The United Nations Association of the Philippines (UNAP) accorded the General Carlos P. Romulo Achievement Award to Dr. Adora S. Pili, President, Technological University of the Philippines. The awarding ceremony was held on October 28, 2015 at the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig, Pasig, Metro Manila.

The award was given in recognition of Dr. Pili’s valuable contributions in the Philippine Educational System in her various capacities as Professor, Dean, Director, Vice President and at present, University President. She is regarded an icon in helping mould the youth to become future leaders of this country.

In her acceptance speech, Dr. Pili said that she was humbled and honoured to receive the Carlos P. Romulo Achievement Award, which she would like to share to the TUP constituents and to all her countrymen. Further, Dr. Pili said that she is aware of the duties and responsibilities that come with the prestigious award, and believes that she has already committed herself to the cause of providing relevant and quality service to the youth and fellowmen that would, by and large bring about transformation in their lives. She ended her speech by saying, “action without vision is only passing time; vision without action is merely daydreaming, but vision with...
President’s Notes

Philippine President Benigno S. Aquino III extends greetings to TUP on its 114th Foundation Anniversary Celebration

Full text of President Aquino’s message:

“My warmest greetings to the Technological University of the Philippines as you celebrate your 114th Foundation Anniversary.

Modernity and globalization have transformed our society into one that places a premium on information and technology, and your organization is among the institutions at the forefront of developing our youth so that they more meaningfully engage this milieu. Your efforts to inculcate innovation and adaptability empower your students to become valuable members of any community they might choose. May you remain steadfast educators and help galvanize our nation towards lasting, equitable progress.

The Philippines has become a resilient hub of business and opportunity. Sustaining its gains is contingent on our citizens’ participation in our shared mission of inclusive growth. May this event reaffirm your commitment to foster resourcefulness, professionalism and ethics in your graduates so that they, in turn, may remain steadfast on the Daang Matuwid and become powerful agents of positive change.

I wish you a happy and purposeful celebration.”

BENIGNO S. AQUINO III

President Pili receives 2015 NU Outstanding Alumni

Ten alumni of the National University were conferred the “2015 NU Outstanding Alumni Award” by the National University Alumni Federation, Inc. (NUAFI) last October 17, 2015 at the NU Social Hall, Manila. One of the awardees, TUP President Adora S. Pili, was a graduate of NU in 1978 for the Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering.

The award was presented by B/Gen Francisco S. Bravo, NUAFI President and Mr. Teodoro J. Ocampo, President, National University. Also present during the occasion were the NUAFI Board of Directors, a significant number of NU alumni and guests.
A public forum on the proposed TUP Charter was held on October 1, 2015 at the conference hall, Integrated Research and Training Center. The forum was convened to help craft a bill that would revise the TUP Charter and declare TUP as the National Center for Technology Education. Involved in the assembly were former TUP Presidents, technology education experts, University officials and student leaders.

The forum commenced with the Welcome Remarks by President Adora S. Pili, acknowledging and thanking the distinguished guests for their individual contributions and commitment to TUP that brought about its present prominent stature. Further, she said that with the support of the iconic experts, the objectives of the forum could be achieved.

She stressed that subsequent to the outcome of the said forum, plans should be put to action in order to surely bring TUP to the apex of technology education in the country and become globally competitive in the future. Dr. Ma. Leonor F. Validor, Director, TUP Visayas campus and Chairperson of the NCTE Committee introduced the resource persons composed of three former TUP Presidents and two well-meaning friends and supporters of TUP, namely, Dr. Fedeserio C. Camarao, 4th and Centennial TUP President and former Chancellor, University of the East-Calooocan; Dr. Bernardo F. Adiviso, 3rd TUP President and former Director, Colombo Plan Staff College; Dr. Olympio V. Caparas, 6th TUP President; Dr. Perfecto A. Alibin, and former President, University of the Southeastern Philippines and former President, Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities of Industrial Technology (PACUIT); and Dr. Renato V. Alba, former President, West Visayas College of Science & Technology and Executive Director. PACUIT. Subsequently, Dr. Validor provided the participants a comprehensive overview of the activity.

Dr. Bernardo F. Adiviso, whose opening statement was his support for TUP’s aspiration that a bill be drafted to name TUP...
TUP and FPAG-JAG sign MOA

The signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was held between the Technological University of the Philippines, represented by its President, Dr. Adora S. Pili and the Fil Apparel Corporation (FPAC-JAG), represented by its Senior Manager-Business Development Mr. Arturo P. Relatado at the TUP Administrative building last September 18, 2015.

