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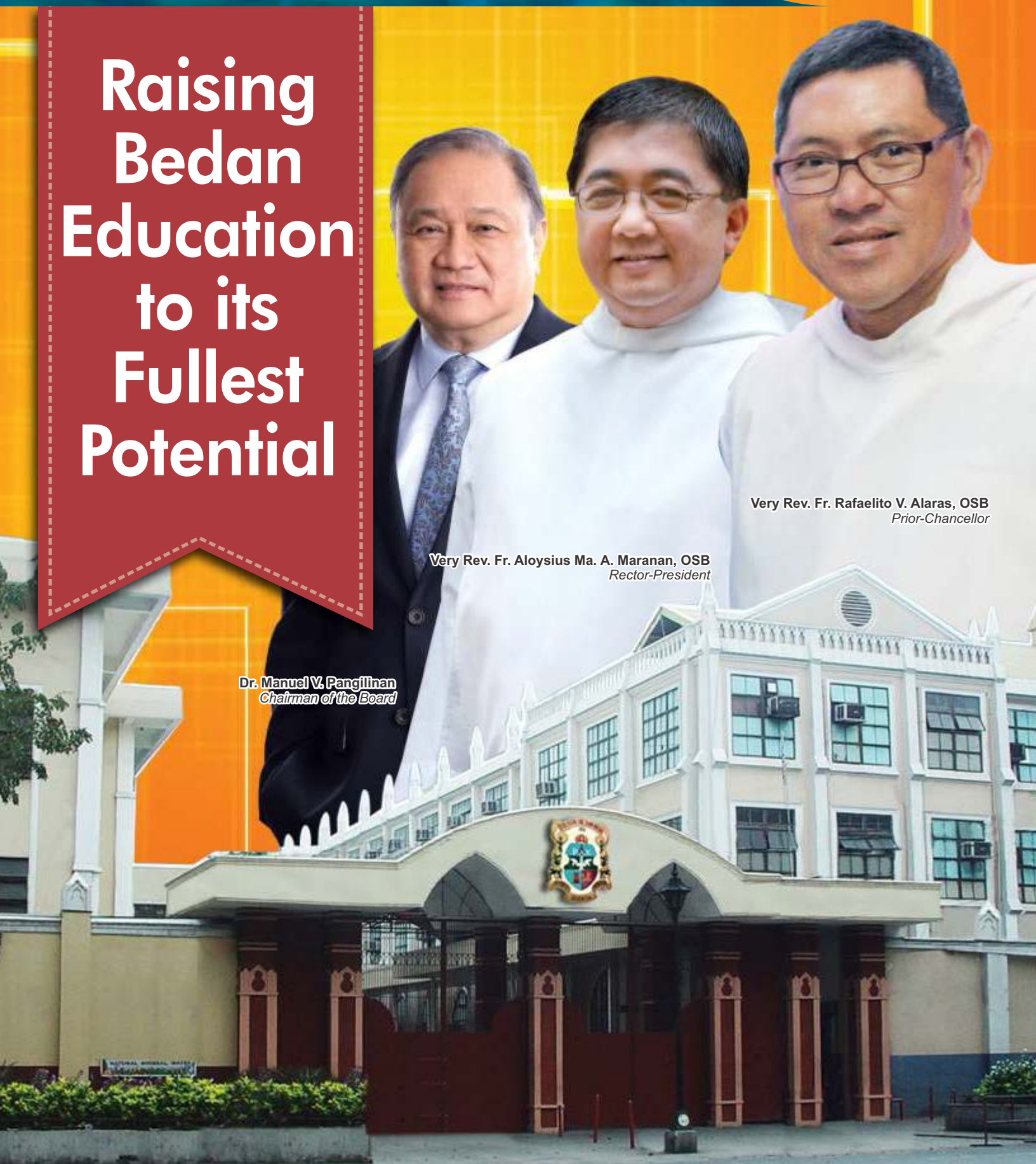
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Raising Bedan Education to its Fullest Potential

The winds of change are being remarkably felt in Philippine Education over the recent months, and these are expected to blow further during the next succeeding years. The K-12 program is prepared to take-off this coming AY 2016-2017. The ASEAN Economic Integration with its concomitant effect on regional educational system is now moving with a surprising speed. The internationalization of Philippine Education brought about by globalization is also gradually being experienced by some colleges and universities.

In San Beda College, these forces of change had been gathering momentum over the last five years, and are seen to leave palpable impact on the future of Bedan Education.

Amid the dynamic and challenging education landscape, Bedan Education continuous to improve its standard performance evidenced by the accreditation status awarded by PAASCU for five years (2016-2020) to the academic programs offered under the *College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)*, and more important the Level III rank given by the *Federation of Accrediting Agencies of the Philippines (FAAP)* to a number of CAS programs.

These accolades, and our forthcoming **Autonomous Status** hopefully to be conferred by CHED by end of 2016, are all indicative that a significant transformation of Bedan Education has indeed commenced. And this transformation will become even more pronounced in 2017 when San Beda would be moving towards University-hood status.

In setting this 116-year old Benedictine institution's new direction for the succeeding years, **Dr. Manuel V. Pangilinan**, Chairman of the Board, extended the term of **Very Rev. Fr. Aloysious Ma. A. Maranan, OSB** as Rector-President for another three years (2016-2019).

With everyone working hard together to raise Bedan Education to its fullest potential, a better tomorrow for San Beda is sure to be realized.

Let the succeeding pages of this latest edition of The **Bedan Today** magazine take you to that journey of leveling up Bedan Education to its fullest potential.

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Fr. Aloysius gets another three-year term as Rector-President



We are pleased to announce that in the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on March 5, 2016, the **REV. FR. ALOYSIUS MA. A. MARANAN, OSB** was elected **RECTOR – PRESIDENT** of San Beda College for another three (3) year term beginning on May 1, 2016 and ending on April 30, 2019. Deliberating on the nomination presented by the Prior Administrator and Chancellor, **Very Rev. Rafaelito V. Alaras, OSB**, the Board considered the milestones achieved by the College under the leadership of Fr. Aloysius highlighted by the PAASCU and FAAP Level III accreditation.

We enjoin the entire Bedan community and other stakeholders to continue extending the usual support and cooperation to Rev. Fr. Aloysius and his administration.

Dr. Manuel V. Pangilinan
Chairman of the Board, San Beda College

PAASCU AND FAAP GRANT LEVEL III STATUS TO SBC ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU) has favorably recommended to the Federation of Accrediting Agencies of the Philippines (FAAP) the granting of a Level III Status to the SBC academic programs namely: Entrepreneurship, Business Administration, Economics and Psychology offered in the College of Arts and Sciences. This information was relayed to SBC in an official letter of Mrs. Concepcion Pijano, PAASCU Executive Director, dated January 15, 2016.

In another letter dated February 5, 2016, Mrs. Pijano informed San Beda College that FAAP in its board meeting last February 3, 2016, approved the granting of a Level III Status to the foregoing CAS programs, valid until April 2020.

Following his election as Rector-President of San Beda College by the Board of Trustees for another three-year term (2016-2019), Very Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB shares his vision of the San Beda of the future during this one-on-one interview.

What are your after thoughts when you got another three-year term appointment as Rector-President?

First of all, I thank the Board of Trustees chaired by Dr. Manuel V. Pangilinan and Very Rev. Fr. Rafaelito V. Alaras, OSB, Prior Administrator and Chancellor, for this new confidence reposed on me. I am deeply honored by this new appointment, and at the same time, I see this as a huge responsibility especially so that the 21st century global education poses multifarious challenges to a rather modest institution like San Beda. But being a Bedan myself, I care much about the institution and concerned with its continuing relevance in today's education landscape. I take on the challenge, and commit to make Bedan education relevant to the 21st century.

