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Atty. Maximo P. Amurao, Jr.
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REV. FR. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB
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88th NCAA Basketball Champions

academic units for exchange students. Dr. Napoleon K. Juanillo, Jr. (San Beda College, RPRDC) and Maria Teresa Hernandez Gallego (International Relations Office, Universidad de Salamanca) will further thresh out the details of the memorandum of agreement, including avenues of support for visiting scholars from Spain and the Philippines.

San Beda College has much to gain from its partnership with the University of Salamanca which, since its founding in 1218, has been a focal point of culture and learning, offers an attractive portfolio of academic titles, and is engaged in research of relevance throughout many fields, including the sciences. According to Señora Gallego, the university is host to students of Spanish language and culture from some 70 countries, including quite a remarkable number from China and Japan. On the other hand, Universidad de Salamanca's partnership with San Beda College is also a milestone of sorts as it marks the university's first ever partnership with a Philippine college or institution of higher learning. Given the deeply rich cultural, social, economic and historical ties between the Spain and the Philippines, Fr. Maranan told Dr. Badallo and Señora Gallego to view its partnership with San Beda College as Universidad de Salamanca's gateway and multi-lateral platform to Southeast Asia. Dr. Juanillo likewise emphasized that there is a wealth of research questions and topics of mutual interest that warrant serious investigation by scholars of both institutions and that the formal tie-up with the Universidad de Salamanca will be one less hurdle for SBC faculty in grant applications and logistical arrangements in Spain. Indeed, the centuries-old library of the university holds an impressive archive on the Philippines, a treasure trove seemingly half-explored at best. Ironically, the Universidad de Salamanca already has notable institutional ties with universities in China, Japan, Korea, and India.

San Beda College also formalized its ties with the Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca. Rector Angel Galindo Garcia and Dr. Angel Losada Vasquez, Director of

International Relations of the Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca warmly received Fr. Maranan, Dr. Juanillo, and Dr. Bustamante to the Rector-Magus's grand sala. Established by Pope Pius XII, the Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca was primarily focused on Theology and Canon Law but has since expanded to Sciences of Physical Activity and Sport, Nursing, Humanities, Psychology, Pedagogy, Computer Engineering and others.

Rector Angel Galindo Garcia and Dr. Angel Losada Vasquez expressed their very deep appreciation to Fr. Maranan for the visit and for San Beda College's pursuit of establishing a formal partnership, a first by a Philippine institution of higher learning with the Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca. Dr. Vasquez and Dr. Juanillo will now commence the next steps in spelling out the mechanisms of partnership.

Back to Montserrat

For all the concerns about globalization, what matters most is going back to the roots of San Beda College 112 years ago to the Benedictine Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat. The Rector-President, Dr. Juanillo, and Dr. Bustamante took a train from Barcelona, rode the cable car up to the Basilica of Our Lady of Montserrat nestled in the awesome stone monoliths, towers, undulating heights and crags of Montserrat in Catalonia, and soaked themselves in the unutterable wonder of seeing La Moreneta, the wooden Romanesque statue of the Virgin of Montserrat from

the end of the 12th century.

In his usual spirit of levity, Dr. Juanillo said that he seemed at a total loss for what to pray. Dr. Bustamante said that he, too, just could not think of anything. Fr. Maranan assured both that the "feeling of nothingness" or "blankness" is good in itself. But it is comforting to remember that centuries ago, several very ordinary, vulnerable, frail and sick men and women, and countless pilgrims trudged up for weeks or months by foot to the same mist-covered mountains, and probably felt the same when they saw and touched the statue of La Moreneta. Some were blessed in extraordinary ways. The soldier Ignacio de Loyola offered his sword to the Virgin and founded the Compañeros de Jesus. Teresa de Avila became a mystic and set up the Carmelitas Descalzos. Quite a few others became saints and influential spiritual leaders and they all changed the world.

One hundred twelve years ago, a few young Benedictine monks came down from the heights of the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat and bravely sailed forth from the Atlantic to the tropical shores of Las Islas Filipinas. By setting up the Colegio de San Beda, they, too, had changed the intellectual and spiritual life of a young nation and today its new generation of servant-leaders and scholars are ready to engage the world.

(As reported by the SBC Research, Planning & Resource Development Center)



Red Lions get three-peat, 17th NCAA cage crown

By Jude P. Roque



Despite a tumultuous year after a series of unfortunate events saddled the team, the Red Lions still defied the odds and continued with their winning ways as they ruled the NCAA's senior basketball event for the third straight year.

It was another magical season for the Red and White squad, ending the NCAA tournament with an emphatic 67-39 thrashing of the Letran Knights in the deciding Game 3 of the best-of-three championship series, to become now the winningest team in the country's oldest sports league with 17 titles. Previously, both San Beda and Letran were tied with 16 crowns each.

The team started the year with a lot of anxieties after most of its members were involved in a melee during an NCAA volleyball game held at the St. Placid gym. This has resulted to suspensions to key players and coaching staff, and a two-year ban on head coach Frankie Lim, the author of four of the last five titles. Lim

eventually resigned and paved the way for the entry of new mentor Ronnie Magsanoc. The Red Lions also lost some key players from the 2011 roster.

But when the going gets tough, the tough gets going. And the Red Lions once again rose from the ashes to claim their second three-peat in seven years.

Despite topping the elimination round, many still doubted the capability of the team to defend its title, after losing twice to arch rival San Sebastian this season. Both losses were also by a wide margin.

But after barely escaping the Perpetual Help Altas in the semis, the Lions braced for a tough title retention bid against the Stags. But fate had other plans as the twice-to-beat San Sebastian was twice beaten by Letran in the semis.



And so the stage was set for an epic battle between two old rivals for the NCAA diadem.

In Game 1, it was again a narrow escape by the Lions, 62-60, as Letran star Kevin Alas was stripped of the ball by eventual Finals MVP Baser Amer in the dying seconds. But Game 2 saw a relentless Letran side that dominated most departments of the game. The Knights tied the series with a huge 64-55 upset win.

Game 3 was for all the marbles, and a fierce encounter was expected. But the determined Red Lions went to work early and tirelessly applied defensive pressure on the hapless Knights. The game ended with one of the most lopsided results in an NCAA championship match. San Beda successfully defended its crown with a whopping 28-point victory.

Many Lions came out to play in Game 3, led by the graduating Anjo Caram, with 17 markers, including three triples. Amer added 14 points, while skipper Jake Pascual played his last game as a Red Lion with 10 points, nine boards and three steals.

Unlike in Game 2, the Lions dominated in several departments this time. But the most glaring was the 50-38 edge in rebounding. They also shut down the Knights' outside artillery with a pesky defensive stance. Letran was 0-of-18 from downtown.

In 2006, San Beda ended a 28-year title drought in the NCAA, defeating the Philippine Christian University Dolphins in three games that year. The Lions upended Letran and Jose Rizal University in 2007 and 2008 respectively to score their first three-peat. But they lost the crown to San Sebastian in 2009, being swept by the Stags in the finals. They reclaimed the plum in 2010 via an 18-game sweep of the tournament. An import-



less Red Lion squad got its back-to-back championships in last year, also at the expense of the Stags.

Next year, the Lions will miss the services of Pascual, Caram and Melo Lim after they played out their last season. But new faces are expected to bolster the roster next season, especially with the return of ex-Red Cub Dan Sara, and the vast improvement of last year's juniors finals MVP Van Abatayo. The Semerad twins, Anthony and David, are also expected to make a comeback after they were earlier reported to have transferred to Ateneo.

