PACUCOA Granted 4 CIT Programs LEVEL 2 First Reaccredited Status

The Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities - Commission on Accreditation [PACUCOA] granted Level 2 First Reaccredited status for five years [valid up to November 2013] to the following programs: BS Computer Science, BS Business Administration, Bachelor of Elementary Education and Bachelor of Secondary Education.

In its November 7, 2008 meeting, the PACUCOA Board of Directors reviewed the report of Dr. Ellen S.N. Salac, chair of the accrediting team that conducted the Level 2 first re-accreditation visit of CIT last September 16-18, 2008. For having satisfactorily met the standards and fulfilled all the requirements of the PACUCOA, the programs are endorsed for certification to the Federation of Accrediting Agencies of the Philippines for Level 2 first reaccredited status and are recommended to enjoy the benefits embodied in CHED Memorandum Order No. 01, s.2005.

The school also awaits the announcement of the result of the Level 1 Formal Accreditation visits last February 24-26, 2008 [for BS Chemical Engineering, BS Civil Engineering, BS Mechanical Engineering and BS Electronics and Communications Engineering] and September 23-25, 2008 [for BS Information Technology and BS Accountancy].

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Research Proposal Hearing

Four researches were presented during the proposal hearing at the Case Room last November 8, 2008. The Research and Development Coordinating Office conducted the said activity to evaluate the following research proposals:

- "Passive Cooling Strategy for CIT-Elementary Department” by Engr. Jonathan Reyes Faculty, CEA-ME Department
- "Water Quality Assessment and Monitoring: Physical, Chemical and Microbiological Analysis of Coastal Waters of Talisay City, Cebu, Philippines” Ms. Esperanza Manabat Faculty, College of Arts & Sciences
- "Fish Diversity and Coral Reef Condition of the Lagundi Ref Marine Sanctuary and its Implications to Management” Ms. Esperanza Manabat and Ms. Angelie Nellas Faculty, College of Arts and Sciences
- "The Academic Performance of Cebu Institute of Technology—College of Nursing: Basis for Setting Standards of Grading System” Mr. Sandro C. Villareal Faculty, College of Nursing

The review committee was composed of Engr. Edwin Torillo [RDCO Head], CEA Acting Dean Amis A. Pacamalan, CCS Dean Cherry Lyn C. Sta. Romana, CoC Dean Alexander Franco A. Delantar [Dr. Mansueto Lu attended for Dean Delantar], CoN Dean Judith D. Ismael, CAS Dean Nona B. Suerte and Engr. Alona M. Solis [Assistant to the Dean, CCS].

MidYear EVALUATION and PLANNING Session Conducted

The three-day evaluation and planning session held at the Audio Visual Room last October 21-23, 2008 focused on the recommendations of the PACUCOA accrediting teams that visited CIT in February and September of this year. It was also an opportunity to make an initial assessment in line with the intention to apply for university status.

Some concerns regarding enrolment and school campaign were also discussed. VPAA Corazon Valencia presented the proposed “Bridge Program” for incoming first year students while MIS/SPS Director Bernard Nicolas Villamor presented a study on “Factors Affecting Choice of School”. HS Principal Mrs. Bernadette Baltazar also gave an update on the preparations for the FAPE Re-Certification of the HS Department early next year.

Deans, department chairs and department heads concerned attended the sessions.

CIT offers additional Scholarship and Financial Assistance for deserving students

Eight hundred thirty students [or 8.94 % of the total enrolment] availed the various discounts and scholarships offered by the school in the first semester SY 2008-2009. Five hundred thirty of the said students enjoyed the CIT-Funded privileges for Academic, Athletic and Special Non-Academic scholarships while 300 of them are recipients of scholarship grants from generous sponsors [CITAA Chapters, Fairchild, NECFI, Lexmark, others] and government programs [DOST RA 7687, CTEAP].

The figures above do not include the Non-Academic Scholarship and Faculty-Administration Discounts, which are administered by the HRD; the various tuition discount privileges administered by the Accounting Office; and other government sponsored scholarships administered by the Office of the Registrar.

In the second semester SY 2008-2009, CIT through the Office of Admissions and Scholarships [OAS] is offering an additional sponsored scholarship grant and a student loan program. They are:

CITAA Arizona Chapter Scholarship

This is open to regular second year engineering students. The new scholars Anthony Amistoso (EE 2), Julito Añora, Jr. (EE 2), Joanne Patrociño (ChE 2), and Jenelyn Tojeno (EM 2) - will enjoy Free-All scholarship until they graduate.

SAFE Loan or Student Assistance Fund for Education Loan

CHED Memorandum Order No. 25, s.2008 provides for the implementing guidelines governing the administration and operation of the SAFE Loan. The program shall cater to financially needy students who are in their graduating year of study. Priority shall be given to those enrolled in CHED priority courses. CIT received a 1 Million peso budget for this purpose.
CIT- CCS Team is “Best Programming Team from the Visayas”

[Article by the College of Computer Studies]

CIT Students - Lawrence Ranario, Jufni Rizada and Eugene Busico with coach IT Department Chair Larmie Santos-Feliscuzo - garnered the “Best Team from the Visayas” award during the 2nd Philippine National Inter-Collegiate Programming competition held at the University of San Jose-Recoletos Basak Campus last November 22, 2008.

The contest is the most prestigious programming competition in the world. The winner of the contest will represent the Philippines in the Asia competition.