How would you assess your previous six-year term (2011-16) as leader of the school?

Looking back, I know that I have in my own little way contributed much to what San Beda is today. But I could not have achieved all these without the assistance of my fellow workers in Christ composed of the Benedictine fathers, lay administrators, faculty, and service staff. With dedicated, committed and competent human resources, who would not accomplish so much as an academic community. My first six years as Rector-President were replete with insurmountable challenges. But with Divine intervention, and collaborative work of everyone in our one Bedan family, we were able to overcome all obstacles and limitations, and I guess, we have emerged a better school.

What do you consider to be milestones achieved during your six-year term (2011-16)?

Topping the list of our school milestones was the granting of the level III status by FAAP and the PAASCU five-year accreditation of the CAS. Our College of Law continuous to be recognized as one of the top three law schools in the country today. Our College of Medicine and College of Nursing will soon undergo PAASCU accreditation.

Father Rector-President shares his Vision of the San Beda of the Future

by Joffre M. Alajar





Our Basic Education Department which has been repeatedly re-accredited is now ready for the K-12 full implantation. With these achievements, we are now working towards obtaining an autonomous status from CHED to enable San Beda to spread further its wings, fly high and mighty! More than these, I consider as the greatest milestone the renewed self-confidence of every member of the academic community that through hard work, solidarity of purpose and belief in our combined capabilities, we can attain both our short-term and long-term goals as a 116-year old Benedictine institution of learning.

How would you define your leadership in the next three years?

As in the past, my leadership for the next three years will be both transformational and transactional, with every member of the Bedan community considered an integral part of any school undertaking; and where each and every member takes full responsibility for the successful future of Bedan education. The next three years will be very crucial for San Beda, as we move forward aiming to become a university by 2017. This is a herculean task, and cannot be done only by one person or a group of individuals. We need the cooperation and full support of all members of the Bedan community including our treasured alumni.

What are some of your major institutional plans for the next three years?

For the next three years, San Beda will be continuously building the blocks for our university-hood plan. New relevant course programs are expected to be opened this AY 2016-2017 aligned with our vision-mission-identity as well as with local and international standards. We are now preparing for our institutional ISO 9001 accreditation. The College of Medicine will undergo preliminary PAASCU accreditation visit in AY 2016-17. San Beda will serve as host of the 92nd NCAA season come June 25, 2016. We will start construction of our new eight-storey learning resource center to house the new library and laboratories estimated to cost three million pesos. The college is to implement fully the research development plan to further harness the research capabilities of our faculty and administrators. We are currently reviewing and updating an institutional faculty ranking system to make it more attractive to prospective highly qualified local and foreign faculty. Further, this new institutional academic ranking system hopes to



motivate the faculty to engage in research and other scholarly undertakings. As I have said before, one indispensable driver of university excellence is funding. Looking at the best practices of top Philippine Universities, one can conclude that their fund reservoir is a force to reckon with, contributing much to their success as a private Catholic university. Funding is such a big challenge to us being a modest learning institution. But I am confident, God will see us through all these.

Any message to the Bedan family as you begin another term as Rector-President of San Beda?

The tasks ahead are enormous, and these call for connected and collaborative efforts. We need the entire Bedan community anew to be with us, to help us, in this new and exciting strategic direction. We have to pool together our hearts and minds, and harness our solidarity to raise Bedan Education to its fullest potential. This is not just mine and your agenda but this is our community agenda. To become a university is our communal responsibility to the present and future generations who want to experience Bedan Education at its finest. We have to do our utmost best to plant the seeds of the future San Beda University, and nourish them for the next generations to benefit and reap the harvests. My modest role as Rector-President brought me into this challenge as a leader-diplomat in marketing our institutional plans and programs, and I must say, that this is truly a humbling, and valuable learning experience. God bless us that we may have more wisdom, strength and grace to accomplish what we ought to achieve for our dear San Beda, our country and God!



Fr. Rector with the SBC Law Alumni Association officers



Fr. Rector with Former President Fidel V. Ramos



Fr. Rector with President Benigno Aquino and DOJ Sec. Leila de Lima

San Beda honors FVR

by Joffre M. Alajar



The Legal Education Board upon the recommendation of the SBC board of trustees has approved the petition of the College of Law and College of Arts and Sciences for the conferment of the degree of Doctor of Laws (LL.D) Honoris Causa on former President Fidel Valdez Ramos, at a special academic convocation held last April 25, 2016, during the CAS commencement rites. Ramos served also as commencement speaker.

The former President received this honor from this 116-year old institution, being a great Filipino leader and eminent honorary Bedan whose exemplary life, works, unwavering faith in the Filipino and leadership legacy truly embodies San Beda College's ideals of Fides (Faith), Virtus (Virtue), and Scientia (Knowledge).

This honorary doctorate degree is awarded on President Ramos for having contributed so much to and distinguished himself in leadership, international understanding and rule of law, all in accordance with CHED Memorandum Order (MCO) No.19 Series of 2014, re: Enhanced Policies and Guidelines on the Conferment of Honorary Doctorate Degrees by Higher Education Institutions (HEIs).

President Ramos' inclusion in the SBC roster of distinguished awardees of honorary doctorate degrees will surely scale up, and add more prestige to the well-acknowledged academic reputation of San Beda College, as a higher education institution for over a century period now.





CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG FILIPINOS

**Speech of Former President Fidel Valdez Ramos
Chairman, Ramos Peace and Development Foundation
San Beda College of Arts and Sciences Commencement Exercises
Philippine International Convention Center, Roxas Blvd., Manila
0800H 25 April 2016**

Introductory

I am most privileged to join the members of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Graduating Class of 2016 of San Beda, so please accept my warmest congratulations as well as to your proud parents and other loved ones.

I am also greatly honored as well as humbled today in being conferred the degree of Doctor of Laws Honoris Causa by our beloved Alma Mater, San Beda College, which I consider the quickest way to Malacañang – by walking distance. From now on, I can legally call myself not only a Fighting U.P. Maroon, a soaring Ateneo Blue Eagle, but especially a PROUD ROARING, FIVE-PEAT RED LION champion as well.

Thank you all, Bedans out there, including my classmates of the Class of 2016!!!

Ladies and Gentlemen

This twenty-first century is qualitatively different from previous eras – in terms of the multifarious challenges and opportunities it holds for idealistic, multi-talented and energetic young people exemplified by your Class 2016 – San Beda College!!!

Challenges and Opportunity Today

This year 2016, particularly, carries a set of daunting challenges – and also opportunities – for most Filipinos whatever be their socio-economic status, religious beliefs, political affiliations, ethnic origins, or self-determined roles in life.





Significant global developments of the last few months have served to highlight what I have been emphasizing consistently as serious concerns for our citizenry, and which are particularly grave problems that the incoming Administration must positively address without delay come 30 June 2016. At this point in time, this task involves all the 5 wannabe Presidents and the 6 Vice-Presidentials, plus all the potential lawmakers in the forthcoming 17th Congress, all functionaries in local government at every level, and ultimately all of us – we, the concerned Filipino citizens.

On the other hand, my own consistent faith is that the Filipino can prevail and overcome – regardless of hardship, difficulty or intensity. As a nation, we have confronted greater crises and more serious challenges in the past – for instance, World War II and its aftermath which was probably experienced by your earlier relatives and some grandparents – but which we Filipinos as a people survived and triumphed over because we remained united as a people and proud of our country the Philippines!!!

