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With the University of the Philippines (UP) at the helm of providing various forms of public service, the nation moves even closer towards being a place for Filipinos to thrive and prosper. The University's adherence to its commitment to serving the people has paved the way for advancements through its experts leading research and development of various sectors. Furthermore, the University diligently keeps a close eye on the pandemic situation of the country and is always at the forefront of any need that can arise.

## **UP at the Vanguard amidst COVID-19**

The *Hospital Infection Control Unit* of the UP Philippine General Hospital (PGH) continues to serve its role as the COVID Referral Center of the country, reporting weekly on the status of COVID cases and total tests done by the PGH Molecular Laboratory. Similarly, weekly reports from the *UP Diliman COVID-19 Task Force* continuously provide a bird's eye view of the current pandemic situation in the University and nearby communities. The development of the *Philippine Pandemic Response Playbook* by the UP Manila National Institutes of Health is currently underway. The *Playbook* is vital for the creation of a national action plan against future pandemics in the country.



## **HANDANG-HANDA:**

**A Focus Group Discussion  
on the Philippine Pandemic  
Response Playbook**



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**JUNE 10, 2022**

**8:30 AM - 3:45 PM**

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Immunization efforts are periodically conducted by the Constituent Universities (CUs), following the vaccination recommendations of the Health Technology Assessment Council (HTAC). UP Los Baños held its walk-through and drive-through booster vaccination drive for senior

citizens and immunocompromised UPLB personnel. UP Manila (UPM) provided its PGH frontline healthcare workers and senior citizens with second booster doses. Members of the UP Diliman (UPD) community were able to avail the second booster vaccination from the University Health Service.



Blended learning is being eased gradually into the education sector as part of the country's acclimatization to the new normal. In line with this, the UP Diliman Office for the Advancement of Teaching (OAT) organized the webinar *Wag MatakOAT! Maki-Blended! (Re)Designing Courses for Blended Learning* which aimed to assist educators in selecting the most appropriate approach to use when designing their blended courses. The Manila Chapter of the All UP Academic Employees Union held the forum *Returning Safely: Discussing Infrastructural Prerequisites for Safe F2F Classes and Office Work* for the faculty, REPS, and administrative staff of CUs. With the mental health of educators in mind, the UP Mindanao Ugnayan ng Pahinungod aired the free webinar

Office for the Advancement of Teaching  
Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
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## Wag MatakOAT! Maki-Blended!

**(Re)Designing Courses for Blended Learning**

30 June 2022 10:00am - 12:00nn • Live via OAT Facebook page and YouTube

Register via this link: <https://bit.ly/blendedlearning22>

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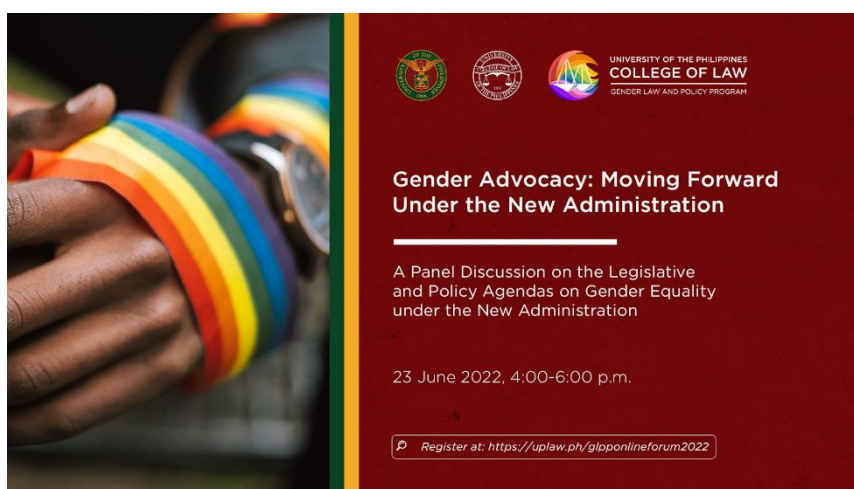
Strengthening Resiliency of Public School Teachers in Handling Limited Face-to-Face Classes in preparation for the conduct of blended learning in educational institutions.

