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As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to take its toll on the lives of the people, the University of the Philippines has consistently conducted initiatives that alleviate and manage the negative impact of this global health crisis. For more than a year now, the University's efforts to serve the people during this pandemic have been highly evident. The University's various initiatives for this month are the manifestations of the commitment of UP to fulfill its public service mandate while exemplifying honor and excellence in all of its endeavors.

Addressing the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic



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Source: UP Manila and UP Visayas Office of Alumni Relations Official Facebook pages

Provision for Food

The University of the Philippines (Manila, Visayas, Los Baños, Diliman) initiated various community pantries and donation drives for the purpose of distributing food and medicine to their respective communities.

Provision for Employees

The UP System hosted webinars and lectures on basic procurement concepts and technical specifications.

University of the Philippines Diliman launched the *Online Programs for Empowerment in the New Normal (OPEN UP)*. Their core programs, *Skills Training and Enhancement Program (STEP UP)* and *Leading the Excellence in Value Empowerment through Learning (LEVEL UP)* are now integrated in their pandemic intervention program, *OPEN UP*. The online training programs provide employees access to online courses under self-paced programs and a webinar archive which includes the *Orientation for New Employees* and *Pre-retirement Orientation*.

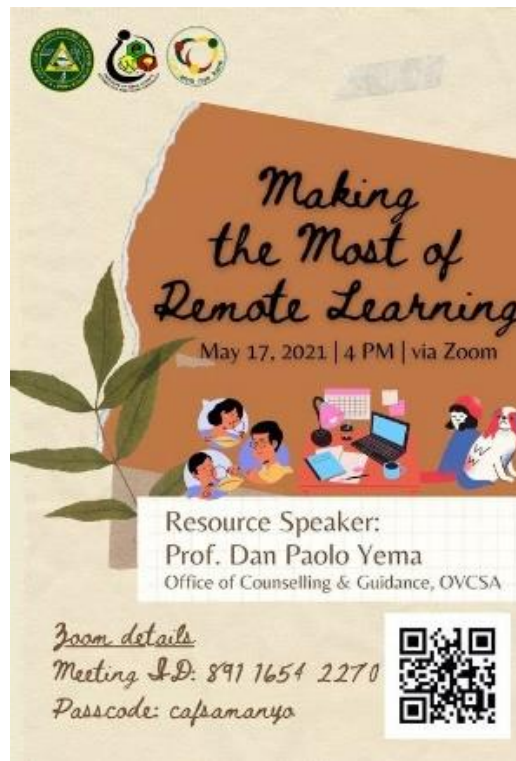
In UP Los Baños, guidelines for staff going back to on-site work were disseminated to employees.

Provision for Students

To address the remote learning needs of the students, various donations drives are ongoing in all of UP's Constituent Universities.

Meanwhile, UP Baguio featured the "*PALIHAN 2021: Broadcast at Peryodismong Digital*," a webinar series that aims to increase the competencies of Communication students in this time of the pandemic.

In UP Los Baños, their Office of Counselling and Guidance hosted a lecture on *Making the Most of Remote Learning* for their students.



COVID-19 Knowledge Management (Provision for COVID-19 related IEC Materials)

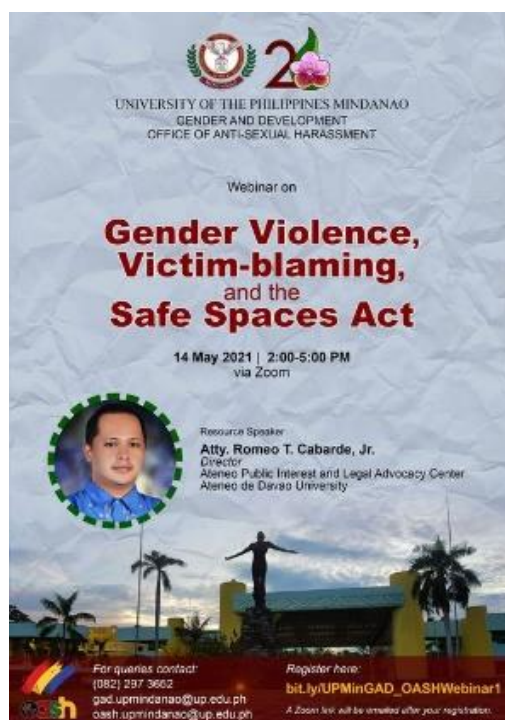
The *Stop COVID Deaths* webinar of the UP System is on its 54th episode. A situationer of the COVID-19 pandemic in the Philippines, entitled *UPtake*, was launched by the UP Pandemic Response Team through the UP Resilience Institute. It contains data on areas that need special attention and recommendations for the government, businesses, and individuals. The UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies (CIDS) featured the *Higher Education Interventions During and Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic*, a public policy monograph on higher education interventions during and beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. The UP Center for Women's and Gender Studies (CWGS), in partnership with the Philippine Center for Population and Development, presented the webinar, "*Magpapabakuna Ka Ba? Know and Understand the Value of COVID-19 Vaccination.*"

