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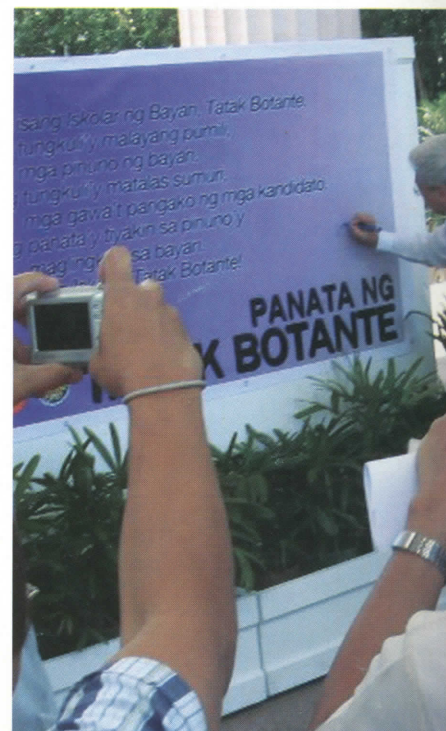
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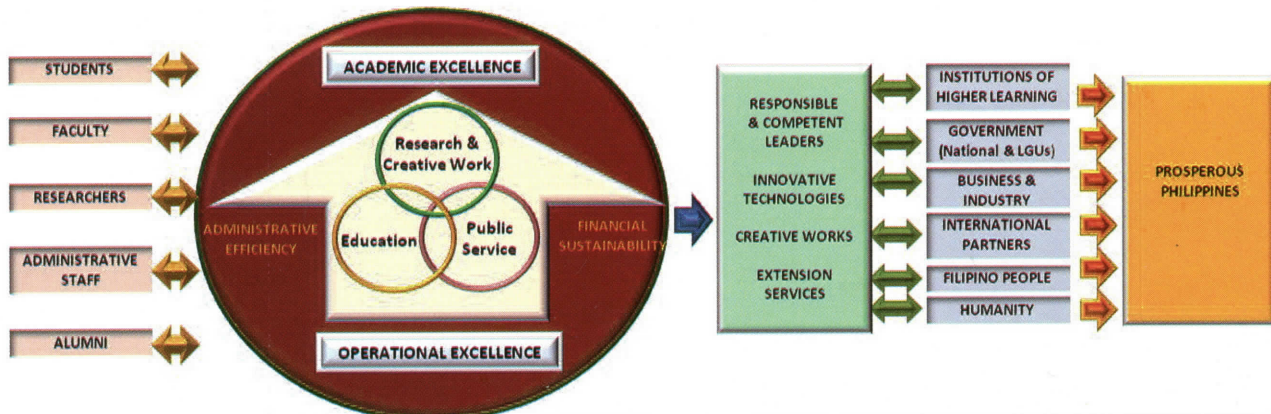
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## Mandate as the National University

Under its Charter of 2008 (Republic Act 9500), UP is mandated to "lead as a public service university by providing various forms of community, public and volunteer service, as well as scholarly and technical assistance to the government, the private sector, and civil society while maintaining its standards of excellence."

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## The UP Padayon Public Service Office

By Dr. Ferdinand C. Llanes

The UP Padayon was established along lines of the University's mandate of public service under the new Charter, which President Alfredo E. Pascual has time and again asserted as a paramount function of the University, side

by side with its pursuit of academic excellence.

But its beginnings may be traced to the awareness of the role that UP Pahinungod had played as the UP System's volunteer service

unit in the 1990s.

A review of the records, consultations with former heads and volunteers of UP Pahinungod and a crucial interview with President Emil Q. Javier, who instituted UP Pahinungod, moved us to recommend to President Alfredo Pascual the establishment of a broader paradigm of public service.

The UP Padayon aimed to transform the UP constituent, especially the would-be UP graduate, into a responsible citizen committed to the ideals of service to the nation and the offering of oneself for the welfare of the people, much like the symbolic ideal of the UP Oblation. Thus the UP Padayon actually started as the UP Oblation Corps.

The UP Padayon was envisioned to encompass a much broader parameter for public service, which includes initiatives of both volunteer and non-volunteer nature (research extension, secondment to state agencies, medical internships, training projects and so forth, and so on).

That is to say that the UP Padayon would continue to uphold and support the noble ideals of the UP Pahinungod, which has continued

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## UP Padayon holds historic Disaster Response Conference-Workshop

The UP Padayon Public Service Office held its first Disaster Conference-Workshop on November 20, 2012, barely six weeks after the office had been fully established and operational.

Titled "First UP Padayon DRRM Conference-Workshop," the whole-day event was conceptualized to establish a System-level disaster response formation.

The theme set was "Institutionalize OneUP Disaster Response!" The conference sought to put together inputs on the organizational protocols of the formation. Such protocols were envisioned to provide guidelines for the operations of a system-level disaster response formation,

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Dr. Carlo Arcilla (NIGS) presents various geohazard scenarios at the DRRM conference.



# Eleksyon 2013 Conference-Workshop

The UP Padayon Public Service Office organized on December 10, 2012 its third conference-workshop, an activity aimed at establishing a voter education campaign for the electorate for the 2013 elections.

Entitled "UP Padayon sa Eleksyon 2013: A UP Voter Education Campaign Conference-Workshop," the one-day event is an initiative of the Office of the Vice President for Public Affairs, through the University's public service office, that will allow the electorate to understand the dynamics of the electoral process and promote intelligent voting.

Participants of the conference included representatives of student councils from Diliman, Cebu and Los Banos, and faculty members from the Department of Political Science of the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy (CSSP) and the National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG). Delegates from UP Visayas, UP Cebu and UP Mindanao also flew in for the one-day event. UP Baguio was also represented.

The activity held at NCPAG's Case

background of the voting population through demographic statistics. It showed that the Philippines has a very young voting population.

Comelec Commissioner Rene V. Sarmiento gave the second presentation titled "The Voting Process and Protecting the Vote." Sarmiento first discussed the basic election-related concepts before

he proceeded to the electoral procedure from registration to the actual voting to the post-electoral stages. The Comelec official also highlighted the agency's innovative programs. This includes enhancing measures for detainees and persons with disabilities who are voting in the next elections.

He also vowed more transparency in the elections and security of the PICOS machines to protect the people's votes. Sarmiento said that the Comelec will issue a resolution on gun ban and hold command conferences with the

of election-related violence that he said can be used by the authorities and other election stakeholders to prevent the escalation of violence in many areas of the country.