Let us always remember that the sum of our multitude of problems cannot, repeat, CANNOT, be bigger than the nation itself which has hurdled periods of war, rebellion, coup attempts, separatist movements, devastating calamities, dictatorship, power blackouts, corrupt governance, and failed administrations.

As we all know, citizenship is neither a part-time job nor a hobby: it is an everyday obligation. Concerned citizens like you and me, and especially our national and local leaders must, therefore, work harder than ever before – to create more powerful Weapons of Mass Upliftment (WMUs) to be applied against mankind's most dangerous enemies in the 21st century – which I call Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs), because they are more deadly than the largest thermos-nuclear bombs. Foremost of these are poverty, hunger, disease, ignorance, deprivation, environmental catastrophes, corruption, greed, terrorism, crime and complacency.

Our WMUs begin with strategic leadership, quality education, good governance, teamwork, innovation, science and technology, international cooperation, and other people-empowering reforms that will lead to our country's greater competitiveness and sustainable progress in the fast changing world of the 21st century.

Three Shining Periods in History

In our nation's history, three dates – 1896, 1942, and 1986 – stand out and represent defining achievements in which our citizens played major roles in the defense of our freedom and democratic faith.





Unfortunately, the 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution seems to have lost its earlier aura of unity and optimism over the end of strongman rule. These days, the prevailing attitude towards the memory of EDSA 1986 seems not anymore a spirit of triumph, neither a victory of the spirit, but uncaring non-involvement.

Many of our youth and even elected leaders today appear indifferent to the true Spirit of EDSA. They reason that since they themselves were not there, why should they really care? Many politicians and journalists of EDSA – in their unceasing effort to castigate Malacañang, Congress, the Cabinet, the AFP-PNP, etc. on various issues – whether justified or not.

When we hear young Filipinos or even our elders speak in this manner, we realize how much more work as concerned citizens still need to do – to link up EDSA 1986 to our libertarian and patriotic tradition of struggle and sacrifice.

And so, we ask: “Who among us were at Pugad Lawin with Bonifacio? Who among us were with Rizal at Fort Santiago – with Aguinaldo at Kawit, with Del Pilar at Tirad Pass – or, for that matter, with GOMBURZA at Bagumbayan?”

All of those events may have taken place long before our time, in places we may not have ever visited. Yet, all of these defining episodes in our history, all of those places that mark our freedom trail, must be held sacred in our national memory – as monuments which every red-blooded Filipino must honor and cherish. All those happenings have become landmarks on the road to our better Philippine future.

A Collective Act of Selfless Courage

Regretfully, the predominant view among younger Filipinos is that EDSA 1986 was no big deal – that it is no longer that important – and seems more and more just an ordinary event, as its memory recedes into the fog of history.

Yet EDSA was, irrefutably, an unparalleled landmark in Philippine history – a people's collective act of quiet courage, of powerful resolve – a selfless offering of life and fortune on the altar of civic responsibility that we do not see too often in these days of selfish materialism, aristocratic dynasties, and political opportunism.

In the joyous national solidarity that burst to the forefront during those four traumatic but non-violent days in February 1986, Filipinos redeemed the sacrifices of our past heroes in order to regain for us our birthright of freedom, justice and national pride.

Indeed, we were united in our purpose and determination, not merely to throw out an abusive and kleptocratic authoritarian regime that had failed to govern democratically, but to win a better future for our country.

In terms of our national interests, our 1986 EDSA People Power Revolution has a much deeper meaning, Filipinos were galvanized to direct action by the desire to re-establish a society that respects human dignity and liberty, to live in a land not torn apart by strife and at peace with itself, to enjoy representative government that is both effective and accountable, and to achieve a dynamic and bountiful future.



Turning our backs on EDSA – and blaming it for some ills today – is tantamount to debasing the Spirit of 1896-1898 that was ignited by the intellect of Rizal, the audacity of Bonifacio, and the resoluteness of Aguinaldo. Turning our backs on EDSA would also insult the Spirit of Bataan and Corregidor – exemplified by the sacrifices of those gallant Filipino soldiers and guerrillas who fought on and on, although everywhere else in Southeast Asia, their allies had surrendered much earlier.

Good Governance as the Crucial Element

Today, we the sovereign and concerned citizenry, and the younger Filipinos still being educated, must make Philippine governance worthy of the Filipino.

In our globalized world, good governance has become the crucial element in a country's competitiveness.

If countries need iron ore, financial capital, teachers, engineers, or whatever, they can nowadays "outsource" or import such requirements.

Manpower, material, financial, and even intellectual resources no longer hold the key to competitiveness – since countries that lack any or all of these resources can "import" or "outsource" them.

The only thing that countries cannot outsource is good government – which must be homegrown – along with national pride, cohesion, efficiency, and teamwork. Plus, particularly, exemplary leadership.

Good governance must be developed, strengthened and institutionalized in-country and many of you of San Beda – our great institution of learning – are correct in your feelings that we Filipinos must begin nurturing the asset of good governance to ensure our better future.

We, the concerned Filipinos – which means you and I and millions of others – must begin nurturing good governance in our national society, starting in our towns, communities and barangays. And, to do this, we must clearly raise our collective voices, effectively mobilize our collective efforts, and wisely invest our collective votes.

Solidarity, Building of Character, Collaborative Work

Today, our collective hope still is that we learn from EDSA the lessons of San Beda Colleges – meaning SOLIDARITY of Purpose, BUILDING of Character, and COLLABORATIVE work – S/B/C in the service of the nation.

Our leaders' responsibility goes beyond simply presiding over Government. Leaders must continuously find ways to harness the Filipino spirit of



"Kaya natin ito!!!" – meaning the competitiveness, energy and idealism of our young people. The nation's leaders must point the way to our people toward a series of achievable goals that will harness our collective civic spirit. They must offer our people a vision of a better future to which the citizenry must contribute.

We are all vanguards in the long march of nation-building and, at the end of the day, we must transform into a more competitive and more bountiful Philippines. To move our whole nation towards these higher goals, it is incumbent that the virtues of caring, sharing and daring for our beloved country – and for others who have less in life.

Caring, Sharing, Daring

In simple terms, all of the above are what we in the Ramos Peace and Development Foundation (RPDEV) call our caring, sharing and daring for each other – and for our communities and national interests. Caring and sharing are easy enough for Filipinos to do, because we as a people are naturally friendly, hospitable, compassionate, helpful, generous, and even forgiving.



But daring really means to give more than to take; to sacrifice for the common good; to take united action to overcome challenges; daring to perform. Reform and transform; and daring to help others to have better lives. Daring is standing up for the younger generations and the fragile environment which is our basic life-support system. Daring is the exercise of consistent political will. Daring means not just physical courage. But also intestinal fortitude. Caring, sharing and daring, in fact, are among the key commitments that have worked for us times of challenge, calamity and crisis. These virtues – if manifested in our professions and embedded in our governance – will surely enable us to win the future.

As our San Beda College marks almost 116 years of service and achievement, we all look forward to a bolder and more progressive direction for SBC – to become a SBU or San Beda University soon – in its second century of commitment to the Filipino youth, the nation, the global community and the Church.

As you, the new graduates, move on through life, either to higher citadels of learning or to the demanding world of work, you bring with you the benefits and the legacy of a rich, proud and comprehensive Benedictine education that taught you to become “fully human, wholly Christian, truly Filipino and globally competitive servant leaders.”

