CIT granted Deregulated Status by CHED

“In recognition of the accomplishments, adherence to quality assurance and commitment to public responsibility and accountability as a higher education provider”, the Commission on Higher Education pursuant to Commission en banc (CEB) Resolution No. 076—2009 granted Cebu Institute of Technology the Deregulated Status for a period of five (5) years from March 11, 2009 to March 30, 2014. Dr. Candelario Aytona, OIC-Office of the Director of CHEDRO VII delivered the good news to CIT President Gregorio L. Escario on Thursday, April 2, 2009. Dr. Aytona handed to Mr. Escario the letter from CHED Chairman Emmanuel Y. Angeles that contained the formal announcement.

The three general criteria used in the selection of an institution for the grant of autonomous or deregulated status are (1) Long tradition of integrity and untarnished reputation (failure to meet this criterion is a ground for disqualification); (2) Commitment to excellence - this means that the higher education institution demonstrates academic excellence as evidenced by its status as CHED-identified Center of Excellence or Center of Development, Level of program accreditation granted by existing recognized accrediting bodies, or category granted by the CHED through the Institutional Monitoring and Evaluation for Quality Assurance (IQuaME); and (3) Sustainability and viability of operations.

The Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA), in separate board meetings, approved the grant of LEVEL I FORMAL ACCREDITED STATUS for three years to the following undergraduate programs:
- BS Chemical Engineering
- BS Information Technology
- BS Civil Engineering
- BS Accountancy
- BS Mechanical Engineering
- BS Electronics and Communications Engineering

CEA has a new DEAN

DR. EVANGELINE C. EVANGELISTA, the new dean of the College of Engineering and Architecture (CEA), is a holder of two master's degrees: MS Management Engineering and Master in Management for Executives and Managers (most outstanding graduate awardee); and a doctorate in Management major in Human Resource Management. She is a licensed Chemical Engineer (graduated Magna Cum Laude) who also earned a bachelor’s degree in Industrial Engineering.

Her 40 years of service in the academe added with her experiences as a PAASCU accreditor, an IQuAME assessor, an RQAT member, and PCNC (Philippine Council for Non-Government Certification) evaluator provided her with a broader perspective in terms of administration and management and allowed her to benchmark the best practices among schools.

Her work experiences include the following: Regional ...... Turn to page 4
Updates: Community Extension (article by the CES Office)

Topographic Survey at Sitio Lutaw-Lutaw. As the sitio name suggests, Sitio Lutaw-Lutaw literally "floats" during heavy rains. The demographic survey results showed that 65% of the households have poor drainage system; hence, the College of Engineering and Architecture conducted a topographic survey last March 15, 2009. Using the survey equipment of the school, three faculty members and some CE and ECE students did the survey. A barangay tanod served as their guide.

Medical Missions. Having a strong tie up with Gawad Kalinga G-KARE, volunteers from the CIT College of Nursing served as Medical First Aid Team during the medical mission conducted during the Singles for Christ International Leaders Conference held at the SM Car Park last February 20-22, 2009. With the support of the CIT administration through the efforts of MIS/SPS Director Bernard Nicolas E. Villamor, CIT provided an air conditioned tent that served as the mini-clinic equipped with facilities like oxygen tank, stretchers, nebulizers and other medical equipment. The same active participation will be extended during the Youth for Christ International Leaders Convention at the Cebu City Sports Complex on April 3-5, 2009.

Another medical mission was conducted for Brgy. Labangon residents during the CIT College Days celebration. Brgy. Labangon and the CIT administration provided the medicines while doctors from the Gawad Kalinga G-KARE and the CIT Medical-Dental Clinic catered to almost 60 residents for medical and dental consultation, blood typing, and others. The half-day activity was held at the new covered court. Faculty and student volunteers from the College of Nursing assisted.

COLLEGE DAYS CELEBRATION
March 1-3, 2009

EXHIBITS

LECTURE ON ANIMATION
by Mr. John Gregory B. Escario
[sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences]

EMERGENCY RESPONSE SEMINAR
by the College of Nursing

PHYSICS OLYMPICS

Mr. Devin Metante, a fifth year BSECE student, is 2009's MATHEMATICIAN OF THE YEAR.

Ms. Marionne P. Cabahug, BSIT 1, is crowned LAKAMBINI for 2009.

GLIMPSE OF DANCES 2009. The Physical Education Department conducted the PE 102 (Rhythmic Activities) culminating activity at the CIT gymnasium last February 28, 2009. Approximately 120 selected PE 102 students showcased their dancing skills in three different categories: Philippine Folk, Multicultural dances and Ballroom dances.