The former Comelec commissioner noted that the Philippines may "pride itself as a republican democratic state" but that "a deep socio-political contradiction" is apparent when one looks into the country's tarnished electoral process.

He said, "In this country, it is ironical that suffrage, which is a nation's tool for popular democracy, is oftentimes attended by violence that threatens the very core of our democratic institutions."



UP President Alfredo E. Pascual addresses the participants of Eleksyon 2013 Conference 2013.



Above left: Inday Espina-Varona, Head, "Bayan Mo I-Patrol Mo." above right: COMELEC Commissioner Rene Sarmiento. Bottom left: Roby Alampay, Editor-in-Chief, Interaksyon. tv. Bottom center: Former COMELEC Commissioner Mehol K. Sadain. Bottom right: UP SIO Media Specialist Kim Quilinguing.



Room had seven presentations beginning with "Demographics: Facts and Figures of the Election" by UP Padayon's University Extension Specialist, Michael Dominic Del Mundo. His talk focused on the role of the youth in the coming elections, as he gave a

Armed Forces of the Philippines for clean elections.

In his talk "Political Violence and its Impact on the Electoral Process," National Commission on Muslim Filipinos Chair Mehol K. Sadain mentioned the indicators

Initiatives of ABS-CBN's "Bayan Mo I-Patrol Mo" was the focus of the fifth presentation delivered by Inday Espina-Varona, the head of the citizen journalism project. The main thrust of the project is to

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## UP-ABS CBN MOA Signing on Elections 2013

The University of the Philippines and the ABS-CBN Corporation have signed a memorandum of agreement forging a partnership for the first time to work for a clean and credible elections.

UP President Alfredo E. Pascual and UP Vice President for Public Affairs Prospero De Vera III inked the agreement with ABS-CBN Chairman and CEO Eugenio Lopez III, ABS-CBN President and COO Charo Santos-Concio, and ABS-CBN News and Current Affairs Head Ging Reyes on December 5, 2012.

In the project called "Halalan 2013's Tayo Na," the two parties are expected to join forces and resources for an "empowering election" in 2013. The country's "first and biggest fact-checking project" allows verification of all claims made by the candidates throughout the election period until votes are cast and winners declared.

The university is expected to appoint faculty members and experts on the fact-checking segments aired by ABS-CBN and posted on various online platforms.

This collaboration is also aimed at promoting "transparency and public participation among voters."

Also joining the historic signing of the agreement are ABS-CBN's Bayan Mo I-Patrol Mo head Inday Varona-Espina and UP Padayon Director Ferdinand C. Llanes.



UP-ABS-CBN MOA Signing. From left to right: Ging Reyes, Charo Santos, Eugenio Lopez Jr., UP President Alfredo Pascual, UP Vice-President for Public Affairs Prospero De Vera.

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hold workshops for free for registered citizen journalists now estimated at 400,000 sharing 900 to 10,000 daily reports using the network's platforms.

It provides training on news gathering and news reportage for aspiring citizen journalists anywhere in the Philippines. The project encourages the local communities to enjoin their residents, particularly the youth, to participate in the workshops.

In her presentation titled "Citizen Journalists: Owning Change," Espina talked about the importance of Citizen Journalism and the role played by what are commonly called the "bayan patroller" in

the dissemination of development and election-related events. She pointed out that citizen journalists are action-oriented in seeking and sharing valuable news through social and traditional media.

For his part, Interaksyon.tv, Editor-in-Chief Roby Alampay explained that a part of TV5's initiatives this coming election is to encourage netizens to use social media as a platform for news dissemination. He called on everyone to post election-related information on Facebook or Twitter, vowing that Interaksyon.tv would publish what it finds credible and valuable.

Alampay also assured the public of full accountability as it lends its name to information from various social media users,

especially when used and broadcasted mainstream media. Geared towards voter education, the TV company also offer media coverage on election interview forums and debates.

UP System Information Office (SIO) Media Specialist, Kim Quilingui presented how the UP unit could prepare the public using social media networks such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Google plus. By being active in social media this coming 2013 elections, UP could present well-researched profiles of candidates and partylist groups, investigate the performance of re-electionist candidates, prepare studies on political families and alliances in different parts of the country, fact-check candidates' campaign claims, speeches and interviews, and conduct forums, debates, discussion on candidates and partylist groups. Quilingui said that these endeavors will be conducted with the *Tatak UP: Honor, Excellence, Service*.

The second part of the day's activity is the workshop participated in by the delegates and representatives from various UP constituent universities and other units. They were divided into two groups: first, the "Luzon" group comprised of students and faculty from UP Diliman, La Banos, and Baguio; and second, the "VizMin" group composed of students and faculty from UP units in Cebu, Iloilo, and Mindanao. The objective of the workshop was to come up with specific activities that were geared toward voter education. They then came up with a more specialized voter's education campaign.

In UP Diliman, students plan to promote election awareness through Alternative Classroom Learning Education (ACLE) debates among senatorial candidates, dubbed as "Ang Pagsusuri," a fun rally called "TATAKBOtante," and a photo contest called "get inked". Students also plan to distribute information materials such as a pocket voter's manual for the UP community and nearby barangays, hold focus group discussions, walk through demonstrations of the use of election machines; conduct mock elections and publish information materials translated into local languages or dialects.

Organizers and participants of the one-day election conference-workshop vowed to continue working together towards what UP President Alfredo E. Pascual referred to as an "empowering elections" of 2013.

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# UP signs MOA with COMELEC towards 'Empowering Election 2013'

President Alfredo E. Pascual signed a historic Memorandum of Agreement with the Commission on Elections, represented by Commissioner Rene Sarmiento, on October 23, 2012 at historic Quezon Hall, as part of the University's "commitment to a clean and intelligent exercise of the people's suffrage in May 2013 elections."

Dubbed "Padayon UP sa Eleksyon 2013," the two-hour program was attended by University and COMELEC officials, faculty members, students and non-teaching personnel from constituent units of the UP System.

izes what we, as a university have been doing all these times. We are signing this MOA consistent with our public service mandate in the UP Charter of 2008 or the RA 9500, which requires us to provide various forms of community, public, and volunteer service, as well as scholarly and technical assistance to the government, the private sector and civil society while maintaining our standards of excellence."

Representing COMELEC Chairman Sixto Brillantes Jr., Commissioner Rene Sarmiento said that the event was a "beautiful

students and staff in 15 campuses nationwide and help the COMELEC prepare and educate the citizenry about the significance of exercising their right to vote."

For its part, COMELEC is expected to organize its units and provide the University the necessary assistance for election-related activities including voter registration, education and information. The move, added the statement "will allow both COMELEC and UP units to work hand-in-hand at the provincial, city and district levels."

