CIT University administrative personnel trooped at D’ Family Park at Talamban, Cebu City on November 27, 2010 for the Teambuilding activity with the theme “Employee Empowerment: Reaching greater frontiers through unity and involvement”. This undertaking was sponsored by the Human Resource Department headed by Mrs. Doris Ann M. Villacastin with the assistance of the faculty members of the Department of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences (DHBS), namely Dr. Michelle A. Cellona, Dr. Felmar M. Cardanio, Mrs. Jofe Marie M. Garvez, and Mr. Ronald Yrog-irog.

The DHBS faculty prepared simple learning exercises which served as bonding sessions as well as informative drills focused on helping participants learn more about themselves and on practicing effective collaboration among team members. To set the tone of the affair, Dr. Cellona administered a quiz on temperaments followed by an assessment of the participants’ responses and brief discussion. Grouped separately in eight different teams, the administrative employees then gamely took part in the learning exercises called “Pipe Line”, “Acid River”, and “Sikit-Sikit Galore”. After each exercise, the facilitator processed the experiences of the participants to assess whether the objective of each exercise was achieved. The enjoyable physical activities were followed by the more personal ‘positive stroking’ drill where participants had the opportunity to get to know each other and exchange compliments. Experts said that positive stroke is essential to emotional health. To properly close the teambuilding activity, participants formed one big circle for the community singing. Each had lighted candles to give to the person/s who inspired them to work in CIT and flowers for the persons they wanted to say ‘sorry’ and/or ‘thank you’.

To show their support to this undertaking, Vice-President for Administration Mr. John Gregory Escario, who gave the opening remarks, Vice-President for Academic Affairs Atty. Corazon Evangelista-Valencia, Accountant Mr. Leonardo Nabua, Property Custodian Engr. Nicarter Teves, Chief Librarian Mrs. Rainera C. Boholst, and OAS Head Engr. Roberto P. Base, Jr. were present during the teambuilding activity.
Research and Development

RESEARCH CONFERENCE

* The following technical papers were presented by Dr. Elmer A. Maravillas and Engr. Chris Jordan Aliac during the 8th National Conference on Information Technology Education (NCITE) 2010 held at La Carmela de Boracay Convention Center on October 20-23, 2010.

“Real-Time Target Recognition and Servo Tracking System Using Fuzzy Logic” by E. Maravillas, C. Aliac, R. Lauron

“Inverse Kinematics Pseudo-Learning on Voice-Automated Dynamic Biped RobotGait Sequencing” by C. Aliac, E. Maravillas, L. Ranario

IN-HOUSE R&D SEMINARS

* Seminar-Workshop on Research Writing at the Case Room on November 6, 2010 for the faculty members of the College of Nursing

OFF-CAMPUS R&D SEMINARS

* Basic Workshop on Patent Search for the Academic and Business Organization attended by Dr. Edwin Torillo, Dr. Elmer Maravillas, Engr. Chris Jordan Aliac, and Engr. Jonathan Reyes last November 16-17, 2010

* DOST 7 and Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD) sponsored the Proposal Writeshop on Health Related Topics held at the Holy Family Retreat House on November 12-13, 2010. College of Nursing faculty members Fe. Batucan, Lucelle Valencia, and Jessica Simporios attended the seminar.

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Nick Jonathan Gandionco, BSECE 1 posed with ECE Department Chair Engr. Susana A. Tan during the National Invention Contest and Exhibits (NICE) 2010 held at the Trade Hall of SM City Cebu on 25-27 November 2010. Gandionco’s entry “Magnetic Induction as Energy Recycler” was one of the winners in the Student Creative Research (Sibol Award) for College Category during the 2010 Visayas Island Invention Contests and Exhibits (VIICE). NICE 2010 was organized by the Department of Science and Technology through the Technology Application and Promotion Institute (TAPI) and DOST 7. With the theme “Filipino Inventions and Innovations: The Way Forward”, the three-day event served as venue in promoting Filipino inventions.

Vice-President for Administration Mr. John Gregory B. Escario with RDCO Head Dr. Edwin Torillo graced the Ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Agreement for the establishment of the Innovation and Technology Support Office (I.T.S.O.) at the Elizabeth Hotel last November 17, 2010. In partnership with the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, Cebu Institute of Technology – University is one of the host institutions for the establishment of the patent library.
Community Extension

* Cebu Institute of Technology – University, together with other educational institutions, signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Cebu City government as part of the Cebu City River Management Council (CCRMC) - CEBU ACADEME NETWORK (CAN). This partnership aims to achieve an effective and efficient program to establish a clean and better environment for Cebu City residents.