May the Good Lord illumine for us the way toward freedom, peace and justice that we all yearn for – and may our Lord Almighty especially bless you, the young ones, with courage and hope as you face an uncertain future.

Salute to Our Bedan Forebears

As there were great Bedans in the past, so will there be equally great Bedans of the 21st century. Let all these great Bedans continuously serve as your inspirations and models worth emulating.

As we recall and pay tribute to them, we especially salute the Benedictine fathers led by our Very Rev. Fr. Prior-Chancellor Rafaelito Alaras, and Very Rev. Fr. Rector-President Aloy Maranan, and Chairman Manny Pangilinan of the SBC Board of Trustees, who have all faithfully worked to realized SBC's mission-vision through good and bad times.

Let the next set of great Bedans of this new millennium begin with our Class of 2016. Kaya natin ito!!!!

NO ACHIEVEMENT IS BEYOND OUR CAPACITY, NO GOAL IS BEYOND OUR REACH, AND NO IDEAL IS BEYOND OUR FULFILLMENT. OUR SHARED VISION OF A BETTER QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL FILIPINOS COULD BE PUT WELL WITHIN REACH IF CONCERNED FILIPINOS PERFORM AS THEY PRAY, AND PRAY AS THEY PERFORM.

SAN BEDA COLLEGE, OUR UNIVERSITY OF THE FUTURE, HAS PROVIDED YOU THE UNIQUELY BENEDICTINE ORA ET LABORA KIND OF EDUCATION THAT IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN KNOWN FOR AND ADMIRABLE ABOUT.

AND SO, LET US ALL – GO SAN BEDA FIGHT!!

MABUHAY AND SAN BEDA!! KAYA NATIN ITO!!!

THANK YOU AND MABUHAY – BEST WISHES!!!

A PRIVATE LUNCH TETE-A-TETE WITH FVR by Joffre M. Alajar

It was past 12 noon immediately after the long four-hour CAS graduation rites at the PICC Plenary Hall when a sumptuous lunch with **former President Fidel V. Ramos** was tendered at the VIP room of the Convention Center. **Very Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB**, Rector-President; CAS **Vice-Dean Christian Bryan Bustamante**; College of Medicine **Dean Fernandino Fontanilla**; COM Prefect of Student Affairs **Dr. Anna Marie Morelos**; HR Officer **Mr. Leo Alcantara**; and this writer were all privileged to have lunch and engaged in a private tete-a-tete with the former leader of the land. FVR, as he is endearingly referred to by Filipinos, was in his usual jolly, bubbly and upbeat mood sharing with the group topics to include the CAS graduation, his diet restrictions, his new book, politics and the forthcoming local and national elections.

Here are recollections of that lunch conversation with now Bedan **Fidel V. Ramos**:

Ming Ramos takes good care of his dietary requirements to include all types of supplementary vitamins.



On the four-hour CAS graduation ceremony. FVR was privileged to be part of the 885 members of the CAS Graduating Class of 2016 waiting for their diplomas to be awarded on them by **Fr. Aloy**.

He revealed that he was wearing a red five-peat championship SBC basketball t-shirt underneath his barong tagalog, and was planning to show it to the graduating class but his honoris causa toga prevented him from doing so.

On the Duterte Presidency. FVR advised Father Rector to sit down with Bedan **Rody Duterte**, and remind the latter to perform, reform and transform to make him succeed as the new leader of the Filipino nation. FVR proudly said that if ever **Digong Duterte** makes it in the May 9 national elections, he will be the first Bedan to become President of the Philippines, a remarkable feat which all Bedans should be proud of.



On his new book entitled: 2030: One World, One Community, One Family. FVR shared with the group his new book which he authored. He remarked, "All of us, individually or collectively, can indeed make a difference in society. It is up to each of us to make the best use of our talents and precious time to help create a happier, better future, and to achieve by 2030: "One World, One Community, One Family". This is volume 19 of the FVR Collection of Essays, Speeches and Anecdotes.

FVR ended his private lunch with the Bedan officials in his usual jovial mood wishing everyone a great day ahead, with his FVR thumbs-up sign, saying – **Kaya natin ito, Bedista!**



He jestingly said that his 20-minute graduation speech might have caused others to sleep including the people on stage. So he made sure that his speech will not last longer than 20 minutes.

On his dietary food requirements. FVR shared that his diet consists of vegetables and fruits with bread on the sides. Coffee is a must. Former First Lady **Mrs.**



SBC wins NCAA Double General Championships

By Jude P. Roque

Season 91 of the NCAA turned out great for San Beda's campaign after all despite the failed title-retention bids of the men's basketball and football squads. In fact, it turned out doubly great as both the Seniors and Juniors NCAA general championships are coming back to SBC's den.

The Red Cubs took their third straight general championships and 12th overall after ruling the basketball, table tennis, lawn tennis and chess events for a total of 405 points. La Salle Greenhills-CSB and Lyceum came in at second and third places in the high school division.

It was sweet victory for the Red Lions as they finally retook the Seniors general championship that they lost to the College of St. Benilde in the last two years. The Bedan athletes dominated the men's and women's swimming, men's and women's soft tennis, women's table tennis, men's lawn tennis and men's taekwondo events.



SBC garnered a total of 632.5 points, outpointing CSB by merely five points, to win its fourth general championship in six years. It took runner-up honors in basketball, women's taekwondo, men's table tennis, football and women's beach volleyball. Arellano University came in at third place.

Rounding out the top 10 were Lyceum (376), Perpetual Help (365), Letran (347.8), Mapua (338.3), Emilio Aguinaldo (332.5), San Sebastian (320.5) and Jose Rizal (163.8).

The men's basketball and football teams were both denied a six-peat after bowing to Letran College and Arellano respectively in highly competitive finals matches. Fortunately, the other Red and White varsity squads stepped up and delivered the goods to Mendiola.

In the last ten years, SBC has undoubtedly bolstered its sports program. With the help of alumni and corporate





sponsors, the basketball, football and swimming teams have become dominant in the NCAA. Now, it looks like the other programs within SBC's athletics department are catching up as well. Kudos to San Beda athletics director Edmundo "Ato" Badolato for leading the Bedan athletes to another successful season.

We look forward to more general championships. This year, SBC will host the 92nd NCAA Season. We can expect all Bedan athletes to be extra motivated to bring more honor and glory this 2016. GSBF.





A Salute to our 2016 New Bedan Lawyers



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PARUNGAO, Edwardo DJ.
PASCASIO, Jarmae Z.
PASCASIO, Kristina Karen O.
PASTOR, Ann Marie Loren R.
PATRIARCA, George Franz Nico F.

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Passed=225
Total=162

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Total=48

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RECALDE JR., Alberto D.
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At the 51st INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

by Dr. Josefina Manabat, ED.D, SLD

Almost 80 years after the 33rd International Eucharistic Congress (IEC) was held in Manila in 1937, the Philippines once again hosted the 51st IEC last January 22 to 31, 2016, this time, in Cebu. At the 50th IEC which was held in Dublin, Ireland in June 2012, Pope Benedict XVI announced the choice of the Philippines as the next venue for the Congress. On account of the fact that it is the only country with a Catholic majority in the Asian continent, the Pontifical Commission on International Eucharistic Congresses considered the choice of the Philippines noteworthy as a potent way to issue the important challenge “to strengthen the missionary / evangelizing perspective of the Eucharist” and “to identify new ways in celebrating the Congresses themselves”.