In implementing the agreement, the president said that the University shall launch the "Padayon UP sa Eleksyon 2013," a voter education project to be coordinated by the UP Padayon, public service office of the University, adding that all is in place to ensure that election-related activities will be organized.

He said, "Almost all the chancellors of our constituent universities (CU) have already designated their respective coordinators for the project. These CU representatives will identify and inventory all the proposed election-related activities in their respective campuses and link up with local COMELEC officials to implement these activities."

The President also commended the election officials who conceptualized the partnership between UP and COMELEC. He said: "(I)t gives me great pleasure to note that this initiative was conceptualized and will be implemented by COMELEC officials who are our own alumni. Commissioners Rene Sarmiento and Lucenito Tagle are eminent products of our College of Law. The COMELEC technical staff who worked hard o fast track this MOA led by Rose Radin and Tony Villazor are our graduate students at the NCPAG."

Also citing UP's relations with the COMELEC, the President said: "I hope the MOA signing today will signal the start of an enduring partnership between UP and COMELEC. As the National University, tasked to perform its unique and distinctive leadership in higher education and development, UP is ready to assist COMELEC through election-related research, policy guidance in the crafting of laws and regulations, and other forms of technical assistance."

"UP is ready to support such priorities of the COMELEC leadership as the review of campaign finance practices, improvement of the party list system, promotion of political party reform, and the further development of an automated election system," the President added.



Above: COMELEC Commissioner Rene Sarmiento and UP President Pascual cement the agreement between UP and the COMELEC while UP and COMELEC officials applaud.

Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera, UP Vice President for Public Affairs, in his opening remarks explained the background of the event, how he and COMELEC Commissioner Rene Sarmiento had coffee one time and talked about the importance of voter education to the public.

The UP President expressed optimism on the project in his message to the event.

Calling it a privilege to welcome the participants and the key players of the significant event, President Pascual emphasized that the signing "marks a new milestone in the journey of UP as a Great University of the 21st century."

He said, "(T)his is the first time that we, as a UP system, are officially partnering with the COMELEC to promote clean and credible elections."

Underscoring the role of UP, he noted, "The MOA we are signing today institutional-

homecoming," stressing that it was in the same Board Room when he was scolded as a young student leader by then UP President Emmanuel Soriano.

Commissioner Sarmiento took note of the historic importance of the event in the relations of the University and the COMELEC.

The accord states that UP and the COMELEC shall work together to achieve an "empowering election" in 2013. According to the statement released by the Office of the Vice President for Public Affairs, under the agreement, "UP units, colleges and student groups will be involved in various election-related activities like voter registration and education, holding of candidates' fora; and even research on election-related issues such as polling and media analysis."

The statement also pointed out that UP as a premiere university of the country, can play a major part in "mobilizing its faculty,



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composed of representatives from the constituent units.

The one-day event also produced two proposed programs for capacity building: one for the University and one for target communities.

Participants of the conference-workshop submitted initial recommendations for the capacity-building programs.

For the university capacity-building, Workshop Group 2, facilitated by Dr. Grace Aguilin-Dalisay, chair of Psychology department, proposed the development of a training program that 1) introduce DRRM principles and organizational policies in carrying out DRRM activities; 2) develop competencies in DRRM, with focus on disaster response. In producing this program, especially for #2, the group recommends a module de-

velopment workshop involving the different academic units. It also recommends that each college forms a DRRM team that shall participate in possible modules for #1 and #2.

For the capacity-building program for target communities, Workshop Group 3, facilitated by Prof. Jo Dionisio of Sociology department and Prof. Karen Ann Jago-on, proposed the following schema and content:

Modules	Content	Target Beneficiaries
Camp management	Family needs, children's needs, (food, shelter, clothing, hygiene, etc.)	LGUs
Distribution of relief goods	Meeting international standards	Volunteer groups and NGOs
Integrating DRRM into curriculum	TEG (teaching in the early grade), early childhood education, building culture of safety)	Teachers
Assessment of vulnerabilities & development of warning systems	Family, communities, LGUs	LGUs
Quick response	Alternative communication systems (Morse code, first aid, home-made medicines, water purification, rescue and relief, etc)	LGUs
Alternative livelihoods	Hydroponics, agri-cycle mapping, solid waste management	Community organizations, LGUs
Integrating DRRM into development plans	Land-use planning, development plans, ordinances, sources of funding for programs/projects	LGUs
Post disaster response	Structural retrofitting	City engineers
Documentation	Spontaneous organizing and cooperation, experiences; laymanize terms/concepts	Community organizations, LGUs
Stress relief and management		Barangay health workers
Map literacy	Use of GIS, use of local knowledge, participatory community mapping	Community organizations, LGUs
Basic forensic training for first responders	DNA profiling	Barangay health workers



# Padayon disaster response team in Iligan, 2011

It was the annual Lantern Parade at the flagship campus of the University of the Philippines. Everyone was in festive mood at UP Diliman that fateful day of December 16, 2011 when Typhoon Sendong hit northeast Mindanao.

Little did everyone know that while the parade was making its way to Quezon Hall, thousands of families were uncertain of where to spend the night following heavy rains and rampaging floods that submerged a significant part of Iligan City and Cagayan De Oro City. Much worse, countless families had relatives or neighbors injured, dead or missing as muddy water swept away communities along river banks.

It was a disaster never seen before in Mindanao, which UP geologist Dr.

Mahar Lagmay described as a "rampaging tsunami, only with destructive debris that tore up everything in its path." The heavy rainfall and the topography, with communities lying along the Mandulog River, turned out to be a deadly mix that resulted in heavy flooding, "creeping in while the residents were sound asleep in their homes."

The storm that dumped 350 millimeters of rain in northeastern Mindanao began on the night of December 16, 2011. But residents were caught off guard. Before they could flee their homes and and evacuate to safety,

rampaging waters had overwhelmed their communities.

According to the report of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council, for northeast Mindanao, more than 1200 had died in the floods.

The calamity was swiftly broadcast worldwide. UP Pres. Alfredo E.

non-government organization which had previous experiences in disaster response.

Finally organized as "Task Force Sendong," the team assessed the situation and the capacities of the university. It then agreed to engage in a post-disaster rehabilitation mission for Iligan, which was receiving lesser outside assistance than Cagayan de Oro City. The team decided on a limited 2 to 3-day stay in the area.

The mission also decided to extend medical and public health assistance, forensics support and geohazards survey and advice to the LGU.

