CIT Community celebrates Christmas 2008 and prepares for Year 2009

The Philippines is said to have the longest Christmas season in the world. In CIT, the celebration kicked off with the grand Christmas Party “Pasko sa CIT” at the Cebu Grand Majestic Convention Center last December 11, 2008. The partying and gift-giving continued with the different offices organizing more intimate get togethers before the holiday break.

In his Christmas message, President Greg Escario expressed his gratefulness to the Technologians for their dedication and outstanding efforts to ensure that Year 2008 is another highly successful one for CIT. The highlights of 2008 included being classified as Category A(t) Mature Teaching Institution under the CHED-IQuAME framework; being one of only nine schools nationwide to be granted by CHED the Center of Excellence in IT Education status; the Outstanding Institution Award from the Cebu City government; and the topnotch performance in licensure examinations, among others.

To usher in the new year, the CIT community welcomed the incoming VICE-PRESIDENT for ADMINISTRATION Mr. John Gregory B. Escario. He is a returnee to the CIT administration, having previously served as dean of the College of Computer Studies and MIS Director. He finished BS Manufacturing Engineering and Management at De La Salle University and Master in Business Administration at Asian Institute of Management. He has substantial industry experience obtained from Nestle Philippines, IBM Philippines, and Shaw Communications in Canada.

Sixty-nine new faculty members, administrative personnel, department heads and chairs were also introduced. Through the CITAA, Inc. Faculty Awards and the HR Awards, deserving faculty members and administrative personnel were recognized. Executive Vice-President & HR Director Col. Rodolfo A. Lizares, Jr. donated the cash prizes given to the ten recipients of the HR Awards.

Many anticipate for Year 2009 to be a challenging year. With optimism and possitivity, CIT shall be ready to take on greater tasks ahead.
CIT was privileged to have Mr. Eduardo “Ed” Pilapil, Jr. as resource speaker during the Faculty Development Seminar held at the Audio Visual Room last January 7, 2009. Mr. Pilapil is a speaker, entrepreneur, and author. He has been speaking in conferences and seminars in the past 15 years for different nonprofit organizations, small companies, and large corporations. He is a classmate of CIT’s MIS/SPS Director Engr. Bernard Nicolas Villamor at the Asian Institute of Management where both are completing the Executive Master’s degree in Business Administration. This is the fourth consecutive year that CIT was among the PACUCOA member-school awardees.

The seminar “Maximize Your Potential: How to Go Beyond Your Limits” is patterned after his book of the same title. The seminar focused on 9 factors and action items that can help maximize one’s potential. They are: (1) Understand Yourself, (2) Be Passionate, (3) Hunger for Knowledge and Wisdom, (4) Develop Your Inner Strength, (5) Have People Support Groups, (6) Be Serious About Your Goals, (7) Always Have a Plan, (8) Take Vigorous Action, and (9) Self-Evaluate and Adjust.

After the sessions with the faculty, Mr. Pilapil also spoke to selected graduating high school and elementary students.

CIT Commemorates FOUNDER’S DAY

Various activities were conducted in line with the 62nd Founder’s Day celebration last December 5 & 6, 2008.

CIT officials, faculty, staff and students graced the Holy Mass in honor of the First President of CIT Dr. Nicolas G. Escario, Sr.. The memorabilia was opened for public viewing while the CIT community convened at the quadrangle to participate in the Barrio Fiesta.

The College of Engineering and Architecture won the Aerobics contest that highlighted the opening ceremony. Some faculty members and administrative personnel played in the badminton, table tennis and basketball games.

Academic competitions such as the BizQuiz sponsored by the College of Commerce and Technologian Quiz by the SSG were also conducted. As part of the “Speak English Campaign” program, the College of Arts and Sciences in cooperation with DLLC conducted the Spelling, Elocution and Grammar Quiz.

The Architecture students attended the lecture organized by their department while the College of Computer Studies had a Research Presentation to showcase the work of the faculty. The HS Department, on the other hand, had an exhibit of the projects of the students.

Maximize Your Potential

Three deserving faculty members were recognized through the CIT Alumni Association’s Faculty Awards Program. The recipient of the highest award “Quality Achievement Award for SY 2007-2008” was Mr. Sandro Villareal, a faculty member of the College of Nursing. He received P5,000.00 cash award and a plaque of recognition. Mr. Villareal is also one of the recipients of the “Best in Student Evaluation Award for SY 2007-2008”, together with Engr. Suzette Pacaña of the College of Engineering and Architecture and Miss Rosalina Dacuno of the College of Arts and Sciences. Each received P3,000.00 cash award and certificate of recognition.