On the part of the Philippines Church, the holding of the 51st IEC in the country was particularly significant as part of the preparation for the celebration in 2021 of the 500th anniversary of the coming of Christianity to the Philippines. It was in 1521 that the Filipinos first embraced the Christian Faith brought here by Spanish missionaries who landed on the shore of Mactan, making Cebu the cradle of Christianity in the East.

The 51st IEC last January was a period centered on the celebration of Eucharist. Both the opening Mass of the Congress Proper on January 24 and the concluding Mass on January 31, especially called the “Statio Orbis,” gathered together participants—both local and international—in numbers unprecedented in the IEC’s 135-year history. Catechetical expositions on various aspects of the Eucharist in plenary and concurrent sessions given by distinguished speakers on the field, followed by edifying testimonies on the same aspects, were held for the deepening of Eucharistic faith and life. The opportunities made available daily for the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation helped make the IEC week truly a period of grace for those who came. The Visita Iglesia and the Eucharistic Procession that saw the participation of around one and a half million pilgrims on one of those days could not but elicit awe and admiration from the world that witnessed the weeklong event through the various social media.

In all of this, San Beda College registered a notable participation. Delegates included some Benedictine Monks and faculty members of the College of Arts and Sciences and of the Integrated Basic Education Department. The Rev. Fr. Ranhillo Aquino, dean of the Graduate School of Law, was the conductor of the choir that led the community singing at the opening Mass held at Plaza Independencia on January 24, while the Rev. Fr. Benildus Maramba, OSB provided the organ accompaniment.

The Graduate School of Liturgy (GSL) had its students and faculty participate in full force, some of whom rendered valuable help in the conduct of the various activities. In the preparatory phase, the GSL dean, Dr. Josefina M. Manabat, SLD, worked with the Pontifical Commission in the final redaction of the Basic Theological Text entitled “Christ in You, the Hope of Glory. The Eucharist: Source and Goal of the Church’s Mission” which was translated into no less than 14 international languages. At the Theological Symposium that preceded the Congress Proper, Dr. Manabat was the lone Filipino and woman speaker in the company of renowned international theologians and speakers like the English Dominican Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, OP, former Master General of the Order of Preachers,



the Australian Salesian Fr. Francis Moloney, well-published Scripture scholar, the American Fr. Mark Francis, CSV, the current president of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, the Canadian Fr. Thomas Rosica, CSB, the CEO of the Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation, and the Italian Archbishop Piero Marini who is the President of the Pontifical Commission on International Eucharistic Congresses. At the Theological Symposium, Dr. Manabat spoke on the "Liturgical Theology of the Sunday Eucharist".

At the Congress Proper, Dr. Manabat was also one of only three Filipino speakers, with the two Filipino cardinals—His Eminence Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle and His Eminence Orlando Cardinal Quevedo, OMI—being the other two. She brought out the strong social dimension of the Eucharist as she expounded on the topic "The Eucharist: Cup of Sacrifice, Banquet of the Kingdom". The roster of speakers in the Congress Proper included His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan of New York, the Most Rev. Robert Baron, Auxiliary bishop of LA, California, His Eminence John Cardinal Onaiyekan of Nigeria, Most. Rev. Thomas Menamparapil of Jowai, India, and Most Rev. Miguel Cabrejos Vidarte of Trujillo, Peru.



Portrait of the

Tinta at Sining ng Gurong Pula



Tinta at Sining ng Gurong Pula

Anna Maria Corazon Zenaída C. Jhocson • Don A. Santana
Julius Tutor • Ma. Imperatriz C. Gabatbat
Noel Santander • Esther Cuaresma

Friday, March 4, 2016, 2:30 PM at Pamanang Bedista



Bedan Faculty as an Artist

The CAS Faculty Association staged recently an art exhibit featuring the sketches and paintings done by selected CAS faculty members.

Dubbed *“Tinta at Sining ng Gurong Pula”*, this is the first-ever art exhibit of the CAS faculty members led by **Prof. Don Santana, Prof. Ana Marie Jhocson, Prof. Noel Santander, Prof. Esther Cuaresma, Prof. Julius Tutor** and **Prof. Marie Cabatbat**. The art exhibit lasted for two weeks and received various praises and accolades from members of the Bedan community.

Indeed, it was another opportunity for Bedan faculty members to showcase the best of their Bedan talents.



(l-r) Esther Cuaresma, Ma. Emperatriz C. Gabatbat, Don A. Santana, Anna Maria Corazon Zenaida C. Jhocson, Julius Tutor and Noel Santander





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49th Annual Convention
THE MEDICAL TEACHER

The first day of the convention started with registration of early attendees, followed by the General Assembly of the Deans and faculty members of the participating medical schools. This assembly ended with the election of 2 member schools to the Board of Trustees – University of the Philippines College of Medicine, represented by Dean Agnes Mejia, and San Beda College of Medicine, represented by Dean Fernandino Jose Fontanilla.

The early delegates were then treated to a tour of San Beda Campus, which included a visit to Pamanang Bedista, and the Abbey Church and Monastery of Our Lady of Montserrat.

The bulk of the delegates streamed in during the second day of the convention (Convention Proper), where they were greeted with the sights and sounds of the Ati-Atihan Band and the San Beda Brass Band. Student ambassadors were assigned for each of the schools, to assist and guide their representatives throughout the event – a gesture highly appreciated by the Deans. The convention proper started with a Conventual Mass at the Abbey Church, with Rector-President Very Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB as the mass celebrant. The mass songs were rendered by the Montserrat Singers and the SBCM choir, Medico Salto, accompanied by Fr. Benildus Maramba, who played the pipe organ.

San Beda College of Medicine goes national with the APMC 49th Annual Convention

By Dr. Julius Migrño and Dean Fernandino Jose Fontanilla
Photos courtesy of SBCM Oculus Photography Society

The first week of February 2016 witnessed the 49th Annual Convention of the Association of Philippine Medical Colleges (APMC), held within the grounds of San Beda College, with the San Beda College of Medicine (SBCM) as the host institution. In cooperation with the various San Beda College units, the entire Mendiola campus was dedicated to the event, which lasted for three days. This year's theme was "The Medical Teacher", focusing on the ever-evolving roles of physician educators. The event was attended by over 700 faculty and student delegates from 44 medical schools all over the country.



Faculty delegates tour the San Beda College grounds, including the Abbey Church of Our Lady of Montserrat.



Ati-atihan Band and the San Beda Brass Band welcomes the arriving delegates, bringing a festive energy during Day 2 of the convention.



Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan (1st from left), SBCM Dean Dr. Fernandino Fontanilla (center), and the convention's keynote speaker, Dr. Zubair Amin (1st from right), enjoys the opening ceremony.

SBCM's Dr. Alan Koa and other faculty members watch intently as students presented their cases during the student network's Clinicopathologic case competition.

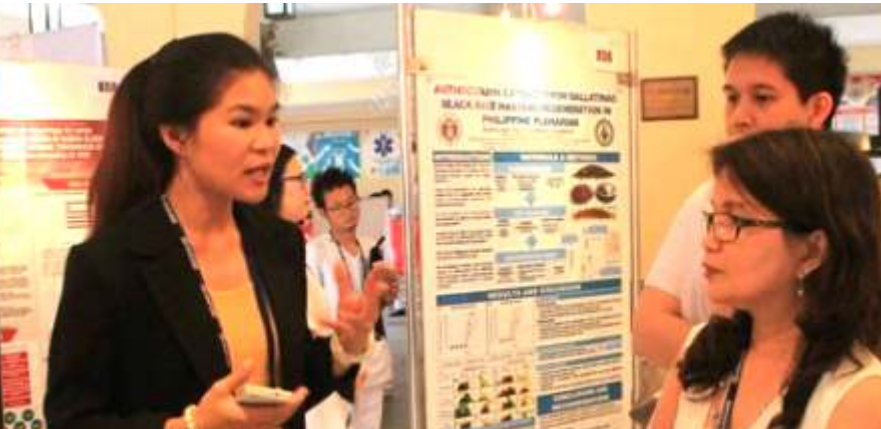


The Conventual Mass started the formal program of the convention, with SBC Rector-President Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan as the officiating priest.

