Team CIT is Open Jive Challenge 2009 “COUNTRY CHAMPION”

Joshua Verano, Israel Sato, and Jomark Aldave with coach Ms. Larmie Santos-Feliscuzo (IT Department Chair) represented the Philippines in the Open Jive Regional Challenge 2009 Grand Finals held in Raffles City Convention Centre, Singapore last July 27-29, 2009. Other countries that participated in the competition were host Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, and Malaysia. The teams from the 5 participating countries presented on stage their projects to the judging committee and an audience of mostly commercial developers. They were also provided booths to showcase their applications to the developer crowd. The challenge themed “Project: Change Tomorrow” is organized by Sun Microsystems, the largest contributor of Open Source technologies.

The Open Jive Regional Challenge aims to provide students with a platform to identify, develop, and apply information technology in a real world scenario. It creates an opportunity for creative student developers to contribute to the free and open source economy. Participating teams are required to use Open Source technologies contributed by Sun Microsystems such as Java Technology, JavaFX, NetBeans IDE, OpenSolaris, MySQL, GlassFish, Project Wonderland, Zembly, etc. Other Open Source technologies are allowed but must be minor components of the applications.

In the Philippine Finals held at TIP on July 18, 2009, Team CIT bested 11 other finalists from schools like Manila Central University, Silliman University, Technological Institute of the Philippines (TIP) - Manila, University of Immaculate Concepcion, University of the Philippines—Diliman, and the University of San Jose-Recoletos. Their entry, entitled “Generic Spell Checker: An Open Office Extension”, got the nod of the judges. The judging criteria included: usability (ease of using the application), coding (quality of codes), technology (ability to effectively apply open source technologies), commercial value and business/industry/country relevance, creativity (originality and degree of technology innovation), and participation (extent to which application fosters participation, interactivity and collaboration).

Team CIT’s stint in the regional finals just proves that the Technologian is keeping in step not only with the best in the country but also with some of the best from our Asian neighbors. Congratulations to the College of Computer Studies!

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CIT undergoes PACUCOA Consultancy Visit

The Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA) commissioned its current Vice-Chairman and Chief Operating Officer of Calayan Educational Foundation, Inc., Dr. Jaime Buzar and Engr. Noel Linsangan of Mapua Institute of Technology to conduct the consultancy visit at CIT last July 30-31, 2009. An orientation conference was held at the Golden Gear Hotel Function Room on the first day of the visit. It was attended by the members of the Accreditation and Standards Board (ASB) and the department chairs of the programs undergoing the consultancy. On the second day, the team had a campus tour and ocular inspection of the school premises and facilities.

Programs covered by the consultancy were Bachelor of Arts major in English, Mass Communication, and Graphics & Media, BS Biology, and BS Mathematics under the College of Arts and Sciences; and BS Architecture, BS Electrical Engineering, BS Mining Engineering, BS Industrial Engineering, and BS Computer Engineering under the College of Engineering and Architecture.

The PACUCOA consultancy visit is conducted prior to the conduct of the self-survey to orient the school on the philosophy, objectives, policies and procedures of accreditation and to ascertain whether the school has complied with the basic requirements of accreditation.

Congratulations!

to the new ARCHITECTS and NURSES who hurdled their respective licensure examination in June 2009.

Both programs posted above national passing percentage performance, 44% vs. 36.63% and 66% vs. 41.87%, respectively.

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got an average rating of 80.10% to rank No. 8 in the Licensure Examination for Architects held in Manila last June 26 & 28, 2009. Aside from CIT, no other school in Cebu City and Central Visayas has scored a topnotcher in the said exam.

Architecture graduates are required to complete two years of professional apprenticeship as a requirement for taking the licensure examination.

CIT submits application for UNIVERSITY STATUS

Section 40 of Article IX of the Manual of Regulations for Private Higher Education of 2008 states that University Status, being a distinctive honor, is reserved only for truly deserving higher education institutions that have proven their excellence in the areas of instruction, research and outreach.

Cebu Institute of Technology has formalized her intention to have the distinct honor of being a university when she submitted her application to the Commission on Higher Education last June 2009. As endorsed by CHED Regional Office 7, the application is now being evaluated by the CHED Office of Quality Management (OQM). The school now awaits the schedule of a series of visits by a team of evaluators commissioned by CHED.