Witnessed by the CIT community, the awarding ceremony was held during the CIT Christmas Party at the Cebu Grand Convention Center last December 11, 2008. CITAA, Inc. officers Engr. Charlie Ng (Vice-President) and Engr. Marcelino Arcenas (P.R.O.) handed the awards. Before the announcement of the awardees, Engr. Roberto P. Base, Jr. (Alumni Affairs OIC) read the criteria of the awards for the information of all those in attendance.

The 2008 CITAA Faculty Awards was sponsored by the Jurani Scholarship Foundation and Gecosala Medical Foundation.
The free computer literacy training on Microsoft Office (MS Powerpoint and MS Word) for the Out-of-School youth of Barangay Labanong commenced last January 17, 2009. A project of the College of Computer Studies, the trainings will run for 11 Saturdays to end on March 28, 2009.

CES office head Mrs. Rosa Alma A. Hernaez, with college CES coordinators Engr. Elyfred Baclaan (CCS), Mr. Allan Delantar (Commerce), and Mr. Alexander P. Narsico (Education), attended the 1st Regional Conference and General Assembly of the Philippine Association of Extension Program Implementors, Inc. Region 7 (PAEPI-7) at the USJ-R on December 17, 2008. The theme of the convention was “Strengthening Community Extension Services through Resource Generation: Building Linkages and Networks”.

The turn out of donations for the “Bundle of Joy Program” campaign was overwhelming. Last December 22, 2008, the CES office together with some volunteer students and staff distributed 300 packs of goods to residents of Barangay Labanong.

Barangay (Labanong) Council, through Brgy. Captain Felix Abella, nominated Cebu Institute of Technology in the area of Community Extension Services to the Most Outstanding Institution Award by the Cebu City Government on the occasion of the 72nd Cebu City Charter Anniversary come February 24, 2009.

**CIT Dance Troupe in Action** by the PE Department

**PASKO SA SUGBO 2008**
The CIT Dance Troupe, together with USJ-R, ACT, and Abellana NHS, presented different modern dances during the Opening Ceremony and Lighting of the Christmas Tree at Fuente Osmeña last December 11, 2008. The event was attended by Acting Mayor Michael Rama and was hosted by Lalaine Go.

**LAUNCHING of SINULOG 2009**
Sibonga town’s Bonga Festival was engaged in Career Talks

The Guidance Center, in cooperation with the different colleges, conducted a series of career talks to CIT-HS senior students at the auditorium last November 7, 20, 24 and December 3 & 8, 2008. The career talks offered graduating students an opportunity to get important information about different career choices. Each college prepared varied activities to promote their programs and capture the students’ attention.

- The College of Arts and Sciences had a documentary film entitled “Buhay na Tago”, an output of their MassCom students who participated in the workshop conducted by the Probe Media Foundation Incorporated and International Organization for Migration.
- The College of Education, on the other hand, showcased the talents of their students. Dean Arsenio Pacana shared an inspiring experience while some high school teachers talked about their experiences and interest in Education. Some students also shared reasons why they chose to be a teacher.
- A short skit and some exercises were the main event during the Nursing Talk. Freebies and prizes were given those who answered the trivia questions correctly. After the activity, they had a tour and a free blood pressure examination.
- Dean Cherry Lyn Sta. Romana hosted a computer quiz bowl for the students. The team from 4th year—Simplicity won the quiz bowl and was given a cash prize. The College of Computer Studies also showed video presentations of the ongoing projects of their students.
- The College of Commerce opened the program with the informative and engaging talk of Dean Alexander Franco Delantar. During the presentation, Dean Delantar emphasized the job opportunities available for graduates of HRM - the newly opened program of the college.
- Aside from Acting Dean Amis Pacamanal, other department chairs of the College of Engineering and Architecture attended the career talk. They had a trivia game; freebies were also given to students.