The Red Lions are surely gunning for a rare four-peat in 2013.



Red Cubs win fourth straight NC plum

Not to be outdone by their seniors counterparts, the San Beda Red Cubs also extended their reign in the NCAA's Junior Basketball tournament, winning their fourth consecutive crown.

The Cubs swept the San Sebastian Staglets in two games to win also their league-record 20th over-all cage title in the country's oldest sports league. Both victories were imposing (Game 1, 69-51; Game 2, 83-58).

Former national youth mainstays Arvin Tolentino and Andrei Caracut exploded in Game 2 with a combined 26 markers, while eventual Finals MVP Javee Mocon finished with 10 points, 11 rebounds and 2 steals. Mocon and Tolentino were also picked to join the Mythical Team this season.



Under third year mentor Britt Reroma, the Cubs are on target to equal next season the five straight championships achieved by the Mapua Red Robins in the late 60's. Only three Cubs – Axel Inigo, Paolo Brojan and Popoy Macapayag – are graduating from the program. A solid roster will attempt the five-peat in 2013.

The only loss suffered by the Cubs in the NCAA this 88th Season, was against the Red Robins. Before the finals, San Beda enjoyed a 2-0 edge versus San Sebastian in their head-to-head battle this season. In their first meeting, the Cubs needed an extra period to nip the Staglets, 77-69. Tolentino sizzled with 15 of his season-high 37 points in overtime, including three treys.

IT'S ABOUT COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE (FACULTY MEMBERS WHO COMPLETED THEIR DOCTORAL STUDIES) AY 2012 - 2013



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Doctor in Philosophy
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How Sweep it is - Congratulations Giants

Atty. Rene A.V. Saguisag

You cannot be in San Fran and not leave a part of your heart in it. And so, while I have been a Yankee fan since grade school in Makati Elem I rejoice and join those humming and crooning. They swept the Yankee-Killer Detroit Tigers. How Sweep It Is indeed. Fil-Am Tim Lincecum was part of the triumph (ma, Rebecca Asis), in relief (he used to be a starter). There is a Victoria Manalo Dravis Park in San Fran, named after the Fil-Brit diver who won two diving golds in the '48 London Olympics. Visiting Orani, Bataan, where his musikero-father was from, the celeb lasted for a week, some years ago. PNoy had just been to Canberra, Down Under, and met Flight Attendant Teresa, who he asked "How is your father?" Touche, as in touching. King Caloy, 82, is quite unwell, unable to speak. San Beda will honor him next month, and it's iffy if he will be able to come to Manila next month, to Mendiola, where in 1955, he brought home the NCAA's Zamora Trophy, for thrice winning the NCAA crown. Ateneo was our great rival then. (La Salle was somewhere in the league, it was rumored.) The first two games between San Beda

and Letran were thrillers but it seems they are still counting our wining margin last Saturday, when inexplicably Letran, well-coached, got lost. The other shining Tim is Tebow, kneeling and praying during games (Tebowing). He's now the second-string quarterback of the New York Jets, and sought-after as an endorser. He was born in Makati, to an American missionary couple, on August 14, 1987, and supports 650 orphans, has a playground built and will soon have a hospital in Davao, where our Rudy Duterte, LL.B., '72, may soon have another head on a platter for which a hospital cannot do anything, given his alleged unorthodox population reduction program formula: reduce crime by sending off some shabby people to the Promised Land. a decision we try to teach in San Beda is solely for the Lord to make. I am against judicial or extrajudicial executions, as a gross violation of the human right to live. But, again, I should dwell on the positive. I should just add that Magic Johnson, Comelec Chair Boy Brillantes and martyred Fr. Zamora share a common birth date, August 14, and in the case of Pareng Boy,

same year. If you wonder who's older, you may try autoptic proference, just look at the both of us. No contest, like the San Beda-Letran game last Friday. And we both became widowers, courtesy of reckless drivers, in Makati, he in the early 90's, I, in 2007, and we have not looked at another woman again since. I think. In his case. He has not remarried. I don't look at women.

I think the press should focus more on the positives and educate our people on Caloy, the two Tims and Victoria(! na) Manalo (!! pa) and enshrine them in some Hall of Fame.

Everyone and his mom know about Erik and his Mom from San Pablo, Laguna.

Let's accentuate the positive.



TOYEMM 2012 abbreviates Ten Outstanding Young Employees of Metro Manila. It is an annual search for the metropolis' outstanding youth in the workplace. Its genesis was a solid 12 years quest conducted in Marikina City from 2000 – 2011. TOYEMM 2012 now embraces Metro Manila's 17 cities and municipalities.

There are ten (10) industries/sectors where young employees (permanent, part-time or contractual) may come from and be nominated: manufacturing, religious/civic/non-profit organizations, academe, small and medium scale enterprises, groceries/ Supermarkets/ malls, publishing/printing/communication, food service, medical/ healthcare enterprises, government service and banking/financial services.

Everybody's favorite Prof. Edilberto Viray of the San Beda Economics Department was proclaimed one of the winners. Prof. Viray was recognized for his exemplary performance as an educator.

Congratulations, more power, and may you continue to be an inspiration to the entire Bedan Community!

Prof. Edilberto Viray is 2012 TOYEMM Awardee



Dr. Viray with parents





Prof. Adelo Brabante, Nilda Allaga, Janet Azotillo, Bernardo Tayag, Liezel Rodriguez, Lourdes Castillo, Tessie Barte, Elma Abengoza, Emiliano Cayanan, Jose Castañeda, Renato Macapagal, Teddy Silan, Freddie Arevalo, Eljay Evaristo, Rustico Salvaña, and Rolando Tamayo
15 Years in service

Kathryn Aguilar, Katrina Chua, Bridget Española, Ma. Cecil Estolano, Sher Barnara Mina, Je-ann Morales, Helen Sebastian, Juliet Tingzon, Marc Ac Atty. Jennifer Balboa-Cahig, Ray Caranguian, Rebecca Daluping, Josephine Da Atty. Randolph Pascasio, Edilberto Viray, Jr. Dr. Edna Morada, Dr. Markka Solar Jerome Coronacion, Ariene Mantalaba, Joseph Podrajas, John Toril
5 Years in service



1st row: Rose Ferreras, Ofelia Mangabat, Michael Zaldivia,
2nd row: Nazareno Napena, Luisito Dela Cruz, Gilbert Murillo, Paul Resida, and Oscar Armas
20 Years in service



Dean Virgilio Jara and
40 Years



Nanding Lacap, Tes Jajalla, and Lisa Galang
30 Years in service



Sophia Estabillo and Dominador Manlincon
10 Years in service

2012

Saint Benedict Service

A Salute to San Beda's Real Tre

The Service Awards was established by San Beda College in 1988 during the rectorship of the late Rev. Trustees in February 27, 1988. It was created for the purpose of recognizing the meritorious and zealous was named after Saint Benedict, the patron saint of the religious order administering the College.

Through the years, the service awards celebration serves to strengthen the oneness of the members of S of service awards for those who have served SBC for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years is traditional 11, to coincide with the celebration of the Solemnity of Saint Benedict. The award consists of either a cer and a graduated cash reward for those who have rendered at least 30 years of service to the college.

The Service Awards celebration promotes the school's Benedictine character, and awareness of the sign and celebrating community, in the living tradition of Saint Benedict.

The Saint Benedict Awards is San Beda College's public acclamation of how it values its human resource Benedict after whom the award is named. After all, so much of what this venerable institution is today, it c its inspired human resources.

