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About the cover: Given the volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous times, San Beda University, through the wisdom of the Administration, took a bold foresight at the future of knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values that will matter most, and the kind of learning environments and educational opportunities that can best enable its students to navigate the globalized environment. This strategic vision, depicted by a lens, is enshrined in the short and long-term development plans of the institution since the Rectorship and Presidency of Fr. Aloysius Maranan, OSB to the present. The strategic vision starts to bear fruit as the University engage emerging issues, operate at the frontiers of knowledge, and anticipate a range of possible futures and plausible opportunities that are shaping the future of learning.

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from vision to fruition

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San Beda University has a long history. For 122 years, it persisted to transcend various epochs, including World War II. This is because the institution has a clear vision about itself and its mission to humanity.

At present, the vision of its Rector-President, Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB, together with the Administrators Council, are propelling the University towards the frontier of knowledge. The short and long-term development plans foresee the plausible opportunities that are driving the future of education.

The administration foresees the dynamics of the future, complemented by impactful opportunities in the areas of governance and management, quality of teaching and learning, quality of professional exposure, research, and creative work, support for students, and relations with the local and global community. From a mere vision, “quick wins” are already in place. Thus, the University will continue to operate at the frontiers of knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will matter the most in a volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous world.

Indeed, from vision to fruition.

SAN BEDA UNIVERSITY CRAFTS FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2028

Romman V. Cubacub

The Rector-President, Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB led the University's five-year strategic planning conference from May 23 - 25, 2023. Along with the Administrators Council, the group updated SBU's road map through the five-year strategic plan 2023-2028. The evaluation and planning were held at the library, 6th floor of the Lydia Tan Sy Building.

According to the Rector-President, the University formulated the San Beda University Strategic Vision 2028 in 2018. It was designed to carve new milestones in the University's continuing journey as an excellent Benedictine Catholic Institution of Learning in Asia.

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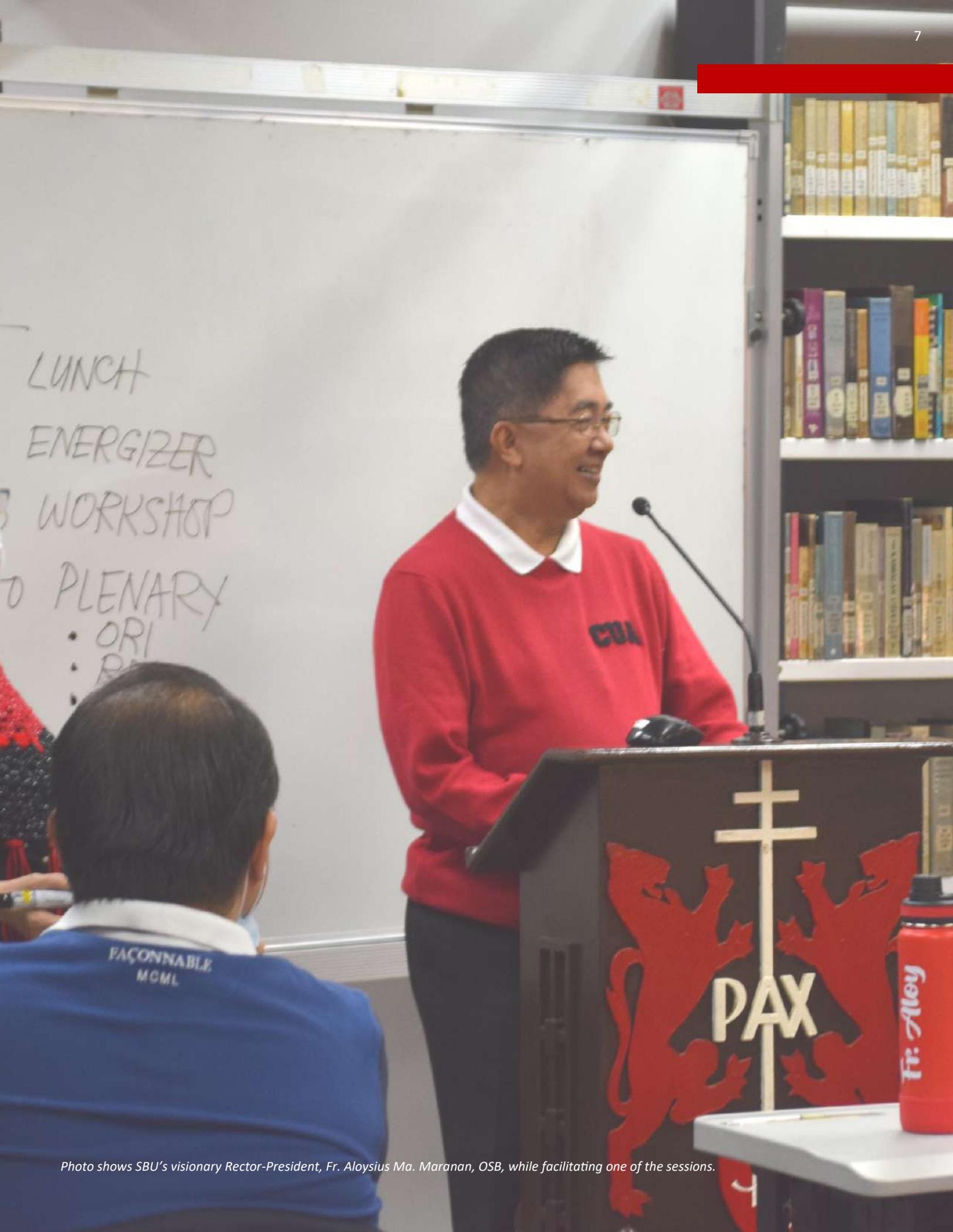
In this document, San Beda envisioned itself as an “academic community that transforms its members to become exemplary servant-leaders, responsive and ethical researchers, conscientious stewards of creation and advocates of peace.” To achieve this 10-year strategic vision, a five-year strategic plan (2018-2023) was then formulated and implemented.

“San Beda University is now thriving in a new educational landscape and complex challenges. It is a landscape characterized by globalization, digitalization, and innovation. It is also confronted by rapid developments in science and technology, enormous environmental and human crises, government policy on education together with the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic. In confronting this new landscape and challenges, San Beda University needs to continuously renew and be resilient in its educational system, inspired and guided by the Gospel and its vision and mission to performs its trifocal function of teaching, research, and community service,” said the Rector-President.

The recently crafted five-year strategic plan (2023-2028) lays down the road map towards the realization of the University’s attainment of its 10-year strategic vision in a globalized, pluralized, and digitalized 21st century. The plan enshrines the thrust, the University’s ten strategic objectives, target milestones, programs, performance indicators, and timeframe that are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Prior to this, a mid-year evaluation conference was held by the Administrators Council from March 16 to 17, 2023 for assessment.

With Benedictine spirituality at the core, San Beda University is firmly bolted in its commitment to serve the Church, the country, and the world amidst the volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity of the current times.





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Fr. Aloy

Photo shows SBU's visionary Rector-President, Fr. Aloysius Ma. Maranan, OSB, while facilitating one of the sessions.

SBU Unveils Institutional Themes

2023-2024 to 2027-2028

Jerry Anton C. Flores

T rue to its continuing mission of serving the Church, San Beda University crafted the academic- year themes for the next five years, beginning 2023-2024.

The members of the Administrative Council, fully mindful of Pope Francis' interfaith call for a global compact on education, and the Church's vigorous drive toward synodality, participated in the careful formulation of the five themes. These themes will permeate the programs and activities in the University from 2023 to 2028.

The crafting of the elucidation of each of the themes was led by the team of Dr. Jobe Viernes, Dr. Nomar Alviar, Dr. Josefina Manabat, Dr. Divina Edralin, and Mr. Anton Flores.

