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Public service initiatives carried out with distinction and excellence marked the University of the Philippines' conclusion of 2021. This is despite the difficulties posed by the pandemic and the most recent Typhoon Odette. Constituent universities (CUs) used a variety of strategies to meet the needs of their constituents and the nation.

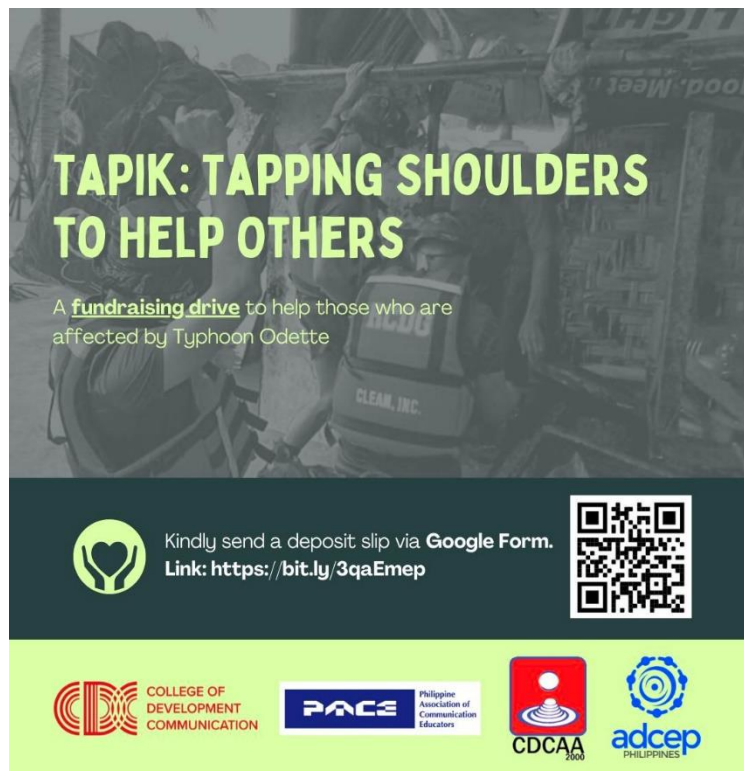
In this year-end report, the public service projects and engagements of each CU are highlighted along with the spirit of service and volunteerism that permeates among them. The CUs were quick to start donation campaigns and assemble much-needed helping hands for Typhoon Odette-afflicted communities and families. The general public has received ongoing access to COVID-19 information and services, including psychological support. The CUs have also raised awareness about social issues involving the protection of vulnerable populations like women and children. Last, knowledge produced through the pursuit of research has benefited various sectors and communities.

TAPIK: Call for Donations and Volunteers

On 16 December 2021, Super Typhoon Rai, locally known as Odette, wreaked havoc in the Philippines, leaving millions of damaged homes and properties and displaced families in Visayas and Mindanao. As a result, CUs actively led the way in organizing volunteer efforts and donation drives for disaster relief and assistance.

Two days after the tragic incident, the Office of Student Affairs in UP Cebu, along with other organizations and offices, issued a request for financial support for community members who had been severely impacted by the typhoon. A similar effort was made by the University Student Council of UP Cebu to assemble volunteers for both on-site and online assistance for relief efforts. UP Visayas had also begun their own fundraising efforts through partnerships. Children in Southern Leyte received school supplies from the UP Tacloban Teaching and Learning Resource Center, UP Visayas Ugnayan ng Pahinungod, and Homeschoolers of the Philippines. Books and sanitary supplies were among the school items that the organizers gave out. Another activity

involved volunteers packing for distribution of in-kind donations gathered by the Ugnayan ng Pahinungod and UP Danay Committee.



TAPIK: TAPPING SHOULDERS TO HELP OTHERS

A **fundraising drive** to help those who are affected by Typhoon Odette

Kindly send a deposit slip via **Google Form**.
Link: <https://bit.ly/3qaEmep>

Logos: COLLEGE OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATION, PACE (Philippine Association of Communication Educators), CDCAA (2000), adcep PHILIPPINES

The poster features a background image of volunteers packing supplies. It includes a QR code and a call to action for a fundraising drive. Logos for the College of Development Communication, PACE, CDCAA, and adcep are displayed at the bottom.