For logistical support in the area, VP de Vera coordinated with the Office of Senator Koko Pimentel.

## The Medical Group

A group of thirteen composed of doctors, nurses and UP Manila Pahinungod volunteers was mobilized. Headed by Dr. Eric Talens, head of Pahinungod and chief of the Division of Trauma of



The Medical Group distributes medicine and conducts consultations for the victims of Typhoon Sendong.

Pascual said that he was at the university presidents' summit at the University of Hongkong when he saw the news on CNN. "I called Vice President Prospero De Vera and told him what we can do," he said.

VP De Vera then gathered experts from UP Diliman and UP Manila to explore possible courses of action to take. On December 19, he met with representatives from the two campuses including the Philippine General Hospital (PGH), the National Institute for Geological Studies (NIGS) and the Philippine Association for Intercultural Development (PAFID), a

PGH, the group arrived in Iligan City on the night of December 27.

After coordination with the city health officer and local organizations, the group rendered medical services to an evacuation center in Barangay Digki-laan, Iligan from December 27 to 29.

The team brought with them medicines donated primarily by the Office of Senator Koko Pimentel and the Cardinal Santos Medical Center through the coordination of a UP alumna, Dr. Kaye Consunji. Additional medicines were purchased

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The Public Health Group in action

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using guarantee letters of Senators Franklin Drilon, Sergio Osmena and Juan Flavio Alvarado allowing the group to utilize their Priority Development Assistance Funds (PDAF).

The group was able to conduct 1440 consultations and treat minor injuries and illnesses, mostly upper respiratory tract infections and gastro-intestinal disorders.

Also recorded in the consultations were chronic illnesses and medical disorders such as pulmonary tuberculosis and malnutrition among some pediatric patients.

### The Public Health and Sanitation Group

A public health and sanitation group was formed composed of two engineers from the College of Engineering and another faculty member from the College of Public Health, Prof. Buenalyn Teresita M. Ramos-Mortel, who headed the group.

In coordination with the City Health Office and the Department of Health Emergency Management Staff (HEMS) in Northern Mindanao, the group was primarily organized to study the overall management of the affected communities in various disaster areas.

They were able to visit four of 15 evacuation sites in Iligan City: Don Juan Actub Lluch

Memorial School, Ubaldo Laya Memorial Central School, Iligan City East High School and Luinab Elementary High School.

In assessing the management of the disaster area, the group was able to gather critical observations in the management of evacuation camps including organizational set-up, prevalent diseases and injuries (in the aftermath of rampaging floods and landslides), nutrition and feeding of the evacuees, needs of women and children, psychosocial support for the victims, availability and supply of clean water, and waste disposal.

Following the three-day visit, the group outlined recommendations for effective management of the disaster area including camp management protocols and a more coordinated relief effort for a more efficient logistics distribution. For the University, the group recommended the organization of a University Disaster Response Team with competencies in public health concerns during disasters such as mass casualty management, communicable diseases and mental

local residents and the local health team on mass casualty management and risk communication and developing a culture of preparedness, rapid health assessment and rapid health surveillance in disasters.

The group also made recommendations for the physical and microbiological testing of water supply and provisions for latrines and septic tanks properly designed and monitored to meet prescribed standards and limits.

### The Forensics Group

It was a text message like no other as the one received by members of the Forensic Science Group who asked to provide their expertise assessing the management of the mass fatalities in Iligan City.

From the Department of Pathology of UP Manila's College of Medicine in UP Manila, forensic pathologist Dr. Raquel DR Fortun headed the five women group that flew to Iligan City with another forensic pathologist, Dr. Ma. Cecilia Lim, and three representatives.

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The Forensics Group organized a one-day training on the management of the mass casualties for authorized local police



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tatives from the Natural Sciences Research Institute: Dr. Ma. Corazon de Ungria, DNA Analysis Laboratory chief; Gayveline Calacal, University research associate, and Minerva Sagum, legal researcher.

The forensic group's main task was to "assess the management of the dead victims." They were also asked to conduct forensic training to the regional and local manpower of the region.

The forensic group reports that "the teaching resources on file and personal computer and equipment were

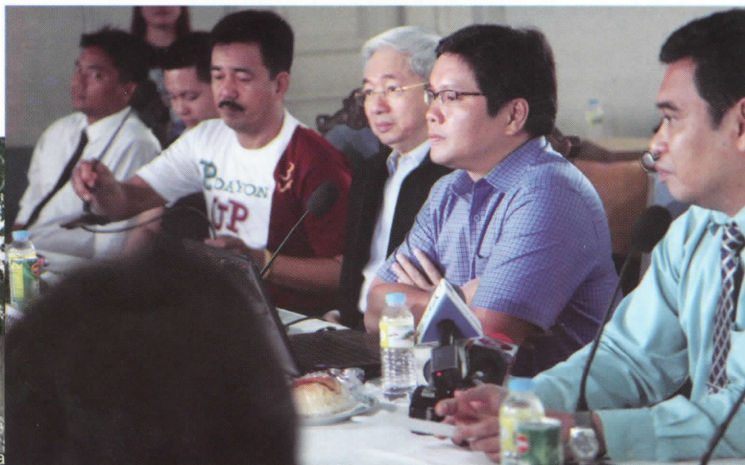
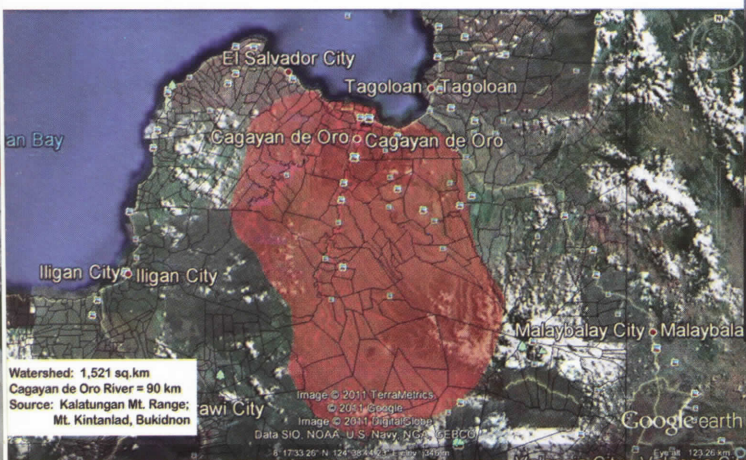
and undergraduate students of the institute, and two faculty members, who are both teaching disaster prevention and mitigation and flood simulation and generation.

Despite the uncertainties in the availability of funds, the group was formed after a representative from NIGS attended the Task Force Sendong meeting on December 21, 2011.