Last, July 11, 2012, the entire Bedan Community was again decked for celebration as it paid a grand sal



Service Awards

Measures

Fr. Bernardo Ma. Perez, OSB, and upon the approval of the Board of service of lay administrators, faculty and service personnel. The Award

San Beda College as a Benedictine Christian community. The distribution is done during the Solemn Conventual Mass at the Abbey Church on July. Certificate of recognition or a plaque of honor, with a Saint. Benedict medal,

significant dimensions of praying and working together, of learning, serving

es as "the real treasures of the school," resonating well with that of Saint. owes to the many years of committed and dedicated efforts of hundreds of

ute to the 2012 Saint Benedict Service Awardees.

After making history...

IT'S TIME TO PARTY

Michael John Y. Rubio

Last October 27, thousands of red clad Bedans trooped to the Mendiola campus to celebrate another milestone in the school's rich basketball tradition. Some even brought their entire families to toast this year's heroes of the hard court. The Red Lions and Red Cubs reigned supreme in their respective divisions to make it a double championship for San Beda College. This year's victory is especially sweet as the Red Lions clinched their 17th NCAA title and the third 3-peat, making it the most successful basketball program in the league. While the Red Cubs continues to dominate the juniors division winning its 20th title overall and winning a rare four-peat for San Beda. Incidentally, this is the fourth time that the school won a double championship (see sidebar). A time for prayer of thanks

The celebration started with a thanksgiving mass (the second in two days, the first being held immediately after the game with no less than Dr. Manuel V.

Pangilinan in attendance) at the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat for the gathered students, alumni and school personnel. The Mass was celebrated by Abbot Tarcisio Ma. H. Narciso, OSB who paid tribute to the players for giving it their best in the name of the school and for being gentlemen inside and outside the court. Father Tarci also thanked everyone who have been supporting the teams and called on them to continue doing so. After the Mass, the school treated the community with food stuff and song numbers by the Bedan Musicians Guild at the Plaza Montserrat.

The tradition continues

Once everyone had their fill, the program continued with the traditional bonfire at the driveway. Leading the lighting of the bonfire are team captains Arvin Tolentino and Jake Pascual. As the San Beda College Band played the traditional cheers of the school, the Cubs and the Lions

whooped it up by running in circles along the bonfire area much to the delight of the crowd. And with clenched fists held high, the community sang the Bedan Hymn with fervor. As the last note of the Alma Mater Hymn was sung, a dazzling fireworks display lit up the evening sky, eliciting cheers from the school community.

Song and dance numbers Immediately after the bonfire, the CAS Student Council prepared a short program to show their appreciation to the Cubs and the Lions who once again brought honor to the school. Father Abbot Tarcisio Ma. H. Narciso, OSB gave the welcome remarks followed by a video presentation of the different sectors of the Bedan community congratulating the teams for a job well done. Invited guests took to the stage to provide entertainment to the gathered crowd. Coach Ronnie Magsanoc and Asst. Coach Benjie Paras took turns in paying homage to the school community for their unending support and

NCAA BASKETBALL CROWNS Double Championships 1978, 2010, 2011 and 2012

Juniors

1967, 1974, **1978**, 1981, 1982, 1987, 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2009, **2010, 2011, 2012**

Seniors

1927, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1940, 1951, 1952, 1955, 1959, 1977, **1978**, 2006, 2007, 2008, **2010, 2011, 2012**

thanked the players as well for their trust and confidence in the coaching staff. There were song and dance numbers meant to pump the crowd for the most exciting part of the program: the intro of the Red Cubs and the Red Lions.

Introduction of Players First to be called are the Red Cubs led by the team captain Arvin Tolentino and Finals MVP Javee Mocon. Tolentino thanked the whole Bedan community for their support for the Red Cubs and asked them to continue supporting the team. The Red Cubs were true to the maxim short but sweet as all of them gave messages of thanks to their supporters. Then it was the Red Lions turn to be called. Jake Pascual, a member of the Mythical Team and King Lion together with the graduating players Anjo Caram and Melo Lim led the other players in thanking everyone who attended the games and the party for always being present even when they lost some games. Baser Amer, the Finals MVP, promised to

continue with the winning traditions of the school. **Mendiola Street Party**

As the Bedans continue to savor the moment of victory, the celebration lasted until the wee hours of the morning this time along the historical Mendiola Street. There were pocket celebrations everywhere and people seemed to have enjoyed themselves tremendously. Various batches of alumni have turned the busy thoroughfare into a party place complete with food, drinks and music. When it comes to throwing parties, the Bedans know how to rock the joint as shouts of Go San Beda Fight and Animo San Beda filled the air.

Until the Next Victory Celebration Not wanting to let the night end, the red clad Bedans who trooped to Mendiola that night vowed to see each other again next year as San Beda looks FOUR-ward to Season 89.

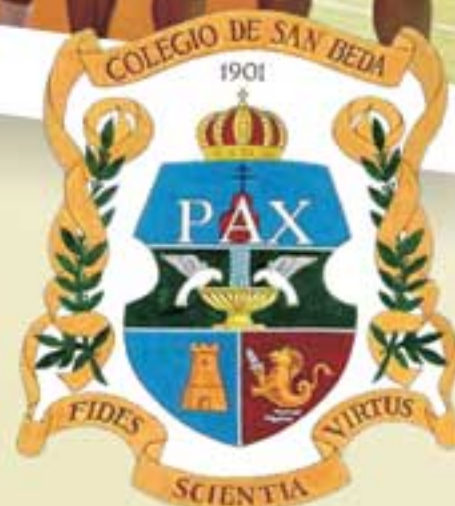


They too... made history!

Red Lion's SUPERSIX



LUDOVICE, John Mark Yvan B.
DE LA CRUZ, Arthur A.
MORALDE, Christian Dave P.
ABARCAR, Francis Johnson E.
VILLARUZ, Richie Jon B.
BONSUBRE, Jr., Antonio R.



ANOTHER GOOD REASON TO CELEBRATE

A 71% San Beda Passing Percentage in the October 2012 CPA Board Exams is a remarkable feat, and another good reason to celebrate.

Congratulations to our new Bedan CPAs for upholding once again the College's tradition of academic excellence:



**BAQUIR, EDGARD ALLEN G.
BASSIG, ALYSSA AL MARIE V.
BLANCO, JOHN ERIC S.
BOTE, CHARLES NAR DOMINIC R.**



**BULAN, JEROME ALDRICH B.
CABANGON, NOVEA A.
CARLOS, ADRIANNE BERNADINE M.
CHENG, HALLEY M.**



**CORONEL, DON OSBURN C.
CORTUNA, NAZAR NORMAN S.
DAGURO, HARLENE MITCH M.
DE JESUS, JUVY H.**



**DEL MUNDO, FORREST SHANE R.
GALAN, MARIA FAITH V.
LEDESMA, MARIA MICHAELA E.
LOTO, KIMBERLY ROSE O.**



**PADILLA, FREDTHEM V.
PALABAO, NORRIEBEE I.
PIANO, JOHN KRISTOFFER L.
PINEDA, JOHN WILLIAM V.**



**SAPON, COLINE MARIE M.
SUZUKI, YOSHIHIRO D.C.
TAAL, JOHN MARLON F.
VINCE CRUZ, VINZ FRANCOISE P.**



*** National Passing Percentage - 48%**

**We are proud of you, for doing
your best and achieving the highest!**



**San Beda College
ACCOUNTANCY**



games, just like any other young men and women of our age who thought that life was a bed of roses. The day I decided to take up accountancy, I knew that I would have to learn the values of sacrifice discipline and self-denial for the sake of long-term goals. At first I, chose accountancy because of the opportunities and rewards

Valedictory Address of **Mr. Manuel P. Buensuceso, Jr.** **1st Place,** **May 2012 CPA Board Examination**

that I believed this course would bring me. But as time passed by, I realized that it was the discipline of the course that made it truly worth learning. My dear fellow CPAs, I know that our reasons for taking the course differed from one another But today, I salute each and every one of us for reaching our goal!— hard earned, and hard-won. The endless search for knowledge was a road filled with challenges that constantly tested our characters.