A higher education institution may be granted University Status if it complied with the standard requirements on (1) degree programs, (2) accreditation, (3) instruction, (4) research, (5) outreach program, (6) faculty complement, (7) site and buildings, and (8) library, laboratory, and equipment.

RQAT and Technical Panel Evaluators assessed application to Open/Re-open New Programs

- Based on the recommendation of the Regional Quality Assessment Team (RQAT) composed of Dr. Edgar Detoya (Dean, College of Commerce, USJ-R) and Dr. Marissa Baldecir (Chair, Accountancy Department, USC), the Commission on Higher Education Regional Office VII granted CIT Government Permit (No. 058, Series of 2009) to offer BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ACCOUNTING TECHNOLOGY effective SY 2009–2010. The RQAT, supervised by Dr. Constantina Barbas (OIC, Office of the CEPS, CHEDRO VII), visited CIT last June 5, 2009.

- By virtue of Resolution No. 524–A-2008, the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) granted CIT Government Permits to offer MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATION major in MATHEMATICS (GP No. 046, Series of 2009) and MASTER OF SCIENCE IN TEACHING MATHEMATICS (GP No. 047, Series of 2009) under the College of Education effective School Year 2009–2010. Dr. Paz Lucido and Dr. Larry Gabao, members of the Technical Panel for Teacher Education recommended the offering of the two master’s programs after the evaluation of CIT’s application last June 22, 2009.

- On June 23, 2009, the Technical Panel for Business and Management Education (TFBME) composed of Dr. Conrado Inigo and Dr. Eduardo Ong visited CIT to evaluate the application of the College of Commerce to offer the MASTER IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA) program. In the presence of DSS OIC-Chief, CHERD-OPS Mr. Buenaventura Macatangay, the technical panel recommended the offering not only of the MBA program but also of the MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MSBA) program. CIT now awaits the grant of Government Permit by the Commission on Higher Education to start operation of the two graduate programs. Consequently, CHED has issued Government Permit (GP No. 031, Series of 2009) to CIT to conduct and operate the MASTER IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (MPA) program. Classes for the MPA program have started.
The Community Extension Services Office prepared a one-year MOTHERS’ CLASS program for residents of Sitio Callejon, which includes short-term courses/seminars on the following: Kitchenomics, Refresher on English and Math, Fitness and Wellness, and Personal and Interpersonal Relationship. With the volunteers from the different colleges/departments, an orientation about the program was conducted for the prospective participants last June 16, 2009.

- The College of Nursing initiated the conduct of an awareness seminar on Influenza A (H1N1) virus to residents of Barangay Labangon last June 20, 2009. The seminar aims to orient the participants of the facts about this new strand of the flu virus, measures how to avoid being infected, and what to do in case of infection.

- The College of Arts and Sciences conducted seminars on self-awareness using the learning activity on Johari Window (June 27, 2009) and Transactional Analysis (July 4, 2009). Having clarity about who you are and what you want is often a prerequisite to developing better interpersonal relations.

- The Department of Languages, Literature, and Communication spearheaded the Refresher Course in English last July 11 and 25, 2009. The program aims to equip the mothers with the basics of the English language so that they can personally tutor their children and, at the same time, improve their communication skills.

**CIT- HS SSG President elected**

SSG Division Federation President for SY 2009-2010

SHERLOU M. BELTRAN, the incumbent President of the CIT-HS Supreme Student Government (SSG), was elected President of the SSG Division Federation for School Year 2009-2010 last July 3, 2009 and on July 11, 2009 as Vice-President of the Regional Federation of SSG Officers. She will be representing Region 7, Central Visayas in the forthcoming National Leadership Training of Student Government Officers (NLTSGO) and the Election of the National Federation of Student Government Officers at Teachers Camp, Baguio City on September 4-9, 2009. The NLTSGO is organized by the Department of Education - Center for Students and Co-Curricular Affairs (DepEd-CSCA), in partnership with The Master’s Lighthouse Foundation (TMLF) and the Ateneo Student Trainers (STRAINS). With its theme “New Beginnings for Nation-Building: Seizing Opportunities, Sustaining Initiatives”, the training aims to enhance the management and leadership knowledge, skills and attitudes of elected SSG officers through dynamic plenary sessions, interactive break-out sessions and enriched discussions, and to provide a venue for consultations among officials, student-leaders, and teacher-advisers.

