CIT TOPS AGAIN! ….. and Again!

First, the Center of Excellence in Information Technology Education recognition from CHED; then, the Outstanding Institution Award from the Cebu City Government in February; followed by the announcement of the Category A (t) - Mature Teaching Institution Classification under the IQuAME framework in March; and in April and May, topnotch performances in the Mechanical Engineer and Electrical Engineer licensure examinations. Year 2008 is proving to be CIT’s year.

MECHANICAL ENGINEER LICENSURE EXAM

“It pays to be patient” must be the motto of the Mechanical Engineering department. After the long wait, Engr. Edgardo Concepcion and his faculty are reaping success in the Mechanical Engineer licensure examination: a First Placer in November 2007 and this April 2008—Top 3 Performing School (for 25-85 examinees category) plus two topnotchers. Of the 667 passers out of 1,175 examinees who took the ME board exam held in Manila and Cebu last April 26 & 27, 2008, Kenneth Reuyan [89.55] and Generoso dela Cerna [88.50] placed No. 4 and No. 6, respectively, among the top ten passers. More importantly, the 73% (36 of 43 examinees passing) CIT institutional performance is above the national passing percentage of 56.77%.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER LICENSURE EXAM

The celebration continued as Russell Ian Paragoso and Roy Anthony Bayon placed Number 1 and Number 2 among the top ten passers in the May 2008 Electrical Engineer licensure examination. Based on unofficial data, the CIT institutional performance is 67.57% compared to the national passing percentage of only 28.27% (705 passers out of 2,494 examinees). Engr. Franklin Lauta and his faculty must be very proud of this achievement as no other school in Cebu has a top ten passer.

CIVIL ENGINEER LICENSURE EXAM

The pressure is on the Civil Engineering department as it awaits the result of the May 2008 Civil Engineer licensure examination. From the official listing of passers, Engr. Rowena Alviola already identified at least 45 CIT passers that would approximate to a 62.8% passing percentage which is above the national passing percentage of 36.65% (1,094 passers out of 2,985 examinees).
ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

PARANGAL 2008

The Parangal 2008 was held at the CIT Gymnasium last March 7, 2008. This year’s King of Engineers is Danilo Sabarre, a BS Chemical Engineering graduate. Mr. Sabarre garnered the highest average grade of 4.771 among all engineering graduating students. He also graduated Magna Cum Laude and received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence.

The Parangal speaker was Engr. Antonio Dumagsa, a visiting alumnus based in the U.S.A. and former president of CITAA Eastern Seaboard Chapter. A cocktail followed after the ceremony.

CIT HOLDS GRADUATION RITES

Batch 2007-2008 had their graduation rites last March 15 for the college level and March 17 for the high school and elementary levels.

The BS Nursing pioneer batch, on the other hand, had their pinning and graduation ceremony at the CIT Gymnasium last April 5, 2008. Dr. Delia L. Mediano, retired PRC Director, was their commencement speaker. Among the guests who graced the ceremony were some Chief Nurses, Assistant Chief Nurses, and Training Officers of the affiliated hospitals, CHED Education Supervisor Dr. Jucel Jumao-as, and the deans of the other colleges. CIT President Mr. Gregorio L. Escario conferred the degree to the graduates.

EVALUATION AND PLANNING SESSION

The Academic Council again spearheaded the annual Evaluation and Planning session. The sessions were scheduled for five Fridays, starting April 18 and culminated with the preparation of the SY 2008-2009 Calendar of Activities on May 17 & 24, 2008. This year, Dr. Evangeline Evangelista, consultant of the Accreditation and Standards Board (ASB), joined the group to share her inputs and evaluation of the PACUCOA compliance report. The evaluation of the consultant would help the deans and department chairs, especially those who would undergo PACUCOA accreditation in September 2008, in the preparation of their reports and exhibits.

CURRICULUM REVISIONS

In compliance with the new CHED Policies, Guidelines and Standards for Engineering Education and Nursing Education, the revised curricula of all engineering programs and the BS Nursing program will take effect in the First Semester, SY 2008-2009. The other programs revised their curriculum effective SY 2007-2008. For the BS Business Administration program, the General Business Management major will be renamed Operations Management effective First Semester, SY 2008-2009.

CIT APPLIES FOR AUTONOMOUS/DEREGULATED STATUS

CIT submitted its application for CHED autonomous/deregulated status last May 30, 2008. A team of experts convened by the CHED Regional Office 7 will evaluate the application before it is endorsed to CHED Office of Program Standards (OPS).