**2023-
2024**

A SYNODAL CULTURE THROUGH PRAYER AND INTEGRAL EDUCATION

The Bedan community journeys together with all the People of God in prayer guided by the Holy Spirit and the Word of God. Through integral education, we form the head, heart, and hands of students, parents, teachers, and staff as missionary disciples. Along the path of synodality, we listen to one another, and nurture the bonds of communion which bring us together to contribute to the life and mission of the Church

**2024-
2025**

BEDANS AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN THE YEAR OF THE GREAT JUBILEE

Together with the whole Church, the Bedan community celebrates the Great Jubilee to usher in renewal and rebirth that restore a climate of hope to the youth and marginalized groups after years of global pandemic and human suffering. Undaunted in faith, Bedans take this pilgrimage of hope with prayer, sacrifice, and reconciliation. We commit to work with the whole People of God for the sake of those most in need.

**2025-
2026**

COMMITMENT TO HUMAN DIGNITY THROUGH HOLISTIC AND TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION

Bedans are resolved to build-up a compassionate, just, and equitable society that advocates the Truth and protects human rights and basic freedoms. Our love of Christ and neighbor guides us to a way of education that embraces the whole person and upholds human dignity. We sow the seeds of holistic and transformative education that will grow towards a harmonious society of peace and justice, beauty and goodness.

**2026-
2027**

BEDANS ADVOCATE A SUSTAINABLE PLANET

The hallmark of Stewardship impels the Bedan community to protect and preserve the ecological integrity of our common home. We firmly believe that all of creation is inherently good and fully recognize credible scientific studies on climate change. Bedans must respond with urgency to the clarion call to harness individual and collective abilities to conserve and nurture Mother Earth.

**2027-
2028**

HERALDS OF PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR THE INTERGENERATIONAL COMMON GOOD

Our pursuit of peace and justice springs from human, Catholic Christian, and Benedictine values. Bedan uphold and defend the truth, and stand up against all forms of deception, manipulation, and violation of human rights. The Bedan mission of education ensures inclusive and life-changing teaching and learning that guarantee the common good of present and future generations.



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IS CHAT GPT PLAYING WITH FIRE?

Benjamin B. Sonajo, Jr.

According to OpenAI, ChatGPT is a sibling model to InstructGPT, which is trained to follow an instruction in a prompt and provide a detailed response. Some of the most popular tasks ChatGPT can perform are composing essays, writing emails, creating inventive creative stories, and generating programming code. ChatGPT can provide these answers as it essentially harvests information about a vast variety of topics from across the web and delivers the answers in a concise and conversational manner (Pocock 2023).

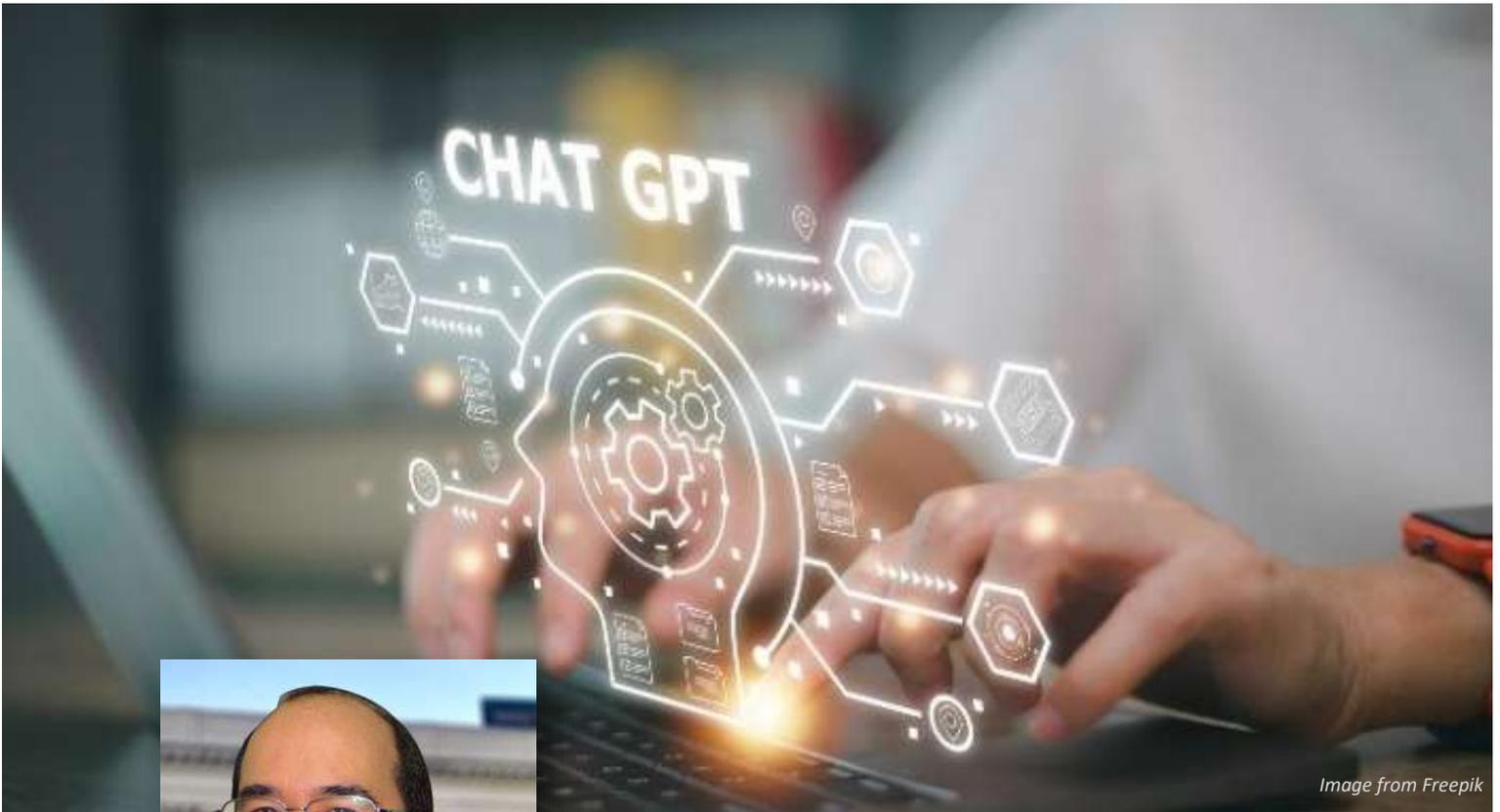


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Dr. Ben Teehankee served as Speaker in the forum on chat GPT organized by the Office of the Vice President for Academics led by Dr. Divina Edralin.

Michael T. Nietzel, President Emeritus of Missouri State University wrote “43% of college students overall say they’ve had experience using AI tools like ChatGPT, and half of those acknowledge turning to those tools to work on assignments or exams. This figure translates into 1 in 5 college students admitting they employ AI to complete their schoolwork. Most of the students who’ve used AI apps said they did so for personal projects, out of curiosity, or for fun.”

Nietzel added that “Among the respondents, 40% of students believed the use of AI by students defeated the purpose of education. Twenty-seven percent of them worried about the impact of AI on their education, and 31% were worried about its impact on their career or potential career. Almost half of students (48%) were worried about the impact of AI on society in general. While the majority of students (63%) thought that AI couldn’t re-

place human intelligence or creativity, a majority (51%) still thought the results can at least pass as “human.”

To educate and arm the Bedan community on the prevailing issues hounding the utilization of ChatGPT, a forum was organized by the Office of the Vice President for Academics led by Dr. Divina Edralin. The forum, held on April 12, 2023, featured Dr. Ben Teehankee from De La Salle University as speaker. Dr. Teehankee is an expert in management and governance issues as they relate to building humanistic organizations and an inclusive society for the common good. He is also an advocate of the Covenant for Shared Prosperity pushed by the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP) and De La Salle University.

Dr. Julius Migrino, from San Beda University, also served as resource person in the forum.

