CIT Tops Various Inter-School Quiz Bowls

On September 12, 2009 at the SM Cebu Activity Center, **Team CIT-ECE** bested 9 other teams as they were declared CHAMPION of the annual Regional Quiz Bowl organized by the Institute of Electronics and Communications Engineers of the Philippines Visayas Region Chapter (IECEP—VRC). The team, composed of four 5th year students: Roel Comporal, Jason Hisoler, Darling Angel Montealto, and Vincent Tagpuno and two 4th year students: Jose Jenneth Dances and Jefferson Gonzales and coached by ECE faculty members Engrs. Analou Villanueva and Jun-Jun Obiso, will represent the Visayas Region in the 30th IECEP Electronics Engineering Inter-Scholastic Quiz Show at the SMC Convention Center, Mall of Asia on December 8, 2009.

After winning the 1st Runner-up honors in the tightly contested PSME Quiz Bowl held at the USP-F Gymnasium last September 19, 2009, **Team CIT-ME** earned the spot to participate in the PSME National Students Quiz Contest during the 57th Annual National Convention of the Philippine Society of Mechanical Engineers (PSME) at the Philippine Convention Center, Pasay City on October 22, 2009. The winners of the quiz bowl were only decided after the last question of the final round. CIT was behind by only 1 point from the champion, CSCST. **Team CIT-ME** is composed of Bryan Obeso, ME 5; Venzo Aliviado, ME 5; Conrado Logrono, ME 4; Charlston Redulosa, ME 4; and Mary Ann Maurin, ME 3.

**Team CIT-EE** swept the competitions during the 5th IIEE Regional Student Conference held at the Eastern Visayas State University, Tacloban City on September 24-26, 2009. The tandem of Ronnel Jhon Bustamante, EE 5 and Fritz Coronado, EE 4 were CHAMPIONS in the 9th Regional Math Wizard while the trio of 5th year students Jan Mikhail Villarino, Yena Viviocente, and Jey de los Reyes were CHAMPIONS of the 23rd Regional Quiz Show. The teams were coached by Engrs. Roy Anthony Bayon and Emmanuel Tan. The competition for the national level will be held at the SMX, Mall of Asia on November 5-6, 2009.
**Updates**

**Research & Publication**

- The Editorial Colloquiums for publication in the book “Robot Soccer” has accepted the proposal of Computer Science Department Chair Elmer A. Maravillas, PhD to contribute a chapter with the tentative title “Algorithms for Referee, Scorer, and Goalie for MIROSOT Systems”. The book will be published by IN-TECH (based in Vienna, Austria), the world’s first advanced technologies open access platform. All IN-TECH books are published as hard copy (with ISBN 978-953-7619-X-X) and online as open access.

- Dean Nona B. Suerte of the College of Arts and Sciences attended the two-day Strategic Planning Workshop organized by the USC-CHED Zonal Research Center last September 17 & 18, 2009. Among the agenda of the activity is the discussion of new CHED policies on research.

- For the purpose of promoting/enhancing the research productivity of higher education institutions, and pursuant to CEB Resolution No. 078 Series of 2009, CHED issued the “Guidelines for CHED Accreditation of Research Journals and Providing Incentives Therefor” (CMO No. 13, s. 2009). The purpose of this Circular is to prescribe a mechanism through which a national standard for peer review and journal refereeing system can be implemented uniformly for all journals of research published by Philippine colleges and universities and other organizations.

- The RDCO Head, Dr. Edwin Torillo, has attended a series of consultation meetings of the USC-CHED Zonal Research Center for the preparation of CHED Grant-In-Aid (GIA) 2010. Through Dr. Torillo, CIT has expressed her intention to take the lead on some researches for GIA 2010.

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**New Program Offerings**

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**CAS Student wins Ayala Center Cebu’s Eco Art Contest**

**“BK2CHR” or bike to chair**, Anna Katrina García’s work of art, earned the top prize in Ayala Center Cebu’s Eco Art contest last September 19, 2009. Using scrap materials and junk parts of a bike, Garcia created a uniquely designed functional chair.

