Last December 11, 2010, CIT University hosted a seminar on MATHIVATION. The speaker was Farid Nolen, a Swedish Engineering student of Chalmers University who initiated the concept back in 2005.

Farid Nolen is a social entrepreneur and motivational speaker with an impressive track record of more than 600 talks and workshops in 18 countries. The seminar was held at the Golden Gear Function Room.

MATHIVATION means Math plus Motivation. The goal of Mathivation is to motivate students to learn Math in a way that is fun, inspiring, and interesting.

The PLC has three beneficiaries – the students, peer mentors, and the school. For the students, the PLC offers them a venue for free tutorials to help them understand their subjects and eventually pass. Having an approachable mentor is a huge factor for their academic success.

For the peer mentors, mostly members of the Honors Society, PLC gives them the opportunity to help their peers by providing personalized tutorials. As the cliché goes, “The best way to learn is to teach”. Peer mentors not only enhance their mastery of the subject but also hone their communication, interpersonal, and leadership skills.

For CIT, having an institutionalized Peer Learning Program (PLP) is strategic since it will greatly enhance the learning and support for the academically-challenged students. The Peer Learning Program (PLP) aims to reduce attrition due to failures, help increase the board passing percentage, and train potential toppers.

The PLC has a mini library of reference books and access to the CIT eLearning System through two computers. Student math projects are also exhibited. These tools will provide both mentors and mentees guides for visualization, learning, review, and assessment. (continued on page 2)
CEBU OPEN 2010
“Cubing Revival in Cebu”

The Computer Students’ Society in partnership with the Philippine Cubers Association (PCA) sponsored the CEBU OPEN 2010 with the theme “Cubing Revival in Cebu” on December 7, 2010.

Rubik’s cube enthusiasts had the opportunity to compete, get ranked, and break Philippine and world records. The event was sanctioned by the World Cube Association (WCA). Official results of the Cebu Open 2010 are posted in the WCA website.

JAPAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION

Dir. Tomoko Dodo, Director of Japan Information and Culture Center, together with former scholars, visited CIT University last December 7, 2010 and presented the Japanese Government Scholarships available for students and faculty members.

A brief meeting with key officials and administrators of the university followed the scholarship presentation.

Peer Learning Center Launched
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For the continued training and development of the peer mentors, the SPS-Guidance Center is in-charge of organizing Table Talks or mini sessions on various topics such as motivation, leadership, success, self-awareness, and more. Talks are scheduled on Saturday mornings. Peer Facilitators of the Guidance Center will also be fielded and trained as peer coaches to help support and motivate peers.

The creation of the PLC was inspired by the seminar of the Mathivation speaker Farid Nolen, whose voluntary peer mentoring program in Sweden was adapted as a national program by the Ministry of Education of Norway.

The PLP is piloting peer mentoring for Algebra and Trigonometry. The scope is expected to expand as the number of volunteer mentors grows.

The PLC is supervised by OAS Head Engr. Roberto P. Base, Jr.

The peer mentor training for math is handled by Engr. Buenaventura D. Jakosalem and Engr. Coleta L. Esplanada.

The Peer Learning Center at room 327 is a place where learning is fun, exciting, and interesting. It is open from 8:30am to 5:30pm, Mondays thru Fridays and 8:30am to 11:30am on Saturdays.
**UPDATES**

**Community Extension**

- In line with the Founder’s Day celebration and in coordination with the College of Nursing, the Community Extension Services Office conducted a medical mission at Sitio Callejon, Barangay Labangon on December 7, 2010
- During the Founder’s Day celebration, the “Pera sa Basura” project was launched.
- CES Head Dr. Teresa Inot together with the CES coordinators, made a courtesy call to the newly elected officials of the adopted Barangay Labangon, headed by Barangay Captain Engr. Victor Buendia on December 16, 2010
- The CAS Student Council sponsored a Christmas Party for the CES Mothers’ Class last December 18, 2010
- NSTP Students served as crowd control volunteers during the Sto. Niño Solemn Procession and Sinulog Mardi Gras last January 15 & 16, 2011, respectively.
- The College of Arts and Sciences has started the next phase of the Refresher Course for the mothers of Sitio Callejon. Last January 22, 2011, the DLLC faculty taught them the basics in Speech Communication.

**CIT provides IT Training to CHEDRO VII**

The College of Computer Studies conducted a one-day seminar on IT Enhancement for CHED Regional Office VII officials and staff in one of the computer laboratories at the CIT S & T Building last December 17, 2010. Engr. Alona Solis, Dr. Larmie Feliscuzo, and Ms. Consuelo Migallos served as trainors and facilitators during the hands-on training.