BEDANS THRIVE IN THE PHYSICIAN AND NURSE LICENSURE EXAMS 2023

Romman V. Cubacub

The Physician Licensure Examination (PLE), otherwise known as Philippine Medical Boards, is the professional licensure assessment for incoming physicians in the Philippines. The examination critically assesses medical students' knowledge and skills relative to the practice of medicine.

According to the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC), 1,573 out of 2,887 passed the Physicians Licensure Examination. The examination, given by the Board of Medicine, was held in the National Capitol Region, Baguio City, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Legazpi, Lucena, Pampanga, Rosales, Tacloban and Zamboanga last March 2023. The Board of Medicine is led by its Chairman, Dr. Godofreda V. Dalmacio. Dr. Eleanor B. Almoró, Dr. Zenaida L. Antonio, Dr. Martha O. Nucum, Dr. Efren C. Laxamana, and Dr. Joanna V. Remo are members.

The national passing rate in the March 2023 licensure exam is pegged at 54%. San Beda University garnered an over-all passing rate of 77.08% with 93% passing rate for first time takers. Through the years, the University's College of Medicine is bedecked with luminous track record in the PLE. Rightly so, SBU provides its students with the resources and the environment to nurture their development into dynamic and innovative individuals who will assume various roles in society – as leaders, clinicians, researchers, educators, and social advocates/mobilizers.

In a related development, the PRC announced that 10,764 out of 14,364 passed the May 2023 Philippine Nurse Licensure Examination. The examination was given by the Board of Nursing in NCR, Baguio, Butuan, Cagayan de Oro, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo, Koronadal, Legazpi, Lucena, Pagadian, Pampanga, Rosales, Tacloban, Tuguegarao and Zamboanga. The national passing rate was pegged at 74.94. The over-all school performance of San Beda University was 96%.



Photo shows Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB (3rd from left) with the Most Reverend Charles John Brown, D.D., Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines (6th from right), Archbishop Victor Barnuevo Bendico (5th from right), and other University Executives during ACUP's General Assembly held at St. Louis University in Baguio City.

SBU Rector-President Sits on the Board of Directors of the Association of Catholic Universities of the Philippines

Joel G. Filamor

San Beda University's (SBU) Rector-President, Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB, is elected to the Board of Directors of the esteemed Association of Catholic Universities of the Philippines (ACUP). He was elected on February 25, 2023, during the General Assembly which forms part of the 2023 ACUP National Conference, held at St. Louis University in Baguio City. The national conference was held from February 22 to 25, with the theme "Embracing the Spirit of Synodality: Communion, Participation, and Mission."

The event was graced by the Most Reverend Charles John Brown, D.D., Apostolic Nuncio to the Philippines, Bishops, University Presidents, and delegates.

"SBU was invited to join the ACUP when it became a university in 2018, then granted official membership in 2019. The 2020, 2021, and 2022 conventions were canceled due to the pandemic. Hence, the first official attendance of SBU was in this 2023 convention," said Fr. Maranan. "I am happy to share that certainly, SBU made a humble and impactful participation in the convention," closes the Rector-President.

ACUP seeks to promote the quality of education and advance the cause of Catholic Organization. It also aspires better coordination and cooperation among its members through mutual consulta-

tion on common problems and together find workable solutions. Among its primordial concerns is the strengthening of the position of Catholic Universities in the light of the new constitutional changes in the educational system for the growth and development of Philippine Education. Further, it seeks financial assistance for the support of the development programs and projects of the member Institutions (TPBPHL. 2023).

The birth of the association was inspired by several ecclesiastical documents on education, such as the Vatican II's Declaration on Christian Education (Gravissimum Educationis), and the creation of an association that would coordinate the efforts of Catholic universities toward their shared mission and vision (TPBPHL. 2023).

Together with Fr. Maranan on the Board are Fr. Marcelo Manimtim, C.M. (Adamson University), Br. Manuel De Leon, F.M.S. (Notre Dame of Dadiangas University), Br. Paterno Corpus, F.M.S. (Notre Dame of Marbel University), and Fr. Macwayne Maniwang, C.I.C.M. (University of St. Louis-Tuguegarao).

The election of SBU's Rector-President to the Board of Directors of the Association of Catholic Universities of the Philippines speaks of the integrity, esteem, and credibility of the institution among executives of Catholic universities in the country.



Recipients of the Scholarly Research and Publication Excellence Awards pose with SBU Administrators at the Abbot Lopez Hall. The SBU Sustainability Report 2020-2021 to the Times Higher Education University Rankings was also unveiled during the event.

RECTOR-PRESIDENT CONFERS FIRST ARETE AWARDS

Benjamin B. Sonajo, Jr.

The Rector-President's first Arete Awards was conferred by Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB on February 8, 2023 at the Abbot Lopez Hall. Below are this year's awardees:

TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDEES:

Israela F. Padilla (IBED, Grade School)

Gerard Mark C. Santos (CAS,)

Rowena J. Rivero (CAS)

Roberto G. Manaois (Graduate School of Business)

SCHOLARLY RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION EXCELLENCE:

Liwayway H. Acero (CAS)

Susan R. Butac (CAS)

Michael B. Pasco (Graduate School of Business)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EXCELLENCE

Ma. Edcy T. Dayon (IBED, Senior High School)

Maria Elena Adre (College of Medicine)

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The Arete Awards is a mark of excellence in performing one's absolute best for the purpose of contributing to the University's educational mission on the integral human development, not only of its students, but of others as well. These awards also aim to motivate the faculty to become exemplary in the forefront of knowledge and community involvement.

The Award is also an expression of gratitude for the outstanding contributions to enhance the quality of teaching and learning, research productivity, and commitment to community service in the University.

Starting Academic-year 2022-2023, the Rector-President's Arete Awards shall be conferred to deserving recipients in the areas of Teaching Excellence, Scholarly Research and Publication Excellence, and Community Engagement Excellence.

The San Beda University Sustainability Report 2020-2021 was also unveiled during the event.



Sister Maria Elena Adre, from the College of Medicine, delivers her message of gratitude during the Arete Awards at the Abbot Lopez Hall.



Photo shows Dr. Christian Bryan S. Bustamante, Data Protection Officer, addressing the audience during the opening of the Data Privacy Week 2023.

EMPOWERING THE BEDAN COMMUNITY AS **Stewards of Data Protection and Governance**

Romman V. Cubacub

The Office of the Data Protection Officer, headed by Dr. Christian Bryan S. Bustamante, organized the Data Privacy Awareness Week on May 29, 2023, to June 1, 2023. “We organized the Data Privacy Week to inform the members of the Bedan community about their data privacy rights and how they can exercise them,” said Dr. Bustamante. “We are serious in raising awareness on the challenges of data protection and privacy

in the digital age. That is why we have designed programs to mobilize the Bedan community towards shared responsibility on data protection and governance,” Dr. Bustamante closes.

To elevate the consciousness and heighten the response of the Bedan community, the following activities were conducted during the week:



DATA PRIVACY AWARENESS

ACTIVITY	OFFICE IN-CHARGE	DATE
Publicity Campaign Period	Data Protection Officer, Information and Communications Technology Center	May 22, 2023 – June 2, 2023 (Modality: On-site and Online)
Launching of Data Privacy Week	Data Protection Officer*	May 29, 2023 9:00 AM (Modality: In-person)
Data Protection Exhibit	Data Protection Officer, Office of the Prefect of Student Affairs (IBED,* CAS,* College of Law, College of Nursing and College of Medicine)	May 29, 2023 until June 2, 2023 St. Maur's Hall (Modality: In-person)
Homeroom Module - Based Discussion	Data Protection Officer* in coordination with Academic Heads and Dean of Student Affairs	May 30-31, 2023
International Forum: "Protect Your Privacy, Protect Yourself, and Protect Your Reputation"	Data Protection Officer, Office of Linkages and International Affairs* Human Resource Management Office* Information and Communications Technology Center	June 1, 2023 2:00 PM Abbot Lopez Hall (Modality: Hybrid)
International Forum: "Gen Z and Data Privacy: 30 Ways to Love Yourself Online"	Data Protection Officer, Dean of Student Affairs,* Office of the Prefect of Student Affairs, Student Councils	June 2, 2023 2:00 PM Closing Program Abbot Lopez Hall (Modality: Hybrid) <i>*Lead, Office</i>

The celebration was dubbed with the theme: Empowering the Bedan Community as Stewards of Data Protection and Governance.