Eco-Art, a competition adhering to the theme “Eco-Librum: Live Green”, aimed to promote awareness to adopt greener habits and the importance of waste reduction and recycling through art expression and recycling. This is part of Ayala Center Cebu’s Greenology Campaign, a series of earth-friendly events to remind everyone to take care of the environment.

Another AB Graphics and Media student, Ivan Anthony Gabales was awarded with honorable mention citation for his entry “Lampshade”, a safari inspired lampshade formed out of the accumulated junk from his house.

Sources: www.cit.edu and www.sunstar.com

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**CEA participates in the IAESTE Student Congress**

**[CE Student wins on-the-spot Poster Making Contest]**

Accompanied by IE Department Chair Engr. Alein Navares, 5 Engineering students [Dexter Dungog, CE 4; Karen Therese Aliganga, ChE 4; and Ivy Marie Aliganga, ChE 4] attended the Visayas and Mindanao Student Congress on International Internship and Career Development Programs at the Sacred Heart Center last September 19, 2009. The activity was organized by the International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE).

Part of the congress is the on-the-spot poster and slogan making contest based on the theme “60 Glorious Years of IAESTE ....and counting”. Dexter Dungog’s entry won First Place. The winning poster shall be the official design of the IAESTE Philippines from September 2009 - September 2010.

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**CIT students and residents of neighboring barangays of the Cebu City South District flocked at the CIT gymnasium to avail the Off-Site Voters Registration** conducted by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) last September 25, 2009. The activity was initiated by the Supreme Student Government (SSG) to promote social awareness and involvement among CIT students.
The SPS Awareness Week (August 3 to 11, 2009) with the theme “Campaigning to Maximize Your Potential” showcased the programs and services of the different SPS offices through exhibits and informational videos.

As stated in CHED Memorandum Order No. 21 Series of 2006 “Guidelines on Student Affairs and Services Program”, the responsibility of an educational institution is confined not only to the teaching and development of job skills, but also to the acquisition of life skills and values. Higher Education Institutions must provide a set of student centered activities and services in support of academic instruction intended to facilitate holistic student development for active involvement in nation building. Student Affairs and Services are two-pronged:

1. those that relate to student welfare - these are basic services and programs needed to ensure and promote student well-being such as admission services, information and orientation service, scholarships and financial assistance, health services, guidance and counseling services, career and placement service, safety and security service, among others; and

2. those that relate to student development - these refer to the services and programs designed for the exploration and enhancement of the student’s full potential for personal development, leadership and social responsibility through various institutional and/or student-initiated activities such as leadership training program, sports development program, social and community involvement, among others.

In CIT, the Student Personnel Services (SPS) offices include: Student Affairs Office (SAO), Guidance Center, Office of Admissions and Scholarships (OAS), Alumni Affairs Office, Safety and Security Department, and Medical-Dental Services.

CIT DISASTER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE conducted the regular EARTHQUAKE DRILL

Students maintained the “duck” and “cover” positions at the designated evacuation area during the earthquake drill held last September 10, 2009. The exercise simulated the response to an Intensity 5 ('Strong') earthquake based on the PHIVOLCS Earthquake Intensity Scale (PEIS). The organizers made sure that the drill completed the six phases: (1) Alarm, (2) Response, (3) Evacuation, (4) Assembly, (5) Head Count, and (6) Evaluation based on the general guidelines set by DOST and PHIVOLCS.

Visiting Alumni conducted Free Lectures for students

Petroleum and Petrochemical Processes
August 3-4, 2009
by Engr. Sammy Guevarra, BSME ’70
Project Engineering Manager
Oil and Gas Division
Saudi Consulting and Design Company

Construction of Power Plant
September 17, 2009
by Engr. Felix Marquez, BSCE ’03 and wife Engr. Emylene Dahang - Marquez, Magna Cum Laude, BSCE ’04
Both are Engineers for MAMMOET, a company based in Dubai that specializes in heavy lifting and transport

Updates: Community Extension

For the months of August and September the different colleges and departments, in coordination with the CES Office, conducted various activities in line with the Community Extension Services Program of the school for its adopted community, Sitio Callejon in Barangay Labangon.