Before the flight to Iligan, the group had already gathered data accessible

simulation.

From the three-day visit, the group established that heavy rains caused the "tsunami-like flash floods" that killed thousands of people, injured hundreds of others and left hundreds more unidentified. Their report stated that "the flood waters contained huge amount of debris, consisting primarily of sand-sized particles mixed with uprooted trees and plants from the stream," adding that the large amount



Dr. Mahar Lagmay, head of the Geohazards Group (2nd from right), with UP Pres. Alfredo Pascual and members of the Disaster Response team, addresses media during a press conference.

brought by the team members themselves. Tools for basic dissection, DNA sample collection material, documentation (note-taking and photography) and simple personal protective equipment were individually sourced or obtained from the members' respective offices."

The report noted that "UP can provide service but its thrust as an educational institution can be the provision of training courses in mass disaster management and the promotion of forensic science development in the country."

### Geohazards Group

To conduct the post-disaster assessment on the impact of Typhoon Sendong to properties, structures and the physical environment as well as on the thousands of residents of the affected communities, the geohazards group headed to Iligan with their own objectives.

Headed by Dr. Alfredo Mahar Francisco Lagmay of the National Institute of Geological Sciences, the group was composed largely of both graduate

online particularly free satellite imageries and those available from NASA, Google and other internet sources. These were complemented by equipment generously entrusted and lent to them by colleagues from the Institute.

Upon arrival in Iligan the group was able to gather more information on flood-related data from the local sources, which they simply had to add to the previous research on rainfall, damage and casualties. The group had already been collecting data--a standard practice that the unit has developed in shaping a very scientific perspective on any calamity.

On the ground, the group was able to assess the cause and dynamics of the flooding event that led them to identify what were the unsafe and high-risk areas in the city. They were also able to spot a relocation site while waiting for the hazard analysis and proper engineering plans. The group promised to provide, in the long run, an update and refinement of Iligan's flood map generated from computer

of sediment "contributed to the tremendous erosive powers of the flood exacerbating the damage caused by the floods."

For its recommendations, the team advised the local government to strongly implement restrictions in land use zoning plan for the region, adding that the local officials should take into account the existing geohazards in the area. The group also advised the LGU to conduct a thorough geohazard assessment before allowing residents to construct and settle along the river banks, noting that both the local government unit and communities would pay a high price when they fail to do so.

The group then urged the University to procure its own geohazards map for the whole country, which could be made available to the public for free, underscoring that not only the expense but also the time. Students and researchers will also have access to the facility for their studies.

**Based on the "UP Padayon! Disaster Response in Iligan Report"**



## UP enlists in Climate Change Commission project for Iligan and Cagayan de Oro

Selected units of the University of the Philippines are now involved in a project that will help some regions in the country cope with climate change.

UP's participation in this project is an effort to continue, on a long-term basis, the response of the University to the disaster wrought by Typhoon Ondong in northeast Mindanao in 2011. (See related report on UP's disaster response to Iligan in 2011).

Vice President for Public Affairs Dr. J. Prospero De Vera initiated the enlistment of UP experts from the University in the project entitled "Enabling the Cities of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan to Cope with Climate Change (Project Climate Twin Phoenix)."

As project leader, Dr. De Vera shall ensure that the university delivers its commitment and identify the experts to do the job.

The project aims to evaluate the disaster vulnerabilities of the two cities of Iligan and Cagayan de Oro and the municipalities found on the borders of major bodies of water in Mindanao particularly the Cagayan de Oro and Mandulog river basins.

Forming the team are research personnel from the National Institute of Geological Sciences (NIGS), the School of Urban and Regional Planning (SURP), the College of Social Work and Community Development.

According to the project's brief situation analysis, these environmental hazards have intensified in the last decade, "resulting in an increase in deaths and economic devastation particularly in the unprepared areas."

The situationer cites hazard events such as heavy rains and the consequent landslides like in Quezon (2004) and Leyte (2005), floodings like in Metro Manila and the surrounding areas following Typhoon Ondoy (2009), and the combination of floodings and landslides in Iligan and Cagayan de Oro (2011).

## Disaster Response in Davao Oriental 2012

Seven doctors, led by Dr. Eric Talens, chief of the PGH Division of Trauma Surgery and director of Pahinungod Manila, and an Information Officer of UP Manila flew to Davao Oriental and carried out a medical and relief mission in Barangay Isidro, Bangaga.

Reached in 8 hours from Davao City, Bangaga received its first relief and medical care from the team nine days after Typhoon Pablo struck the area and destroyed the municipal hall, the district hospital, the town church, elementary and high school buildings, trade school building, rice mill, and plantations of coconut and bananas.

The team attended to 576 consultations for complaints



of upper respiratory tract (cough and colds) and gastro-intestinal infections (diarrhea and dehydration), neglected injuries incurred during the storm (flying/ falling debris, falls, etc.) or immediately after the storm (broken glass, wood fragments, exposed nails, etc.), as well as for existing illnesses before the disaster (hypertension, diabetes, pulmonary tuberculosis, malnutrition, acid-peptic disease, etc.).

The main partners in this mission had been Balsa Mindanao, and the UP alumni. Previous special considerations, such as discount fares and waiving of excess cargo fees for the medical team, had been rejected by Cebu Pacific airlines. Sen. Koko Pimentel, a frequent supporter was quick in releasing his PDAF for the mission. Senators Drilon and Enrile, through the PGH administration, have indicated that they too have allowed part of their PDAF for assistance for the victims of Typhoon "Pablo."

A private individual, Filipino-Australian Dr. Roger Fabian, known to Ugnayan ng Pahinungod as member of the Philippine-Australia Medical Association (PAMA), has committed some funds approximately PhP 63,000.00).

*From a report by Dr. Eric Talens, Pahinungod UP Manila*

The expected output from the project will be used by the team in conceptualizing priority mitigation actions for vulnerable communities including community-based and managed early warning systems and integrated contingency planning and mobilization.

The project will also "conduct massive information, education, and communications to raise the awareness of the general public on climate

change and its impacts, as well as enhance the competencies of the concerned local government units on mainstreaming climate/ disaster risk management into local land use and development planning and regulatory processes."

Another goal of the project is to help increase the resilience of the residents of the vulnerable areas. To do this, the project supports the

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development of climate-resilient livelihood programs and facilitate risk-sharing and transfer of technologies of similar projects that will fit the needs of the local communities.

The initial meeting of the Climate Change Commission was held at its office at the Malacanang complex on May 24, 2012. This was followed five days later by a focused group discussion on the priority agenda and technical requirements on climate change and disaster risk management.