In terms of team ranking, CIT is No. 15 with the Top 14 ranks occupied by teams from UP, Ateneo and La Salle schools. In terms of school ranking, CIT is in 6th place with the top 5 slots occupied by UP-Diliman, Ateneo de Manila University, De La Salle University-Manila, Ateneo de Naga University and Ateneo de Davao University.

It was a great achievement for the College of Computer Studies as this is the first time that it fielded a team to the said competition. Winning the “Best Team from the Visayas” award has further strengthened the school’s status as the “Center of Excellence in IT Education”.

CIT Mass Com Students Fly High in Probe Team Workshop

[Article by the College of Arts and Sciences]

Two Mass Communication students successfully presented and defended their mini-documentary in the closing workshop of “You Move: Filipino Youth and Migration” media and arts workshop held at Linden Suites, Ortigas Center, Pasig, Metro Manila last November 9-13, 2008.

Ainjeliz de la Torre and John Philip Cuevas, both 4th year, were among the 24 Mass Com students chosen all over the Philippines to attend a two-part seminar-workshop conducted by the Probe Media Foundation Incorporated and International Organization for Migration.

The first part of the workshop was last February 22-23, 2008 where they were oriented about migration. They were also taught the art of film making, script writing and editing. The first output which they did with Ateneo de Zamboanga was a mini-film entitled “Baboosh Mudra”, a story about local migration.

For the second part, which is the closing workshop, the participants were made to produce their final output that would have Migration as a topic. The two CIT representatives made a mini-documentary on a TNT (Tago ng Tago) in the U.S. entitled “Buhay na Tago”.

The documentary got a positive review from the panel of critics composed of Journalist Ibarra Mateo, Grace Leung—EIC of Junior Inquirer and TV Producer, and Jay Orense—Executive Director of Pinoy Meets World of GMA 7.

The final workshop was graced with the presence of Probe Team host Che Che Lazaro who commended the students for their hard work especially on their outputs and extended her hopes on seeing the 24 participants as future successful media practitioners.

Other participants came from Divine Word College of Laoag, Northwestern University, UP Diliman, Assumption College, Trinity University of Asia, Polytechnic University of the Philippines, UP Cebu, Western Mindanao State University, Ateneo de Zamboanga, Holy Cross of Davao College, and University of Immaculate Conception.

The activity was organized within the framework of the Philippine Border Management project funded by the European Union.
Hon. Ricafort and Pres. Escario cut GGH Inaugural Ribbon

The Golden Gear Hotel (GGH) was inaugurated on November 14, 2008 with CHED Commissioner Dr. Nona S. Ricafort as the principal guest of honor. Assisted by President Greg Escario, the commissioner was all smiles as she cut the maroon and gold ceremonial ribbon and led the guests into the halls of CIT’s HRM laboratory complex.

The simple but fitting inauguration was graced by the attendance of CHED Region 7 and TESDA officials, Cebu City school heads and by CIT administration and academic officials led by President Greg Escario, Executive Vice President & HR Director Rodolfo A. Lizares, Jr., Vice President for Finance Ma. Socorro Villamor, and Dr. Nicolas Escario, Jr.

VPAA Atty. Corazon Evangelista-Valencia welcomed the guests stressing the strategic decision of CIT to lead the hospitality management education efforts in the Visayas and Mindanao areas. Atty. Valencia related at length the premise of this decision that include the world financial crunch affecting many industries and their related academic programs, and the vastly untapped potential of the hospitality industry. Later, Dr. Alexander Delantar introduced the commissioner, referring to the latter as the paragon of service and excellence.

The initial phase of GGH constitutes a divisible function room, an executive office, presidential suite lab, cabin/deluxe lab, a commercial kitchen lab provision, a fine dining lab, main dining lab, an eight-4-burner convection oven instructional kitchen lab and a stores/pantry provision. Some features of the GGH are patterned after a number of hotel-schools in the U.S..

Incidentally, the matriculation fees for CIT Hotel and Restaurant Management (GP 083) and CIT Tourism Management (GP 084) are among the lowest in the region.

CIT Hosted AHEIR 7 Meeting

Cebu Institute of Technology warmly welcomed the Board Members of the Association of Higher Education Institutions in Region 7 [AHEIR 7] when they had their luncheon meeting at the Golden Gear Fine Dining Hall last November 21, 2008. AHEIR 7 President Dr. Henry A. Sojor presided the meeting.

Aside from CIT, other schools represented in the meeting were Siquijor State College, Mater Dei College, Cebu Sacred Heart College, University of Southern Philippines Foundation, Southwestern University, Negros Oriental State University, Holy Name University, Bohol Northwestern University, Irish University Business School, Asian Environmental Resource Center, and Central Visayas State College of Agri-Forestry & Technology.

INTER-SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

- **MR. MICHAEL STA. MARIA**, AB MassCom 4 student, bested 11 other contestants from 10 schools to bag the First Prize in the SunStar Superbalita On-the-Spot Gumalaysay Writing Contest

- Jasper Jesse Dacanay, Jr. [BSBA MA 4] was the First Runner-Up in the Regional Quiz Bee Competition held at USPF last November 7, 2008. The event was made possible by the joint effort of the Quiz Bee Foundation and the Commission on Higher Education Region VII.

- Riegel Dizon, CE 5 being the Regional PICE Quiz Champion represented Region VII in the National Level Quiz at Cagayan de Oro City last November 27, 2008. Mr. Dizon got the 4th place.

- Hasel Festejo, CE 5 Region VII’s bet for Most Outstanding CE Student (MOCES) also placed 4th in the National Level.