- The 25 young people from Sitio Callejon adopted by the High School Department attended the One-Day Encounter, a spiritual and fellowship activity, held at the CIT Chapel last August 15, 2009 and a seminar-workshop on “Kuwarta sa Basura” held at Barangay Luz, Lahug last September 19, 2009.
- As part of the Livelihood Development Program of the College of Commerce, the Hospitality Management Department conducted a skill training on Meat Ball Processing and Organic Candy Production last August 01, 2009.
- For the continuing Mother’s Class program, the College of Arts and Sciences through the Mathematics Department conducted the Refresher Course in Mathematics last September 5 & 12, 2009.

CIT’s commitment to community service is not only confined to her adopted barangay. The institution also supports the undertaking of other organizations as well as respond to the needs of the wider community.

- Last September 6, 2009, the College of Nursing joined the simultaneous nationwide Medical and Dental Program and Pospas Feeding Program of the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) held at the Guadalupe Sports Complex in Barangay Guadalupe, Cebu City. The said activity was part of PCSO’s Diamond Jubilee Celebration.
- CWTS students participated in the annual walk for a cause of the Alay Lakad Cebu Foundation, Inc. last September 20, 2009.
- On September 26, 2009, CIT hosted Gawad Kalinga’s (GK) 1st BAYANI ASSEMBLY in Cebu, a gathering of all GK corporate partners, volunteers, patriots and friends.
- The CES Office has been mobilized to receive relief goods for the victims of typhoon “Ondoy” in Metro Manila and other provinces in Luzon.
TPETA Evaluators assessed CIT’s application for Center of Development for Mechanical Engineering Program

During the COD evaluation exit conference - In front (from left) Dr. Pedro C. Fudolig (CHEDRO VII Education Specialist), Engr. Efren Dela Cruz (Member, TPETA), Dr. Manuel Belino (Chair, TPETA), Dr. Felizardo Y. Francisco (Director IV, CHED Office of Programs and Standards)

The Commission on Higher Education through the Office of Programs and Standards (OPS) designated Dr. Manuel Belino and Engr. Efren dela Cruz to compose the Technical Panel for Engineering, Technology, and Architecture (TPETA) to evaluate CIT’s application for Center of Development for the Mechanical Engineering Program. During the two-day visit last August 17 & 18, 2009, the TPETA team perused documents, had a forum with the ME students and faculty, inspected the library and the laboratories, and interviewed some administrators. Such activities were done to verify the information contained in the COD Evaluation Workbook that was accomplished by the ME department. During the exit conference, the evaluators gave their initial findings and observations of the following criteria: instruction (45%), research (30%), extension (20%), and institutional requirements (5%). The COD evaluators could not yet give the final results since they have not evaluated all the applicant-schools.

Dr. Belino is the dean of the School of Mechanical Engineering of Mapua Institute of Technology while Engr. Dela Cruz is the Vice-Dean of the College of Engineering of Dela Salle University—Manila.

BS Psychology Program underwent PACUCOA Accreditation

Last August 10 & 11, 2009, the BS Psychology program underwent the Level I accreditation process of the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA). The nine survey areas were divided among the 5-member accrediting team composed of the following (see picture above - starting from left):

- Dr. Christopher Manaois, in-charge of Area VII-Student Personnel Services and Area VIII-Social Orientation and Community Involvement; he was also a member of the PACUCOA team that evaluated the engineering programs last February 2008
- Dr. Flora Javier, VP for Administration and Planning, Lyceum of the Philippines - Batangas; in-charge of Area II-Faculty, Area III-Instruction, and Area V-Laboratories
- Dr. Esther Vedana, Dean of the College of Criminology, University of Luzon and a CHED-IQuAME assessor; being the chair of the team, she is in-charge of Area I-Purposes and Objectives and Area IX-Organization and Administration
- Ms. Gloria Ruzgal, Chief Librarian, Emilio Aguinaldo College; in-charge of Area IV-Library
- Dr. Vincent Salas, Dean of the College of Engineering, Capitol University; he was once a Technologian as he spent his early years of undergraduate study in CIT before transferring to another school; in-charge of Area VI-Physical Plant and Facilities