Through **TAPIK: Tapping Shoulders to Help Others** fundraising initiative, the College of Development Communications Alumni Association contributed to the creation of resources for Typhoon Odette's victims. The UPOU-Development Communication 202 Class, the Association of Development Communication Educators and Practitioners (ASCEP), and the Philippine Association of Communication Educators (PACE) were all in assistance in carrying out this project.

The UP Diliman Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs shared an FAQ public material containing UP's guidelines for suspensions of classes during disasters, and what to do during and after typhoon devastation and rehabilitation, including where to seek assistance, to help fellow students affected by the typhoon in managing their academic requirements.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SAFETY FIRST:
EVERY ISKO'S GUIDE DURING AND POST-TYPHOON DEVASTATION AND REHABILITATION

Logos: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Email, Website, ISKO (Institute for Student Knowledge and Orientation)

The graphic has a yellow background with a green and orange wavy border at the bottom. It features social media icons and the ISKO logo.

In addition to donation drives for disaster relief, several CUs had also planned activities to generate COVID-19 support. In order to raise money to support the numerous direct service and aid initiatives, the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs of UP Los Baños and UP Diliman held different events. The **OVCSA KASIYAHAN: Tunog at Tulong, A Student and Staff Benefit Event** was held at UP Los Baños on 20 December 2021 and live streamed on Facebook. To meet the remote learning requirements of students, particularly those who have been impacted by the typhoon, UP Diliman developed **Taguyod UPD**.

Provision of Essential COVID-19 Information and Services

Several CUs have kept the community informed and safe under the new normal by continuing to publish information on the COVID-19 vaccines through webinars and reports as the COVID-19 restriction continued to loosen.

EDUKation

OPEN talk

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16 December 2021, 10:00AM - 11:00AM
Watch it at: networks.upou.edu.ph/opentalk/
<https://www.facebook.com/UPOpenUniversityNetworks>

Doctoral Student Experiences during the Pandemic

Resource Speakers:

Dr. Jonathan Cagas
College of Human Kinetics
University of the Philippines Diliman

Dr. Finaflor Taylan
Faculty of Management and Development Studies
University of the Philippines Open University

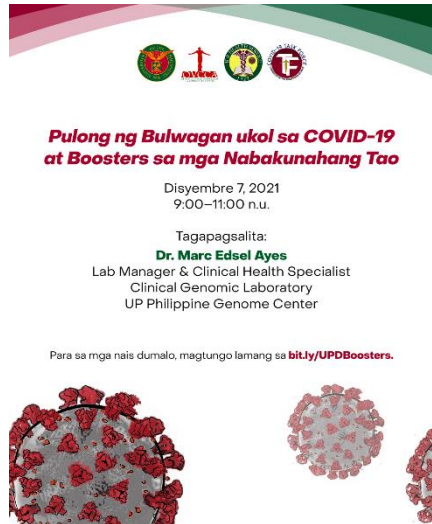
Moderator:

Dr. J. Aleta Villanueva
Faculty of Education
University of the Philippines Open University

Dr. Jonathan Cagas of the College of Human Kinetics, UP Diliman, and Dr. Finaflor Taylan of the Faculty of Management and Development Studies, UPOU, who are both PhD students during COVID-19, spoke about their academic struggles and lessons learned in the episode of OPEN Talks which aired on 16 December 2021. This discussion series was produced by a collaboration between the Faculty of Education and the UPOU Network - Multimedia Center.

The Ugnayan ng Pahinungod, College of Social Sciences, and UP High School Cebu Disaster Readiness and Risk Reduction collaborated to educate the community and its members about COVID-19 through a webinar entitled **Be Protected: Magpabakuna na Ta!** They invited

renowned infectious disease expert Dr. Bryan Albert Lim, for his opinion on the value of COVID-19 immunization. When COVID-19 started spreading in Cebu, Dr. Lim provided his services to the Department of Health and helped his fellow Cebuanos manage the pandemic.