## **UP as a Safe Haven: Painting the Town with Pride**



A multitude of public service initiatives was held by each CU to signify their solidarity with and advocate for the LGBTQIA+ community. The UPD School of Statistics presented *Notes from the Rainbow Field: A Panel Discussion on Lessons and Experiences in Conducting LGBTQ+ Research* which gave an overview of the current issues and challenges, as well as ethical and practical considerations, in LGBTQIA+ research in the country. The UPD Gender Office released a set of infographics featuring guidelines for members of the LGBTQIA+ on how to address animosity in the workplace, as well as advice for non-members on how to be an ally.

Gender advocates were brought together by the UP Gender Law and Policy Program in the online forum *Gender Advocacy: Moving Forward under the New Administration* to develop a strategy for the passage





of laws such as the SOGIESC Equality Bill to protect the LGBTQIA+ community. The UPD Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs (OVCAA) Gender and Development Committee, UPD OVCAA General Education Center, Gender Office, and UPD University Student Council held the webinar *Kalusugan ng LGBTQIA+: Pagtawid sa Makulay na Bukas* that focused on the health and wellness of transgender people.

The University of the Philippines Open University (UPOU) held *Rewind & Forward*, a webinar that discussed the history of LGBTQIA+ advocacy and the academe's pursuit of gender-inclusive policies. A *Gender Sensitivity Training* was conducted by the University of the Philippines Mindanao Gender and Development, which trained participants in the use of gender-fair language. UP Manila Office of Student Affairs, together with the UPM Guidance and Counseling Program, held the interactive session *Amor Vincit Omnia: Love Conquers All* that aimed to exchange insights on ways to make the University gender-inclusive and gender-sensitive. UP Lipad of UP Visayas organized *Pride in Action*, a series of activities in celebration of Pride Month such as film viewings, seminars, and pride parades. More than 60 riders, advocates, and allies joined the *Ride with Pride* tour by UP Los Baños which emphasized its efforts to forward the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community.



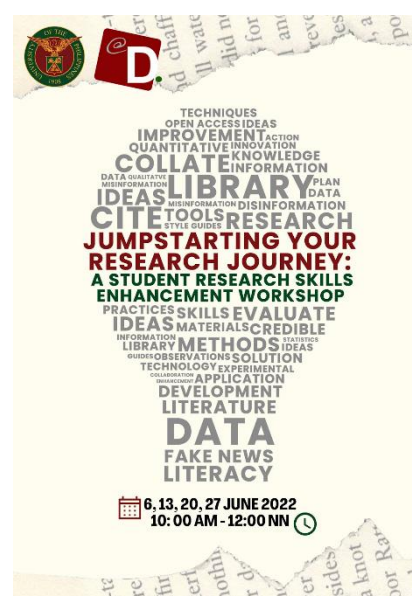
## **Relief for the Psychosocially Distressed**

Various mental health programs were implemented across CUs to alleviate students' distress primarily due to the pandemic. UP Baguio (UPB) Office of Counseling and Guidance held the webinar *Mastering Your Vital Life Force for Managing Stress*, which entailed mindfulness and wellness meditation. The UPOU Ugnayan ng Pahinungod, together with the Committee on Psychosocial Emergency Services, organized *Stress Reduction Technique Series* which showcased different techniques for reducing one's stress. UPLB has started designing and developing a mental mobile application under the *Social Activity Guardian and Intervention Project (SAGIP)*, funded by the Emerging Interdisciplinary Research Program. The University's Office of Counseling and Guidance has started offering a *Subsidy Program* for UPLB students with mental health issues, providing PHP 7,500 for mental health-related medication and consultations of each student beneficiary. UP Diliman has peer volunteers from Ugnayan ng Pahinungod for the conduct of the *Free Online Psychosocial Support Services* such as psychological first aid and basic wellness skills.