The team then participated in two more workshops by the end of the year : one, an inception workshop where they reviewed the project document and conducted preliminary evaluation of the project at Astoria Plaza on August 23, 2012 and another, organized on September 21, 2012, that allowed the different units of the University to present their concept proposals. The group also attended the two-day activity titled "Regional Experts' Forum on Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction" held at Pearl-mont Inn, Cagayan de Oro City from October 10-11, 2012.

The University is currently drafting the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Climate Change Commission

for the entire project. The center also said that with Dr. Mahar Lagmay at the helm, the National Institute for Geological Studies (NIGS) had already sent a concept paper to the Climate Change Commission.

According to the concept note, it is prepared by the UP Training Center for Applied Geodesy and Photogrammetry. The concept note proposes

the development of flood models for

the concerned population and socio-economic support systems, to meteorological and meteorologically-induced hazards, and their intensification because of climate change.

With the Climate Change Commission as its implementing partner, the project has enumerated a number of expected outputs that will help the local communities cope with the effects of climate change in Cagayan de Oro and Iligan cities.

It hopes to determine and assess the climate and disaster risk vulnerabilities in the two cities, particularly the municipalities around Cagayan De Oro City and the Mandulog river basins and implement the priority climate and disaster risk mitigation actions in the same areas.

The initiative also aims to increase the resilience of the affected communities and establish local knowledge management systems.

The project also seeks to promote not just awareness of the local communities on climate change and disaster risk mitigation but also assist the local authorities to plan and design policies following newly enacted laws on disaster risk management.

***Based on the report by the Center for Policy Education and Development of UP NCPAG.***



the four major rivers of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan Cities and simulation of flooding events based on climate change scenarios. It aims to produce a characterization of the physical hazards and risks faced by the project areas because of climate change. It aims to produce the necessary tools, such as integrated flood model(s) for the river basins traversing the cities of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan. Finally, it also aims to provide the physical and socioeconomic vulnerabilities of





# UP experts to train Tawi-Tawi educators

UP experts in the teaching of math, science and English are set to train basic education teachers in Tawi-Tawi in 2013.

UP Padayon Director Dr. Ferdinand C. Llanes welcomed trainors from the National Institute of Math and Science Education (NISMED) led by its director, Dr. Soledad Ulep, and the English department, led by its chair, Dr. Lily Rose Tope, as well as Tawi-Tawi Congressman Datu Nur Jaafar and DepEd officials of the province for a consultative conference-workshop last November 18, 2012 for the presentation of the basic framework of a training program for Tawi-Tawi.

Expected to run for three years, the project seeks to improve competencies in teaching math, science and English at the basic education levels.

A distinctive feature of the training program is that it shall be conducted partly through face-to-face encounter and partly through video-conferencing.



For Science and Math, the NISMED trainors presented a program called "A Professional Development Program for Elementary and High School Science and Mathematics Teachers of the Division of Tawi-Tawi."

According to Dr. Ulep, their program aims at "upgrading the teachers' content knowledge in science and mathematics as well as strategies and skills effective for student learning." It also hopes to "enable the teacher to construct test items that assess conceptual understanding and reasoning of students, not just factual or procedural knowledge."



*UP officials and trainors with Tawi-Tawi Congressman Datu Nur Jaafar and the local educators in English, Mathematics and Science at the first official consultation for the teleconferencing project held in Balay Kalinaw on November 18, 2012.*

There are three goals of the program, she said. First, it should "facilitate hands-on and minds-on science and mathematics activities for students, enabling the latter to construct the correct science and mathematics concepts and generate their own solutions to problems. Second, it should allow the use of "the most appropriate and effective teaching strategies and skills in implementing science and mathematics." And third,

it should develop the capacity of the teachers to "construct assessment items and tasks that will develop higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills."

For their output, the trainors hope to provide "the Science and Mathematics teachers with increased content knowledge and a wider repertoire of appropriate and effective teaching strategies and skills." They also expect to have "lesson plans exemplifying learner-centered teaching strategies" and lastly, the trainors want to be able to have "assessment items or tasks on conceptual understanding and reasoning and analysis

in multiple-choice constructed response types."

For English, the program aims at enhancing the competencies of the teachers both in literature and English" and improving the execution of instruction in these areas.

At the end of the project, the local educators are expected to "discuss current theories in language studies, applied linguistics, literary criticism and world literature; demonstrate the best practices, methods and approaches in language and literature teaching and learning; and facilitate the transition from elementary and secondary education to tertiary education by providing modules that meet the college readiness standards".

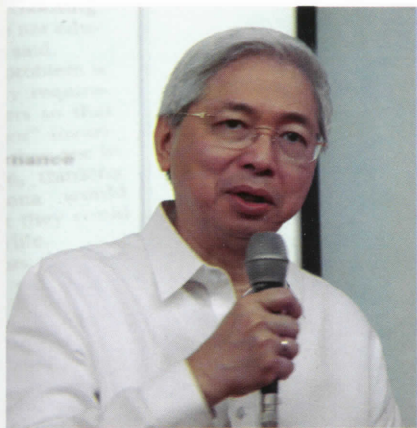
To ensure the success of the project, the group presented separate modules that will develop the macro communication skills of students from grades 1 to 6, and advanced reading of literature for grades 7 to 10, which allow the students to develop critical thinking through literary criticism and analysis.

The different sets of modules designed by the English team expect to improve skills of the trainees and consequently their students in macro skills particularly reading, visualizing/listening, writing and speaking.

The modules are designed in such a way that will provide holistic improvement of the participants' capacity to teach and impart what they had learned,

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## UP President Alfredo Pascual on public service

By Floyd Padilla

Since his formal investiture as the 20th president of the University of the Philippines, Alfredo E. Pascual has called for the revitalization of UP as the country's national university in pursuit of its mandate under the new Charter: that it is not only a teaching and research university but also a public service university.

In his investiture speech on September 16, 2012 at the UP theatre, President Pascual laid out his plans to reinvigorate UP's "academic and operational excellence." But he also declared that the University should focus on addressing the problems of the country that for decades have resisted solution.

He then announced the creation of UP Padayon "to help realize our responsibilities as a public service university... to coordi-

nate our public service activities, package our programs and breakthroughs, and disseminate these to our students, our faculty and staff, our policy makers, our alumni, and to the Filipino people."

The first president elected under the UP charter has made clear the public service mandate as "its

unique and distinctive leadership in higher education and national development."

President Pascual has consistently pushed for the public service engagements of the University even as it pursues excellence in academics and research.