**FACULTY DEVELOPMENT DAY**

CIT Auditorium, January 19, 2011

One hundred eighty-five participants composed of faculty members, department chairs, and deans attended the Faculty Development Seminar on Financial Management. The resource speakers were Philamlife’s Licensed Financial Consultant Ms. Haydee Lumayno and Regional Sales Manager Ms. Imelda Estrada. The lecture focused on budget, savings, credit management, and investment planning.

**MATHIVATION at CIT**

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Other key concepts involved:
1. Use of metaphors to answer “Why study Math?” through an analogy to physical training
2. Storytelling – personal stories and trivia that relate to the importance of Math at work
3. Experiential learning – intentional shocking/surprise with answers that contradict to prove a point
4. Communication style – building relationships to make kids respond better

Through a live broadcast at the

**GK Founder visits CIT, inspires students**

For approximately 400 college students of Cebu Institute of Technology - University, December 10 was a different school day. Their classroom was the auditorium, their subject was love of country, and their professor was no less than Gawad Kalinga (GK) founder Tony Meloto.

Entitled “Volunteerism, the GK Way”, the forum gathered students from various colleges and departments with the aim of promoting social responsibility especially among the youth. In his speech, Meloto emphasized the need to bridge community development and the classroom in order to achieve solidarity in the nation.

“The Filipino should no longer be a slave in his own country,” shared Meloto, a recipient of the recent Ernst and Young Social Entrepreneur of the Year 2010 award. In addition, he has also been awarded the Ozanam Award (2003), Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership (2006), Gawad Haydee Yorak Award (2006), and the Humanitarian Service Award of the Philippine Heritage Institute (2009) for his work in poverty alleviation.

Under Meloto’s leadership, Gawad Kalinga became the globally adopted model of social development aligned with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of the United Nations (UN). Describing his experiences overseas, he added that GK is not about charity but rather about loving the country and having faith and patriotism.

Before the forum, student leaders from various school organizations also gathered for a separate sit-down talk with Meloto. Here, he challenged the student leaders to make a resolution to adopt Gawad Kalinga as their own model of nation building. He also encouraged them to be volunteers in various local GK activities.

Meloto also met with the university administration officials including Vice President for Administration John Gregory Escario, Vice President for Academic Affairs Atty. Corazon Valencia, and MIS/SPS Director Engr. Bernard Nicolas Villamor.

The forum was organized by the Community Extension Services (CES) office, together with the CES coordinators of all colleges and of the high school and elementary departments and the college Supreme Student Government.

*by Alan Angelo Llevares*
### Alumni Affairs

#### November 2010 ELECTRONICS ENGINEER Licensure Examination

CIT garnered an overall passing percentage of 34.65%, higher than the national passing percentage of only 21.76%. The first time takers, meanwhile, posted 29.50% passing rate. CIT also had a 4th placer among the top 10 passers in the person of **ENGR. DARLING ANGEL G. MONTEALTO**.

#### December 2010 MINING ENGINEER Licensure Examination

Four of the seven passers in the Mining Engineer Licensure Examination are from CIT University. The institution posted an 80% passing rate compared to the national passing of only 77.78%.

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**DR. RINLY GECOSALA, BSChE Batch ‘74**, gave an inspiring talk to selected graduating students in a forum called “Future Graduates, Your Journey Starts at CIT University! (A Motivational Talk to the Senior Students)” at the CIT Case Room on January 12, 2011. He also gave a talk on “What’s in Store for the School and Faculty” to selected faculty members.

Dr. Gecosala earned his Master of Science in Chemical Engineering degree at the University of Arizona and his degree in Master of Public Health, Occupation and Environmental Health at the prestigious Harvard University. Presently, he is the president of the CITAA-Arizona chapter.

**ENGR. LEO DUMANTAY, BSME Batch ’75**, an independent business consultant to the telecommunication industry and member of the CITAA-Australia Chapter, together with his wife Engr. Merced Alcoseba-Dumantay BSIE Batch ’77 visited CIT last January 18, 2011. He gave a lecture on “Influence - How they make you comply without your permission (A General Marketing Perspective)” to Commerce students.

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**STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT SEMINAR-WORKSHOP**

Vice-President for Administration John Gregory B. Escario and MIS/SPS Director Bernard Nicolas E. Villamor conducted the Strategic Management Seminar-Workshop for administrative and academic officials at the Golden Gear Hotel Function Room last December 20 to 22, 2010.

The main objective of the seminar-workshop is for the respective units to develop their own balanced scorecard - a strategic performance management tool, which attempts to translate the Vision-Mission of an organization into quantifiable performance metrics in four perspectives: financial, internal processes, customers, and learning & growth.

After the presentation of the output of each unit, the activity culminated with a Christmas party.