The banner is divided into three main sections. The left section, titled 'Pick a Facebook reaction that reflects how you are feeling today.', shows six icons: a thumbs up (I'm doing fine), a heart (I'm feeling great!), a speech bubble (I need someone to talk to), a laughing face (I'm so happy!), a sad face (I'm sad), and a stressed face (I'm so stressed!). The middle section, titled 'If things get too overwhelming, please know that you are not alone.', features three icons: a speech bubble (I need someone to talk to), a sad face (I'm sad), and a stressed face (I'm so stressed!). The right section, titled 'Free Online Psychosocial Peer Support Service', provides contact information: 'Email us at [psppahinungod.upd@up.edu.ph](mailto:psppahinungod.upd@up.edu.ph)' and 'We are open from Mondays to Fridays, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (except holidays)'. The banner also includes the UPD Ugnayan ng Pahinungod logo and the text 'Volunteer Service Program of the University of the Philippines Diliman' repeated three times.

## **Ensuring Continuity of Education in the New Modality**

UP CUs continue its teaching mandate through online boot camps and symposiums despite the remote learning setup. The UP Diliman University Library held *Jumpstarting Your Research Journey: A Student Research Enhancement Workshop* webinar series, tackling topics such as 1) evaluating credible sources, 2) developing a research topic, 3) using organizing tools, and 4) using open access applications and resources for research. The UP Diliman School of Library and Information Studies conducted the 10-week 2022 *UPSLIS Research Bootcamp* composed of lectures, discussions, and workshops on developing and conducting research in the library for Library and Information Studies educators.



The UP Diliman School of Statistics offered modules on the basics of using R, a platform for statistical analysis, as well as performing exploratory data analysis. These modules are entitled *Introduction to R and Data Management Using the Tidyverse Ecosystem* and *Basic Statistics with Exploratory Data Analysis*. The efforts for maintaining high standards of research and extension amidst the global pandemic situation was highlighted in *The Dawn After a Long Night* webinar by UP Diliman Institute of Biology. The UP Visayas College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences Seaweed Research Group conducted an *Undergraduate Research Symposium* which showcased UPV undergraduates' research output to peers and panelists. UP Mindanao's UP Growing and Developing Enterprises (UPGRADE) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) held the *Higher Education Institution Readiness for Innovation and Technopreneurship (HEIRIT) 2.0* which aimed to create more technology-based businesses or startups in the HEI's communities.



UP Los Baños partnered with three medical centers, namely: Calamba Medical Center (CMC) in Calamba City; Laguna Holy Family Hospital (LHFH) in Sta. Cruz, both located in Laguna; and St. Frances Cabrini Medical Center (SFCMC) in Sto. Tomas, Batangas, as part of the “no cash-out” implementation of the UPLB’s *Enhanced Hospitalization Program*. The College of Medicine of UP Manila adheres to its efforts in disseminating medical health knowledge through its *UP Med Webinars*, discussing topics such as heart diseases, anemia, cancer myths, and clinical practice guidelines. The development of pharmaceutical medicines was highlighted in UP Manila College of Pharmacy’s webinar *From Farm to Pharm: Technologies, Interventions, and Practices*. The UP Visayas (UPV) Office of the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, UPV Faculty, and UPV Visayas Foundation Inc. conducted the *Coaching and Mentoring Training for DOH 6 Development Management Officers* and taught participants how to engage various stakeholders to implement RA 11223 or the Universal Health Care Law.