5th Senator Edgardo E. Angara
 Memorial Public Lecture on Public Policy
**PROMOTES PROTECTION
 OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND
 THE RULE OF LAW**

Benjamin B. Sonajo, Jr.



Honorable Bienvenido M. Abante, Jr., Chairperson of the Committee on Human Rights of the House of Representatives, and discussant, answers a question during the forum.

The Fifth Senator Edgardo E. Angara Memorial Public Lecture on Public Policy was held last February 10, 2023, as part of the celebration of the University Week of the Institution.

Honorable Richard Paat Palpal-latoc, Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR), and resource person, underscored the imperative to establish and maintain a strong and non-discriminatory legal, policy, and institutional framework. He also stressed the

need to ensure accountability for perpetrators while at the same time redressing for victims for violations of human rights. The CHR Chairperson also mentioned the need to ensure that justice is both fair and accessible to all.

Chairperson Palpal-latoc's talk resonates target 16-A of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals number 16 - Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions.

Honorable Bienvenido M. Abante, Jr.,

“The country’s criminal justice system is in a deplorable state, and that reforms are needed to ensure the observance of human rights.”

Chairperson of the Committee on Human Rights of the House of Representatives, and discussant, shared his profound thoughts on human rights. “I believe that the possession, exercise, and protection of human rights is necessary for a peaceful society,” he said. “I submit that God is the giver of human rights, and therefore human rights must not only be legislated. It must be declared because God himself legislated human rights,” Abante added with conviction.

The second discussant in the public lecture series, Undersecretary Jesse Hermogenes T. Andres of the Department of Justice, and San Beda High School Class of 1980, delivered his thoughts on protecting human rights and upholding the rule of law. Undersecretary Andres admitted that the country’s criminal justice system is in a deplorable state and that reforms are needed to ensure the observance of human rights. “The good news is, all of these reforms are aligned with the efforts of the Supreme Court,” he said.

The third discussant, Professor Rene V. Sarmiento from the University’s College of Law, and one of the framers of the 1987 Philippine Constitution, advocated to push the frontiers of the rule of law through the mighty power of education and legislation.

San Beda University’s public lecture series is organized by the Office of the Rector-President. It forms part of its commitment to educate, not only its stakeholders, but the public as well on various issues in the light of various disciplines.



Honorable Richard Palpal-Iatoc, Chairperson of the Commission on Human Rights (left), Congressman Bienvenido Abante, Jr. (2nd from left), Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB, (3rd from left), Department of Justice Undersecretary Jesse Hermogenes Andres (4th from left), Professor Rene V. Sarmiento (5th from left), Dr. Divina Edralin (6th from left), and Dr. Jobe Viernes (7th from left) pose with the audience during the public lecture series.

RECTOR-PRESIDENT ADDRESSES THE COLLEGE OF LAW ON ITS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

February 10, 2023

Greetings of peace!

San Beda University takes great honor in its history of excellence in providing legal education since its establishment in 1948. Seventy-five years thereafter, the term “Bedan” has become a byword in the legal industry because of the respectable practice of the profession by Bedan lawyers in the government and private sectors. In the judiciary alone, we have 4 Bedan incumbent justices in the 15-member Supreme Court; 15 of the 66 sitting justices of the Court of Appeals, 7 of the 21 justices of the Sandiganbayan, and a good number of judges in the lower courts. This is a clear manifestation of the recognition given by the Legal Education Board to our College of Law as a school of excellence with the second most number of lawyers produced in the past 10 years at 1,789 (only 5 lawyers short of the first). The Supreme Court also noted our consistent decent performance in the Bar Examinations. In the February 2022 Bar, our passing percentage of 98.11% for first takers ranked 3rd among schools with more than 100 examinees. We were also 3rd in the number of excellent and exemplary bar passers with 1 and 94 respectively. We can honestly say that the prayers of our Benedictine monks who opened the College of Law 75 years ago have been answered with favor.

While our COL administrators always credit every commendation to their students as the true treasures of the college, we must acknowledge the indispensable contribution of the faculty in the development of our quality legal instruction. It is therefore appropriate that on this Diamond Anniversary celebration, we recognize Prof. Nicasio C. Cabaneiro who will be receiving the quinquennial **BEDAN EXCELLENCE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** for his more than 4 decades of exemplary service as a professor in our College of Law. Congratulations Professor Cabaneiro! I am personally expecting another decade of doing what obviously makes you feel young, that is - teaching our young learners to be experts of the law.

I enjoin our administrators, faculty, students, and alumni of the College of Law to maintain the great tradition of educating the mind with legal provisions and the heart with justice, civic consciousness, respect for law, authority, and human rights.

CONGRATULATIONS!

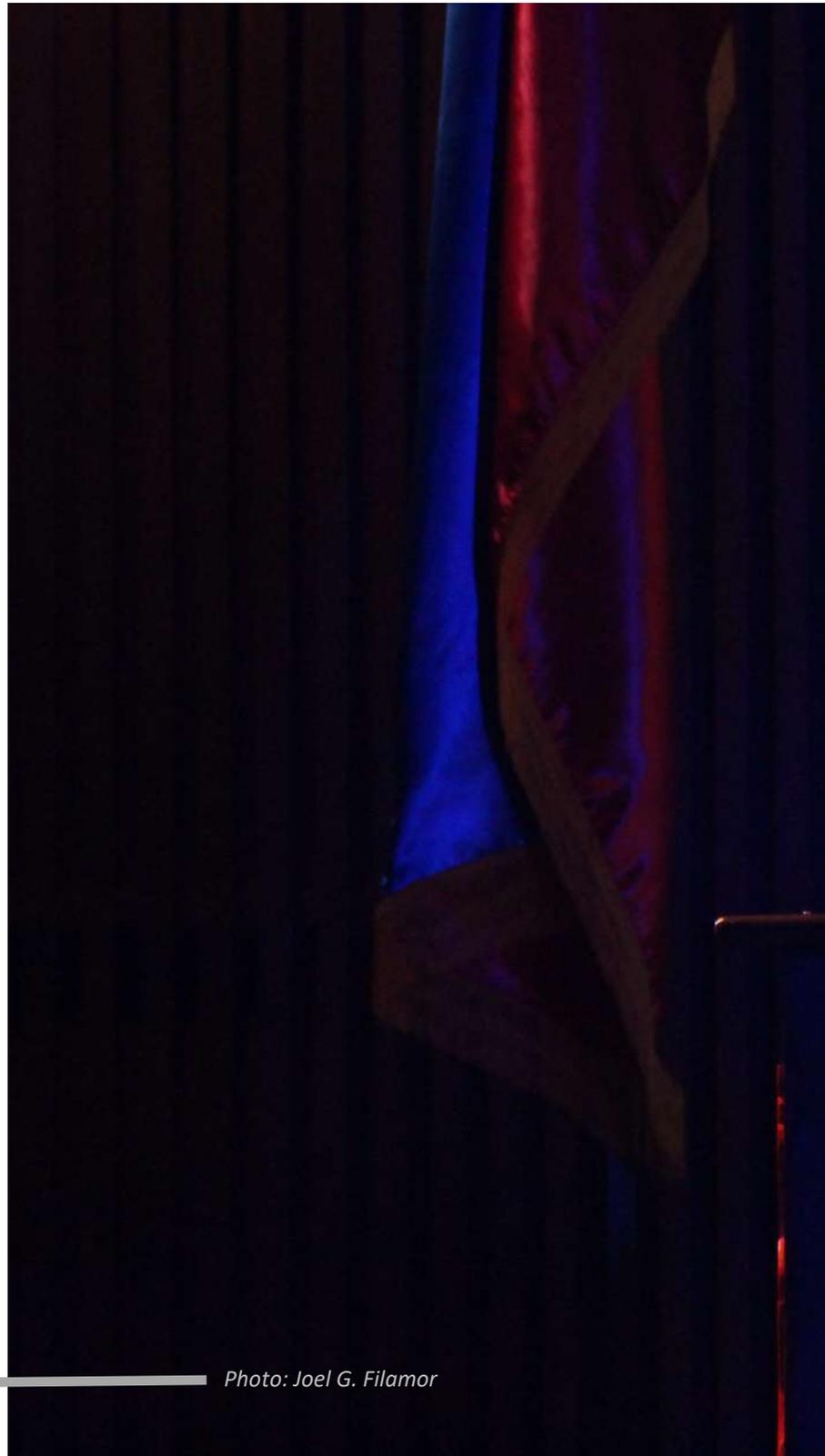


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Photo shows San Beda University's Rector-President, Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB.