**CIT Initiates Info Campaign on Influenza A(H1N1) Virus**

Through the Student Personnel Services (SPS), CIT coordinated with the Department of Health (DOH) for the conduct of the seminar on Prevention Against Influenza A (H1N1) on June 5 and 6, 2009. The participants were divided into three groups - the elementary and high school teachers, the college faculty members, and the administrative personnel. DOH representatives Drs. Expedito Medalla, Cora Lou Kintanar, and Judita Tawatao conducted the seminar.

The administration thought of organizing the seminar to equip the CIT community with the correct information on how to deal with the looming pandemic scare on A (H1N1) virus. The faculty members will be able to impart the information to their students at the start of classes this June. Here are some helpful reminders about Influenza A (H1N1) virus:

- Influenza A (H1N1) is a new virus causing illness in people. This new virus was first detected in people in April 2009 in Mexico.
- Spread of this virus is thought to be happening in the same way that seasonal flu spreads. Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing of people with influenza.
- To avoid getting the virus, first and most important: wash your hands with soap and water. Try to stay in good general health. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food. Try not to touch surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus and avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you think you might have been exposed to the virus, be responsible. Monitor your health, consult your doctor, and limit your contact with others to prevent possible spread of the virus.

Sources: DOH Health Advisory Leaflet
www.un.org/staff/pandemic
CITAA, Inc. with two other organizations donated Classrooms to Cantao-an National High School

The establishment of a school building with three brand new classrooms at Barangay Cantao-an, Naga, Cebu was of less probability due to lack of funds until strangers came together and generously extended their resources to the less fortunate people of Cantao-an. The project was made possible by the triumvirate of the Feed the Hungry Inc. represented by its founders, Pabilto and Tessie Alarcon; the KONA Visayan Club of Hawaii represented by its President Jane Clement; and the Cebu Institute of Technology Alumni Association (CITAA), Inc. represented by its President Venancio "Boy" Besavilla, Jr. and Vice President Charlie Ng.

The ground-breaking ceremony for the three classrooms was done last March 5, 2009 and construction started immediately after. Rodel Cabigon, a Civil Engineering graduate and former scholar of the CITAA - Eastern Seaboard (USA) Chapter, was the Supervising Engineer for the project. On June 1, 2009, the three-classroom building was finally completed.

The Turn-over Ceremony and Blessing of the New Secondary School Building for the Cantao-an National High School happened last Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at exactly 3:00 PM. The said ceremony was attended by the CITAA Officers and Board of Directors, Representatives from the CITAA-Southern California and Northern California Chapters (Engr. Rudy Fernandez & Engr. Roger Ceniza), CIT’s Vice-President for Academic Affairs (Atty. Corazon E. Valencia), Engr. Rudy Alforque of CITAA-ESB, Cebu School Division Superintendent (Dr. Caridad C. Labe), Naga Mayor (Hon. Valdemar M.Chiong), Faculty, Students and Staff, and the CITAA Scholars.

Let’s Speak Good English! Campaign Launched

On July 27, 2009, the Department of Languages, Literature, and Communication (DLLC) of the College of Arts and Sciences, supported by the Academic Council, launched the LET’S SPEAK GOOD ENGLISH! Campaign with a parade made more festive by the High School Drum and Bugle Corps and participants who carried with them balloons, little flags, and placards promoting the use of Standard English in the academe. A launching program at the Gymnasium followed.

In her inspirational talk, Vice-President for Academic Affairs Atty. Corazon Evangelista-Valencia stressed the importance of speaking good English in order to become more competitive in a global perspective. According to Atty. Valencia, improving one’s communication skills in English gives an individual a head start in the national and international scenes.

The LET’S SPEAK GOOD ENGLISH! Campaign, spearheaded by the Chair of DLLC, Mrs. Joylynn Emily Paz and the Coordinator for Center for Speech and Communication, Mrs. Stella Marie Arcenas, aims to encourage an increased awareness of all Technologians not only of the importance of English proficiency but also of how it advances one’s studies and/or career both in our country and abroad. Moreover, the organizers trust that the Continuing Education Programs in English (Listening Workshop, Grammar Made Easy Lecture-Workshop, Pronunciation Update Series for Teachers, Reading Workshop, Writing Workshop, Poetry Reading, Speechfest, and Insight to Call Center Industry Seminar) will motivate everybody to improve their English communication skills.