



UP SYSTEM PUBLIC SERVICE REPORT



SEPTEMBER 2022



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This month’s UP System Report on Public Service Initiatives of Constituent Universities consolidates the varied ways the University of the Philippines commemorated its crucial role in the struggle against the dictatorship and military rule. UP paid tribute to those who made a stand against tyranny and courageously fought for the country’s freedom. This report also encompasses public service efforts from UP Constituent Universities (CUs) such as sustaining COVID-19 information and services, safeguarding students throughout the academic year in light of the new normal, fostering a culture of learning through knowledge management and sharing, and strengthening relationships with the community through cooperation and service.

UP Day of Remembrance: Martial Law @ 50

The University of the Philippines commemorated the 50th anniversary of one of the darkest chapters in Philippine history through showcasing a selection of literary works, movies, photos, and the sharing of life stories during Martial Law.

The Office for Initiatives in Culture and Arts and the Asian Institute of Tourism, in partnership with UP Diliman and the Asian Institute of Tourism Student Council, organized *Kwentong Mulat: Martial Law @ 50*, a free on-site walking tour around the campus, with particular focus on the historical significance of Melchor, Palma, and Vinzons Halls. As part of *ML@50: Tugon at Tindig ng Sining*, Prof. Rolando B. Tolentino of the UP Film Institute, presented a talkback following the free screening of National Artist Lino Brocka’s 1975 film *Maynila sa mga Kuko ng Liwanag*. In addition, the Philippine Collegian provided open access to an online exhibit entitled *Above the Fold: Pages of the Philippines Collegian under*

ML @ 50
TUGON AT TINDIG NG SINING

KWENTONG MULAT: ML@50

ONSITE WALKING TOUR

SEPTEMBER 30, 2022 3:00-5:00 PM. LIMITED SLOTS ONLY.
Inquire/Register at asianinstituteoftourism.upd@up.edu.ph

Itinerary:
Assembly point at **Quezon Hall**. Pass by Plaridel Hall and the Carillon to **Melchor Hall**. Walk through the Beta Epsilon Way and Gonzales Hall to **Palma Hall**. Visit **Kamia** and **Sampaguita Residence Halls** before proceeding to **Vinzons Hall**. Tour ends at the **Sunken Garden**.

Marcos Regime. Through selected articles from their archives, the Philippine Collegian highlighted the struggle against censorship that the publication experienced during Martial Law.

Meanwhile, UP Los Baños Library displayed salient literary pieces from the said period such as *The Conjugal Dictatorship of Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos* by Primitivo Mijares and *Marcos of the Philippines* by Francisco Tatad, while UP Manila’s *Memoria* remembered the lives of UP heroes and martyrs. Moreover, UP Visayas, with the help of the UP System, prepared a roundtable discussion entitled “**Looking Back and Living Through: Life Histories and Perspectives of Martial Law Survivors and their Kins**”. The event aimed to counter the negative historical revisionism of the Marcos regime perpetuated by the surviving members of the late dictator’s family. Lastly, UP Cebu facilitated the launch of the book “**Martial Law in Cebu**” edited and published by Atty. Democrito Barcenas. During the program, the audience listened as facilitators read out excerpts from the book.

Post-Pandemic COVID-19 Administration and Services

As the country struggles to deal with the pandemic, the CUs remain steadfast in their commitment to keeping the community protected through essential COVID-19 information dissemination and the provision of much-needed services.

SPECIAL EDITION WEBINAR
STOP C.O.V.I.D. DEATHS
(Current COVID-19 problems; Other outbreaks; Viruses; Infections; Disasters)
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Webinar #115
MAY COVID-19 ANG KLASMEYT NG ANAK KO:
Is it safe for my child to go back to school?