As we were going through college and the CPA review classes we did not only learn accounting theories, concepts and principles. We did not only gain knowledge. We also learned many life values that built our character. And along the way, we picked up virtues and reasons from our mentors. As we take our professional oath today, we keep in mind that it is not only the title nor the skills and abilities we now possess that will define who we are as professionals. It will also be the values and principles that our mentors together with our parents and guardians have ingrained in us. I believe that it will not only be the numerous business intricacies where we are to apply our accounting and auditing expertise that would be the challenges that we will have to deal with in our profession. Rather, it is also in the many situations in which our sense of responsibility and integrity as professional accountants that will be put to a great test. We have been entrusted the responsibility to ensure the accuracy and integrity of financial information we will be providing to various stakeholders and the public as a whole. We already found it difficult to obtain the title Certified Public Accountant but the greater challenge is whether or not we will be able to live to the demands of the profession. My dear fellow CPAs, I enjoin you to take good care not only of this hard-earned professional title but more importantly, the trust given by the public to us as vanguards of truth, transparency and accountability.

Allow me to reveal today that it has been my long-time dream to become a CPA board topnotcher. A dream that became my ultimate goal. A goal that I truly worked hard for at times pushing myself to the limits encountering failures along the way. But against all odds, that dream has now become a reality!

And so to my alma mater San Beda College, thank you for truly inculcating in me the Benedictine values of prayer and work (*ora et labora*) for indeed,

Do you believe that God has a master plan for each and every one of us? Yes, I do! I was supposed to take the CPA board exams last October 2011, with my application form completely filled up and the required fee fully paid at the Professional Regulations Commission office But as fate would have it, I failed to submit the application form to enable me to take the October 2011 board examination.

As a result I ended up taking the May 2012 CPA licensure examinations. As expected, the results were immediately released last month. And as I searched for my name in the list of successful examinees, I did not only see my name in the listing but even saw it on top. Yes, I made it, not only am I now a Certified Public Accountant, modesty aside, I am now the May 2012 CPA Board Examination TOPNOTCHER. Now that is what I call God's master plan for this humble creation and so for all of us who have just taken our oath as new Certified Public Accountants. Truly, this is a bright shining moment in our lives.

Today, we the newly inducted Certified Public Accountants are celebrating one of the greatest accomplishments in our lives. Today, we bring to a close one of the most challenging chapters of our young lives and open another unforeseen chapter filled with hope for a brighter future ahead of us. We all dreamed of becoming CPAs and at this moment that dream has come true. We fondly recall all those sacrifices the sleepless nights preparing for the board exams the endless reading of books and solving accounting and auditing problems until the wee hours of the morning. Instead of spending time with our friends and loved ones; watching the telenovelas, or simply relaxing by going to the malls surfing the internet and playing

BATHTAKING CEREMONIES of NEW CPAS



work without prayer is purposeless while prayer without work is insincerity.

Allow me also to share with you this afternoon the four great lessons taught to us that until now we Bedans carry in our hearts.

FIRST, courage in the face of adversity, courage in the midst of disappointment, courage to fight for what is right and noble, and courage to uphold the truth at all cost.

SECOND, a deep abiding faith that stoops not to the gross demands of a material world an unshakable faith in the ultimate regeneration of mankind through Jesus Christ.

THIRD, Christian charity for the unfortunate and the poor; an understanding charity for the moral derelicts of our day and age; charity for those who in their ignorance have spurned religion, and the beauty of its ideals; a charity that is genuine, honest, real and devoid of hypocrisy.

FOURTH, an unselfish devotion to the duties of citizenship, and an absolute loyalty to our country. Yes, our country. Let us find it in our hearts to genuinely serve our country and help safeguard its future. The Filipino nation today more than any time in our history needs a patriotic turn-around. We should never lose hope since we have faith in the Filipino and faith in the essential goodness of men as well as the ultimate goodness of the Divine. Let us forever be Filipino men of prayer, work and peace.

There is no denying that San Beda College transformed me and made me become a better person "fully human wholly Christian and truly Filipino servant leader". This is what Benedictine Education is all about. I therefore share this honor first and foremost with my San Beda College family.

Not to be forgotten today is the fact that our CPA

title would not be made possible without the guidance and support of the people who saw us through it all. To our professors we say *thank you* for the great knowledge and wisdom that you have shared with us, for these will surely equip us in our professional works. I guess more than the knowledge you have imparted to all of us what remains in our hearts to this very day are your words of encouragement and gestures of concern. You are truly God's gift of service, symbols of the highest ideals of selfless dedication, shining your light in a world that is in constant search for role models and inspirations.

The gift of family is God's greatest blessing! Come what may our family is there for us to love to support to comfort us. My parents **Mr. Manuel Buensuceso Sr.** and **Mrs. Shirley Buensuceso** did not come from well-off families but they have and continue to overcome all challenges in rearing and providing the best they can for us, the six children whom God entrusted to them. To you daddy and mommy thank you very much. You know that words are not enough to express my love and appreciation for all that you have been to me! My unbounded gratitude as well to my dear brothers and sisters. And the same holds true for the many Filipino parents and family members here present today, we say *Maraming Salamat po* for always being there for us and reminding us that we are your priceless treasures in this world and no matter what, your unconditional love is more than enough to see us through life.

Lastly but most importantly we give thanks to you, our Lord Almighty – for the gift of Life and the gift of Love and for continuously providing us health of soul mind and body. We commit to continuously do things for your greater glory.

Let me close by inviting everyone to rise and join me in a special thanksgiving prayer affirming our faith in Him who is the true source of all goodness and blessings, thanks and praises we offer.

That in all things, God may be glorified!



A Salute to our new Bedan Registered Nurses who hurdled the 2012 Nursing Board Exams

SBC First time Taker Passing Percentage — 75%
SBC Over-All Passing Percentage — 66.67%
National Passing Percentage—45.69%

ABORDO, JAMIE NICOLE G.
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SAN BEDA COLLEGE-ENGLISH DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATES IN TWO (2) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES: (BACK-TO-BACK CONFERENCES: KRITIKA KULTURA AND ACELT)

by Prof. Rowena Javier-Rivero

Very invigorating, innovative, and stimulating insights concluded the two-day international conferences in Ateneo de Manila University dated August 31 and September 1, 2012. Day 1 Conference was organized by Kritika Kultura of Ateneo's School of Humanities entitled *Traveling Texts: Translation and Globalization* relevant to

language and literature teaching and the second day conference was spearheaded by ACELT and Asia TEFL with the theme *English in Asia: Teaching a Global Language in Local Contexts* that highlighted the global perspective on the emerging Englishes in Asia viewing it now as the language of Asians and ASEANS.