* The Cebu City government aims to reduce the total waste generated from the city’s households and establishments disposed at the Inayawan Sanitary Landfill. As means of addressing this goal, a city-wide dissemination of the Takakura Composting Method was held in different venues/barangays. Representatives of CIT University attended the demonstration made by no less than Dr. Kouji Takakura, developer of the compost method at Barangay Mambaling last November 3, 2010.

* CIT University volunteers helped in the completion of the Gawad Kalinga Community Building Project located at Mananga, Talisay City last October 2 & 3, 2010.

* Donations in kind from the CIT University administration and solicited from students and employees were distributed to the fire victims of Barangay Sambag I and Barangay Duljo-Fatima.

The 19th REGIONAL PHILIPPINE STATISTICS QUIZ was held at the CIT University Auditorium on November 23, 2010.

CIT’s bet Armand Henzkel B. Canoy, BSCE 1 placed second in the competition. He was coached by Math faculty member Ms. Luni Villacastin. The Mathematics Department under the College of Arts and Sciences assisted the National Statistics Regional Office and CHED Region VII in the conduct of the event.

CCS underwent COE Monitoring

The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) conducted a mid-term monitoring and benchmarking of Centers of Excellence (COE) and Centers of Development (COD) for Information Technology Education (ITE). The monitoring team composed of Technical Panel members and national COE evaluators Dr. Jimmy Caro and Ms. Dittas A. Formoso, CHED-OPS representative Mr. Rene Villegas, and regional office staff Dr. Dante Cabunilas visited the College of Computer Studies (CCS) last October 29, 2010. Documents similar to those presented during the identification phase of the COE project were presented to the monitoring team. The self-evaluation and the assessment of the monitoring team showed that CCS, particularly the BS Information Technology and BS Computer Science programs, improved on the areas of research, extension, and linkages. The monitoring team presented detailed comments and recommendations during the exit conference with the CCS administrators.

Unveiling of the NCCA Corner

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS
November 17, 2010

The unveiling ceremony was graced by the Executive Council for the National Committee on Libraries and Information Services (NCLIS), a branch of the NCCA directly overseeing the project, headed by the Chairperson, Atty. Antonio M. Santos.
Congratulations new board exam passers
TEACHERS
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
CIVIL and CHEMICAL ENGINEERS
and new PhilNITS passers who hurdled their respective examinations held in September, October, and November 2010, respectively.

IDP Education Pty Ltd – Philippines, originally known as IDP Education Australia, arranged a meeting with key officials of CIT University through the Office of Industry Relations to explore possibility of establishing and developing articulation linkages, student mobility and joint research projects. Representatives from IDP’s partner-client educational institutions, together with IDP Philippines Cebu Office Branch Manager Mr. Rhodelio Campilan, visited the campus last November 25, 2010.

CE Chair visited Japan’s Nihon University and Ichikawa High School of Technology

Engr. Rowena V. Alviola, Civil Engineering Department Chair, had a five-day trip to Japan on October 24-28, 2010. She was able to visit Nihon University’s three campuses - Funabishi, Tokyo, and Narashino - where she met some professors and students and toured their laboratories. Engr. Alviola presented CIT’s Civil Engineering Curriculum at Nihon University Narashima Campus and gave a brief lecture about bamboo as indigenous material for construction in the Philippines at Ichikawa High School. The said trip was sponsored by Dr. Nobuyoshi Yashima, a Japanese professor who is collaborating with CIT University’s CE Department for a joint research on Bamboo Reinforced Concrete Walls.

In 2009, Dr. Yashima expressed his desire to partner with CIT for the conduct of a research study and extension activities that will benefit a local community in Narashino, Japan and in Cebu. Since then, he has visited Cebu several times to gather data for his research. He is also conducting lectures for our CE faculty and students through SKYPE internet conferencing every other Friday since June 2010.

ALAN ANGELO B. LLEVARES Delegate, 2010 RP-Korea Youth Exchange October 20-29, 2010

Only ten (10) delegates were chosen by the National Youth Commission to visit South Korea from October 20 to 29 for the 2010 RP-Korea Youth Exchange. This program is part of the bilateral agreement between the Government of Korea and the Philippines. One of the delegates was CIT Supreme Student Government President Alan Angelo Llevares.