To prepare for this undertaking, the Academic Council conducted a series of meetings from April 26 to May 05, 2008 to review the compliance of all the program offerings of CIT with the Policies, Standards and Guidelines of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). The program department chairs were required to prepare and present their report to the Academic Council. After which, the colleges spent time in compiling documentary evidence to support the application.

Per CHED Memorandum Order No. 52, Series of 2006, the grant of autonomous and deregulated status to deserving private colleges and universities aims at recognizing private higher education institutions (PHEIs) that have consistently shown exemplary performance in the provision of education, research and extension services, at the same time rationalizing supervision of private HEIs through progressive deregulation. The selection and identification of the PHEIs to be granted autonomy and deregulated status shall be based on the following general criteria: (a) long tradition of integrity and untarnished reputation—this is a must criterion; failure to meet this will automatically disqualify a PHEI for the grant of autonomous or deregulated status, (b) commitment to excellence—as evidenced by the presence of COEs/CODs, accredited status or IQuAME category, and (3) sustainability and viability of operation.

CHEDRO VII Director Conducted Orientation on the Requirements for University Status

Dr. Enrique P. Grecia, Region VII Director of the Commission on Higher Education, conducted an orientation on the requirements for the application for University Status last March 4, 2008. Deans, department chairs and department heads attended the orientation.

Applying for University Status is being seriously considered by the CIT administration. However, this would entail planning and extensive preparations.

CHED Issued Government Permit to Operate the BS Biology and BS Mathematics Programs

Effective First Semester, SY 2008-2009, CIT will offer the BS Biology and BS Mathematics programs under the College of Arts and Sciences. CHED Region VII issued Government Permits No. 049 Series of 2008 and No. 050 Series of 2008 for the operation of the two programs.

The Regional Quality Assessment Team (RQAT), who made the recommendation to CHEDRO VII for the granting of the Government Permits to the two programs, visited CIT last May 9, 2008 to conduct documentary and ocular inspection. The members of the RQAT were Engr. Glenn Pesole, Dr. Angel Pesirla, Ms. Lourdes Umlas, and Dr. Edwin Andaya. The RQAT members were accompanied by Ms. Virginia dela Pena, CHED Education Supervisor.

The College of Arts and Sciences will also offer the AB English with Applied Linguistics effective First Semester, SY 2008-2009.
Updates: Community Extension

Two administrative staff volunteered to conduct livelihood trainings to Sitio Callejon residents at the high school H.E. room last May 10, 2008. Mrs. Lolita Bontilao from the College Library shared her expertise in making Peanut Butter while Mrs. Nordie Pineda, secretary of the College of Commerce, conducted the training on Ube Jam Making. The dean of the College of Commerce, Dr. Alexander Franco Delantar, Accountancy Department Chair Mrs. Pamela Tao, College of Commerce CES Coordinator Mrs. Socorro Mahinay, CES Head Mrs. Rosa Alma A. Almagro, and Mr. Celso Ouano graced the training with their presence and support. After they had produced a number of peanut butter ready for sale, twenty Sitio Callejon women who participated in the training went home inspired.

One hundred young boys from Barangay Labangon availed the **Operation Tuli** conducted by the CIT College of Nursing in coordination with Barangay Labangon Council, Gawad Kalinga - G-Kare and Visayas Primary Health Care, Inc. The activity was conducted at the New Barangay Day Care Center last April 27, 2008. Volunteer PGI's and doctors from Gawad Kalinga-G-Kare and Visayas Primary Health Care Inc. provided the services while Brgy. Labangon Council and CIT Admin provided the medicines and other needed materials. The day care center was packed with both young and adult who were very eager to avail of such rare opportunity. This has been the third Operation Tuli conducted by CIT College of Nursing since 2006.

PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT

CIT HOLDS FACULTY DEVELOPMENT DAY

The College of Commerce hosted the faculty development seminar last March 10, 2008. The morning session, attended by faculty members from the College of Engineering and Architecture, was a lecture by Dean Alexander Franco Delantar on “International Trends on Work Ethics”. For the afternoon session, Ms. Lilia Estiilore and Ms. Lindai Castro of the Department of Labor and Employment discussed Drug Prevention and Control and Tuberculosis, respectively, which is in line with DOLE’s program on Workplace Safety and Health. Faculty members from the Colleges of Computer Studies, Commerce, Education, Arts and Sciences, and Nursing attended the afternoon session.

HS AND ELEMENTARY DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATORS EVALUATED

As part of the continuous program on instituting internal quality monitoring and evaluation, the Office of the Vice-President for Academic Affairs conducted the evaluation of the high school and elementary administrators [Principal, Assistant Principal and Coordinators] last March 5 and March 6, respectively. The evaluation tool was presented to the principals, Mrs. Bernadette Baltazar and Dr. Josephine Abadia, for their comments and suggestions. The Executive Committee (EXECOM) approved the implementation of the administrator’s evaluation.