The University of the Philippines recognizes the country's aptitude for agriculture, thereby reinforcing its constituents as well as the general public with agricultural capacity-building and extension programs. The UPLB Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension (OVCRE) launched *Communication Agriculture and Fisheries for Inclusive and Sustainable Development Information and Knowledge Management Mentorship Program (CAFRISD-IKMMP)* which aimed to build the skills and competence of the participants in science communication. The University also targeted farmers' woes of fertilizer supply and prices with its *Bio N Fertilizer* developed by the UPLB National Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology. The UPLB College of Agriculture and Food Sciences (CAFS) Institute of Plant Breeding (IPB) identified nine mango varieties that can enhance the local mango industry by addressing its short shelf-life and susceptibility to pests. Furthermore, the UPLB CAFS is once again offering *SNAP Hydroponics Training* for individuals who wish to venture into low-cost vegetable production using a hydroponics system.



The School of Environmental Science and Management (SESAM) of UP Los Baños held the *Philippine Environmental Science Summit (PESS) 2022* with the theme “Only One Earth: The Role of Environmental Science in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”. The UP Visayas Institute of Fisheries Policy and Development Studies, in collaboration with several government and non-government entities concerned with coastal and ocean policies, held *Transdisciplinary Policy Dialogue Series on Coastal and Ocean Governance* which aimed to assess the foundation of policies for social protection, voluntarism, and participatory governance, and address the weak points of these policies. The UP Visayas College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences (CFOS) conducted the *Biodiversity, Climate Change, and Sustainable Development Training* for LGUs and members of the Department of Social Welfare and



Development VI in charge of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation. In addition, UP Visayas CFOS held the *Northern Iloilo Seaweed Convergence Meeting* which discussed the plans and



strategies in forwarding the development and promotion of the seaweed industry in Northern Iloilo. UP Manila officially launched the *UP Manila Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in Health (UPM DRRM-H)* which houses state-of-the-art facilities for the conduct of disaster simulation training.

Fish processing technologies were introduced to Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries (ARBs) in Tibiao, Antique by the seafood processing team of the UPV Institute of Fish Processing Technology, College of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences. In addition, farmers from the coastal town of San Joaquin, Iloilo received livelihood support from the Institute of Aquaculture through capacity-building in aquaculture under the *Advancing Barangay Aquaculture for the Nation and Economy (ABANTE)* initiative. The collaborative public service initiative of UP Visayas and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) entitled *Tourism Studies on Island-Based Opportunities for Growth in Western Visayas* turned over DepEd modules and learning videos on history, mangrove conservation, and culinary heritage as part of the project *Bridging the Past, Sailing toward the Future, History to the (and by the) People*.



## A Helping Hand by UP

The University of the Philippines System launched *UPgrade: Giving Back to the UPD Main Library* for the refurbishment of tables and chairs of the University Main Library in UP Diliman. The project allows donors to dedicate a chair or table with a brass plate engraving of their message to target users. The Institute of Chemistry in UP Los Baños donated a generous sum to the *CARES Program* under the UPLB Office of Scholarships and Grants for the remote learning needs of students. The UP Baguio Ugnayan ng Pahinungod launched its *Sagip Edukasyon* project which aimed to gather books and other school supplies to be given to Sagpat Integrated School. The UP Diliman University Library Gender and Development Committee held the fundraiser *Pride Merch* for the benefit of *Home for the Golden Gays*, a non-profit organization that provides support and care facilities for elderly members of the LGBTQIA+ community.



**UPgrade**  
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**The UPD Main Library needs you!**

With the University Library marking its Centennial, UP alumni and friends have a unique opportunity to support the rehabilitation and renovation of the library through "UPgrade".

For a minimum donation of P10,000, donors will get library privileges, and their name(s) will be engraved on a brass plaque and placed on the restored narra hardwood chairs and tables.

Here are the corresponding amounts to be donated for furniture units to be upgraded:

<b>Narra Chairs</b>	P10,000 / US\$200
<b>Single Carrel Desks</b>	P10,000 / US\$200
<b>Long Narra Table (8-seater)</b>	P100,000 / US\$2000

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