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ASEACCU Newsletter

Prologue

The year 2020 has put the world on a standstill due to the Covid19 pandemic. What used to be simple and ordinary before this global health crisis happened has now become complex and even complicated. The simple act of shaking hands with a friend or colleague can be risky as the virus can easily be transmitted to another human being. It has been six months that we are wearing our protective gear like face masks and face shields and taking extra precaution to protect ourselves from getting sick. The way we do things in the academe has dramatically changed as well. Conducting classes in the campus is temporarily suspended until a vaccine is ready. Knowledge transfer and knowledge acquisition have gone virtual. Educational institutions have to adapt to the new normal by making themselves ready to address the learning needs of students via new modes of learning.

International organizations have also been affected by the pandemic. Regular events and activities have to be cancelled for the meantime and rescheduled at a time that will allow academics, scholars, researchers, and students to converge in a venue to attend conferences, conventions, seminar-workshops, and symposia. The 2020 ASEACCU conference was supposed to be held in August, but because of the pandemic it had to be moved to a later date. The conference which has for its theme Memory and Identity is temporarily scheduled in August 2021 in Cambodia which will still be hosted by St. Paul Institute in Phnom Penh, which hopefully can all attend. The theme of the conference will take on some new meaning as we reflect on the values that have been shaped by the Covid19 outbreak as well as the meaning of our variegated experiences brought about by the pandemic, but despite these setbacks, which we all know are just temporary, the ASEACCU member institutions will continue to engage with each other, share best practices, plan for future projects and programs, and facilitate academic engagements. We also thank Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages, Taiwan for their commitment to publish the ASEACCU Newsletter which is such a great way for all of us to get updated on each other's activities. We pray for this pandemic to end soon and we hope to see all of you next year.

Rev. Fr. Richard G. Ang, O.P.
Executive Secretary

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Activities

Assumption University of Thailand

The visit of the Queen of Thailand to Assumption University

On Saturday, December 7, 2020 Her Majesty Queen Suthida Bajrasudhabimalalakshana visited Assumption University, having been invited as an alumnus of the University. HM the Queen was a student in the years 1996-2000 in Communication Arts. She presided over the Celebration of Assumption University's 50th Anniversary. The Queen graciously took photos with Cardinal Francis Xavier Kriengsak Kovithavanij, Archbishop of Bangkok, Priests, Brothers, Sisters and University Administrators. She visited an Academic exhibition and then, in the Chapel of St. Louis Marie de Montfort Her Majesty Queen Suthida Bajrasudhabimalalakshana was bestowed a Doctor Honoris Causa in Computer Sciences.



ASEACCU Partner Institution sends Exchange students to Assumption University



Three students from Atma Jaya Jogjakarta University participated in the Assumption University Inbound Exchange program for a Semester, January 2020-May 2020, joining other students from Australia, France and United States. The three students took courses in Business Administration and Computer Sciences at the Undergraduate levels.

As of June 2020, the Assumption University Academic year will be:

June-October: Semester 1

November-March: Semester 2

April-May: Optional summer session for graduating students

Ateneo de Manila University

Fr Roberto Chan Yap Sj, 31st President of The Ateneo De Manila University

Fr Roberto Chan Yap SJ assumed office as the 31st President of Ateneo de Manila University on 01 August 2020.

He was most recently president of Xavier University - Ateneo de Cagayan, leading the Jesuit institution for 9 years (2011-2020). He holds a PhD in Environmental Economics from University College London; an MA in Economics from New School for Social Research, New York; a Master in Public Policy from Harvard University; and an MA in Theology and Bachelor in Sacred Theology (summa cum laude) from the Loyola School of Theology.

Yap is no stranger to Ateneo de Manila. He obtained his Bachelor's degree in Economics (cum laude) here in 1980; taught at the Ateneo High School (1980-1982); and has been an assistant professor at the Department of Economics since 2002.

Yap succeeded Fr Jose Ramon T Villarin SJ.