Presenter:
DR. ANNA ONG-LIM
Member, STOP Tuberculosis Advisory Group
President, National Tuberculosis Control
Philippine General Hospital

Receptor:
PROF. TIRSO A. BONQUILLO
President, Boholano Cross University
President, Philippine Association of
Dental Administrators and Colleges (PHADAC)

Receptors:
FRANCIE CASTANEDA-LACANILAO
Dean
The Learning Tree
SR. CHRISTINE PINTO
President
St. Malachuk's College Manila
PROF. MARIA CRISTINA DAMASCO-PADOLINA
President and Chief Academic Officer
Cebu Escolar University

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Webinar #117
HIV SA PANAHON NG COVID-19

Proceptors:
DR. SYBIL LIZANNE R. BRAVO
Division Chief, Infectious Disease
Clinical Associate Professor
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
UP College of Medicine
DR. KATE LEYBITANA
Medical Director
Sanitex Health Institutes of the Philippines

Receptors:
DR. RICARDO MANALASTAS, JR.
Professor
Obstetrics and Gynecology
University of the Philippines Manila
TERESITA MARIE P. BAGASAO
Project Director
Meeting Targets and Achieving Epidemic Control
ISPC- HIV

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As the STOP COVID Deaths webinar series expanded its focus, this program has allowed the public to learn more about COVID-19 and its relationship with other health concerns from the country’s leading medical experts. Two of this month’s episodes focused on the effects of COVID-19 on

the well-being of households and individuals. In Episode 115, **MAY COVID-19 ANG KLASMEYT NG ANAK KO: Is it safe for my child to go back to school?** Dr. Anna Ong-Lim helped parents understand

the risks of COVID-19 transmission among children, including preventive measures they can take to protect their children from infections. During Episode 117, Drs. Sybil Lizanne R. Bravo and Kate Leyritana shared the HIV situation in the Philippines and its management during COVID-19.

**Philippine National Government's
Collective Symbolic Coping of the
COVID-19 Pandemic**
A UPV Professorial Chair Public
Lecture of Dr. Marshaley J. Baquiano

SEPTEMBER 28, 2022
WEDNESDAY

1:30 PM
VIA ZOOM

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Dr. Marshaley J. Baquiano
Associate Professor of Psychology
University of Guam

Marshaley J. Baquiano is a licensed psychologist and an associate professor at the University of Guam. She was a Fulbright Research Fellow and received the University of the Philippines' Scientist Award in 2017. She earned her doctorate degree in Psychology from the Ateneo De Manila University. Her research and publications focus on investigating social issues through a social psychological lens, such as forced migration, corruption, coastal resource management, health stigma, peace and order; intergroup conflicts; and intergroup negotiations. She served as executive editor of the Philippine Journal of Social Sciences and Humanities from 2019 to 2020 and is currently an associate editor of the Philippine Journal of Psychology.

The Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas hosted an online Professorial Chair Public Lecture by Dr. Marshaley J. Baquiano. In her input, Dr. Baquiano discussed the Philippine National Government's Collective Symbolic Coping of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Several CUs held vaccination drives to keep students, faculty, and staff safe as their campuses are now open for limited in-person classes. Personnel of UP Visayas started their month strong as they received their COVID-19 boosters from the Miagao Municipal Health Unit with the help of DOH's Nurses Deployment Program under DOH's *PinasLakas* campaign last 1 September 2022. In UP Mindanao, the City Health Office-USAID Davao City Mobile Team administered Pfizer and Sinovac vaccines to a total of 271 members of the community. UP Cebu College Red Cross Youth Council and UP Baguio Health Service Office with Baguio City Health Service Office also provided primary doses and boosters of COVID-19 vaccines in their respective campuses.

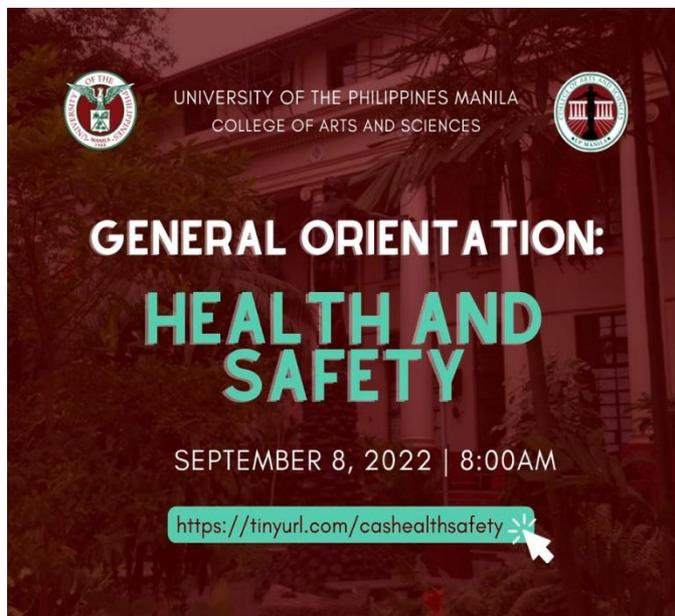


In the photos: On-campus vaccination roll-outs in UP Visayas (left) and UP Mindanao (right).