Office of Research and Innovation
and Research Development Center Hold

RESEARCH SUMMIT 2023

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Benjamin B. Sonajo, Jr.

The Office of Research and Innovation, and the Research Development Center held the Research Summit 2023 via Zoom last April 20, 2023. The summit, with the theme “Faith and Mission: Making a Difference in Global Education and Research Towards a Sustainable Future” brought together academic researchers and practitioners to disseminate scholarly works and exchange disciplinary ideas. It also became a virtual venue for participation in critical conversations pertinent to a sustainable future.

Dr. Neil Aldrin Mallari, Founder of Wildlife Conservation Society of the Philippines and President of the Center of Conservation Innovations delivered the plenary talk. He is an ecologist, a biodiversity conservation specialist, and a conservation advocate.

As part of the creative work presentation, Ms. Sybil L. Agreda and Dr. Larry J. Ambion presented their scholarly output on La Liga Bedista. The presentation was followed by parallel sessions in various break-out virtual rooms.

The research summit forms part of the commitment of the Office of Research and Innovation and Research Development Center to foster a credible, inventive, and efficient community of scholars and innovators committed to the highest standards of academic freedom, ethics, and integrity. Further, it seeks to promote engagement in responsible, collaborative and courageous research, development, and enterprise that transforms the way individuals conceptualize, manage, study, and act in the world such that the scholarly, technological, and creative outputs demonstrate the harmony of faith and science, foster insights on the cognitive, historical, cultural, artistic, and social aspects of human life.

Expanding the quality, stature, and vitality of Bedan research enterprise

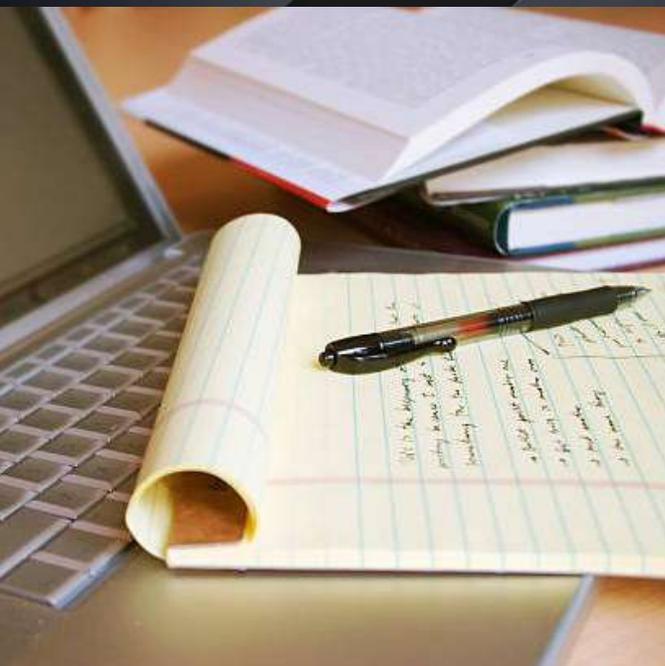
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San Beda University's Research Week, with the theme "Faith and Mission: Making a Difference in Global Education and Research Towards a Sustainable Future" was held last April 17 to 22, 2023. The Office of Research and Innovation, led by Dr. Fernandino Fontanilla, and Research Development Center, led by Dr. Divina Edralin, organized the series of events. These offices oversee and manage the institutional research and scholarly activities with the aim of strengthening and expanding the quality, stature, and vitality of the University's research enterprise.

During the week, various activities such as, showcasing of library resources, professorial chair lectures, seminars, colloquia. Specifically, the following activities were held to attain the University's research vision:

OUR QUEST:

"We shall pursue a credible, inventive, and efficient community of scholars and innovators who are committed to the highest standards of academic freedom, ethics and integrity, and engage in responsible, collaborative, and courageous research, development, and enterprise that transforms the ways we conceptualize, manage, study, and act in the world."



April 17-20, 2023

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM Display of Library Resources on
SDG5– Gender Equality and SDG13 – Climate Action
4th Floor, New Building
San Beda University Library in coordination with
Integrated Basic Education Learning Resource Center

April 17, MONDAY

2:00 – 3:00 PM AMB. JOSE E.B. ANTONIO
PROFESSORIAL CHAIR LECTURE
"The Extent of Linguistic Diversity Across the Linguistic
Landscape in the Coffee Capital of the Philippines"
Dr. Larry J. Ambion
Professorial Chairholder
College of Arts and Sciences

3:00 – 4:00 PM ANDREW L. GOTIANUN, SR.
PROFESSORIAL CHAIR LECTURE
"Quality Assurance (QA) for Improving Education:
The Mendiola Consortium Experience"
Dr. Christian Bryan S. Bustamante,
Professorial Chairholder
College of Arts and Sciences

April 18, TUESDAY

3:00 – 4:30 PM ISIDRO/VICTOR A. CONSUNJI
PROFESSORIAL CHAIR LECTURE
"Nickel Content in Plants and Soil:
The Case of Mine-Tailing Sites in Bato-Bato,
Narra, Palawan."
Dr. Liwayway H. Acero
Professorial Chairholder
College of Arts and Sciences
Research and Development Center

4:30 – 6:00 PM SBU Research Leadership REDefined

College of Arts and Sciences, College of Medicine, & Research and Development Center

April 19, WEDNESDAY

09:00 – 11:00 AM ART FOR WELL-BEING

Art Therapy Seminar for the Academic Scholars
Office of the Vice President for Academics and The Guidance and Counseling Office

1:00 – 4:00 PM SCIENTIA RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM
Dr. Moses Aaron T. Angeles

1:30-6:00 PM STUDENT RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM

April 22, THURSDAY

10:00 – 12:00 PM “ROARientation 2023: Faculty Reorientation on Turnitin Feedback Studio”
San Beda University Library

1:00 – 5:00 PM. SBU RESEARCH SUMMIT 2023

12:45PM ZOOM ONLINE REGISTRATION

1:00PM OPENING PRAYER
Mr. Dante S. Salazar
IBED Research Coordinator

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ANTHEM
OPENING REMARKS
Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB
University Rector-President

INTRODUCTION OF THE PLENARY SPEAKER
Dr. Divina M. Edralin
Director, Research and Development Center
PLENARY TALK
Dr. Neil Aldrin Mallari
Founder, Wildlife Conservation Society of the Philippines
President, Center of Conservation Innovations
Awarding of Plaque of Appreciation
2:00 PM CREATIVE BOOK PRESENTATION

La Literatura Bedista
Sybil L. Agreda and Dr. Larry J. Ambion

2:30PM PARALLEL SESSIONS

(See Research Summit 2023 Groupings)

4:30PM FACULTY RESEARCH RECOGNITION (Plenary)
4:45 PM CLOSING REMARKS

Dr. Fernandino Jose A. Fontanilla
Vice President for Research and Innovation
Dr. Julius R. Migrifio, Jr.
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The Red Road to **DIGITAL** TRANSFORMATION

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Joel G. Filamor



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San Beda University's Road Map lays strategies towards digital transformation. The institution's 5-year strategic plan, a recalibrated continuity of the previous mid-term plan, is more robust than ever in the context of digitization. Initiatives are in progress as critical demand for sustainability takes various forms. "We know that technology can significantly accelerate and transform our university," said Albert C. Silva, Information and Communications Technology Center (ICTC) Director of San Beda University. "This is our commitment to our stakeholders," he added.