OFFICE PERSONNEL TAKE A BREAK

Participants of the Office and Records Management seminar organized by the Human Resource Department decided to culminate the staff development activity with a bonding session at the Forto Pino Beach Resort last May 4, 2008. The group is very thankful for the support of the administration and their respective office heads.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF

Last May 10, 2008, the Human Resource Department presented to the administrative personnel the work performance evaluation tool, which will be administered before the end of the month. The tool was designed by the Administrative Council and approved by the CIT President. MIS/SPS Director Bernard Nicolas Villamor was present during the meeting.

New Master/Doctor Degree Holders

**DR. NONA B. SUERTE**
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Doctor of Education in English Language Teaching
[Best Dissertation Award]
Cebu Normal University

**FACULTY MEMBERS**
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING and ARCHITECTURE

**ENGR. JONATHAN REYES**
Mechanical Engineering Department
Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering
University of San Carlos
[Engr. Reyes was chosen to present his thesis in the recent USC International Research Congress.]

**ENGR. MARLITO PATUNOB**
Mechanical Engineering Department
Master of Engineering in Mechanical Engineering
University of San Carlos

**ENGR. ALEIN B. NAVARES**
Industrial Engineering Department
ETEEAP Coordinator for Technical Programs
MS Management Engineering
University of San Jose—Recoletos Meritissimus

**ENGR. ERWIN SALVADOR**
Electrical Engineering Department
Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering
University of San Carlos

**COLLEGE OF COMPUTER STUDIES**
MISS EM PARAC
Master in Computer Science
Cebu Institute of Technology

**COLLEGE OF COMMERCE**
**MS. SHARON GABRIEL**
**MISS JUNALYN ESTROSO**
Master in Business Administration
University of the Visayas

**COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**
**MISS AIMEE TABADA**
Master of Science in Biology
University of San Carlos
Academic Institutions in Cebu City.

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The CIT is a certified academic partner in Cebu Educational Development of the Cebu Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) for IT. IT was developed by the Cebu Educational Development Foundation for IT (CEDF-IT) through the funding support from the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines and the European IT Service Foundation and is supported by the major IT industries and Academic Institutions in Cebu City.

Three new Certified IT Professionals — Ferdinand Arioja [BSCpE], Jon Eric Makinano [BSIT], and Vehannin Verallo [BSIT] — were awarded the PhilNITS Gold Medal for outstanding performance in the 2007 International PhilNITS Examination. There are only nine gold medal awardees nationwide.

In coordination with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), the PhilNITS Certification Program from the Japan Information Technology Engineers Examination Center (JITEC) of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) of Japan is implemented by the Philippine National IT Standards Foundation, Inc. (PhilNITS) formerly known as Japan Information Technology Standard Exam (JITSE Phil.).

CCS Students and Graduates Excel in the PhilNITS Exam

The concerted efforts and contribution of the following ensured the completion of the materials on time: Dean Nona B. Suerte, who prepared the articles; Mrs. Joylynn Emily Paz, editor; MIS/SPS office and the SMDTC staff for technical support; and the Academic Council that reviewed the articles.

CIT featured in the MANILA BULLETIN

CIT was featured in the April 25, 2008 issue of the Manila Bulletin. The feature story was published in the special supplement section entitled Schools, Colleges, Universities (SCU) BULLETIN. It included the brief history and accomplishments of the school and focused on the Category A classification of CIT under the Institutional Quality Assurance Monitoring and Evaluation (IQuAME) framework.

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CIT declares Mathematician of the Year

Dexter D. Dominguez is this year’s CIT Mathematician of the Year. Mr. Dominguez is a fourth year BS Electronics and Communications Engineering (ECE) student and an academic scholar. Incidentally, the 1st and 2nd runners-up were Russell Ian Paragoso (No. 1) and Roy Anthony Bayon (No. 2) who just topped the May 2008 Electrical Engineer licensure exam.

The candidates had to undergo two rounds of elimination. From 162 candidates, only 30 qualified to the second round and 10 moved on to the final round. The quiz covers Algebra, Trigonometry, Analytic Geometry, Integral and Differential Calculus, Differential Equations, and Probability and Statistics.

The annual Search for CIT’s Mathematician of the Year started in 1984. It is organized by the Mathematics department and is part of the College Days celebration. The very first CIT Mathematician of the Year is Leyra Theresa Pelican, an ECE student.