He has taken part in every endeavor which the public service office has undertaken since it officially began operations in October 2012.

Engaging the participants in the first conference-workshop for the teacher training project in Tawi-Tawi, President Pascual emphasized the role of UP mentors and experts in improving the quality of education in the region.

He intimated how UP has continued to earn the respect of educational institutions in neighboring countries. He cited the interest expressed by his contemporaries in the region in forging a partnership with UP for its academic programs.

He commended the mentors from the National Institute for Science, Mathematics and the English department for their continuing efforts to help improve the quality of education in the country.

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to their own respective students in English.

The training program shall cover 85 participant-trainees from both elementary and high school levels.

The UP Padayon has also included

in the preparations a culture-sensitivity seminar with a Moslem scholar based in UP Institute of Islamic Studies.

The conference also tackled concerns such as teleconferencing connectivity in Tawi-Tawi. But UP President Alfredo E. Pascual and VP for Public Affairs Prospero

de Vera, who both dropped by to chat with the participants, said during the meeting that UP had gotten the support of PLDT Chair Manny V. Pangilinan and officials of the telecom company to help in the technical requirement of the program.



**UP Pres. Alfredo Pascual on public service, continued from page 12...**

The President also expressed his support for UP Padayon's second project for the month. On November 20, 2012, the Public Service Office conducted its first conference-workshop on Disaster Response.

At the dinner of the one-day conference hosted by the Office of the President, Pres. Pascual highlighted the impact made by the UP experts in responding to disasters.

He said, "I know that different units in UP have volunteers, people who do their individual efforts to help respond to disasters. But now that we want to look at UP as One University, with this paradigm of OneUP that I have been promoting, perhaps it's about time that we bring together different parts of UP in delivering all forms of logistical response to disasters."

He was quick to admit however, that delivering public service among UP experts alone could still be limited, because of the imbalance between the millions of Filipinos in need of service and the handful of experts UP could provide in times of crises.

He thus noted, "So as a university we must not forget, that our main business is learning and research, (but) service of course is a major function that brings our learning and research functions and outputs to society."

The same call for committed

public service was made by President Pascual at the unit's election conference-workshop "UP Padayon sa Eleksyon 2013: A UP Voter Education Campaign" held on De-



cember 4, 2012.

In his impromptu message, President Pascual said that "every election is critical because it is where people exercise their public rights and, (in particular), it is also in the elections

where we exercise the right to suffrage, (which) has always been done in such a way that (its exercise would) reflect two sentiments: based on good information or well-

founded information."

"There is a need for us to be catalysts, particularly in UP, to take the lead in voter's education. When you say voter's education it's not just how to fill up the ballot and how to do that in the PCOS machine but how do we decide who we vote for. That's the kind of voter's education that we want to propagate and I hope we'll be able to start the campaign now," President Pascual said.

The President expressed his hope of political maturity among the Filipino people, saying (I) n UP, we're here for the country because as a national university, we have the obligation, the mandate, to perform our unique and distinctive leadership in (national) development, and part of development is trying to achieve political maturity for our country."

As Pres. Pascual under-

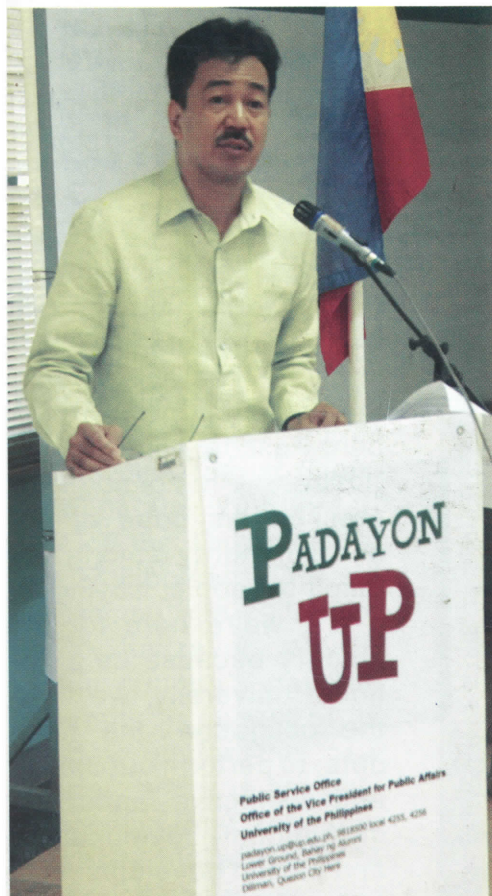
scored in his investiture speech, the University "has been at the forefront not only of the country's educational system, but also of its social, political, and economic life, it is incumbent upon

**President Pascual has been described by Commissioner Rene Sarmiento as "reform-minded president" at the signing of the election agreement between UP and COMELEC in October 2012.**

all of us to ensure that the youth go through the halls of our university are imbued with the tradition and spirit which have made UP the vanguard of the people."



## UPVP De Vera links UP to region's public service discourse...



UP Vice President for Public Affairs Dr. J. Prospero De Vera III has urged members of the AsiaEngage to strengthen social responsibility and civic engagement for national and regional community development.

In a conference held at The National University of Malaysia in August 2012, Dr. De Vera underscored the role played by higher education institutions on civic engagement.

*[Reprinted from the Asia Engage Conference Report 2012, University Community and Industry Engagement across ASEAN & Asia. The National University of Malaysia, 2012.]*

A number of delegates called for the ASEAN region to have its own system of rankings.

Several university representatives from the ASEAN region discussed how rankings could be influenced in future to take account of the more diverse missions of public universities.

Some representatives of universities of universities in Asia with strong commitments to regional development and community engagement have been "flying to Europe" to try to convince private organizations that publish international rankings, and the European Union, which has also developed an international university ranking system, to revisit their criteria to better reflect this kind of work. Prospero de Vera, Vice-President of the University of the Philippines, said his institution was under tremendous pressure from government to improve its international rank, although "as a national university we have a very clear mandate in public service. We do far more than what the ranking ask."

For example, the university hospital treats millions of poor indigenous people for free each year.

"But community engagement is not a factor at all in the assessment of universities internationally."

He added that it was important for people to understand that the core functions of a university were more than just research.

## ...and calls for civic engagement in the University

UP Vice President for Public Affairs Dr. Prospero De Vera III has called on the members of the academic community in "institutionalize civic engagement" and join the rising debate of what he referred to as the "renewal" of vision or a "reassertion" of the civic roles of higher education.