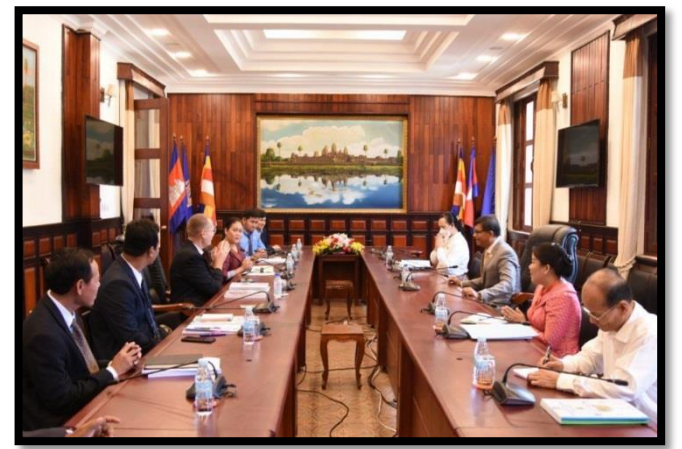


Saint Paul Institute Cambodia

Meeting on A delegation of the Catholic Education Office of Apostolic Vicariate of Phnom Penh met and reported on the processing of Distance and E-Learning during the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) preventing to H.E Dr. Hang Chuon Naron, the Minister of Education, Youth, and Sport of Cambodia. the cruise between Entrepreneurs and Saint Paul Institute for 2018-2019 academic year.



On June 22, 2020, a delegation of the Catholic Education Office of Apostolic Vicariate of Phnom Penh led by Bishop Olivier Schmitthaeusler, Apostolic Vicar and Chairman of the Board of Education of Cambodia Catholic Education Commission, accompanied by Mr. Phon Sophal, Rector of Saint Paul Institute (SPI) and other education members met and reported on the processing of Distance and E-Learning during the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) preventing to H.E Dr. Hang Chuon Naron, the Minister of Education, Youth, and Sport of Cambodia.



Minister of Education Dr. Hang Chuon Naron expressed thanks to Bishop Olivier for his insightful comments and thoughtfulness. He appreciated what the Catholic Church in Phnom Penh Vicariate has involved and followed the recommendation letters from the Ministry in terms of providing distance and e-Learning to students. He also thanks Bishop Olivier as well as all academic education colleagues for their efforts in establishing E-Learning or Distance Learning.



On behalf of the leadership of the Saint Paul Institute (SPI), We would like to thank H.E Bishop Olivier Schmitthaeusler for his guidance and facilitation of Distance and E-Learning during the fight against the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19). And also, we would like to express our deep thanks to the leaders of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports at all levels, especially H.E Hang Chuon Naron, for his continued support and encouragement to have Distance and E-Learning to the entire Catholic schools. Thank you!

Santo Tomas-Legazpi

UST-Legazpi alums top Philippine Bar Exams

Two of the University of Santo Tomas-Legazpi's graduates topped the November 2019 Bar Examinations: Mae Diane M. Azores, CPA and Myra M. Baranda, CPA who are Top 1 and Top 3, respectively.

This is the second time the University snagged a place in the Bar Top 10, following Atty. Ralph Karlo B. Barcelona who placed seventh in the 2012 exams.

The topnotchers also received plaques of commendation from the provincial government of Albay, Bicol for the honor they have brought their hometown.

With Azores and Baranda are 25 other passers who took their law classes and review programs in UST-Legazpi.



Soegijapranata Catholic University(SCU)

Events & Activities During the time of Pandemic

Since the time of pandemic, Soegijapranata Catholic University (SCU) has launched 25 books written by faculties, students, and staff. Among the published books are reflective books related with pandemic and books launched to commemorate certain events. The book entitled “21 Refleksi Pembelajaran Daring di Masa Darurat” is the first reflective book written by 21 faculties as a reflection on the first three weeks of conducting fully online classes due to covid-19 pandemic. Another best seller book is “Surat Kartini Masa Kini: Catatan Para Ibu Multi Peran” which was launched to commemorate one of the Indonesian heroines. During the time of pandemic, SCU also holds several events and activities in collaboration with its partner universities. In collaboration with Marian International Institute of Management (MIIM), SCU conducted a series of connecting classes on Cultural Exchange. The virtual classes have been conducted since May 2020 and followed by students from both institutions. Another collaborated project was in the form of choral collaboration between SCU and Christ deemed to be university, covering a devotional song, 10000 Reasons by Matt Redman. The video has been launched in youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWAu9eox3Kg&feature=youtu.be>.



The launching of Surat Kartini Masa Kini in April 21, 2020

Awards & Achievements

SCU has received two awards from LEPRID (Institute of Indonesian and World Achievement Record) for its achievement in conducting 205 online poem reading on 5 May 2020 and for being the first university conducting a virtual graduation with face tracking technology (25 June 2020). SCU received a grant from the Indonesian government for virtual student credit transfer program. Five students from SCU are taking online courses at Chang Jung Christian University, Tainan, Taiwan. The program starts in the second week of September 2020. Those students are taking six subjects for the autumn period at Chang Jung Christian University, Taiwan.