In UP Manila, the following webinars were presented: *Dr. Salvacion R. Gatchalian Memorial Webinar Lecture Series in Pediatrics: Managing Developmental Delays in Children in the Time of COVID*; "*Kwentuhang Bayan: Bida ang Pamayanan Kontra-COVID*"; "*Pag-usapan ang KARANASAN, SALOOBIN, AT AGAM-AGAM tungkol sa COVID-19*"; and "*Paano Matatapos ang Pandemyang Ito*". The following infographics were also published: *Kagyat na Apela sa Lahat: Magsuot ng KN95*; *May 5 is World Hand Hygiene Day; Isaugali ang Palagiang Paghuhugas ng mga Kamay*; *Save lives, clean your hands*; and *UP-PGH Swabbing Services*.

Also in UP Manila, genomic sequencing and detection of 36 severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) samples containing lineage-defining mutations specific to viruses belonging to the B.1.1.7 lineage in the Philippines was carried out.

In UP Baguio, they featured the *Pan-nëmnëm: Experiences and Lessons from the UP Baguio Community's COVID-19 Response* and *A Well Balanced Life: Pandemic Edition: Part of the series of the Virtual Life-Long Learning Seminars in Management*. UP Visayas conducted the *4th Eastern Visayas Psychology Conference* with the theme, "Psychology, Social Justice, and Collective Action in the Time of COVID-19". In UP Los Baños a webinar titled, "*Beyond the masks: A socio-political analysis of the covid-19 pandemic response in the Philippines*" was held.

As part of the celebration of the 26th University of the Philippines Mindanao Foundation Anniversary, webinars entitled, *15th UP Mindanao Supply Chain Management Forum: Disruptions in Agri-Food Value Chains During COVID-19 Pandemic* and *Gender Violence, Victim-Blaming, and the Safe Spaces Act*, were presented by UP Mindanao.



Source: UP Mindanao Facebook Page

In UP Open University, the following new resources were published: *Of Variants, Polymerase Chain Reaction, and Pandemics: The Science Behind*; *Who Takes Care of the Caregivers?: The COVID-19 Experience*; *The Law of Classroom: My COVID-19 Experience*; and *My COVID-19 Journey*.

Aiding in Vaccination Efforts and in Establishment of Knowledge Centers and Health Facilities

In UP Diliman, the members of the COVID-19 Task Force and other members of the UPD community joined the call for the temporary suspension of patent rights and intellectual property rules as they “hinder the Philippines and other developing countries from mass-producing COVID-19 vaccines to save lives and protect their people from the ravages of the pandemic.”

The Philippine General Hospital is in charge of the clinical trial for the use of convalescent plasma transfusion as supportive treatment for COVID-19 patients. The medical research will be used in determining ways that would help reduce the mortality rate of COVID-19.

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and UP Mindanao entered into a partnership to establish and launch a Research Center for Applied Modeling in Health. As per UP Mindanao, scientists have been anticipating the first research center to be established in the region because it aims to strengthen local response to infectious diseases, including COVID-19. On the 3rd of May, the *AMDABiDSS-Health, or Center for Applied Modeling, Data Analytics, and Bioinformatics for Decision Support Systems in Health* was officially launched.



DOST and UP Mindanao celebrate the launching of the Center for Applied Modeling, Data Analytics, and Bioinformatics for Decision Support Systems in Health. (source: DOST-PCHRD)

In Davao, the City Council approved the construction of the Davao City Public Hospital. The city-owned hospital will have a 100-bed capacity and will be located at UP Mindanao.

Meanwhile, the COVID-19 vaccination programs of the local government units (LGUs) of Los Baños and Quezon City are ongoing at the UP Los Baños and UP Diliman gyms.