Dr. De Vera emphasized the role of the higher education institutions on public engagement in his message at the "First UP Padayon DRRM Conference Workshop" held at the Lower Ground, Bahay ng Alumni, University of the Philippines on November 20, 2012.

"... (C)olleges and universities have

a civic mission, which includes being good institutional citizens that serve their communities in multiple ways, providing forums for free democratic dialogue; conducting research on democracy, civil society, and civic development; and educating their own students to be effective and responsible citizens."

Dr. De Vera said, quoting the 2006 report of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) entitled "Higher Education: Civic Mission and Civic Effects."

The professor of Public Administration urged the UP community "to find a common ground and develop the framework and institutional mecha-

nism that will bring together the breadth of expertise of UP."

Dr. De Vera has been actively involved in the promotion of civic engagement in the region and has participated in the First ASEAN Youth Volunteer Program (August 2012) and the First ASEAN University Network Thematic Network for University Social Responsibility and Sustainability (October 2012), both held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Photo from AsiaEngage Facebook Page



**"Once we have the institutional framework in place, then we can start an audit or mapping of civic engagement activities, develop protocols to guide system-wide actions, and undertake projects in 2013."**



# UP Padayon in the UP Strategic Plan 2011-2017

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

## PUBLIC SERVICE

- Goal 3:** Make UP more visible through more effective public service
- Strategic Initiative:** UP PADAYON: An Integrated Approach to Public Service
- Objective:** To provide strategically coordinated and system-directed public service that strengthens UP's public service role in accordance with RA 9500
- Programs & Projects:**
- Create the UP Padayon Public Service Office to serve as the over-all coordinating mechanism for UP's public service initiatives
  - Generate information and evaluate public service activities across the system
  - Intensify internal (system-wide) and external (public) dissemination and promotion
  - Develop procedures at system level for channeling public services to agencies
  - Mobilize expertise in response to demands of various publics

UP Padayon is the Public Service Office of the University of the Philippines, created at the System President's Office by President Alfredo E. Pascual "to coordinate and mobilize the resources of the system in responding promptly and effectively to the demands of public service and to provide networking and support from the 'publics' of the University".

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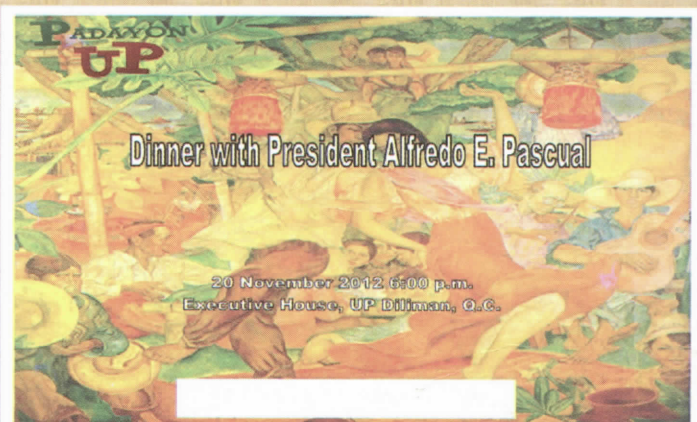
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University of the Philippines  
Diliman, Quezon City





The UP Padayon Public Service Office, headed by a Director, officially began operations on October 1, 2012 with four personnel, joined by another in mid-December.

To date, the office has conducted three conference-workshops: Teacher training in Tawi-Tawi, Disaster Risk Reduction and Management organizational planning, and voter education campaign planning for the elections in 2013.





**The UP Padayon Public Service Office,  
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ued to thrive in UP Manila and UP Los Banos, after it was devolved to the constituent units or academic units under a previous administration.

In fact, in recent disaster response initiatives of the UP Padayon, the office relied on the hardy and reliable volunteers of the UP Manila Pahinungod. The UP Padayon would encourage the revival or formation of Pahinungod units across the UP System.

But the UP Padayon shall carry on a broader vision of mobilizing all available intellectual and material resource of the University, without distinction as to its voluntary or non-voluntary nature. The central goal of the UP Padayon is to generate and mobilize expertise in the service of the nation, which is otherwise known in the Asian region as "scholarship of engagement."

The UP Padayon effort, however, through its envisioned public service initiatives, may in fact stimulate varied levels of voluntarism among the UP constituency that, ultimately, impart values that serve the interest of social uplift and national progress.

But from whence come the name Padayon? It is a Visayan or Cebuano term, which means "onward," "continuing," "forward." Onward UP! Onward with the mandate of service to the nation.

It is fortuitous, perhaps providential, coincidence that President Pascual, since his inaugural, has always ended his speeches with "Padayon UP"!



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**PRESENTATION  
AND CONSULTATION:  
UP Padayon and Trainors  
with Hon. Datu Nur Jaafar  
and Tawi-Tawi Education Supervisors**

8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
November 18, 2012  
Seminar Room C  
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Meet the UP Padayon staff. From left to right (seated): Karen Gonzaga, Jessica Claridad. From right to left (standing): Michael Del Mundo, Elpidio Dancel, Amor Manalang (OVPPA) and Floyd Padilla.

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## Mandate of the UP Padayon

The UP Padayon is "the UP president's action on the recommendation that UP must be both a research university and a public service university, with the present crises in the Philippines as frame of reference for its public service activities."

The Office of the University President, with the approval of the Board of Regents, shall establish a public service office to be called UP Padayon (Public Service Office) that shall principally coordinate and mobilize the resources of the University to respond promptly and efficiently to the demands of public service and develop relevant networking and support from the different "publics" of the University.

Following the OneUP framework adapted by UP President Alfredo E. Pascual, the UP Padayon serves as the public service arm of his administration with the following core functions:

Coordinate and monitor all public service modalities and volunteer programs throughout the UP System, help document the various public service activities of the university, and in cooperation with the UP System Information Office, disseminate these activities, programs and information to the UP community, other universities, policy makers, local governments, and the general public;

Assist CUs in initiating, implementing and evaluating public service initiatives toward developing a relevant, strategic and sustainable and systematic public service program consistent with the mandate of RA 9500 and promotion of OneUP;

Review the conduct of public service activities and programs and recommend to the President policies to ensure system-wide replication of successful programs, fund innovative activities, and create an award system for individuals and programs that increase institutional visibility for UP consistent with the promotion of OneUP;

Transmit to appropriate agencies for timely legislative, executive, or private sector action such policy studies emanating from UP CUs, research units, extension projects, including those generated from evaluation and impact assessment of public service projects;

Upon instructions of the President, coordinate the delivery of immediate, focused and strategic technical assistance to various publics as the need arises.

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