanaw and

Alibangbang. They competed against each other in various sports such as basketball, chess, and football. The event began on 22 April 2023 with a parade led by the Sto. Niño Drum and Lyre Corps to highlight the celebration of camaraderie and sportsmanship. Team Alibangbang came out on top by the end of the event on 24 April 2023.

UPMin mourns passing of 14th UP President

BY ANGELINE MARIE REALINGO

The UPMin community mourned the passing of 14th University President Emanuel Valdez Soriano on 22 April 2023. The Philippine Flag and the UP Flag in the UPMin campus were lowered to half-mast in his honor.

Through a memorandum by the current University President, Atty. Angelo A. Jimenez, former President Soriano's passing was formally announced. The pioneering Business Administration faculty member passed away at 87 years old.

He served the UP community as president from 1979 to 1981, following Dr. Onofre D. Corpuz. Soriano's long-standing relationship with the university started long before his presidency. He had various achievements such as acquiring his Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering in 1959, and his Master's Degree in Industrial Management in 1962. Both degrees were obtained in the University of the Philippines. As a student, he served as vice president and president of the University Student Council under the UP Student Catholic Action (UPSCA) party affiliation from 1957 until 1959.

When the University Student

Council was restored in 1980 after being abolished by Marcos Sr. in 1973, Soriano inducted its new members. In 1983, in a Business Day newspaper open letter, he called for Marcos' resignation after the assassination of Senator Benigno Aquino Jr. Aiding former president Cory Aquino during the elections, he became an active member of the Convenors group which assisted Aquino to win the 1985-1986 snap elections.

President Soriano has contributed greatly not just to the University's history and welfare, but also the nation's future. In memory of President Emanuel Valdez Soriano, the loss of a once great leader is being grieved for.

Photo from Facebook page of Rinna Soriano