The show, a dance concert in style, run for an hour. Four Philippine folk dances (Sayaw sa Banga, Maglalatik, Tiksiw and Ba Ingles), three multicultural dances (Chinese, Hawaiian/Polynesian and Japanese), and five ballroom dances (Swing, Soca, Waltz, Reggae and Chachacha) were presented to the delight of about 1,200 students and guests.

JOB FAIR. Graduating students had the opportunity to find a job even before graduation as the Office of Industry Relations (OIR) in cooperation with the Supreme Student Government (SSG) organized the Job Fair at the CIT Auditorium last February 18-20, 2009. Twenty companies such as: China Bank, Allied Bank, Sykes Asia, Convergys, ExLibris, Cebu Holdings, e-telecare, Mitsumi, Smart, and Salcon participated. Interviews and examinations were conducted.

Focused VALUE for the Month of FEBRUARY

LOVE is the will to do goodness despite the odds. It is an overwhelming response to faithfulness, commitment, and self-sacrifice.

Focused VALUE for the Month of MARCH

HONESTY is truthfulness in one’s words and actions. It purveys an unbiased decision and a fair treatment to all regardless of race, religion, social status, age, and gender.
**CCS Activities**

DEAN STA. ROMANA as PSITE NATIONAL BOARD MEMBER. During its National convention held at Dipolog Convention Center last February 2009, the Philippine Society of IT Educators (PSITE) elected its new set of national board members. The five nominees who garnered the most number of votes were declared new members of the board. Dean Cherry Lyn C. Sta. Romana garnered the most number of votes among the 12 nominees from the different regions.

ICT STUDENT CONGRESS. CIT hosted the PSITE 7 ICT Student Congress last February 19, 2009. The event was attended by 1,160 students from different schools in Cebu Province. Short talks were delivered by the following speakers: Mr. Dennis Tagamolia of ASPIRE-AEGIS People Support, Ms. Maricor Akol of PhilNITs Foundation, Mr. Tim Vergel de Dios of Microsoft Philippines, Engr. Blaine Dondi Lapitan of NCR, and Ms. Pauline Wade of UPV Cebu College. IT Chair and currently the secretary of PSITE Region VII Ms. Larmie Santos-Feliciano was the event chair. She was assisted by Engr. Roel Lauron, CPE Chair and a board member of PSITE 7, and the CCS faculty and staff.

LECTURE ON RECENT MICROSOFT TECHNOLOGIES. Mr. Tim Vergel de Dios, an Academic Developer Evangelist of Microsoft Philippines, gave a lecture on the latest technologies of Microsoft to ICT instructors of different schools of Region VII. Held at the CIT S & T Building last February 21, 2009, the lecture was hosted by CIT in cooperation with PSITE 7.

PCSC 2009. The research on Low-Cost Vision-Based Finger Spelling using Boundary Signatures by Engr. Roel Lauron, Engr. Elyfred Baclaan and Dr. Elmer Maravillas and the research on Weather Monitoring System Using SMS by Engr. Chris Jordan Aliac were accepted for paper presentation in the Philippine Computing Science Congress (PCSC 2009) - the most prestigious computing research conference in the Philippines - held at Silliman University last March 2-3, 2009.

HNICEM 2009. The 4th International Conference on Humanoid, Nanotechnology, Information Technology, Communication and Control, Environment, and Management was held at the Traders Hotel, Manila, last March 11-15, 2009. The following papers were presented: Weather Monitoring System using SMS by Engr. Chris Jordan Aliac; Development of a Reverse Biped Robot and a Motion Sequencer using Linear Interpolation by Engr. Rafran de Villa; and Low-Cost Vision-Based Finger Spelling using Boundary Signatures by Engr. Roel Lauron, Engr. Elyfred Baclaan, and Dr. Elmer Maravillas.

**CAS - CEA REORGANIZATION**

Effective April 1, 2009, the supervision of the three service departments [Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry] concurrently under the College of Engineering and Architecture (CEA) will be turned over to the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS). The realignment hopes to strengthen CAS in preparation for the school’s bid for university status.

Consequently, two more departments are created under CAS: the Biology Department to be chaired by Mr. Elmer Rivera, a MAST Biology graduate from USC, and the Department of Humanities and Behavioral Sciences (DHBS) to be chaired by Mr. Andrew Floresta, an MA Psychology graduate of USJR.