The Faculty of San Beda College-Dept of English during Kritika Kultura International Conference, *TRAVELING TEXT: Translation and Globalization*, August 31, 2012, Ateneo de Manila University (from left Profs. Tibi, Tiu, Cabaysa, Alipio, Ordon, Ambion, Rivero, Ramos, Butao, and Agreda)

KRITIKA KULTURA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2012 TRAVELING TEXTS: TRANSLATION AND GLOBALIZATION

August 31, 2012 at the Leong Hall of Ateneo de Manila University, eleven (11) faculty members of the English Department participated in Kritika Kultura's First International Conference on Translation with the theme *"Travelling Texts: Translation and Globalization."* (Professors: Agreda, Alipio, Ambion, Butac, Cabaysa, De Jesus, Ordon, Ramos, Rivero, Tibi, and Tiu).

Equally invigorating (as Prof. Agreda would describe the conference) were the sharing delivered in the parallel sessions by the astounding roster of resource speakers (Dr. Mila Laurel, Dr. Neil Garcia, Dr. Judy Ick, Dr. Corazon Villareal of the Dept. English & Comparative Lit., UP, Prof. Lila Ramos Shahani of Oxford Univ., Dr. Ramon Guillermo, UP, Dr. Remmon Berbaza, Ateneo, Hiroko Nagai, Rikkyo Univ., Japan,) to name a few.

The parallel sessions shed light to the many questions rose in our minds during the plenary; thus, very fulfilling results manifested in our smiles during the photo ops (photo opportunity) with the rest of the delegates in this first-ever Kritika Kultura International Conference. Gratitude is expressed to Sir Louie Jon Sanchez, Dr. Maria Luisa T. Reyes, founder of Kritika, and the staff of KK.

As the Department of English of San Beda College also aims to enhance its instruction and research in the teaching of the second language (English) and literature, its faculty members' participation in conferences greatly helps in expanding and enriching their knowledge of the most novel ideas relating to this goal; thereby, creating an invigorating and challenging views to review and to rethink their approach, techniques, and strategies in teaching for excellent if not better classroom instruction.

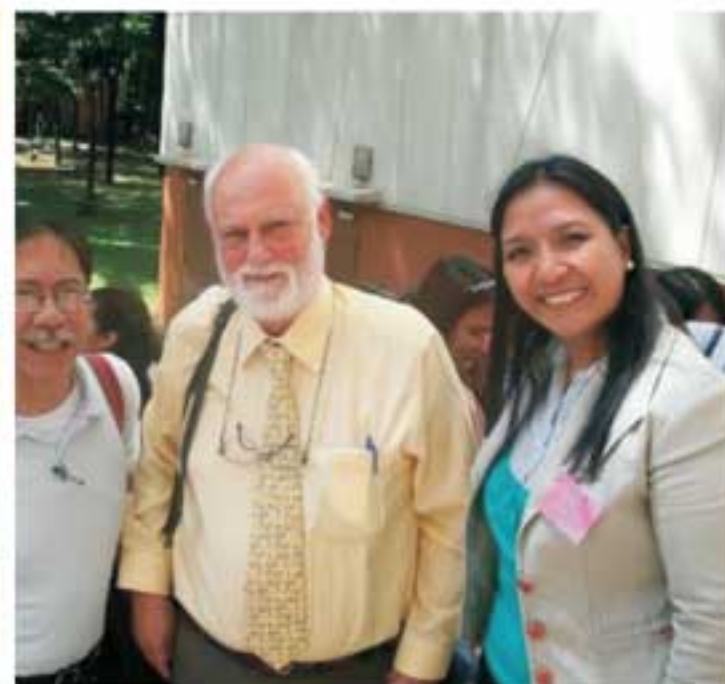


Photo-Ops with Dr. Andy Kirkpatrick and Dr. Nolasco during the ACELT Conference, September 1, 2012 at the Ateneo de Manila University.

BLESSING of the Mural Paintings in the Abbey Church



It was a "holy night" awaited by members of the Bedan Community as the mural paintings installed at the rear wall of the Abbey Church was blessed, and a marker unveiled to mark this historic event in the life of the century-old Abbey Church of Our Lady of Montserrat.

The affair started with a Eucharistic Celebration officiated by **Rt. Rev. Tarcisio Ma. H. Narciso, OSB** and members of the Benedictine congregation. **Rev. Fr. Aelred Nilo, OSB** delivered the homily where he briefly and beautifully

described the mural paintings executed by Italian artist **Francesco Giannini**.

Immediately after the Holy Mass, a special marker commemorating the mural blessing was unveiled by **Mr. Carlos Ortoll** and family. It will be recalled that the new paintings were generously financed by the Ortoll-Zaragoza family. The unveiling was also led by **Mr. Francesco Giannini** and wife. Special guests of honor included: Hon. Senator **Agapito "Butz" Aquino**, as well as presidential sisters **Mrs. Ballsy Aquino-Cruz** and **Ms. Viel Aquino-Dee**. It will also be recalled that Bedan martyr **Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino** and his wife, the late **President Corazon Aquino** were among the familiar faces featured in the mural paintings.

Indeed, it was a truly memorable evening, and a Bedan affair worth celebrating.



COLLEGE OF LAW-LEGAL AID BUREAU (COL-LAB): OPENING NEW SATELLITE OFFICE IN THE BASILICA MINOR OF THE BLACK NAZARENE OF QUIAPO, MANILA

By Dr. James Loreto C. Piscos

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Law Practice at Its Finest

The San Beda College of Law-Legal Aid Bureau has extended its paralegal services to the Archdiocese of Manila by accepting the invitation of **Archbishop Antonio Tagle** for an operation of free legal clinic in the Quiapo Church, Manila. This was formalized through a Memorandum of Agreement signed by the school's Rector-President, **Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB** and the Basilica Minor of the Black Nazarene Rector and Parish Priest **Rev. Msgr. Jose Clemente F. Ignacio** last April 11, 2012 on the occasion of the recognition rites given to the graduating Legal Aid Bureau Interns at St. Maurs Hall in the campus.

It was a coincidence that the blessing of the Legal Aid Bureau office in Quiapo was done last June 21, 2012, the feast day of Fr. Maranan, and the birthday of Archbishop Tagle. The event signaled the opening of an avenue where law practice will be at its finest since it will serve poor and indigent clients who are not capable of defending their rights. The occasion was attended by all LAB interns, nuns working for justice, peace and human rights of CARITAS-Manila, and the officers of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Legal Aid Bureau is composed of 42 top graduating law students who can act as lawyers in court through the guidance of their LAB director, Atty.

Peter-Joey Usita. This is both an internship program and a community involvement of the institution. The LAB interns can represent in court and do legal counseling and advice.

LAB has its main office in the San Beda College-Manila campus, and accepts clients from Monday to Saturday, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Quiapo Church as a satellite office operates every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. It is inspiring to note that **Atty. Rene Sarmiento**, Bedan law professor, offered his services in Quiapo, and prefers to do it during Fridays in an appointment basis.

There are also LAB members rendering their services in St. Jude Parish in Mendiola, Manila every Thursday from 10:00 AM to 3:00PM following the MOA signed between the parish and the school last year.

Last June 8-9, 2012, the Institutional Community Involvement Center facilitated a Strategic Planning for the COL-LAB at the Monserrat Center in Silang, Cavite to help them build teamwork and foster the school apostolate in working for social justice as its modest contribution in nation-building.





The Radio1 Student Jocks
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On Board with Bedan **DJ Sarah Carlos**

by Joseph Mark Lavin Santiago



Sarah Carlos, an accounting major, and at the same time, a disk jockey (DJ), is a student within our midst that isn't at all supposed to be hidden under the radar.

Being an accounting major is already tough enough, especially having the many responsibilities required by the course... but can one cope at all being also a DJ at the same time?