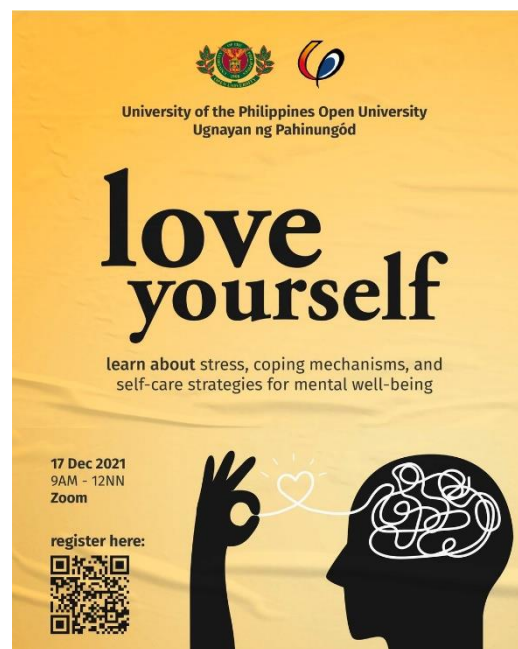


Similar circumstances led to the UP Diliman COVID-19 Task Force hosting the **Pulong ng Bulwagan ukol sa COVID-19 at Boosters sa mga Nabakunahang Tao** with Dr. Marc Edsel Ayes, UP Philippine Genome Center, Clinical Genomic Laboratory Lab Manager and Clinical Health Specialist, as the resource person. Chancellor Fidel R. Nemenzo, DSc of the University of the Philippines was also present during the webinar.

Additionally, the UP Manila Philippine General Hospital and the UP Diliman COVID-19 Task Force consistently published daily and weekly COVID-19 infection reports.

Love Yourself: Emotional and Mental Welfare through Psychosocial Support

Mental health has emerged as one of the university's top objectives during the pandemic. To help them deal with changes and difficulties brought by the pandemic, staff members and students were provided with psychosocial support.

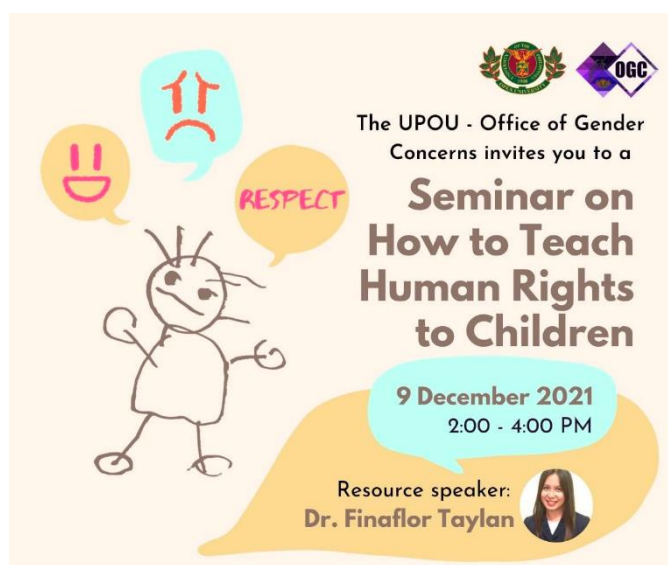


On 11 December 2021, the UP Diliman National Service Training (NSTP) 2 MIK-1 Class and Ambagan PH conducted the webinar **Self-Care During Pandemic** where the presenters discussed how to manage stress, face feelings of loneliness, and engage in physical activity as a form of self-care. The Ugnayan ng Pahinungod, UPOU also organized **Love Yourself**, a webinar emphasizing achieving one's mental well-being through various coping mechanisms and self-care techniques.

Understanding and Addressing Gender-Based Violence

As part of their participation in the Philippine Commission on Women's 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women, a number of CUs held public lectures, forums, and conversations about the rights of women and children, including the problem of gender-based violence.