UP Manila College of Arts and Sciences Office of Student Services released online info cards to help students protect themselves from on-campus COVID-19 transmissions. Details of the info cards contained COVID-19 symptoms to observe and corresponding actions to take in case of COVID-19 exposure and infection.

Provisions for a Safe and Secure Academic Year for *Iskos* and *Iskas*

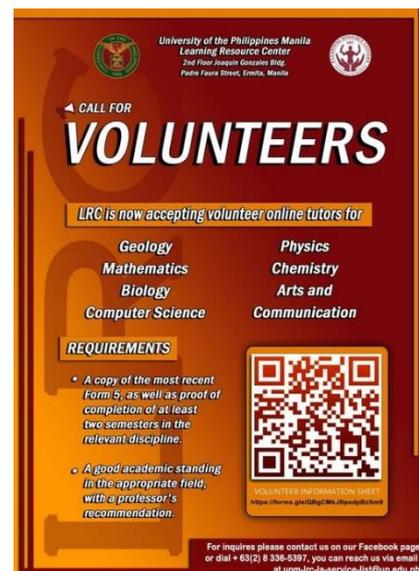
With the onset of a new academic year came the reopening of campuses for limited face-to-face classes. The CUs have prepared the minimum health and safety protocols for students, faculty, and staff to follow and ensure provisions of academic support for students.



Particularly in UP Manila (UPM), the College of Arts and Sciences Office of Student Services conducted an online general orientation for students and discussed the COVID-19 Safety Guidelines in the Conduct of Limited Face-to-Face Classes. Throughout the orientation, students also expressed their concerns about campus safety. Moreover, the UPM College of Arts and Science Student Council spearheaded a

Disaster Distress Helpdesk which will help provide the needs of students during disasters, such as load assistance and in-kind donations. The help desk will operate year-round to accommodate disaster-related inquiries and requests of the students. In another initiative, UP Manila Learning

Resource Center encouraged students with good academic standing to volunteer as online tutors to their peers for Geology, Mathematics, Biology, Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry, Arts, and Communication. Lastly, the UP Manila Office of Student Affairs announced their acceptance of student applications for financial aid for the academic year 2022-2023 through the Student Learning Assistance Online or SLAS Online. The Office encouraged students who did not successfully meet the qualifications during the first round of applications to submit their appeals for reconsideration.



The Baker Hall Learning Hub in UP Los Baños opened its doors to students last 22 September. This initiative of the UP Los Baños Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs provides students with a space to work for their academic requirements or attend online classes. The learning hub, which operates from 7 AM to 5 PM, provides internet access and charging stations.

Cultivating the Culture of Learning through Knowledge Management and Sharing

In its endeavor to be the leading institution in research and knowledge formation, the University of the Philippines continues to cultivate a culture of learning among its constituents by sharing meaningful experiences and ideas to improve the overall quality of life and well-being.

In UP Diliman, the Institute for Small-Scale Industries (ISSI) organized an online discussion on Urban Farming 101 under the **Communities of Practice for Entrepreneurship (COPE) Program Webinar Series**. The event aimed to explore entrepreneurial opportunities beyond traditional



agriculture. Similarly, the Institute of Animal Science (IAS) in UP Los Baños invited a group of experts; farm owners; and cattle, goat, and carabao raisers to the 2nd Ruminant Forum (2RF), to

facilitate the sharing of best practices. The forum saw a vibrant exchange of ideas for productive farming through an efficient ruminant feeding system.