TUP and FPAC-JAG agreed to provide On-the-Job Trainees under the TUP Supervised Industrial Training Program the opportunity to acquire industrial experience in designing, manufacturing, retailing, marketing and sales of fashion & apparel products at FPAC-JAG. This corporation is one of the country’s largest garment manufacturers producing its own house brands for wholesale or retail. It also produces top retail brands in the United States such as JAG Jeans, JAG Thug/Kids, Lee Pipes and Jean Tribalgear, Von Dutch, Candie’s and USPA.

Other pertinent terms and conditions underlying the agreement were properly discussed and examined by both parties involved. Witnesses were: (TUP) Dr. Melito A. Baccay, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Prof. Antonio M. Enriquez, Director, Industrial Relations and Job Placement, Prof. Annalyn Gebe, Head, Food & Apparel Technology, College of Industrial Technology, Prof. Jhomayn Martelino, Faculty-in-Charge, FAT Department and Prof. Virgilio Rosario, faculty, Product Development Design Technology, College of Architecture and Fine Arts; (FPAC-JAG) Ms. Lita C. Roberts, HRD Administrator and Mr. Dale Roberts, Vice President, US Polo ASS.

TUP soars in 2015 board examinations

**Institutional Performance:**

**TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL** in the November 2015 Civil Engineer Licensure Examination

⇒ TUPM - **Rank 3** - 83.91% total percentage passed as against the national passing percentage of 55.25%

**TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL** in the October 2015 Electronics Technician Licensure Examination

⇒ TUPM - **Rank 7** - 84.42% as against the national passing percentage of 41.50%

**TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL** in the September 2015 Registered Mechanical Engineer Licensure Examination

⇒ TUPM - **Rank 2** - 88.24% total percentage passed as against the national passing percentage of 63.01%

**Performance in Licensure Examination:**

- **Seventh Place**, Electronics Engineer Licensure Examination, 88.70%, TUPM October 2015. (KEVIN RALPH A. BELLA)
- **Eight Place**, Electronics Engineer Licensure Examination, 88.60%, TUPM October 2015. (IVY JOY B. CEE)
- **Ninth Place**, Special Professional Licensure Board Examinations for Architect, October 2015, (GERALDINE I. MALIWANAG)
- **Eight Place**, Registered Mechanical Engineering Licensure Examination, 85.55% TUPM, September 2015. (MOISES A. ENGAÑO)
- **Seventh Place**, Registered Master Electrician Licensure Examination, 88.00%, TUPM September 2015 (ROGIEBOE D. PAZ)
- **Eight Place**, Registered Master Electrician Licensure Examination, 87.55%, TUPM September 2015 (JOSEPH P. SILVESTRE)
- **Third Place**, Registered Master Electrician Licensure Examination, 86.00%, TUPM September 2015 (NICANOR J. MARZAN)
TUP sets MOA signing with BCDA

“In upholding the University’s commitment to provide new facilities with research laboratories, space for teaching and technology production to its stakeholders, TUP has embarked on an ambitious plan to expand its campus ground to Clark Green City. The planned expansion is the new campus that will be named, TUP Center for Industrial Development and Productivity (TUP-CINDEP). This new campus is envisioned to support the latest engineering, science and technology developments; offer courses for the K-12 high school graduates; and train manpower of neighbouring industries.”

To begin the development plans for a future campus in Clark, an initial discussion was made between the Base Conversion Development Authority (BCDA) officials and TUP CINDEP project authorities on December 2, 2014. The agenda focused on how TUP can acquire land donation in Clark Green City.

The succeeding encounter of TUP and BCDA took place on February 2, 2015. TUP officials headed by President Adora S. Pili attended the Awarding Ceremony of the Open Competition for the Optimization of the Clark Green City Master Plan held at Mind Museum, CGC Taguig City. On this occasion, Dr. Pili had the opportunity to obtain concrete information about Clark Green City.

On April 28, 2015, the TUP team visited the BCDA Corporate Center, Taguig and had a brief discussion on the following: Clark Green City (CGC) Map familiarization and a view of the future location of TUP CINDEP; CGC’s policies and requirements; preliminary activities needed to be carried out before the signing of MOA between BCDA and TUP. After which, a tour to the spot of TUP-CINDEP in CGC was made by the TUP Team, BCDA Team and the Tennessee Renewable Energy and Economic Development Council’s (TREEDC) Director Warren Nevad.

On June 8, 2015, TUP President Dr. Adora S. Pili presented the TUP CINDEP Development Plan to BCDA officials. With Dr. Pili’s excellent presentation, 20 hectares with provision up to 100 hectares of land donation was granted to TUP by BCDA. Other matters taken up during

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The Technological University of the Philippines received a Recognition Award from Swiss Cultural Fund worth One Hundred Thousand Pesos (P100,000) for submitting the most number of entries in the “Create and Innovate: Essence of Switzerland Art Competition” during the awarding ceremonies held last September 8, 2015 at the Swatch + Swatch Bldg., Makati.