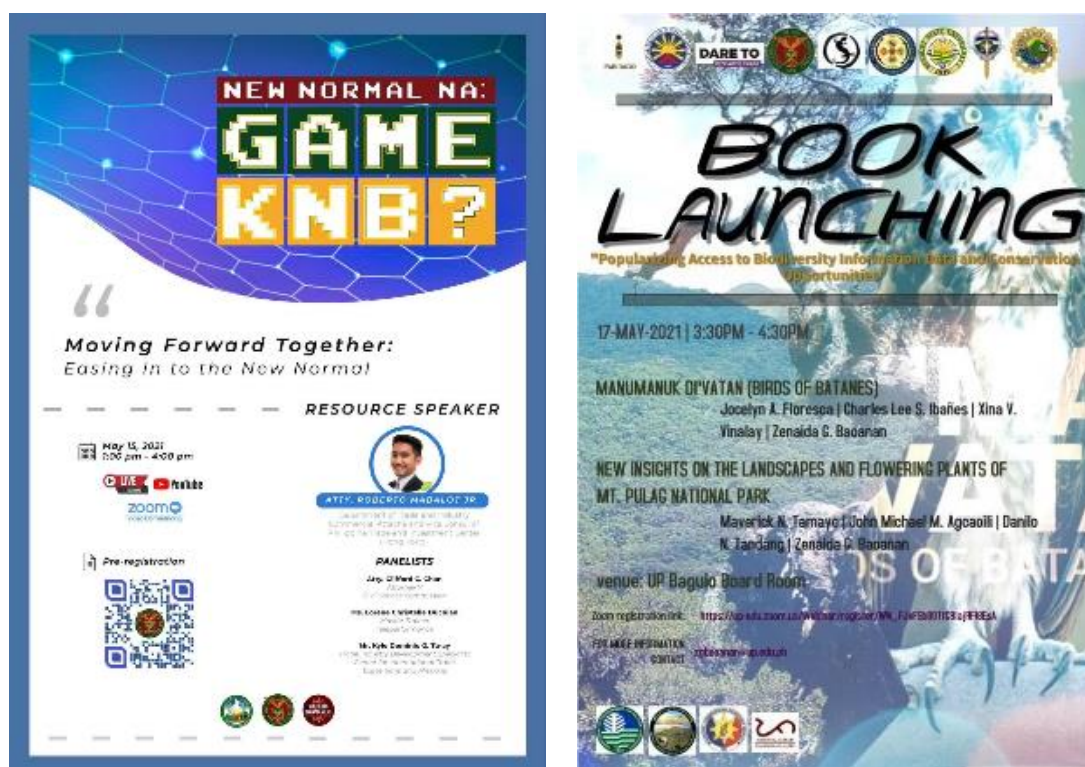
Source: UPLB Official Facebook

Providing Technical Assistance to the General Public

The PLDT Infoteach Outreach and UP Open University presented a series of webinars under the *Phase 6 Roll Out Training*. The webinars, including the eighth session, "*Module 8: Cyber Security*," are accessible to all secondary school students. The UP Open University also featured their *OPEN Talk: "PARA-sa pagtuturo ng pagbasa, PARAAN-ng pagtugon sa pandemya. Keri YAN"* which showcased another discussion on teaching reading during remote learning, this time focusing on teaching reading for adolescent learners. A new resource from UPOU Networks entitled, *Teaching Presence in Philippine K-12 Blended Learning Classes under the Alternative Delivery Mode*, was also highlighted.

In UP Baguio, they held the free and public webinar entitled, *Transitioning to the New and Next Normal: Challenges, Risks and Opportunities*, which aims to assist everyone "tread the unknown" by having experts talk about their insights on what the next normal looks like, the skills

that are necessary in this climate, opportunities to take advantage of, and career trends, among others.



Source: UPB Facebook

They also held the Book Launching of *Manumanuk Di'Vatan (Birds of Batanes)* and *New Insights on the Landscapes and Flowering Plants of Mt. Pulag National Park*.

In UP Diliman, the *CURIOUS MINDS: The beginning of every Scientific Discovery*, was showcased. It is a series of online webinars catering to kids who are interested in exploring and learning new things about science while being stuck in their homes due to the ongoing pandemic. As reported by the College of Science, about 50 youngsters have had the opportunity to join the first two legs of the webinar series-- *Exploring Earth* and *Universe Unveiled*. The virtual explorations were organized in celebration of the 2021 International Earth Day and the 2021 International Astronomy Day, respectively. This event is one of the college's efforts of "extending science to the masses" amid the pandemic.

In UP Cebu, Grade 10 students of Babag National High School in Lapu-Lapu City were tutored by UP Cebu student-volunteers through Ugnayan ng Pahinungod's *Session 7: e-Tutorial Service Program*.