SCU students following virtual student exchange program at CJCU, Taiwan

Universitas Katolik Widya Mandala Surabaya

International Probono Activity of ACU Law Students in Surabaya

A total of 10 students and 1 professor from Australian Catholic University (ACU), together with 5 students from Widya Mandala Surabaya Catholic University (WMSCU) and 5 students from Darma Cendika Catholic University (UKDC) Surabaya, carried out a trash cleaning activity of a river in Mojokerto, East Java, as shown in the picture. It was part of a community service collaborating with a local NGO, Ecological Observation and Wetlands Conservation, also known as Ecoton. Ecoton is an environmental activist organization, focusing on environmental restoration of rivers from pollution.

The ACU students were law students from Thomas More Law School and in Surabaya for two weeks in November 2019 as part of international pro-bono activity funded by New Colombo Plan from Australian government. While in Surabaya, students were learning about the law system in Indonesia (i.e., visiting the court building), culture of Indonesia (i.e., learning Bahasa Indonesia dan traditional musical instrument, and conducting social volunteer work with several NGOs.



The Catholic University of Korea

Meeting with the Newly Admitted North Korean Refugee Students

On April 20, President Fr. Luke Jongchul Won, Ed.D. met with the newly admitted North Korean refugee students of 2020 at the school's VIP Reception Room.

In the welcoming meeting, President Won encouraged the students saying, "You shouldn't hesitate to ask your academic advisor for help regarding any personal and academic difficulties. Please keep in mind that the university will always be of support."

CUK started a scholarship program for North Korean defectors to help them settle in successfully in Korean society. Admitted students receive full tuition scholarship along with dormitory fee and living expense.

CUK Coping with Covid-19

During 2020 spring semester, CUK executed distance learning to prevent Covid-19 on campus grounds. Even though the pandemic had made the campus lose its usual vibrant atmosphere, a series of donations from students, faculties and companies showed that the spirit of share and love continued.

The contributions were distributed to students and local businesses to help them cope with the virus. In an effort to encourage the students, CUK decided to award a special scholarship to all enrolled undergraduates.

Graduation ceremony also had to be moved online, where 463 students were bestowed a degree. Photo walls and lifesize standees of President Fr. Luke Jongchul Won, Ed.D. were set up on campus for students and family members to celebrate their last moment at CUK.

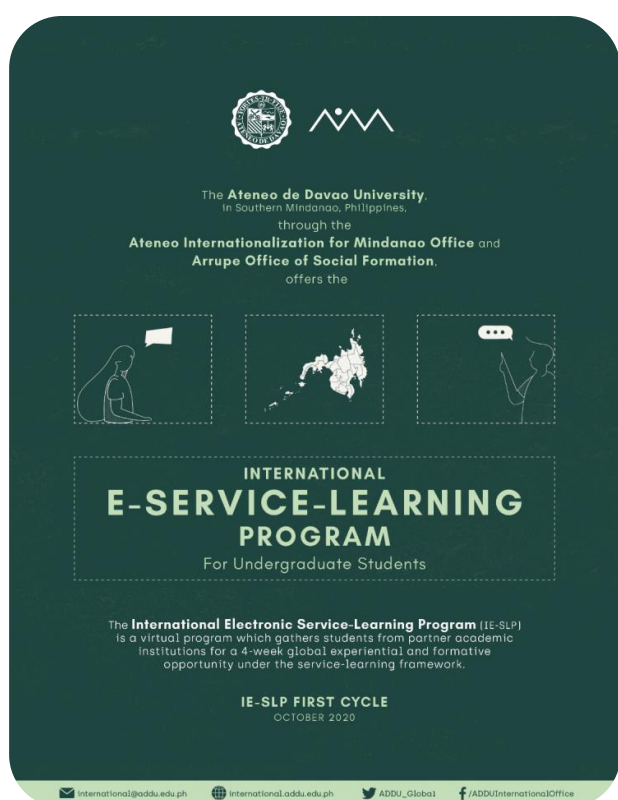


The Ateneo de Davao University

"In the spirit of borderless, transformative education, and service, the Ateneo Internationalization for Mindanao (AIM) Office of the Ateneo de Davao University, has developed short-term online programs which are offered to universities and academic institutions abroad. We have the **International Electronic Service-Learning Program (IE-SLP)** underway, set for full implementation this October. This virtual program is deeply aligned with Ateneo de Davao's mission of social involvement, community engagement, and cultural understanding, and is offered to undergraduate students. Student participants are made to engage with and share the advocacies of Ateneo de Davao's partner communities in Mindanao.