Last 15 September, the Mindanao Office of Gender and Development in UP Mindanao (UPMin GAD) launched the **Legal Knowledge Series**. In its first online session, Atty. Jennidy S. Tambor of the Commission on Human Rights gave input on Republic Act 9710 or the Magna Carta of Women. As part of the 19th founding celebration of SIDLAK Gender Resource Center Region XII, UP Cebu's GAD Office co-hosted a face-to-face **Gender Sensitivity Training**. Guest speakers Dr. Anabelle Maglasang, GAD coordinator, and Atty. Archil Nina Capistrano, Office of the Anti-Sexual Harassment (OASH) Coordinator, discussed basic GAD concepts and legal imperatives on gender and development with NSTP students who attended the training. The UP National Center for Transportation Studies organized the **Strengthening the Aspect of Gender and Ensuring Safety and Security on Public Transportation Systems in the Philippines** that talked about SOGIESC-related transportation issues in the Philippines. The event focused on the terminologies and rudimentary concepts relating to gender and transport; the gender-based sexual harassment and prohibited acts committed in public transportation; the common threats, issues and challenges of commuters; the national laws relating to gender; and transport and examples of gender safety and security practices on public transportation.



In the photos: Dr. Karunathilake presents the Dr. Walter Patrick Memorial Lecture "How the COVID-19 Pandemic Shaped Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Attaining the SDGs" (top) and Dr. Mario Villaverde on Fostering Health Equity at the Forefront of Primary Health Care and Universal Health Care Implementation (bottom) (Photo and caption credit: University of the Philippines Manila)

Participants from leading academic institutions and other stakeholders gathered in Marriott Hotel Manila for the **53rd Asia-Pacific Academic Consortium for Public Health Conference (APACPH)** with the theme "Advancing the Role of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Attaining

the Health-Related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)". The College of Public Health of UP Manila hosted the two-day conference that focused on pressing public health concerns such as COVID-19, Disaster Management, and Health Workforce. The presenters at the event were Sen. Risa Hontiveros, DOH Undersecretary Dr. Mario Villaverde, and Secretary-General of APACPH, Dr. Indika Karunathilake.

The University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital Department of Family and Community Medicine, in collaboration with Haleon, also conducted chapter VI of the TOOLS 4.0 webinar series focusing on the **Systems-Based Approaches to Workers' Health and Well-Being**. The webinar aimed to look into healthcare workers as a whole person, including factors affecting their health and well-being, and not just providers of healthcare services.

Meanwhile, the University Library of UP Los Baños launched the **21st Information Literacy Program** to strengthen academic research. The UPLB University Librarian, Dr. May Ann M. Ingua, with Miss Meichelle Ann Jenine R. Galapon shared the University Library's available programs and services, including its existing rules and regulations. Other guest speakers of the event shared inputs on the usage of library resources and references (e.g., OpenAthens and Mendeley) and the crucial task of information validation. For UP Open University, the Faculty of Information and Communication Studies (FICS) welcomed Prof. Eric Hawkinson from Kyoto University as a visiting lecturer. The FICS team received a workshop on an integrative framework for emerging immersive technologies like augmented and virtual realities. The organizers aimed to integrate these technologies into its local and international learning programs, including research and laboratory sessions.

Faculty from the UP Baguio College of Social Sciences and College of Science presented special lectures exploring various facets of the city in honor of the city's **113th Charter Day** commemoration. The topics chosen included the flora and



wildlife of Baguio City, its culture, the state of the general public's health during the pandemic, and ongoing urban growth. They also invited the City Planning and Development Coordinator, Architect Donna R. Tabangin, as a guest speaker. The UP Ugnayan ng Pahinungod celebrated its 29th founding anniversary through its first-ever **Pahinungod Volunteer Summit 2022** which had the theme “Together We Rise: Strengthening Volunteerism in Changing Times”. The three-day event in UPLB allowed attendees to connect with other volunteers and gain knowledge from leaders who work as volunteers domestically and abroad. UP Diliman hosted a fun run to cap the summit.



Enhancing Ties with the Community through Collective Effort and Service

The University of the Philippines takes pride in its honor and excellence in its active service and solidarity with fellow Filipinos. UP ensures to respond to the needs and challenges of the different sectors and communities, and is always ready to share its resources and expertise especially during critical times.

UP Mindanao’s Land Reservation Management Office (LRMO) distributed much-needed school materials to children beneficiaries of Sta. Emelia Elementary School in the UP Laak Land Reservation, Davao de Oro and Datu Ladayon Elementary School in the UP Marilog Land Reservation, Davao City. Early in August, the UP Mindanao LRMO requested donations as part of **Oplan Tulong-Dunong** to lessen families’ financial burden concerning the purchase of school supplies. Responding to the invitation, 17 donors donated both cash and gifts in kind. The LRMO has kept looking for monetary and in-kind assistance for other communities such as sporting equipment. Through the Ugnayan ng Pahinungód Baguio, UP Baguio gave 88 armchairs and 5 five-seater chairs to Ucab Elementary School in Itogon, Benguet. The donated school supplies are for grades 4 to 6 students.



