Investiture of the First CIT University President Gregorio L. Escario

Cebu City Marriott Hotel
8 September 2010

Guests arrived as early as 3:00 P.M. They were welcomed and ushered to their seats by CIT University administrators. The President and his family were already at the venue. At 4:00 P.M., the concelebrated Thanksgiving Mass was underway.

The Investiture Ceremony commenced with the processional. The audience was silent as they intently observed the symbolic rites, which were carefully annotated by the master of ceremony. The ambience lightened when University President Gregorio L. Escario took the stand to acknowledge the guests and deliver his Inaugural Address. His sense of humor filled the room with smiles and laughter.

The mood was festive during the dinner. The President eagerly posed for souvenir pictures with friends and family.

September 8, 2010 became the culmination of CIT’s quest to become a university, at the same time, the beginning of the ‘endless journey towards excellence and quality education’.

From here on, the CIT Community has more reasons to celebrate every 8th day of September.

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The PROGRAM

Concelebrated Thanksgiving Mass
Investiture Ceremony

Doxology
National Anthem
CIT University Choir

Welcome Remarks & Significance of the Occasion
Atty. Corazon Evangelista-Valencia, DM, CPA
Vice-President for Academic Affairs

Reading of Citation
Hon. Nona S. Ricafort, Ph.D.
Commissioner, Commission on Higher Education

Presentation of the First CIT University President
Col. Rodolfo A. Lizares, Jr., GSC, MBA
Executive Vice President & HR Director

Imposition of the Academic Garb
Mrs. Aglaioma B. Escario
Secretary, Board of Directors
Mr. John Gregory B. Escario
Vice-President for Administration
Mrs. Maria Paz L. Escario

Presentation of the Presidential Collar and Medallion
Mrs. Ma. Socorro E. Villamor
Vice-President for Finance & Treasurer
Engr. Bernard Nicolas E. Villamor
Director, Management Information Systems/Student Personnel Services

Presentation of the University Mace
Dr. Amelia A. Biglete
Director, CHED Region VII
Dr. Nicolas L. Escario, Jr.
Member, Board of Directors

Administration of the Oath
Hon. Nona S. Ricafort, Ph.D.
Commissioner, Commission on Higher Education

Installation Blessing
Rev. Fr. Roderick C. Saldizar, Jr., S.V.D.

Inaugural Address
University President Gregorio L. Escario

CIT University Hymn
CIT University Community
led by the CIT University Choir

Recessional
The INVESTITURE of the First CIT University President Gregorio L. Escario
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Rev. Fr. Roderick Salazar, Jr., S.V.D. (former President of the University of San Carlos), Rev. Fr. Enrico Peter A. Silab, OAR (President of the University of San Jose-Recoletos), Rev. Fr. Dionisio Miranda, S.V.D. (current President of USC), and Rev. Fr. Anthony A. Morillo, OAR (President of San Sebastian College) officiate the THANKSGIVING MASS.

CHED Commissioner Nona S. Ricafort reads the CITATION for the grant of University Status to Cebu Institute of Technology.

Executive Vice-President & HR Director Col. Rodolfo A. Lzares, Jr., GSC, MBA reads the AFFIRMATION OF PRESIDENCY and presents President Gregorio L. Escario to the CIT community.

The PROCESSIONAL of the key officials and administrators of the university together with key officials of the Commission on Higher Education

Vice-President for Academic Affairs Atty. Corazon Evangelista - Valencia delivers the WELCOME REMARKS and SIGNIFICANCE of the OCCASION

AFFIRMATION OF PRESIDENCY

Be it known by all that the Board of Directors of CEBU INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - UNIVERSITY in a special meeting duly assembled, recognizing his competence as leader and educator and pursuant to the Manual of Regulations for Private Higher Education of 2008, otherwise known as CHED Memorandum Order No. 40. Series of 2008, hereby affirms his presidency and confers unto Gregorio L. Escario the honor to sit and serve as the First President of the CEBU INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - UNIVERSITY with all the powers, rights, privileges responsibilities and obligations appurtenant thereto.
Imposition of Academic Garb

The Academic Garb represents academic authority by the wearer of the garb and his corresponding obligation to perpetuate an uncompromising tradition of academic excellence and honor. CIT University’s academic garb or sablay in Filipino or Cebuano is a moderate departure from the Western academic gown or toga. While observing some of the symbols of the academic gown, the garb is reflective of the Asian heritage and adapted to the warm tropics. Cebu Institute of Technology started using the academic garb about ten graduation rites ago.

The academic garb was presented and invested by Mrs. Ageloma Escario, Secretary of the Board of Directors and the better half of the President, by the only child Mr. John Gregory Escario, Vice-President for Administration, and the president’s daughter-in-law Mrs. Maria Paz Legarda-Escario.

Presentation of the Presidential Collar and Medallion

The medallion is suspended from a collar or chain symbolizing the onerous obligation of the university presidency, and the weight of the presidential authority. The presidential collar with medallion also represents unbroken continuity of academic leadership. The collar or chain usually represents the different academic units of the university. The presidential collar and medallion shall permanently reside at the principal or main office of the university president, and shall be handed down to the chain and generations of future university president.

The CIT University medallion was presented by Mrs. Socorro Villamor, Vice-President for Finance & Treasurer and Engr. Bernard Nicolas Villamor, Director, Management Information Systems/Student Personnel Services.

Presentation of the University Mace

Maces date to the Medieval Era and symbolize strength and authority. Each is unique and reflects the values and characteristics of the institution. Universities often employ a “mace” to connect the institution’s customs with the best traditions of higher education dating to the first universities founded during the Middle ages.

A mace symbolizes authority, learning and scholarship, history, reputation, and values. It suggests commemoration, elegance, honor, pageantry, purpose, quality, solemnity, and stability. The official residence of the university mace is the Office of the President. Whenever and wherever there will be a major academic celebration of CIT University, where the CIT University mace is, the academic community is deemed to be in assembly. The golden bands around the handle portion of the mace represent the component academic units of CIT University. The CIT University Mace is made from mahogany grown on the very grounds of CIT University.

Assisted by Dr. Nicolas Escario, Jr., Member of the Board of Directors, CHED Regional Office VII Director Dr. Amelia Biglete handed the university mace to the president. The president, then, handed over the university mace to Engr. Gretchen Lizaeres-Tormis, University Registrar - the university’s official mace bearer.
OATH OF OFFICE

I, GREGORIO L. ESCARIO, having been affirmed by the Board of Directors as the duly elected President of CEBU INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY – UNIVERSITY, do hereby solemnly swear, that I will faithfully discharge to the best of my ability all duties and responsibilities required of said office, that I will obey the by-laws of the said institution as well as support the Constitution of the Philippines and obey all laws of the land and I impose all these obligations upon myself voluntarily and without mental reservation or purpose of evasion.

So help me God.

The INAUGURAL ADDRESS

“I accept with deep humility the duties and responsibilities of the Presidency of the Cebu Institute of Technology – University.

The burden of the University Presidency is too heavy for the shoulders of one man to carry, but there will be many who will help me carry this burden.”

Those were the opening lines of the inaugural address of CIT University President Gregorio L. Escario.

President Escario acknowledged the hard work of the CIT Family and the support of the Board of Directors in the many endeavors of the institution, which ultimately achieved the University Status - - - “Together, we can make things happen.”

He, however, stressed that CIT University now faces the greater challenge and the expectation to do more and sustain her legacy of providing quality education. With cooperation and teamwork, the CIT community moves forward to realize their Vision and carry out their Mission. - - - “a university does not become better by chance, it becomes great because of everyone’s conscious desire for change.”