Director Silva, who served as member of the panel in the 8th DX Leaders Strategy Forum on June 14, 2023, at the Dusit Thani Manila, stressed the crucial role of digital transformation into all areas of school operation. "It will bring fundamental changes not only to the way we deliver the acquisition of 21st century life skills among students, but also to the establishment of digital processes, efficient workflows, and security," Director Silva explained.

The administration, led by Fr. Alo-

ysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB, in its endeavor to transform the institution into a digital university by 2028, places its stakeholders at the heart of this milestone.

On a related development, ICTC Director, Albert C. Silva, was recipient of "Winner of the World CIO 200 Summit 2023 – Southeast Asia, Philippines Edition" in the Next-Gen Category. The Next-Gen Category refers to CIO Directors with ongoing projects of digital transformation in their respective institutions. He passed through a series of selection which included a hundred of professional nominees resulting in his conferment as highest Winner. The CIO 200 award is a celebration of global and digital transformation leaders and their undeniable merit. It recognizes the ingenious efforts in pushing digitization notches above standards.

The recognition afforded to Director Silva attests to the direction of San Beda University towards organizational excellence through digital transformation.



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Meaningful Engagements in Service to the Community

NORIELYN C. TABAG

In recognition of community engagement as one of the trifold functions of higher education institutions, San Beda University remains steadfast in ensuring extension programs and volunteerism initiatives are established for students, staff, faculty, administrators, and alumni to contribute to the holistic development of partner communities and institutions. Extension programs are sustainable, curriculum driven, and research-based maximizing the expertise of staff, faculty, and administrators and translating the students' academic learnings to service to the community.

The Department of Marketing Management and its professional organization, San Beda Junior Marketing Association, sustain its Marketing-dahan through the mentorship of its Program Chair and Moderator, Asst. Prof. Gregorio III G. Borja. It is a marketing support program for SBU employees and partner communities with Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises which were affected at the onset of pandemic in 2020. Further, it also serves as a platform for students to



SBU placed 75 students for Practicum in Psychology resulting to the evaluation of a number of students in Grades 10-12 of Raja Soliman Science and Technology High School under the mentorship of Chairperson, Dr. Annabel D. Quilon, and practicum professor, Mr. John Hermes Untalan. First-aid kits were also donated to the school.

employ what they learned from Marketing subjects. May 17, 2023 marked the third part of the project with the theme *Marketingdahan: Mananatiling Asensado at Bukas sa Pagbabago*. It aims to provide effective strategies, necessary skills and knowledge to ensure sustainability of their businesses and be guided on financial decisions. Advocacy products are also showcased in the *LOKALISTA AKO: Fostering Philippine Brand Advocacies through Multicultural Marketing*, a brand advocacy event that empowers community products, as example of LOKAL business on June 9, 2023. And to support more, Marketing students patronize these products for the department's MERCADEO which culminated with the theme, *Market Crossing: Strengthening Ties with Communities through a Sustainable Marketing Plan* on June 27, 2023. Students develop and crafted sustainable marketing plans for community products and were adjudged by Dr. Antonino Arturo Manahan, CPME, De-

partment of Marketing Management, Dr. Jenny de Guia, Chairperson of the Department of Business Management and Entrepreneurship (DBME), and Prof. Philip Cheng, MBA, Business Development Manager of the MedEthix Pharmaceutical Inc.

Indeed, continuity and follow-through of projects and activities ensure sustainability thereby attaining desired outcomes. As a follow-up to the Leadership training for the members and officers of SIKAP 3K livelihood group delivered by DBME Chair Dr. de Guia, a training on Project Proposal Writing was conducted by Asst. Prof. Zernan L. de Ramos on February 13, 2023. The training aids the livelihood women's group in scribbling proposals relative to their livelihood plans and projects.

Subsequently, National Service Training Program 2 – 1DPL students, under the mentorship of Dr. Susan R.

Butac, facilitated a Personality Development Training for livelihood women 1DPL while Dr. Butac simultaneously delivered her Communication 101 to Barangay Anahaw II officials on June 7, 2023.

As we endeavor to continue community development for our partners, they are also assisted in the facilitation of how to formalize their organization or association. A DBME faculty member, Dr. Josephine D. Prudente, facilitated the review of the Constitution and By-Laws for Kababaihan ng Sitio Gabriel at Caingin, Barangay Dolores, Taytay on May 8, 2023, as a requirement for the accreditation of the association as a formal organization.

Other partners, such as Raja Soliman Science and Technology High School, received first-hand information about Work-Life Balance and Self-Care for Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel from Department of Psychology faculty member, Ms. Hazel N. Tan on February 10, 2023. It was followed with the placement of 75 students for Practicum in Psychology for evaluation of some students in Grade 10-12 under the mentorship of its Chairperson, Dr. Annabel D. Quilon, and practicum professor, Mr. John Hermes Untalan. In culmination, Psychology students extended 70 first-aid kits to the school.

Meanwhile, 26 personnel from the 103rd Reserve Command Personnel of the Armed Forces of the Philippines experienced computer operations as part of Basic Computer Literacy Training facilitated by Department Chair, Asst. Prof. Rosemarie M. Perreras, and faculty member, Asst. Prof. Esther R. Cuaresma, on June 10, 2023.

Faculty members from the College of Arts and Sciences maximized their expertise in service to the community partners. A famous volunteerism quote says that *Volunteers do not necessarily have time, they just have the heart.* And if I may add, I would say a Bedan heart that beats for the good of others.



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DOJ, UNHCR, and SBU PEN AGREEMENT

for Complementary Pathways Program for Rohingya Refugees

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In 2019, the Philippine Government, through the Department of Justice, welcomed Rohingya refugees to the country and developed a Complementary Pathways (CPath) program to assist in their educational needs to become prosperous, efficient, and self-reliant individuals.



Photo shows the MoA signing on July 20, 2023. Signing were DOJ Chief State Counsel, Atty. Dennis Arvin L. Chan, UNHCR Philippines Head of National Office, Atty. Maria Ermina Valdeavilla-Gallardo, and SBU-Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs, Dr. Tita Evasco-Branzuela representing the University Rector-President, Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB.

Specifically, the program facilitates the re-entry of the Rohingya refugees into mainstream education; provide financial assistance for enrolment, tuition, miscellaneous fees, and allowance, accommodation in a pre-identified facility throughout their education; and provide counseling sessions and career guidance.

Considering the incessant commitment of the Philippine government for the protection of stateless persons, refugees, and displaced persons, San Beda University expressed its support to the program and commit to accommodate 2 Rohingya refugee-scholars. The Rohingya refugee-scholars will enroll in SBU - College of Arts and Sciences under the

scholarship program of the San Beda University Alumni Foundation to finish their degree.

Together with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which is mandated to work with States in providing protection and assistance to refugees and displaced persons, DOJ and SBU signed the memorandum of agreement for the CPath program commencing this academic year 2023-2024 at San Beda University, Manila. The MoA signing took place last July 20, 2023, at SBU Pamanang Bedista Multimedia Room represented by DOJ Chief State Counsel, Atty. Dennis Arvin L. Chan, UNHCR Philippines Head of National Office, Atty. Maria Ermina Valdeavilla-Gallardo, and SBU-Vice President for Link-

ages and International Affairs, Dr. Tita Evasco-Branzuela representing the University Rector-President, Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB.