The formal opening ceremonies were held at the elaborately decorated Abbott Lopez Hall. Each medical school paraded with their representatives as well as their school colors. The convention's keynote speaker, Dr. Zubair Amin of the National University of Singapore, then delivered his keynote speech on the "Changing Roles of Medical Teachers".

The afternoon witnessed several scientific plenary lectures by other guest speakers, while the student delegates had the National Clinicopathologic Case Competition at the Conference Hall.

As day turned to night, Plaza Montserrat was turned into an area of culinary festivities as all convention delegates were treated to a



A participant presents her research to other delegates. Research posters from both faculty and students line the corridors of San Beda College during the convention.



The camera captures a candid moment during the National Medical Research Competition.



Faculty and students, as well as SBC staff, partake of the sumptuous feast during the welcome dinner held at the Plaza Montserrat.



hearty welcome dinner hosted by San Beda College, while being entertained by the musical talents of the Retromaniacs Band.

The last day of the convention continued with a series of scientific plenary sessions for both faculty and student delegates, followed by scientific parallel sessions in the afternoon. The students also held their National Medical Research Competition and the National Quiz Bee Competition.

The closing ceremonies was held at the Abbot Lopez Hall, and included induction of the members of the Board of Trustees, launching of the first edition of the APMC Journal, acknowledgment of San Beda College of Medicine as the host institution, and transfer of hosting responsibilities to the Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health for next year's 50th Annual convention. The formal transition was signified by the passing of the APMC flag from SBCM to ASMPH; however, this event was informally highlighted with a friendly exhibition basketball game between the San Beda Red Lions and the Ateneo Blue Eagles, much to the delight of the students and faculty.

As with tradition, the APMC Fellowship Night immediately followed at the day's end, with Department of Health Undersecretary Dr. Vicente Belizario as guest speaker. As the delegates again partook of the bountiful dinner, they were also visually entertained with death-defying performances from the San Beda College Pep Squad, vocal renditions of the SBCM Medico Salto Choir, dancing skills of SBCM Med Rhythmia, and a cultural dance performance from St. Louis University Baguio City.

All the units of the San Beda College were tapped to be involved in different stages of the preparations, with the San Beda College of Medicine at the helm. From the solemnity of the hallowed halls of the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat, to the warmth of Bedan hospitality, the culture of the San Beda College was shared to and appreciated by all of the delegates, all throughout the event. In the end, the entire San Beda College family shared in the success of the convention.



ASMPH Dean Manuel Dayrit (2nd from left) waves the APMC flag to signify the turnover for next year's 50th convention, while SBCM Dean Fernandino Fontanilla (middle) and APMC President Joselito Villaruz (2nd from right) look on.



(Left) A friendly match-up between the cagers of the San Beda Red Lions and Ateneo Blue Eagles commemorated the transfer of hosting responsibilities for the next APMC convention. (Right) Students and faculty delegates enjoy the symbolic game.



San Beda organizes International Conference for support offices in HEIs

By Joel G. Filamor

San Beda's Academic Support Heads and the Office of International Cooperation are gearing-up for an International Conference in September.

The event aims to gather university support offices in the Philippines and around the world and thus create an opportunity among to discuss and share challenges, prospects and governance best practices in the context of internationalization and globalization of education.

Recognizing that globalization consequently paved the way to the internationalization of higher education institutions (HEI), Dr. Tita E. Branzuela, Director of the Office of International Cooperation said, "We intend to take an active role in becoming an instrument towards internationalizing related key areas in universities."

The conference is seen to boost San Beda's global positioning by way of recognition as an active research contributor in the mitigation of difficulties related to internationalization of education. "We are



Academic Resource Heads meet at the Office of International Cooperation to organize the conference.

really excited about this project because we know it will make a lot of significant difference among our colleagues in the Philippines and abroad," said Noriel Tabag, Associate for International Cooperation.

The international conference, dubbed as "Governance and Innovations in Internationalization and Globalization: The Context of Academic and Non-Academic Support Offices in Higher Education Institutions" will be held at The Linden Suites in Ortigas, Pasig City on September 19 and 20, 2016.

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The Social Enterprise for Economic Development (SEED), a cross-cultural program utilizing social entrepreneurship as means towards economic progress is set to run anew in August. The program provides structured opportunities for students all over the world to converge, interact and conduct on-site research as basis for development of real-time business plans.

Office of International Cooperation runs SEED anew

By Joel G. Filamor

Participants shall experience immersion in the cool verdant highlands of Mountain Province, north of the scenic island of Luzon. Their contextualized encounter with the locals shall give them basis for developing appropriate business and marketing strategies which they will present to a panel of experts for defense, social entrepreneurs for possible financing of plans and the locals to learn the principles and theories of business.

The Program seeks to provide off-campus cross-cultural experiences that will enable participants to advance in the application of research-based strategies, theories and principles. Further, it also seeks to promote transformative education through intercultural exposures.

SEED Philippines 2016 is hosted by San Beda College Philippines through the Office of International Cooperation. It is made possible in collaboration with the SBC Benedictine Educational Foundation Incorporated, the Asia Research Center (ARC) Chair for International Management (South East Asia) University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, the ASEAN Learning Network, local government of Bauko, Mountain Province and the Holy Family Catholic Mission— Sadsadan.

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Red Cubs play hoops with youngsters from Colombia

By Joel G. Filamor

NCAA's seven-peat champion, San Beda Red Cubs, met the delegation of youngsters from San Andres, Colombia in a friendly basketball match held at SBC's Coyoito Gym last March 10, 2016.

Rector-President, Fr. Aloysius A. Maranan, OSB led the welcome and opening rites of the match together with selected administrators of San Beda. "Words cannot describe how happy we are regarding the very warm treatment given to us by San Beda," said Julian Hooker Smith, head coach of the delegation. Mariana Ocampo, Exchanges Management Coordinator of the Department of Cultural Affairs of Columbia also expressed delight at the reception given to them.

Dr. Tita E. Branzuela, Director of the Office of International Cooperation, said "The Rector-President is pleased to receive the delegation in San Beda. But more interesting is the fact that



Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB Rector-President (center) and Fr. Paul De Vera, OSB (right) exchange pleasantries with Columbia's Mariana Ocampo while Coach Dash Ashvan Gordon Fox (left) and Dr. Tita Branzuela (left front) watch the players warm-up.



after the visit, Columbian Ambassador Tito Saul Pinilla Pinilla expressed his deepest gratitude in writing because "it touched the hearts of the Columbian delegation."

Director de Asuntos Culturales Luis Armando Soto Boutin, in a letter to Fr. Maranan, wrote "we hope we can continue strengthening our relations, working together for the development of our young Columbian athletes and contributing to the Sport and Cultural Diplomacy initiative that conceives sport as a vehicle for social inclusion, peaceful coexistence and intercultural exchange."

Both teams were given opportunity to personally interact with each other outside the hard court by sharing snacks at the Dom Felipe Café. Samuel Abu Hijleh, team captain of the Cubs conveyed

the appreciation of his fellow players for the visit of the Columbians.