Sarah can.

In fact, she's been doing this for over a year now, being enlisted as a Dean's Lister and still remaining in one of the top sections of the Accountancy department, all the while lending her voice to Monster Radio RX 93.1.

She, like any other student, has to go through all the common problems in college. But being refreshingly unique, she does this through the most charismatic, hardworking, and consistent ways that sets her apart from the ordinary students; her being one of the prettiest faces in campus, as well.

Sarah, besides crunching numbers on her calculator, happens to love acting, hosting, and performing as her hobbies. This also makes it so that she can go into acting, making it another viable option of work after becoming a CPA, mentioning that she wants to be an actress if given the chance—rather, both.

"How many people can actually analyze a financial statement while acting?"

"So why not have the best of both worlds?" she asked.

I asked her why she insists being on the course if she can just take the easy way by being an actress, and well, she replied that the passion she has for also being a future accountant outweighs the thought of giving it all up, believing that through hard work, determination, and patience that she's going to land the profession one day. But of course she can't do this by herself, telling me that the support and motivation she gets from her father, and friends really help her at times of difficulty.

"My dad really helps me get through a lot," said Sarah.

"But I can't forget the friends whom I have and are always there for me."

Above anything else, she wants to be able to become a better person, likening to the fact that she would love to be able to help the country—and at the end of the day, be happy over being able to give effort in contributing small or big to anyone that needs help, not forgetting her family, in which she'd love to be able to give back as much love as they give to her.

It's her desire of wanting her goals achieved that she puts in a lot of effort, time, and patience—things needed to survive the course, which she is able to stay afloat with her studies while enjoying the other benefits of life. It's also through by these examples that she is considered to be one of the student role models in the department; never forgetting the responsibilities she is supposed to attend to, working hard but praying harder, and expecting the best but at the same time preparing for the worst, making sure that whatever disappointments the course might have for her to fall—she's able to bounce back.

If there's anyone we can admire and be inspired by—it's Sarah Carlos.



The *Peace* Retreat Experience

by Joseph Mark Lavin Santiago

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“Once a Bedan, always a Bedan.”

The phrase struck me odd at first, thinking: Why was it uttered? To express happily the times they've spent with the school? To make it clear the sense of gratitude they have for the community in there?

Countless thoughts clouded my line of thinking; hopelessly staring at the very people who would say that. Nevertheless, I would just shrug my curiosity off and tell myself that I would someday know the meaning behind such phrase—leading me to believe that there ought to be something that made whoever said be proud of their heritage as a Bedan experience something worthwhile in their stay in campus.

Months later, as I progressed with my life as a student, my guardians received a letter informing them of a gathering of students that would put them in a place where they could be out of the modern world's reach as to successfully bring

about the paramount need of being in a stronger relationship with the Highest of Highest—God. It was then that they were convinced about the retreat's motive and had allowed me to go, formally complying with the letter and making sure that I had everything prepared soon after. Of course this was two weeks before the event itself as to make everyone aware of what was needed to be done so that every preparation can go accordingly.

After preparing everything, all of us were set... though the Campus Ministry staff had to take worldly things like our gadgets as to not let it take our attention away from what was going to be taught to us. Couple of hours later after boarding the bus; we've reached the Montserrat Center for Religious Formation in Silang Cavite.

It was a beautiful place. Everything was designed as if it were a relief for one's whole soul. The place



*Fr. Maximilian Mapilisan
brings the retreatants
to a close encounter
with the Superfriend*



Candlelighting ceremony

was undoubtedly attractive to the point where one would be amazed by how fit everything came together—the blue themed paint, the cool temperature, and the welcoming aura. It was indeed unforgettable.

The retreat's activities were divided into sessions that were intended to be emotional for all of us-- to be united in an harmonic state where each student could deliberately relate to one another without the barriers of social anxiety; embracing the concept of spiritual awakening upon peer-to-peer communication and diving deeper in the concept that God, in all the way He is—can be there of help whichever, whenever, and wherever problems could arise: reminding us that we were all blessed starting with the very first blessings we've had... our fathers, mothers, and finally, Jesus Christ.

In these emotional discussions we explored:

The love of a mother that never fails: an even in-depth talk as to how she can demonstrate the weight of her unconditional feelings for the children she bore: time, effort, and patience that make a mom such an amazing figure in our lives... and how each mother carries these traits through their own means;

The strength of a father that carries the family: the superb figure that happens to inspire us through the sweat that comes from his work to make good of what he has in order for the family to grow

under his care, and pointing out that even though each one is different in their unique way, all can be similar under one example: the desire to see their children to be better people; and,

The maker who puts everything in place—Jesus Christ, our Superfriend: He is there, no matter what. We were told that no matter how each obstacle has us over the edge, no one can be better called than our Superfriend.

It was a truly amazing experience to have had attended the Peace Retreat. Not only does it makes you feel less burdened having gone through all sessions, it makes you feel as if you're in unity within yourself: inner peace—the perpetual spiritual awakening not only experienced by yourself, but with others as well, marking the beginning of a new, guided journey with God through the walk of life. It was then I understood the true meaning of the quoted phrase, "Once a Bedan, Always a Bedan". Because I have finally opened my eyes to the idea of inner peace in accordance with that of God's Will under San Beda's roof. This is what really made you a Bedan, as a Bedan puts himself under God, but isn't always afraid to go above with God; blowing past life's challenges with a steel heart neither fearing fire nor blood, as long as God is with him and of course, accepting his family of equal importance, never forgetting the value that sets them apart from any other people in this world.



editor's note

Dr. Joffre M. Alajar

The just-concluded first semester of AY 2012-13 was filled with daunting challenges that tested our character as an institution in the mission of education. Even as we prepare this 11th edition of **The Bedan Today**, challenges abound one after the other, keeping us on our toes making sure that the Bedan Community is more than ready to meet up greater challenges ahead. Like a sturdy oak tree, our 112-year old San Beda College which started as a "small seed", has been tended each passing year, becoming so strong, that it becomes next to impossible to destroy and break.

The latest fraternity hazing incident which caused another lost of a precious life has once again brought us together as a community to pursue and deepen with ardent devotion to our school's ideals of faith, virtue and knowledge.

Through all the hard days and seemingly mean season, members of the Bedan Community managed to keep themselves committed to excellence; passionately pursuing their highest ideals; bringing glory and pride to the College; and, exercising the force of will and talent of heart to emerge as true Bedan champions.

We bring these good people in this issue as our way of saluting them for pursuing breakthroughs amid challenges, confident that they will be able to elevate others by their examples.

May you have a truly great read!



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SBC enrolment surges a new high

While other colleges and universities reported a downtrend in their student enrolment, SEC registered a remarkable increase in its enrolment for the first semester, AY 2012-13, compared to last year's figures:

	First Sem. 2012-13	First Sem. 2011-12	Increase/ Decrease
Basic Education Dept. (BED)			
Grade School	944	1002	-58
High School	981	939	+42
Total	1925	1941	-16
College of Arts & Sciences (CAS)	4916	4321	+595
BS Accountancy.....	1099	868	+231
BS Economics and Public Policy.....	150	124	+26
BS Entrepreneurship	457	412	+45
BS Financial Management	2	9	-7
BS Information and Communications Technology.....	561	611	-50
BS International Business & Entrepreneurial Management	13	52	-39
BS Legal Management	758	646	+112
BS Marketing & Corporate Communications.....	13	38	-25
BS Psychology	488	401	+87
BS Human Biology	16	0	16
BSBA Financial Management	374	353	+21
BSBA Marketing and Corporate Communications	717	602	+115
BSBA Operations Management	159	121	+38
BSBA Human Resource Development Management	105	81	+24
AB Philosophy (4th year).....	4	3	+1
College of Nursing (CON)	153	285	-132
College of Medicine (COM)	615	539	+76
College of Law (COL)	1490	1369	+121
Graduate School of Business (GSB)	231	171	+60
Graduate School of Liturgy (GSL)	20	25	-5
Graduate School of Law (GSLaw).....	144	130	+14
GRAND TOTAL	9494	8781	+729

The BS Accountancy Program registered the highest increase with an additional 231 students, followed by the College of Law. The Nursing course program as it is in other nursing schools suffered another huge decline in its student population.