The Create and Innovate competition aims to create artworks that captured the spirit of Switzerland by creating something original; innovating an old concept; or making something with a touch of Swatch. Though, many impressive entries flowed in, the top three winners from their respective categories were chosen by the panel of judges. Two students from the College of Architecture and Fine Arts (CAFA) were among the Top 20 winners of a limited edition Swatch watch and a Swiss bag filled with goodies such as cap, Swiss chocolates, Matterhorn mouse pad, lanyard and more.

Not only did the competition bring some winnings to the University, but most of all, it gave its young artists an opportunity to showcase their novel and fresh ideas, reimagining concepts and making them come to life.
as the National Center for Technology Education. In the same manner, he added that pending the writing of the said bill, he advised the body to have a timetable, have consultations with other institutions and the private sector, and conduct research on the status of international universities that also offer technology education. Furthermore, he said that TUP should avoid duplicating what other institutions have been doing.

The second speaker, Dr. Fedeserio C. Camarao, commended TUP for the effort to propose a bill on changing the image of the University. However, Dr. Camarao said, he would support the idea of making TUP a national university rather than simply making it a National Center in Technology Education. To justify his claim, Dr. Camarao explained that TUP had already taken a lead in technology education as substantiated by its numerous recorded achievements in the field; therefore, calling it merely a center was reasonably inappropriate. He then provided a considerable list of changes and improvements that TUP has to undertake in order to become a national university in technology education.

Dr. Renato V. Alba shared the same perspective as that of Dr. Camarao’s adverse concept of revising the TUP Charter and declaring the University a national center. Correspondingly, Dr. Alba said, TUP should aim to be a National University or become the Technological University in Asia instead. On this outlook, he enjoined the working committee to prepare a feasibility study, strategic direction, strategic objectives and a clear vision before pursuing the changing of TUP charter.

Dr. Perfecto A. Alibin lauded the pervading interest and desire of TUP to improve its stature as a University in technology education. He tackled the poor position of the country in terms of developing scientists and technologists, which he said was largely caused by lack of support from educational institutions. It was in this context that he highlighted TUP’s role, which however, he added, should be upgraded, so that in time could propel TUP to reach the apex of technology education.

Further, Dr. Olympio V. Caparas candidly expressed that he will not support the idea of lowering the level of the University to a center. He envisioned the early and present achievements of TUP in terms of providing technology education, thus he said that TUP should simply and most importantly develop a culture of shared responsibility and sharing of expertise to bring about unity that could raise the TUP to higher grounds.

A moderated open forum followed, participants engaged in interactive discussion with the speakers, covering issues that mostly pertain to institutional centers’ development and maintenance.

Finally, was the symbolic Signing of Commitment which was executed by Dr. Pili and former SUCs Presidents. After which, Dr. Melito A. Baccay, Vice President for Academic Affairs expressed his gratitude to the guests and participants.
the meeting were the schedule for the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement, the submission of TUP final development plan and the ground breaking ceremonies.

August 20, 2015, VPAA Dr. Melito A. Baccay and VPPDIS Dr. Ronaldo A. Juanatas attended the Awarding Ceremony of BCDA’s Housing Design Competition: B.A.L.E. (Building Accessible & Liveable Ecologies)

September 17, 2015, TUP officials and BCDA representatives had a meeting again at the BCDA Corporate Center, Taguig to finalize the contents of the MOA that will be signed on December 16, 2015. The MOA included all the significant inputs from both parties- TUP and BCDA.

Only recently, TREEDC officials led by Director Warren Nevad visited BCDA to discuss about its partnership with TUP vis-à-vis the establishment of TUP-CINDEP; and to obtain more information from BCDA about CGC Project in reference to TUP-CINDEP.

To put into finality the cycles of meeting about BCDA’s land donation to TUP, a signing of Memorandum of Agreement will be held on December 16, 2015. This momentous event will happen at the Centennial Stage in time for the Opening Ceremonies of the 114th TUP Foundation Anniversary.

PRESIDENT’S HOUR AT BCDA. Dr. Pili presenting the TUP’s development plan in order to obtain a sizeable land donation in Clark Green City (CGC). Very satisfied with the presentation, BCDA grants 20 hectares with provision up to 100 hectares.

AFTER THE PRESENTATION. BCDA officials wearing the TUP jacket as a symbol of a newly established partnership. (From left) Prof. Elizabeth J. Galvez, Dr. Gina L. Basa, VPRE Felipe Ronald M. Argamosa, BCDA VP Engr. Joshua Bingcang, BCDA President, Atty. Arnel Casanova, TUP President Dr. Adora S. Pili and BCDA Legal Officer, Atty. Honey Siclot.

Happy 114th Foundation Anniversary to all TUPLANs!! “TUP@114: One Vision, One Identity, One Community in Continuing its Journey to Higher Grounds”