In The photos: A total of 103 students received writing and art materials from UP Mindanao LRMO (left). School furniture donated to the DepEd Tayo Ucab Elementary School (right).

The University of the Philippines is not only home to students but also to stray cats and dogs. These animals have been residing on campus for a long time and are now part of the community. Hence, CUs have initiated webinars on animal welfare management to provide a safe environment for these animals. UP Manila Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, with the Office of Student Affairs, organized the **Animals in University: Partners in Research, Partners in Health**. The event mainly discussed how the community might interact with animals at a university. Similarly, the UP Visayas Animal Care Program (UPV ACP), through the UP Visayas Ugnayan ng Pahinungod/Oblation Corps (UPV UP/OC), hosted **CATropang IDOLO**, a webinar on the laws and policies relating to animal welfare and protection, proper handling and care of animals, as well as the health risks connected with stray animals. The activity gathered strategies to address animal cruelty toward stray animals on campus.

CATropang IDOLO

Wednesday | 14 September 2022
8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Register now at:
tinyurl.com/CATropangIDOLO

- DR. DAREL TABUADA**
Iloilo Provincial Veterinarian
Iloilo Provincial Veterinary Office
- SHARON BENGZON-YAP**
Education & Campaigns Officer
PAWS Animal Rehabilitation Center (PARC)
- PROF. KHRYSTA IMPERIAL RARA**
Project Manager
UPD TNVR 2022
- MR. ALBERTO NARTE**
Livestock Coordinator/Technician
LSU Miagao, Iloilo
- MS. MICHELLE ESCRIBA**
Co-Founder
TNRs Iloilo and Tnsp Stray
Cat Advocate
- MR. JAMES G. LUNASCO**
Master of Ceremonies

On 17 September 2022, UP Visayas organized a beach cleanup in honor of International Coastal Cleanup Day with the assistance of the Iloilo City Environment and Natural Resources Office, Iloilo City Tourism and Development Office, EarthingPH, 8 Villa Beach House, and Iloilo Stand Up Paddleboarding (ISUP). As part of the event, UP Mindanao and the Rizal Memorial College

School of Law Paralegal Volunteers Organization helped clean the coast at the Pawikan Sanctuary in Matina Aplaya, Davao City.



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Earlier in September, the Department of Science and Technology Cordillera Administrative Region (DOST-CAR), through the Ifugao Provincial Science and Technology Office (PSTO) Director Genna B. Jallorina, distributed RxBox to three Municipal Health Offices in the area. The telemedicine device monitors blood pressure, and includes a pulse oximeter and temperature sensor. The RxBox was a collaborative work among government agencies, the UP Manila – National Telehealth Center, and UP Diliman – College of Engineering. The distribution

aimed to give rural communities access to life-saving healthcare devices such as the RxBox. Meanwhile, the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck, under the UP College of Medicine – Philippine General Hospital, provided free operation for and consultation to those who suffer from nasal septal deviation.



Up north, employees of UP Baguio spurred into action as they underwent a four-day Fire Brigade training from the Baguio City Fire station. Through this practical experience, the participants learned how to deal with emergencies by administering first aid, managing rescue efforts, and lowering chances of casualties and/or loss of life. The conduct of the training was necessary for the Bureau of Fire Protection to issue Fire Safety Evaluation and Inspection Clearances.

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Super Typhoon Karding (international name: Noru), which made landfall in the Philippine Area of Responsibility a few days before September ended, devastated Central Luzon with powerful winds and torrential rains, causing fatalities as well as damage to infrastructure and agricultural goods. As a result, numerous groups from various CUs planned fundraising drives in response to the local appeals for assistance. UP Los Banos' Disaster Response Task Force, UPLB Agapay, asked for financial support

to assist nearby villages. Similarly, student organization UP Novo Ecijanós of UP Diliman raised donations for the affected citizens in Nueva Ecija, particularly farmers. The School of Health and Science Tarlac of UP Manila and the Dentistry Student Council also established their contribution drives to help affected students and communities, and provide assistance and data allowance.