The Red Cubs won over the delegation from San Andrea, Columbia.

The friendly match and visit was made possible through the collaboration of Tita E. Branzuela, Ph.D., Director of the Office of International Cooperation, Mr. Edmundo Badolato, Athletics Moderator, Fr. Paul de Vera, OSB., and Mrs. Teresita Battad, IBED Principal.



San Beda Red Cub Pedro Alfaro III (left) leads the prayer before meals while his Columbian buddy follows in silence.



Both teams together with San Beda Administrators pose for posterity. Before the game, the Red Cubs gave each of their Columbian buddies a token of friendship.



Colombia Coach Dash Ashvan Gordon Fox is happy to receive a souvenir shirt from San Beda coaches (in red shirts)



Red Cub Sam Abu Hijleh conveys the Red Cubs appreciation for the Columbians' visit to San Beda.

SAN BEDA HOLDS E-COLLOQUIUM WITH PARTNER - UNIVERSITI MALAYSIA KELANTAN

By Joel G. Filamor



Dr. Tita Branzuela poses with Presenters Rowena Rivero and Heildenberg Dimarucot.

San Beda and partner Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK) organized an E-colloquium last April 14, 2016. The colloquium, first of a series, features the key note address delivered by Malaysian Dr. Professor Farok Zakaria and paper presentations from UMK and San Beda.

Burhan Bin Che Daud, Shaheed Sabri and Lena Remamurthy, all from UMK presented papers on Language and Culture. Heildenberg Dimarucot and Rowena Rivero, both from the College of Arts and Sciences, presented for San Beda College.

“The colloquium is seen to offer research avenues to faculty of both schools, all in view of boosting research generation, management and utilization,” said Dr. Tita Branzuela, Director of SBC Office of International Cooperation.

“We are thankful to the Bedanet, the College of Arts and Sciences, Instructional Media Center, Research Planning and Knowledge Management Center and the Office of the Rector President for making this cross-border collaboration possible,” Dr. Branzuela added.

The next E-colloquium is eyed in July 2016, possibly with more university partners.



Universiti Malaysia Kelantan's Shaheed Sabri (Second from right) presents his paper on Language.



San Beda uses DOXCHECK Documents Security System for CAS diplomas



Effective with the CAS Graduation 2016, San Beda diplomas will carry a unique document DNA at its face. The DOXCHECK Documents Security System is a patented cutting-edge technology purposely designed to make documents counterfeit-proof and source-verifiable on demand, to set the new gold standard (in terms of Diploma issuance) and rally the U-Belt schools to cut the illegal documents trade at its source. By assigning unique document DNA on each diploma, it would be impossible for forgers to work their “magic” and this will hopefully run their business aground. The document DNA also serves as the passcode that allows on-demand real-time source verification via browser and web application.

San Beda is the first school to adopt this technology which brings great pride to the founders of DOXCHECK being Bedans themselves. The CAS Class of 2016 will be the

first batch to receive DOXCHECKed diplomas. This will give the graduates a competitive edge when applying for jobs as recruiters can source-verify the diplomas instantly. A DOXCHECKed diploma bears a global code (document DNA), with an alpha-numeric serial key that when typed on the verification portal (www.doxcheck.com) will allow the reader to see the details of the document as written by the institution-issuer (in this case, SBC) and view the image of the document for comparison to the printed copy. This is the safest, most-convenient and quickest way to source-verify documents. As of this writing, several hundreds of thousands of DOXCHECKed documents are circulated around the world and source-verification have been logged from 10 different countries including the US and major cities in the EU. DOXCHECK is setting the gold standard in documents security and source-verification with its patented technology.

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SBC GEARS FOR ISO 9001 ADMINISTRATORS UNDERGO ISO 9001 TRAINING



In its continuing effort to level up its institutional operations standard, and achieve excellence, San Beda College will be applying for ISO 9001 Accreditation. ISO 9001 is a basic quality management system that can be used in industries of any size, including an educational institution, anywhere in the world. Registration to ISO 9001 (or other quality/management standards) provides objective proof that an institution has implemented an effective quality management system, and that it satisfies all of the requirements of the applicable standard. An external, impartial expert called a registrar or CB (Certification Body) conducts an on-site audit to determine whether or not a company is in conformance to the standard. If they are found to be in conformance, they will be issued a certificate showing their address, scope of operations and the seals of the accreditation bodies that give the registrar its legitimacy.

ISO 9001 is one of the most recognized standards with over 1.1 million certificates issued globally. It helps organizations streamline their management processes, maintain efficiency and increase productivity.

To prepare for this international accreditation process, the SBC Board of Administrators conducted recently a series of seminar workshops to properly orient them on the benefits of ISO 9001 and its detailed operation procedure. Resource speaker was Mr. Rene Julian, Consultant/Trainor, TUV Rheinland Philippines.



Fr. Pio, Endearingly Remembered

by Dr. Joffre M. Alajar

It is not every day that one gets to know a priest who would become family to you. I came to such a rare and great opportunity when I was called upon to teach in the College of Arts and Sciences when **Rev. Fr. Pio Ma. A. Lomibao, OSB** was College Dean back in 1982. Since then, **Fr. Pio** and I became the closest of friends until his departure from this earthly life last February 23, 2016 at the age of 83. Born on January 29, 1933, **Aquilino A. Lomibao** occupied various positions in San Beda College Manila, namely: College Treasurer (1978-1981), CAS Dean of Student Affairs (1979-1981), CAS Dean (1982-1983), COL Prefect of Student Affairs (1983-1985), Chairman, CAS Theology Department (2001-2004) and Moderator, Alumni Office (2002-2005).

Fr. Pio was a deeply spiritual person who drew strength from the vision and mission he received from the Almighty. He lived a beautiful and meaningful life as a Benedictine doing it simply, sincerely and truly. His life was an expression of the Benedictine ideals of work, prayer and community. It was a life energized by prayer and significantly to the fundamental mission of Catholic Education in the college. He had a charisma that could only stem from a genuine selflessness and other-centeredness and always believed that when God calls, He would surely enable.

Fr. Pio will live on in the minds that he had inspired, in the many lives that he had improved, and in the hearts that he once touched. For sure, he will live on and will never die. And will always be endearingly remembered.



One of the greatest joys of being a parent is seeing a child graduate with honors, more so being the class salutatorian. This is what Gilbert and Rowena Murillo, both employees of San Beda College, have been experiencing since they came to know about their daughter's graduating with the highest honors in the BS Psychology Department of the College of Arts and Sciences. Anne Stephanie Borres Murillo garnered an outstandingly high GPA of 1.214 in her chosen four-year course where she was an academic scholar having graduated Grade School and High School Valedictorian in Nazareth School, Manila. After graduation, she intends to take the licensure exams either for psychometrician or psychologist. While her heart is into pursuing a medical course, she is considering also the many job offers she has been receiving lately. She is bent however on accepting a very attractive job offer so she could help her parents raise their family with her siblings Efren Niño and Arianne Sophia still pursuing their studies. Efren Niño is now a 4th year Computer Engineering student at the Technological Institute of the Philippines (TIP) while Arianne Sophia is a Grade 10 student at Nazareth School.

Step as she is endearingly called by loved ones and friends is a born achiever who would always accomplish her life goals through hard work, determination, and self-discipline. She considers her parents as her greatest inspiration, and is very thankful to God for all the wonderful blessings that she has been reaping through the years, beginning with her loving family.