University of the Philippines Los Baños, through the Department of Humanities (DHum), published several books ranging from academic to creative, from research and historiography to poetry and children's stories.

In UP PGH, the *TeleGabay* program is still in place for individuals seeking medical advice on COVID-19. It is organized by volunteer doctors who graduated from the UP Manila-Philippine General Hospital.



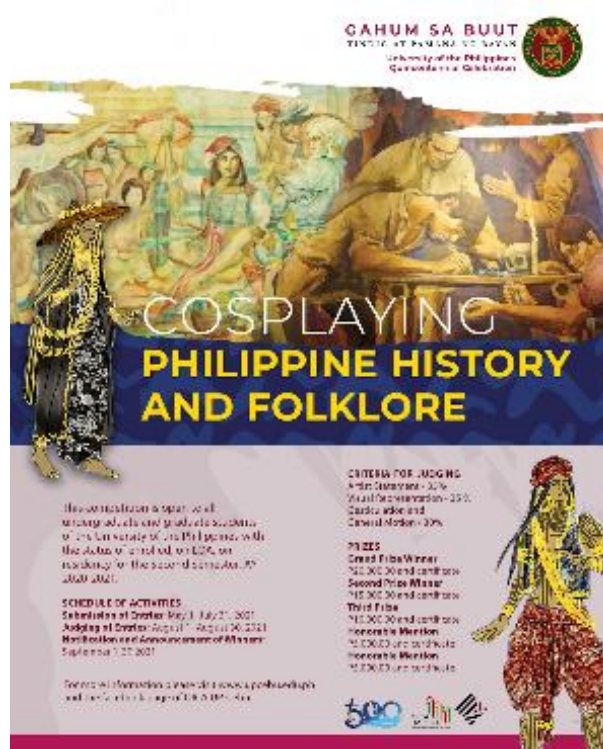
Strengthening Research through Capacity Development and Knowledge-building

University of the Philippines Mindanao conducted the *SAVE Food Systems*, a research project funded by the Australian Government through the Australia Global Alumni COVID-19 Response Grants Scheme. According to UP Mindanao, the training is a collaboration between Australia Alumni Communities Philippines and their School of Management.

In UP Manila, the *Quincentennial Commemoration Webinar Series* was featured and the *UP Med Webinars 2021BEST (Outcome-Based, Effective, Socially-Responsive, Timely)* webinar series is also ongoing.

In UP Baguio, they launched *The Cordillera Review* Website which is part of The Cordillera Review's transition toward becoming an open access, internationally-refereed, electronic journal.

In UP Visayas, their College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) conducted a webinar-workshop on public service which aims to strengthen the skills and capability of its faculty members, REPS, staff, and students in conducting public service activities. The CFOS also conducted a Training-Workshop on Training Needs Assessment. In UP Visayas Tacloban College, an online lecture-forum entitled, "*Kanta Binisayá: Promoting and Understanding Eastern Visayan Musical Culture, Heritage and Identity*", was presented to celebrate the 2021 National Heritage Month.



In UP Cebu's "*Gahum sa Buut: Tindig at Pamana ng Bayan*", they relived historical characters through a cosplay competition.

The “*Baliktanaw: Kasaysayan at Kalikasan*” of UP Los Baños showed how the oceanography of the Pacific Ocean and the internal seas helped shape history and consequently our culture. They also held the *ASI 2021 Webinar Series Durungawan episode 2* entitled, “*Digital Farming: Disrupting the Food Supply Disruption*”. New episodes of the *Urban Gardening Pinakbet Series* and webinars/trainings on agriculture particularly on the handling of crops and topics on agroforestry were likewise delivered. They also held the *Rethinking Food: The New Normal*, a virtual seminar featuring new and innovative approaches for the food sector in the new normal.

In UP Diliman, the *Engineering Public Policy Lecture Series Webinar on Sustainable and Resilient Water Supply Development* was presented for policymakers and institutional decision-makers. The said webinar examined the effects of institutional decisions and current government policies, and evaluated possible outcomes of initiatives. The webinar entitled, *Saving Gaza, Fighting for Peace? Perspectives on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*, was also featured in UP Diliman.