Rev. Fr. Maranan is very pleased in the participation of the university in the undertaking. He reiterated the call of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, in his encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti* to care for human ecology by embracing migrants, refugees, displaced and marginalized brother and sisters. "San Beda University seriously commits to the CPath Program. We embrace one another as we build a better future through education," the Rector-President closes.



Make sure you don't take things for granted and go slack in working for the common good; share what you have with others. God takes pleasure in acts of worship- a different kind of "sacrifice" that takes place in the kitchen, and workplace, and on the streets.

Hebrews 13:16

**SAN BEDA UNIVERSITY:
AN ENGAGED
COMMUNITY**

Merielle O. Palacio

San Beda University, through the Community Engagement Center, is committed to working for the common good of the Bedan community through the provision of outreach and volunteerism opportunities and collaborative implementation of programs and projects for the Bedan community.

Through the blood donation activity dubbed “Give Love, Give Blood” last February 15-16, 2023, the students, administrators, faculty, and service personnel of San Beda University shared themselves by sharing blood to those in need. The Community Engagement Center, together with the SBU Employee Association, College of Medicine- Social Action Medical Student Association, College of Arts and Sciences- Bedan Volunteers, Integrated Basic Education Department, and the Department of Health- Philippine Blood Center spearheaded the activity. There was a total of 83 registrants, and 57 successful donors, most of the successful donors are from student volunteers.

From February to June 2023, the Philippine Blood Center made 9 packed red blood cells, 1 frozen plasma, and 13 platelet concentrates available to San Beda University. These requests come from administrators, full-time and part-time faculty, students, agency and support workers, and their families at San Beda University.

On the other hand, the International Day of Arts of Giving (AOG) is observed every 17th day of May. This year’s global campaign for AOG celebration was *#Helping the Help*. It aims to give recognition and support to those who have dedicated their lives to helping and serving others. It calls upon everyone to acknowledge and appreciate the contributions of these unsung heroes from different areas and communities, whose selfless efforts often go unnoticed. San Beda University through the Community Engagement Center and Office of Linkages and International Affairs joined the celebration through the “Thank you very Munch” activity where coffee and snacks were served to acknowledge and appreciate San Beda University’s personnel for their tireless effort in making the school community a better, loving, and hospitable community.

In lieu of the week-long transport strike by jeepney drivers in protest of the government's modernization and consolidation plans, San Beda University shifted to online modality. Outsourced personnel were severely impacted by the university's temporary implementation of an online work shift. It is in this light that the Community Engagement Center and the Abbey of Our Lady of Montserrat- Manila initiated a distribution of goods containing daily subsistence such as rice, canned goods, packed biscuits, pancit, instant noodles, coffee, and milk that aims to partially supplement the needs of outsourced employees.

Indeed, San Beda University is an engaged community. A home for every Bedan. It is grounded on the Benedictine hallmarks of Love of Christ and Neighbor, Hospitality and Community. In this community, no one will be left behind because everyone is willing to lend and extend a hand. Bedans take pleasure in serving others and sharing their lives through different volunteerism and various outreach opportunities.



STRENGTHENING BENEDICTINE ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIP

Greg Emmanuel D. Baniaga

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In a significant move that is expected to enrich the educational experiences of students and foster a deeper understanding of Benedictine values, San Beda University (SBU), Manila,

Philippines and St. Vincent College (SVC), Pennsylvania, USA, held a meeting to discuss potential collaborations. The resulting plans, which include student and faculty exchanges, joint degree programs in sports and academics, and a summer service-learning tour, will provide students and faculty from both institutions with unique opportunities to boost the internationalization efforts.

Presiding over the meeting on behalf of SBU's Rector-President, Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB, was Rev. Fr. Rembert C. Tumbali, OSB, Vice President for Finance at SBU. The meeting brought together some of the dynamic administrators from both institutions, including: Rev. Fr. Paul Taylor, OSB, President, SVC; Bro. Nicholas Koss, OSB, Professor, SVC; Rev. Fr. Rembert C. Tumbali, OSB, Vice President for Finance, SBU; Rev. Fr. Placido Ma. B. Acta, OSB, Vice President for Administration, SBU; Dom Francisco Ma. V. Ramos, OSB from Abbey of Our Lady of Monserrat; Prof. Dr. Tita Evasco-Branzuela, Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs, SBU; Dr. Divina M. Edralin, Vice President for Academics, SBU; Prof. Dr. Christian Bryan S. Bustamante, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, SBU; Dr. Febes Catalina T. Aranas, Dean of the College of Nursing, SBU;

Mr. Jerry Anton C. Flores, Director of the Benedictine Mission and Identity Office, SBU; Mr. Raffy D. Quines, Associate for Staff and Students, Office of the Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs, SBU; Mr. Greg Emmanuel D. Baniaga, Associate for Administrators and Faculty, Office of the Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs, SBU; and Mr. Joel G. Filamor, Head of the IT-Communications Office, SBU.

Several key resolutions were made during the meeting. To begin with, a summer service-learning tour for students will be organized for the school year 2024-2025. Prof. Dr. Tita Evasco-Branzuela, Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs of SBU, will serve as the point person for this project. In addition, there is the possibility of student and faculty exchanges between the two institutions was discussed, along with the creation of joint degree programs and the offering of summer classes. Lastly, more collaborative academic opportunities will be explored with Dr. Divina M. Edralin, Vice President for Academics and in particular for the College of Nursing of both institutions, with a benchmarking proposal for SBU's College of Nursing curriculum.

These resolutions underscored the commitment of both SBU and SVC to providing quality education while addressing the need of the international community. The meeting concluded on a positive note, marking a new chapter in the ongoing collaboration between these two Benedictine educational institutions towards producing globally competitive graduates.



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BREAKING BARRIERS, Uniting Cultures

Greg Emmanuel D. Baniaga



The participants were grateful for the opportunity to expand their horizons and become global citizens. More so, the activity was not just an opportunity to deepen the participants' understanding of intercultural communication, but it was also a vital step towards achieving two of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

By facilitating an international dialogue on intercultural understanding, sensitivity, and communication, the conference enabled the participants to develop the knowledge and skills they need to navigate a rapidly changing world, fostering a spirit of lifelong learning. In addition, the conference embodied SDG 17: Partnership for the Goals, that seeks to strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize global partnerships for sustainable development. By bringing together participants from the Philippines and Japan, the event fostered international collaboration and cooperation, promoting mutual understanding and respect between distinct cultures. It served as a testament to the power of partnership and highlighted the need for ongoing engagement and dialogue through meaningful collaboration. During Dr. Jones' talk, he introduced the culture map as a valuable tool for decoding how people lead, think, and get things done across

diverse cultures. The culture map is a framework that helps us navigate and understand cultural differences by identifying eight key scales, including communication, evaluation, decision-making, and time orientation.

Highlighted are the importance of developing intercultural sensitivity with the culture map to promote effective intercultural communication and collaboration. Participants were encouraged to apply these principles in their daily interactions with people from diverse cultures, both in their personal and professional lives. To enable the participants to fully immerse themselves in the diverse cultural expressions of the Philippines and Japan, a series of engaging activities were lined up. The students from the Department of Economics were treated to a captivating lecture on Experience Economy that highlighted the importance of customer experience and its impact on business success. The San Beda English and Literature Society (SBELS) also joined in a stimulating Focus Group Discussion on Intercultural Understanding, Sensitivity, and Communication, where the students exchanged their ideas, experiences, and perspectives on the cultural divide between the two countries.