Gilbert and Rowena are immensely proud of what their eldest daughter achieved in her academic pursuits. Rowena, now 48 years old, has been with San Beda for 25 years already. She is presently the secretary of Rev. Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB., Rector-President. Gilbert, now 45 years old, is the school's supplies office head. This loving couple is truly grateful to God for bringing into their lives their gifted children. This latest God's gift to them is also lovingly dedicated to the late Rev. Fr. Odilardo Arceo, OSB, who served as their foster parent in school.

Looking back, both Gilbert and Rowena say of Anne Stephanie's latest academic achievement as "worth their sacrifices".



Gilbert and Rowena Murillo's daughter graduates Summa Cum laude



Worth the Sacrifices

by Dr. Joffre M. Alajar



Five-Year Development Plan captured in AY Themes

The Administrators' Council crafted a five-year development plan (2016-2021), contents of which are very well captured in academic year themes formulated early this year. The academic year themes follow: 2016-17 – Integrity and Compassion; 2017-18 – Servant Leadership and Governance; 2018-19 – Stewardship towards Creation; 2019-20 – Pursuit of Peace in Nation-Building; 2020-21 – Excellence in Educational Mission. These themes are briefly discussed in a brochure to be distributed to all school administrators, faculty and students to serve as an informational and inspirational guide in their day-to-day activities and actions in school, as the entire school community journey to excellence in its mission of education.

PERIOD	ANNUAL THEME	BRIEF
AY 2016-17	Integrity and Compassion	<p>San Beda brings to life integrity and compassion in all aspects of campus life.</p> <p>Bedans, in doing things, consistently practice honesty, fairness and charity. Compassion drives the Bedan to assist the least, the lost, and the last among us, without expecting anything in return.</p> <p>Truly, Benedictine value-formation shall permeate all school endeavors.</p>
AY 2017-18	Servant Leadership and Governance	<p>San Beda applies the Gospel truth that a leader painstakingly offers oneself at the service of others.</p> <p>The Bedan leader works collaboratively with all stakeholders to achieve the priority agenda of the community. Quality service results from consensus-based management decisions.</p> <p>Responsibility and authority come with accountability.</p>
AY 2018-19	Stewardship towards God's creation	<p>Believing that all of creation is inherently good, the need to care for the earth as humanity's common home is inevitable, as Pope Francis teaches.</p> <p>We are called to nurture the environment for the next generations by taking concrete actions to address threats to the global environment.</p> <p>Bedans are one with the world in advocating sustainable development.</p>
AY 2019-20	Pursuit of Peace in Nation Building	<p>Peace is living in harmony with other people irrespective of faith, race, gender, and socio-economic origin. Violence and hatred never lead to peace.</p> <p>National development and progress are genuinely achieved when growth is purposely shared to the poorest among us.</p> <p>Bedans pursue peace in solidarity with all Filipinos through advocacies that uplift lives of the marginalized, especially among our partner communities.</p>
AY 2020-21	Excellence in the Educational Mission	<p>Commitment to Academic Excellence drives the Bedan community to continuously advance the quality of human and material resources in its mission of education.</p> <p>Excellence is parity with national and international benchmarks in the areas of research, community engagement and internationalization.</p> <p>Our Educational Mission shall transform the Bedan into: compassionate servant-leaders, faithful stewards of creation, genuine advocates of peace, and great nation-builders.</p>

GSB opens new research hubs

The Graduate School of Business has opened the first-ever Research Hubs in San Beda. This new facility aims to provide student-researchers and defense panelists a conducive environment to undertake strategy paper, thesis, action research and dissertation defense.

This research facility welcomes students not only from the Graduate School of Business but will also be available to other members of the Bedan community.

GSB Dean Ramon Ricardo A. Roque, sees the new research hubs as an important school facility that will help elevate the standards in research and development, and catapult the college's standing as one of the primary research schools in the country today.

"Pursuing research excellence by providing the right infrastructure and mindset will help us achieve the primacy of research in an educational institution like San Beda. The two research hubs are the GSB's contributions to sustaining San Beda's thrust of academic excellence," **Dean Roque** said.

Interested parties may inquire at the GSB Office for any reservation request through direct line number 257-4998.



ALL SET FOR THE **Bedan K-12** EDUCATION PROGRAM

by Teresita T. Battad, Principal

In consonance with the K-12 program crafted by the Department of Education, San Beda College is now all set for the full implementation of the K-12 program which covers 13 years of basic education with the following key stages: Kindergarten to Grade 3; Grades 4 to 6; Grades 7 to 10 (*Junior High School*), and Grades 11 and 12 (*Senior High School*).

The additional years in Grades 11 and 12 aim to provide enough time for mastery of concepts and skills, develop lifelong learners, and prepare graduates for tertiary education, middle-level skills development, employment and entrepreneurship. **President Benigno Aquino III** signed the Enhanced Basic Education Act into law known as Republic Act (RA) 10533 in 2013.



Studies conducted revealed that a 12-year program is found to be the best period of learning under basic education. It is also the recognized standard for students and professionals globally. The Philippines will be the last country in Asia and one of only three countries worldwide with a 10-year pre-university cycle (*Angola and Djibouti are the other two*).

The SBC K-12 program went through a gradual and progressive implementation using the following timeline:

Timeline of the K to 12 Program Implementation in the Integrated Basic Education Department (IBED), San Beda College Rizal (R) and Manila (M).



Rizal 2011-2012	Rizal 2012-2013	Rizal 2013-2014	Rizal 2014-2015	Rizal 2015-2016	Rizal and Manila campuses 2016-2017	Rizal and Manila campuses 2017-2018
Kinder	Kinder Grade 1 Grade 2	Kinder Grades 1, 2, 3, Grades 7, 8	Kinder Grades 1 to 9	Kinder Grades 1 to 10	Kinder Grades 1 to 11 (R) Grade 11(M)	Kinder Grades 1 to 12(R) Grades 11 & 12 (M)



- The Grade 7 students who entered SBC in AY 2012-2013 will be the first batch to graduate with a Senior High School diploma in AY 2017-2018.
- On the other hand, those who entered Grade 1 in AY 2012-2013 will be the first batch to graduate with the full K to 12 Basic Education Program in AY 2023-2024.

SBC Senior High School Track Offering: Academic Track

STRANDS

1. ABM – Accountancy, Business and Management
2. HUMSS – Humanities and Social Sciences
3. STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
4. GAS – General Academic Strand

Grace Poe visits father FPJ's alma mater

Presidentiable Grace Poe Llamanzares visited recently San Beda College when she was the featured presidential candidate in CNN Philippines' Townhall. She was with running mate vice presidentiable Chiz Escudero during the one-hour TV coverage of the initial telecast of Townhall held at the Abbot Lopez Hall. In attendance were College of Law and CAS students and faculty with school administrators led by CAS Dean Tessie Da Jose and Atty. Mike Daguinod, chairman of the Legal Management Department.

It was a nostalgic visit of Senator Grace Poe to her father's school. It will be recalled that Fernando Poe Jr. spent his elementary school days in San Beda (GS'53). Senator Poe was warmly welcomed by the Bedan Community, and was led to the site where a huge framed picture of his late father was on display.

She was teary-eyed when shown by Dr. Joffre Alajar, director of the Public Relations and Communications Office, an old blow-up picture of the late outstanding Bedan FPJ. Grace immediately recognized his then young father who was among classmates in the Grade School Department, led by Mr. Nicolas Carranceja. Grace was greeted by her many well-wishers hoping that she would become the next President of the Philippines.





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