Currently, CAS offers BS Mathematics, BS Biology and BS Psychology Programs, among others.

**USC-CHED ZRC ORIENTATION**

Last March 5, 2009, the Director of USC-CHED Zonal Research Center, Dr. Elizabeth Remedio, presented to the deans and selected department chairs various opportunities and support for research endeavors. Dr. Remedio encouraged CIT to actively participate in collaborative researches with other schools and universities in the region. VPAA Corazon Valencia and RDCO Head Engr. Edwin Torillo were also present during the presentation.

**ED PILAPIL with the CIT students**

After the successful stint as resource speaker during the Faculty Development Day last February, Mr. Eduardo “Ed” Pilapil, Jr. came back to CIT last March 4 & 5, 2009 to give a motivational seminar to student leaders and graduating students. The event was organized by the SSG in cooperation with the SAO and the MIS-SPS Office.

**CIT is CESAFI—PRISAA Champion in Math Quiz**

To earn the right to represent Cebu in the Regional Private Schools Athletic Association (PRISAA) Math Contest, the tandem of Devin Metante and Dexter Dominguez, both 5th year BSECE students, bested nine schools in Metro Cebu to claim the championship in the Cebu Schools Athletic Foundation, Inc. (CESAFI) Math Quiz Bowl last February 6, 2009. CIT garnered a total of 76 points. Far second is USJ-R with 61 points followed by UC (57 points) and USC (42 points.).

Coached by Engr. Joselito U. Ferraren, faculty member of the Math Department, the team (Metante and Dominguez) again showed their dominance in the Regional PRISAA meet when it bagged the championship in the Math Contest and Third Place in the Science Contest. The regional meet was held at Saint Paul College last February 27, 2009.
CIT-HS Student is Jr. NBA Philippine Team’s MVP

Mark Jayven Tallo (center) holding his MVP trophy, together with his father (left), Mark Anthony Tallo, a former PBA player and CIT President Gregorio L. Escario (right).

This photo was taken during a courtesy call.

MARK JAYVEN TALLO. a CIT-High School Department sophomore student who plays for the school’s junior varsity team, was headlined in the sports section of local newspapers when he made it to the 2008-2009 Jr. NBA Philippine Team. He capped the MVP Award for his impressive overall performance - points scored and his exemplary behavior - during the national training camp.

Jayven showed his promise as a player by being in the CESAFI Mythical Five squad only in his first year of action with the CIT Wildkitten.

The Jr. NBA program in the Philippines was supervised by a US-based Jr. NBA coach and assisted by PBA legends. In various media interviews, the organizers emphasized that the program aims to produce all around players who possess not only basketball talents but also the Jr. NBA S.T.A.R. values of Sportsmanship, Teamwork, (Positive) Attitude, and Respect.

To complete the six-man team, Tallo is joined by two other young Cebuanos (Adrian Muller and Arc Gabrielle Araw-Araw of Sacred Heart School-Jesus), two players from Manila and one from Isabela. The team is rewarded with a trip to New York and New Jersey in April to watch an NBA game live and play their counterpart, the US Jr. NBA Team.

In photo are (L-R) VP for Administration John Gregory B. Escario, CIT President Gregorio L. Escario, AFP Chief of Staff General Alexander B. Yano, VPAA Corazon Evangelista-Valencia, and MIS/SPS Director Bernard Nicolas E. Villamor.

The Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Gen. ALEXANDER B. YANO graced the graduation of his nephew, David Y. Martinez (ECE), Magna Cum Laude, at the CIT gymnasium last March 21, 2009.

Gen. Yano is the 38th Chief of Staff of the AFP, the highest position in the AFP hierarchy, and the first general born in Mindanao. He was once a Technologian. He took up three years of BS Civil Engineering studies in CIT before he joined the military in 1972.

Results of the 2008-2009 CESAFI Academic & Cultural Competition

Education Expo

For the 3rd year in a row, CIT participated in the Education Expo held at SM City Cebu Trade Hall from February 19-22, 2009. The event was organized by the Coalition for Better Education (CBE) in partnership with Cebu Events and Expos Organizer, Inc. (CEO). Participating schools had the opportunity to showcase their programs and services.

CIT Tops Again!

Congratulations! to the new NURSES and ARCHITECTS who hurdled their respective licensure examination last November 2008 and January 2009, respectively. Special recognition is accorded to the College of Nursing [62% vs. 45%] and the Architecture Department [48% vs. 39%] for garnering passing percentages above the national passing.