Students expressed appreciation for the career talks since they helped them prepare for their future careers and provided information about career choices. The efforts of the different colleges were of great help to the students in finding the best career for them.
CIT HS ALUMNI Updates

10th GRAND ALUMNI HOMECOMING

In celebration of CIT's 62nd Founder's Day, the CIT-High School Alumni Association held its 10th Grand Alumni Homecoming at the CIT Gymnasium on December 6, 2008. One of the highlights of the event was the Awarding of the Certificates of Recognition to the HS Administrators, Faculty & Staff who have rendered service to the High School Department from the time of its reopening in 1988. Outgoing President, Mr. Ericson Gonzales announced that the CITHSAA has donated to the High School Department one unit of an updated model of Casio Organ for the use of the HS Choir. Mrs. Deusdedith Parrilla, the association's secretary for 12 years was elected President of the CITHSAA for 2009-2011 term.

CLASS '82 HOMECOMING and REUNION

On November 15, 2008, Class '82 held their 1st Homecoming/5th Reunion (with the theme: Global Technologists with Humanitarian Hearts) at the CIT Auditorium. The memorable and successful event was well attended, enlivened with their production numbers and sharing of experiences down the memory lane. The Class '82 Homecoming program was capped with a ceremonial turn over of a batch donation to the High School Department of a set of public address system/two units high output amplifiers.

BATCH '99 celebrates 10th ANNIVERSARY

Led by their Class Valedictorian Mr. Jonas B. Abellar, Batch '99 celebrated their 10th Batch Anniversary at the Portofino Beach Resort last December 10, 2008. The group sponsored a Thanksgiving Mass at the Lourdes Parish Church prior to the beach event. It was a day of fun, reminiscing, updating each other with the happenings in one decade, strengthening bonds of friendship, and planning for future batch reunions and homecomings.

CLASS '59 GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING

In celebration of their fifty years after graduation, Atty. Estrella V. Martinez organized the Class '59 Golden Anniversary Homecoming on January 24, 2009, with the theme: “The Joy of Reunion Compensates for the Faded Years”. Amazingly, high spirited ‘59ers and guests were in attendance. The CIT Auditorium was filled with merriment, endearment, and sharing of wisdom. Class ’59 President Atty. Martinez thanked her batchmates for their support and urged them to believe that we could all continue to live happy, healthy and fruitful lives. She also donated one bass drum to the HS-DBC after having been amazed with the group’s welcome presentation for the ‘59ers. VP for Academic Affairs Atty. Corazon Evangelista-Valencia, the affair’s Guest of Honor, updated the alumni and guests of the new developments and achievements of CIT. She congratulated Atty. Martinez and the ‘59ers for their successful Golden Anniversary Homecoming and thanked them for continuing to take pride in being technologians. During the program, Atty. Martinez handed to Atty. Valencia the donation of Class ’59 to CIT.

Article by Mrs. Deusdedith Parrilla

MINING ENGINEER LICENSURE EXAM Topnotchers

Nine out of 10 topnotchers in the special Mining Engineer Licensure Examination given by the Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) last December 8-10, 2008 are CIT graduates. The special examination is intended for old timers; hence, most of the examinees are already occupying key positions in the mining industry.

The topnotchers from CIT are: VIRGILIO ALEGADA YAGONIA (No. 1), VICENTE DONGALLO GENERALE (No. 3), SAMUEL LARGON LARIEGO (No. 4), RECHITO TURA MARTE (No. 5), DANIEL DACILLO DELA CALZADA (No. 6), FRANCISCO NOSEÑAS CAMPOS (No. 7), PERCIVAL JR CATERIAL BERTUSO (No. 8), CESAR BATAUSA RAMIREZ (No. 9), and ROGELIO DAKAY MARQUEZ (No. 10).

A total of 52 examinees took the exam. Seventy-six percent or 31 of the 41 examinees who graduated from CIT passed the exam.

IT Business Application in the Utility Industry

Speaker
Engr. Rizalina A. Tabucanon
BSChE ’76

Engr. Rizalina Tabucanon is currently the Network & Telecommunications Architecture Manager at Integral Energy, New South Wales, Australia. As a senior manager in IT, she is responsible for the voice and data network strategies, project delivery and operational management of LAN, WAN and voice networks.

Autoclaved Aerated Concrete for Future Living

Speaker
Engr. Marino T. Tabucanon
BSCE ’70

Engr. Marino Tabucanon’s expertise is in the Autoclaved Aerated Concrete manufacturing, which he gained while working in the industry for 18 years as a Head of Technical/Research & Development of CSR Hebe, and earlier as Quality Engineer-Boral Ytong in NSW, Australia.