The webinar **Safe Spaces Toolkit: What to Do in Case of Gender-Based Sexual Harassment** was conducted by the UP Cebu Gender and Development Office in collaboration with the Teaching and Learning Resource Center on 4 December 2021. This was done as part of the lobbying for the Safe Spaces Act. In this event, associate professor Teresa Paula De Luna of the UP Diliman Office of Anti-Sexual Harassment (OASH) shared the many procedures and processes detailed in the Safe Spaces Act for the protection of vulnerable persons against violence regardless of gender. After this well-received event, Atty. Eric Paul Peralta contributed to another webinar to make a stronger case for creating safe spaces, particularly in public contexts like workplaces and educational institutions.



As part of the End Violence Against Women awareness campaign, UPOU, UP Mindanao, and UP Manila launched back-to-back activities on 9 December 2021. UPOU's Office of Gender Concerns organized an online lecture on the necessity of educating children about their human rights, particularly in this contemporary and technologically advanced era.


Additionally, the webinar **Proteksyon ng Bata Laban sa Abuso** was held by the Center for Gender and Women's Studies, Ugnayan ng Pahinungod in UP Manila, and Kaibigan Ermita Outreach

Foundation, Inc. Last, UP Mindanao's webinar gave an introduction on the rights and obligations of women outlined in Republic Act 9710, popularly known as the Magna Carta of Women.

Public Service to Sectors and Communities

Despite the difficulties the pandemic brought, the University persisted in doing both of its roles of helping communities and sectors, and producing information for public consumption. Webinars on socioeconomic concerns such as food security, employment security, and the right to adequate housing were organized by a number of CUs.

The vital roles of planners, professionals, and the academe in achieving spatial justice in informal settlements were discussed at the **Virtual Public Lecture Series**, or V-PuLSe, hosted by UPOU Networks - Media Center. The conversation covered topics like the Global Context of Spatial Justice in Informal Settlement, the National Housing Authority Relocation and Resettlement Program, and the Inclusiveness of Informal Settlements.


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LABOR LAW CLUSTER

Labor Situation

Looking Back, _____
_____ Looking Forward

4 December 2021, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Register at uplaw.ph/laborsituation

Speakers

Secretary Silvestre Bello III
Department of Labor and Employment

Professor Solita Collas-Monsod
Professor Emerita, University of the Philippines

Josua Mata
Secretary General, Sentro ng mga
Nagkakaisa at Progresibong Manggagawa

Sergio Ortiz-Luis
President, Employers Confederation of the Philippines



With the participation of local labor experts, the Labor Cluster of the UP Diliman College of Law held a social dialogue on the current and future states of the labor market in the Philippines. Secretary Sylvester Bello of the Department of Labor and Employment was one of the special guests who spoke during the consultation.



In addition to continuing to deliver distinction and success in the fields of agriculture, veterinary care, and forestry education, UP Los Baños also excels in public service. The College of Public Affairs and Development held the two-part webinar series **Food Matters: Sustainable Gardening and Livelihood During the Pandemic** to address the issue of food scarcity. The Director of Foreign Relations Group, Planning Division of the Department of Agricultural Extension, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives in Thailand, Mr. Stanan Phanapaipong, highlighted Thailand's best practices on COVID-19 Pandemic Response and Recovery Actions in Agricultural Extension in the first webinar. Several specialists offered a variety of information about sustainable food cultivation at home throughout the pandemic, primarily for beginners. The second webinar session was about implementing sustainable livelihoods as support for society. Dr. Leila Landicho of the College of Forestry at UPLB contributed information about providing agroforestry extension services in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis in the Philippines.

The Scholarships for Instructors' Knowledge Advancement Program (SIKAP) Memorandum of Agreement was finalized by the Commission on Higher Education in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CHED-CAR) and UP Baguio through Chancellor Corazon Abansi. On 7 December 2021, UP Baguio received 150 scholarships for both full- and part-time employees in addition to being officially recognized as a Delivering Higher Education Institution (DHEI).