As in the past, the over-all increase in enrolment in the first half of the semester is regarded as a vote of confidence in the present and future of Bedan education.

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College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)

- BS Accountancy
- BS Economics and Public Policy
- BS Entrepreneurship
- BS Human Biology
- BS Information and Communications Technology
- BS Legal Management
- BS Psychology
- BSBA Financial Management
- BSBA Marketing Management
- BSBA Operations Management
- BSBA Human Resource Development Management

College of Nursing (CON)

- BS Nursing

College of Law (COL)

- Bachelor of Laws (LL. B.)

College of Medicine (COM)

- Doctor of Medicine

Graduate School of Business (GSB)

- Master of Business Administration (MBA)
- Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)

Graduate School of Liturgy (GSL)

- Master of Arts in Liturgy
- Master of Arts in Liturgical Studies
- Doctorate in Liturgy

Graduate School of Law (GSLaw)

- Master of Laws (LL.M)
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration (MSCJA)
- Doctor of the Science of Jurisprudence (S.J.D.)



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"That in all things, God may be glorified"

SAN BEDA HOSTS 11TH ASEAN LEARNING NETWORK COUNCIL MEETING IN MANILA

by: Joel G. Filamor

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The ASEAN Learning Network (ALN) is an organization of colleges and universities in South East Asia, which was established in 2009. Council officers, representatives of member institutions, and observers flew to Manila in a meeting hosted by San Beda College.

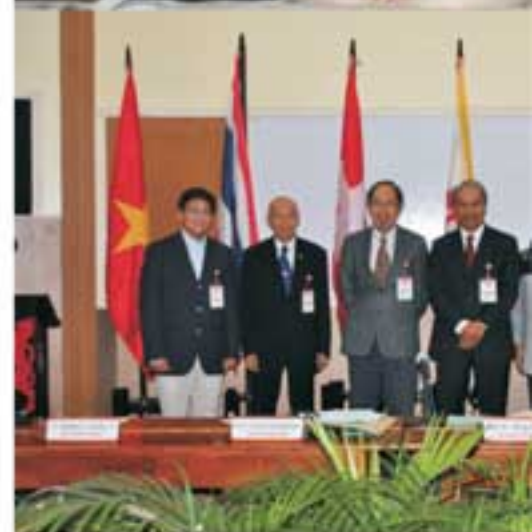
From July 9 to 11, Institut Teknologi Bandung (Indonesia), Universiti Kelantan Malaysia, Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Universiti Malaysia Perlis, Prince of Songkla University (Thailand), Banking University of Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam) and the University of St. Gallen (Switzerland) joined two of the country's premiere learning institutions, San Beda College and De La Salle University to further develop a culture-based response in the evolving context of poverty in Asia.

ALN aspires to develop local communities through the integration of research, instruction, and extension programs of member colleges and universities. To alleviate poverty, ALN's Social Enterprise for Economic Development (SEED) is brought to the fore.

"The SEED Program is an experiential learning approach which fosters social sensitivity and entrepreneurial thinking in a cross-cultural context. Students and communities find sustainable solutions for economic development and social change," Dr. Li Choy Chong, ALN Executive Director said. "Imagine young people from around the world working closely together with villagers to jointly improve their community."

The ALN Council meeting in Manila is 11th in the series of meetings across South East Asia. "It is a cross-cultural convergence of alliances in the academe to make social enterprise take root and grow in communities," said Father Maranan, Rector-President of host and founding member San Beda College.

SEED cross-cultural leadership programs were held in Kelantan, Malaysia and another in Bandung Indonesia last quarter of this year. In the Philippines, "initial discussions between San Beda College and De La Salle University





focus on collaborative activities in relation to SEED service learning endeavors," said Dr. Tita Branzuela, Research Manager of San Beda College.

Dr. Napoleon K. Juanillo, Jr., Director of the Research, Planning, and Resource Development Center, led the preliminary talks and planning on the establishment of SEED Philippines.

SBC's engagement with the ALN seeks to open leadership opportunities for national and international linkages integrating instruction, research, and service learning. Collaboration with the network through the Research, Planning and Resource Development Center is also seen to scale up the Benedictine Educational Foundation, Institutional Community Involvement Center and the San Beda College Alumni Association as reliable and innovative partners in generating financial and technical assistance to further ALN projects in the country.



San Beda College Engages the World



*Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB
at the centuries-old
Biblioteca de Universidad de Salamanca*



In recent years, international collaboration has become essential to higher education. The dynamic growth of international academic partnerships among colleges and universities across the globe ostensibly enriches and transforms the partnering institutions by advancing long-term goals of campus internationalization, broadening faculty experience, revitalizing academic discourses, expanding disciplinary perspectives, and preparing students for entry into the global workforce. Recognizing the value of outward engagement as a means for internal restructuring and enrichment as well as for positioning itself within emerging global systems of higher education, San Beda College has actively embraced the pursuit of international partnerships. It believes that going it alone may no longer be constructive in a changing landscape of higher education where learning, research, institution-building and service learning are now global endeavors. The exponential pace by which institutions of higher learning generate, manage, share and use knowledge makes it absolutely integral for San Beda College to be in the loop and become an active and visible contributor.

Connecting with the Region

The increasing importance that Asia plays in various dimensions (economic, geopolitical, cultural, religion, social, migration, etc.) in the world today and the looming ASEAN Economic Community in 2015 have certainly provided added impetus for San Beda College to know more about as well as introduce itself to its regional



RPRDC Director & CAS Dean Dr. Napoleon K. Juanillo, Jr. signing the Memorandum of Agreement with Universitas Persada with Universitas Persada President in Jakarta, Indonesia, March 2011

counterparts in higher education. In the past three academic years, San Beda College, through the Research, Planning, and Resource Development Center, has signed collaborative agreements with colleges and universities in Asia such as Universitas Widyatama, Universitas Persada in Indonesia, Universiti Malaysia Kelantan, Gyeongju University in South Korea and has conducted on-going discussions on collaborative partnerships with Institut Teknologi Bandung, Universitas Katolik Parahyangan, Padjajaran University in Indonesia and the Catholic University of Korea. Already these agreements have seen a relative increase in reciprocal visits, familiarization tours, attendance in conferences, and networking by faculty, school administrators and students. College of Arts and Sciences faculty Reiza Irinco-Salinas (Human Biology) presented her paper "Lipid peroxidation in the Digestive Gland of *Batissa violacea* Lamarck as Biomarker of Pollution in Catubig River, Northern Samar, Philippines" at the Annual International Conference on Sustainable Energy and Environmental Sciences in Singapore. Just recently, Dr. Marvin R. Reyes (Filipino) presented his research "The Wave of Korean Hallyu: A Big Lap to the Global Acceptance of Popularity and Influence" at the 6th World Congress of Korean Studies, Academy of Korean Studies in South Korea.