The Jonathan Sy Auditorium at San Beda University (SBU) recently played host to a landmark event titled, "Conference on Intercultural Understanding, Sensitivity, and Communication" between SBU and Hirao School of Management, Konan University, Japan through the Office of the Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs under the esteemed leadership of Rev. Fr. Aloysius Ma. A. Maranan, OSB, Rector-President and Prof. Dr. Tita Evasco-Branzuela, Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs. The event, held on February 28, 2023, from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M., was attended by 336 participants, both in-person and in Zoom, including a diverse array of administrators, faculty, staff, and students. They were impressed with the hospitality of the Bedans and our rich Filipino culture through the cultural presentation of the Senior High School Department - Rizal Campus. The 13 delegates, namely Noah Kamegawa, Mai Sunami, Moe Uesugi, Momoka Uehara, Natsumi Tominaga, Airi Nakasue, Miki Nakasue, Mana Wakabayashi, Hayato Kawaguchi, Nanami Sugihara, Anju Takami, Akiya Tanaka, and Hinata Isaka were amazed with the dynamic and engaging performance that showcased the beauty of diversity of Pinoy cultures, including music, dance, art, customs, and traditions. The university's efforts to promote internationalization and provide students with opportunities to interact with people from Japan were vividly exemplified in the event.

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The event was a resounding success that epitomized the power of intercultural exchange in promoting global understanding with an evaluation rating of 4.46 with a verbal interpretation of excellent. SBU's unwavering commitment to internationalization and its partnerships with universities around the world have placed the institution at the forefront of the global academic community. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, San Beda University remains steadfast in its mission to provide students with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in the global arena. The conference was a truly inspiring event, serving as a beacon of hope for a brighter, more connected, and more harmonious future for all.



SBU's student professional organizations take the helm in promoting the SDGs

Raffy D. Quines

One of the session speakers was Mr. Lucrecio D. Delgado, Jr., Regional Director, Southeast Asia, Wadhvani Foundation - one of SBU's active international partners. Mr. Delgado's presentation focused on the future of Service Enterprise in a post-pandemic Philippine economy, as well as the role of the SDGs in social entrepreneurship in the 21st century. In his speech, he emphasized the importance of cross-cultural understanding and the impact of social entrepreneurship on the SDGs in the post-pandemic period. He said, "Social Enterprise plays a pivotal role in generating employment, alleviating poverty, and improving a local community, and empowering the marginalized group."

Students from San Beda University's Integrated Basic Education Department - Senior High School Unit, college students from various Metro Manila universities, and international partner universities from Langlangbuna University, Indonesia and Parahyangan Catholic University, Indonesia attended the event. On January 27, 2023, the Association internationale des étudiants en sciences économiques et commerciales (International Association of Students in Economics and Business) or AIESEC in San Beda University,

a recognized student organization in the College of Arts and Sciences, organized a webinar titled, "Across Borders" that addressed a cross-cultural understanding on the prevalent issues of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions on January 14, 2023 via Zoom platform. It was attended by the students from the Department of Business Management and Entrepreneurship of the College of Arts and Sciences and staff from the Office of the Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs.

The Office of the Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs (OLIA), through San Beda University's College of Law, facilitated AIESEC's request for webinar speakers. Among those who spoke at the event were Mr. Lucrecio D. Delgado, Jr. and Atty. Zoilo A. Velasco, Foreign Service Officer of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Philippines and a faculty member of the College of Law, San Beda University.

In his speech, Atty. Velasco stressed the relevance of SDG 16 in achieving peace and justice in the context of the Philippines' War

San Beda University's student professional organizations, committed to its goal of confronting modern societal concerns, take the lead in promoting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by initiating programs and activities through their respective organizations. Taking the lead in supporting the SDGs, every student professional organization, its leaders and members, are given the opportunity to make informed judgments and act responsibly for environmental integrity, economic viability, and a just society for both the present and future generations.

The Business Fair 2022 kicked-off on December 5, 2022, with the theme, "San Beda Unfazed: Trannovating through the New Normal", organized by the Management of Entrepreneurship and Society (MANSOC), the professional student organization of the Department Business Management of Entrepreneurship, College of Arts and Sciences held on December 5-7, 2022, in a hybrid set-up. The goals of the said event were to expose students to the new world class practices and trends in business in the "now normal" and to inspire business students to become more socially responsible by incorporating the Benedictine Core Values and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in social entrepreneurship.

on Drugs, the International Criminal Court and Human Rights Situations, the Mindanao Peace Process, and South China Sea Arbitration. Similarly, Mr. Delgado's discussion on the role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in achieving SDG 16 and other SDGs complemented and deepened this.

He argued that NGOs play a key role in the implementation of the SDGs, particularly SDG 16, by raising awareness about the importance of the SDGs, building capacity, monitoring and reviewing policies on SDG implementation, and assisting the government and learning institutions in developing projects related to SDGs and education for sustainable development (ESD).

Furthermore, the professional student organization of the Department of Economics and Public Policy, the San Beda Economics Society (SBES), hosted and organized the webinar titled, "E-FAS (Economics For-All-Seasons): WEB-ECON SDG Webinar Series," on March 25, 2023, via Zoom.

“Social Enterprise plays a pivotal role in generating employment, alleviating poverty, and improving a local community, and empowering the marginalized group.”

-Dr. Titiek Kartika Hendrastiti

The webinar intended to discuss the topic, “The Economics of Decent Work”, which refers to sustained and inclusive growth that can provide economic opportunities to everyone and further help in the eradication of poverty. Relative to this, SDG-related issues such as gender equality (SDG 5), food security (SDGs 1 and 2), and decent employment and economic growth (SDG 8) were discussed during the webinar. The webinar also hoped to start a comprehensive and progressive discussion regarding the current socioeconomic and political challenges from both local and global perspectives.

SBES invited speakers from SBU's international partner institutions and organizations. Dr. Titiek Kartika Hendrastiti, M.A., Senior Lecturer, Department of Public Administration, Universitas Bengkulu (UNIB), Indonesia, one of SBU's active bilateral partners, was the first guest speaker. Mr. Bryan M. Balco, Project Manager of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in the Philippines, was the second guest speaker. Dr. Hendrastiti spoke about International Perspectives on the Economics of Decent Work in Relation to Women's Rights, while Mr. Balco discussed Local Perspectives on the Economics of Decent Work in the Philippine Context.

"Imagine a gender equal world. A world without prejudice, stereotypes, or discrimination. A varied, equal, and inclusive world. A world in which diversity is valued and cherished. We can achieve women's equality by working together. Collectively, we can embrace equity", Dr. Hendrastiti said at the end of her speech. Similarly, Mr. Balco's final words, "Our education shall defend the weak," left the participants with the impression that education has a crucial role in eliminating inequity in decent employment and moving toward a more sustainable future.

The said international webinar was attended by the administrators, faculty, and students of Langlangbuana University (UNLA), Indonesia, Parahyangan Catholic University (UNPAR), Indonesia, Universitas Bengkulu (UNIB), Indonesia, SBU's international bilateral partner universities. It was also graced by the students from the College of Arts and Sciences' Departments of Economics and Public Policy,

Business Management and Entrepreneurship, Financial Management, Accountancy, Legal Management, and the students from the invited colleges and universities such as the Ateneo de Manila University, Batangas State University, and University of St. La Salle, Bacolod City.

The 2nd International Multidisciplinary Research Conference (IMRC), with the theme of "Underpinning Sustainable Development Goals through Research", organized and hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences' Departments of Psychology and Languages and Literature in collaboration with the Office of the Vice President for Linkages and International Affairs, Community Engagement Center, the ASEAN Learning Network (ALN), the Psychology Society of San Beda University (PSSBU), and the San Beda English and Literature Society (SBELS), capped off the students' international engagements in promoting the SDGs. Assoc. Prof. Yohan Kurniawan, Ph.D., Senior Lecturer at Universiti Malaysia Kelantan (UMK), Malaysia. His presentation was titled "Applied Experimental Psychology in Parapsychology: A New Perspective in Psychology".

There were ten (10) parallel sessions for the concurrent research presentations, in which administrators, faculty, staff, and students from the College of Arts and Sciences, offices, and international partners and networks presented and shared their innovative research findings and advocacy to address the most pressing issues related to the SDGs in a multidisciplinary setting.

Summing it up, SBU's student professional organizations taking the lead in promoting and tackling the SDGs through their initiated activities and programs in the areas of academics, research, and community engagements ensure that the university always fosters its commitment to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals towards social transformation and a more sustainable future in the era of a more globalized world.



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