The IE-SLP hosts students from international partner academic institutions for a 4-week virtual service-learning program that provides a space for holistic formation through intercultural dialogue and meaningful transnational encounter with our partner communities online. We, therefore, extend this invitation to higher education institutions in partnership, in the hopes of sharing this special service-learning program with your students and the young leaders of your country.

The IE-SLP is conducted virtually in both its service and formation components. These are important elements in the Ignatian Pedagogical Paradigm of service-learning. The online format provides students with avenues for distance collaboration and remote service immersion. Our program, therefore, provides opportunities for sharing, reflection, and research among the participants and their host communities. For more information, please feel free to email: international@addu.edu.ph"



Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages

A Certificate that Prepares You for Teaching Through English!

The First of Its Kind in Taiwan! Launch of the Wenzao Teaching Through English Certificate Program!

To adapt to the government's plan for developing Taiwan into a bilingual nation by 2030, Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages launched the "Wenzao Teaching Through English (TTE) Certificate" program, the first of its kind in Taiwan, while other institutions across Taiwan put all their efforts into employing reserve teachers to teach through English.

The program constitutes a quality assurance mechanism for implementing Taiwan's bilingual education policy and creating an excellent bilingual environment. The first session of the Wenzao TTE Certificate program was held earlier to promote the program; more than 10 domestic and foreign teachers registered for, and participated in, the activity.

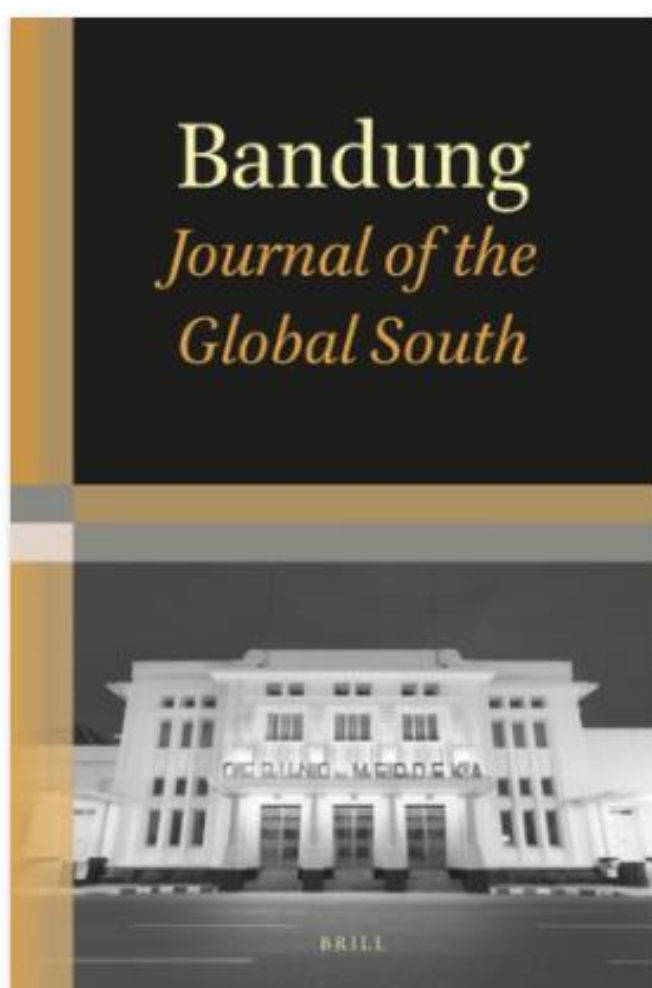


For more information: **Wenzao TTE Certificate** [Introduction](#) / [Registration](#)

Publication of Bandung: Journal of the Global South – [Volume 7 \(2020\): Issue 2 \(Sep 2020\)](#)

This is the first great product between Wenzao Ursuline International Conference in Southeast Asian Studies (Wenzao Ursuline ICSEAS) and the prestigious international journal. Thanks to Prof. Pak-nung Wong (University of Bath), the editor-in-Chief of Bandung, the Dept. of SEAS was invited to be the guest editors of a special issue of Bandung, then thoughtfully selected some candidate articles which were presented in the 2019 Wenzao Ursuline ICSEAS. We'd appreciate the editors, authors, reviewers, Bandung, and Brill for their great efforts and contribution!

The 2020 Wenzao Ursuline ICSEAS, though was canceled due to the pandemic Covid-19, we transform it into the [Wenzao Ursuline ICSEAS: Junior Researchers Forum](#) by inviting some young generation researchers. The JRF will be held on Oct 23, 2020 in Wenzao.



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