Early this academic year, RPRDC Research Manager, Dr. Tita Branzuela, together with four faculty members and thirteen students from the departments of Economics and Financial Management of the College of Arts and Sciences, visited the Catholic University of Korea, the Korean Institute of Economic Policy, and Korean Exchange Academy. In a brief dialogue with visiting SBC students and faculty, the Philippine Ambassador to South Korea, Honourable Luis T. Cruz talked about areas of research in economics and financial management that the SBC can possibly collaborate with the Philippine embassy.

In the middle part of the year, San Beda College earned new respect and the acclaim of partner institutions for its able leadership and smooth management of the ASEAN Learning Network (ALN) Conference last July 9-11, 2012. Prominent researchers and scholars from eight leading research universities in Southeast Asia and Europe attended the conference which featured paper presentations on the Social Enterprise for Economic Development project of the ALN. A founding and only Philippine member of the ALN, San Beda College sponsored and supported the nomination of De La Salle University as ALN's newest member after a one-year observer's status. Today, San Beda College and De La Salle University are joining forces to organize the ASEAN Learning Network (Philippines), expand the base of school affiliates, and become a force in defining anchors and constructing new metrics for service learning.

Moreover, San Beda College has actively participated in the annual conferences of the Association of Southeast and Asian Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASEACCU). For the past three years, Rector-President, Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB and CAS Dean & RPRDC Director, Dr. Napoleon K. Juanillo, Jr., have represented San Beda College at the very well-attended ASEACCU conferences



Fr. Maranan opening the ASEAN Learning Network Conference in Manila last July 2012



Dr. Juanillo in a huddle with participating college & university administrators at the 2011 ASEACCU conference at Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan

held at the Assumption University in Bangkok, Thailand (2010), Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan (2011) and Wenzao Ursuline College of Languages, Kaohsiung, Taiwan R.O.C. (2012). The ASEACCU conferences have closely examined the role of Catholic education in the region and Catholic schools' responses to issues of secularism, environmental injustice and civic apathy. Bilateral conferences on the

assistance and advice as it crafted a proposed environmental science program. It also paved the way for San Beda's hosting of the national convention of the Philippine Association of Chemistry Teachers in October 2012.

Beyond the Region

In its pursuit of excellence and internationalization, San Beda College has supported faculty researchers for brief international fellowships. Dr. Christian Bryan Bustamante (Philosophy) was invited by the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, USA to confer and work with peers from various parts of the world on a university research monograph and to work on his paper "A Reading of Habermas' Religion in Public Sphere in light of Foucault's Concepts of Bio-power and Archaeology and Philippine Experience." Dr. Moses Aaron Angeles (Philosophy) spent three months at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium working with Professor Dr. Martin A. Moors on his paper "Heidegger and the Critique of Christian Philosophy." Both Dr. Bustamante and Dr. Angeles have gained the admiration of their peers and mentors for their dedicated scholarships and paved the way for further research collaborations with their new colleagues. In November this year, Dr. Ester T. Rada (Filipino) presented her competitive paper

"Translation Styles in Philippine Social Studies Textbooks" at the Second Asian-Pacific Forum on Translation and Inter-Cultural Studies held at Portland State University in Oregon, USA. San Beda College envisions more opportunities and possibilities for its faculty researchers to work in similar international contexts.

Tracing the Roots of Scholarship and Intellectual Thought

The hallmark of the past three years is San Beda College's official visits to the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium, and the Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca and Universidad de Salamanca in Spain. In October this year, Rector-President, Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB, together with CAS Dean and RPRDC Director, Dr. Napoleon K. Juanillo, Jr. and CAS Vice-Dean, Dr. Christian Bryan S. Bustamante, formally opened the collaborative ties with these very prominent universities in Europe.

At the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium's oldest university and very well known for its Philosophy and Theology programs, Fr. Maranan met and discussed with Professor Dr. Antoon Vandavelde, Dean of the KULEuven Institute of Philosophy and Professor Dr. Bart Raymaekers, Vice-Dean for Education of the Institute of Philosophy on areas of mutual interests to SBC and KULEuven. The KULEuven Institute of Philosophy has expressed interest in assisting San Beda College in developing a robust program in philosophy by providing experts to come to SBC to provide inputs in curriculum development, deliver lectures, and mentor faculty. It also promised to offer logistical or other forms of assistance to visiting scholars from SBC who may wish to do short-term research at KULEuven such as office/work spaces, access to libraries and laboratories, and faculty mentors. SBC Rector-President has reciprocated by offering similar assistance to visiting scholars and students from KULEuven.

These discussions are proving very beneficial to SBC in the heels of CHED's response to the



Dr. Moses Aaron Angeles in front of the library of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Leuven, Belgium

side with Philippine member-schools of ASEACCU have also led to San Beda College's participation in national discourses on science and environmental education. It has become much easier, for instance, for the school in seeking technical



CAS's application for an Interdisciplinary Program with a track on Philosophy that recommended a strong line-up of faculty and a robust curriculum on Philosophy. Fr. Maranan and Professor Vandeveldt have agreed to sign a memorandum of agreement in 2013, after a period of exchange visits as well as active communication on the specifics and mechanics of the partnership. During the meeting, Professor Vandeveldt also expressed his admiration for the very high quality of scholars from the Philippines who have studied Philosophy at the KU Leuven.

Fr. Maranan, Dr. Juanillo and Dr. Bustamante also conferred with Professor Dr. Lieven Boeve, Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, KU Leuven. Professor Boeve expressed keen interest in visiting San Beda College for lectures and exploring other possibilities for collaboration. Professor Boeve has worked closely with Cardinal Luis Antonio G. Tagle, then a Bishop of Imus and later Archbishop of Manila, who was the recipient of the Doctor of Humanities, Honoris Causa at SBC's 2012 Commencement Exercises.

The Father Rector's visit to Leuven, Belgium culminated with a quick look at the Abdij van Keizersberg (Keizersberg Abbey), a Benedictine abbey dating from the 19th century and

was set up as a study house for the monks of the Maredsous Abbey on the Keizersberg.

Going southwards to Spain, Fr. Maranan, Dr. Juanillo and Dr. Bustamante was graciously received by Dr. Ana Cuevas Badallo, Secretary-General of the University of Salamanca and Maria Teresa Hernandez Gallego, Head of International Relations Office.

Steeped in history, the University of Salamanca is the top-ranked university in Spain. It was founded in 1134 and given the Royal charter of foundation by King Alfonso IX in 1218. It is the oldest founded university in Spain and the third oldest European university in continuous operations. It was the first European institution to receive the formal title of "University" as such; it was granted by King Alfonso X in 1254 and recognized by Pope Alexander IV in 1255 (Universidad de Salamanca).

At the meeting with Dr. Badallo, Fr. Maranan formally signed the Memorandum of Agreement, pre-signed by D. Daniel Hernández Ruipérez, Rector of the Universidad de Salamanca, that broadly outlines areas of cooperation and partnerships between San Beda College and the Universidad de Salamanca, including reciprocal recognition of earned



Fr. Maranan formally signs the Memorandum of Agreement with the Universidad de Salamanca, assisted by Dr. Christian Bryan S. Bustamante, Vice-Dean of the CAS



Fr. Maranan confers with Professor Dr. Ana Cuevas Badallo, Secretary-General of the Universidad de Salamanca at the grand sala of the secretary-general



Fr. Maranan, Dr. Juanillo and Professor Vandeveldt confer at the Institute of Philosophy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Leuven, Belgium