Providing Psychosocial Support in the Community

SANDIGAN SANDALAN
TRAINING AND ADVOCACY PROGRAMS FOR MENTAL HEALTH

**TRAINING ON MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION
IN THE TEACHING-LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

Batch 3

**SYNCHRONOUS COMMUNITY FORUM
FOR BATCH PARTICIPANTS**

MAY 10	Orientation on the course and Roles of UP Mental Health Focal Persons
MAY 17	Mental Health Essentials
MAY 24	Creating a Supportive Teaching Learning Environment
MAY 31	How to Address Psychosocial Concerns

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The UP System conducted the 3rd Batch Run of its *Training on Mental Health Promotion in the Teaching-Learning Environment*. The UP Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and

Office of Student Financial Assistance (OVPA-OSFA) started the *Sandigan, Sandalan: Training and Advocacy programs for Mental Health* in March 2021 to provide practical knowledge on Mental Health Promotion.

University of the Philippines Visayas presented the 5th episode of the Division of Biological Sciences' webinar series entitled, "*Does body weight contribute to depressive symptoms? (On perception, mental health and health behaviors)*." The College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences conducted the CFOS Seminar-workshop on mental wellness.

In UP Los Baños, they presented the *Fight, Flight, or Freeze: Stress Management for Students in time of the COVID-19 Pandemic* and a webinar on *Harnessing Family Strengths*. The UP Los Baños Department of Economics hosted a Kumustahan session. UP Manila hosted the webinar, *On the Edge: Recognizing & Reducing Mental Health Risks*. The webinar explained the mental health care behavior and emotion regulation techniques that could be adopted by learners to have more agency and control over their experiences and engagements.

In UP Diliman, the *Damayan sa Diliman* was launched carrying the slogan, "Sa panahon ng sakuna, ng kalamidad at pandemya ay buhayin natin ang diwa ng pagkalinga sa kapwa. Hindi ka nag-iisa, may karamay ka!"



The UP Open University presented their *OPEN Talk: Understanding Depression and Anxiety*. The OPEN Talk featured a discussion on the mental health concerns that have become more prominent as COVID-19 pandemic spreads, the differences between depression and anxiety, and the ways on how to protect our mental health during these trying times.

University of the Philippines Los Baños held a weeklong series of webinars with one that tackled substance abuse in children and the youth.

Implementing Collaborative Initiatives for Furthering Research and Development

The UP Open University presented the *ICODeL or International Conference on Open and Distance e-Learning* which provided a forum for distance education and e-learning scholars, practitioners, and policy makers to share and reflect on experiences, and collaboratively create and explore spaces and possibilities for open, distance, and e-learning for development.

The UP Mindanao and Malayan Colleges Mindanao (MCM) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement to undertake a Marine Litter Research Project in coastal areas in the Davao region. The UP Mindanao and Davao del Norte State College (DNSC) showcased an online Presentation of Outputs and Virtual Turnover of their partnership project entitled, "*Vulnerability Assessment of Coastal Areas in Davao Gulf to Climate-related Hazards*" for their beneficiaries and funding agency.

In UP Manila, the College of Nursing (UPCN), as the WHO Collaborating Center for Leadership in Nursing Development, featured a webinar on the *Challenges and Directions for Leadership in Public Health Nursing*. The UPCN, together with Johnson and Johnson Foundation, also launched their "*NurseLEAD Leadership Course for Advanced Practice in Public Health Nursing*." As reported, an esteemed panel of reactors were invited to discuss the role of nurses and nurse leaders in public health in creating a unified approach to address prevailing issues toward the achievement of Universal Health Care. In UP Manila, the following collaborative discussions were also hosted: *ACDP Public Health Policy and Interventions Webinar*; *International Forum on Collaborative Researches in Parasitic Diseases*; and *Public Health Education in the New Normal Towards Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals: A Roundtable with Higher Education Institutions of Public Health*.

University of the Philippines Los Baños conducted the *3rd Southeast Asian Conference on Econutrition (SEAConE)*. The SEAConE featured speakers from different countries and provided a platform for knowledge sharing discussing disruptive innovations in food and nutrition, with emphasis on econutrition. The UPLB also hosted the *Food Systems Summit 2021 Independent Dialogue of SEARCA, entitled "Breaking Silos: Transforming Agricultural Education and Research Towards Sustainable Food Systems in Southeast Asia"*. They also held the *HELIAIA I: The UPLB Undergraduate Philosophy Conference*.



Assistant Professor Jessica Dator-Bercilla, faculty member of the Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies of the College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) in UP Visayas, shared her expertise at the *World Climate Research Programme (WCRP) Online Forum* by discussing climate research priorities, opportunities, and challenges in the next decade. She talked about "Climate science as decision-support for resilience: transdisciplinary approaches from local to global." Meanwhile, the UP Visayas Tacloban College Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics featured their *An Bagaw: A UP Tacloban Research Forum*.