



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
AND A
HAPPY NEW
YEAR TO ALL**

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THE UP CENTENNIAL: A SHORT HISTORY

1908 - 2008



Since its establishment on July 18, 1908, the University of the Philippines has maintained its place as the country's national and premier institution of higher learning. It has produced leaders in both government and industry, trailblazers in the arts and humanities, and innovators in science and engineering.

As the University's first 100 years comes to a close and its next century begins, join the UP community, along with its alumni both here and abroad, to celebrate this once-in-a-lifetime occasion.

The celebration of the UP Centennial has officially begun on July 18, 2007 and will last through the December 31, 2008, with the whole of 2008 having been declared the UP Centennial Year by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo through Proclamation No. 913.

UP: Excellence, Service, and Leadership in the Next 100 Years

The University of the Philippines is moving into the future with goals that are ever more expansive. Excellence takes the form of not only developing but also discovering new areas of knowledge. Service goes beyond conducting research to include designing workable and effective action plans. And leadership demands transforming the nation through pioneering endeavors that serve as blueprints for national development.

Concretely, this kinetic dash into the next century

involves rationalizing UP's program offerings, strengthening its position as the leading research university, firming up its science and technology programs, and developing a community of scholars with academic credentials comparable to their counterparts in the best universities in the world. ***For UP, the next century has just begun.***

A Short History of UP

The University of the Philippines was established in 1908 as the University for the Philippine Islands by an act of the First Philippine Legislature Act No. 1870, otherwise known as the University Charter, specified the function of the University, which is to provide advanced instruction in literature, philosophy, the sciences, and arts, and to give professional and technical training. The University began with the College of Fine Arts, the College of Liberal Arts, and the College of Medicine and Surgery occupying buildings distributed along Padre Faura (Ermita district) and R. Hidalgo (Quiapo district) in Manila well as a School of Agriculture in Los Baños, Laguna. A few years after, the university opened the College of Law and the College of Engineering in Manila, as well as academic units under the College of Agriculture and Forestry in Los Baños.

For UP to establish more academic programs, as well as to expand its facilities, the Board of Regents approved the need to look for a larger site, and a 493-hectare lot was acquired by the university in Diliman, then a town under the province of Rizal. Construction of the new campus immediately began in 1939.

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COMING EVENTS - 2008

- **January 19, Saturday:** *Winter General Meeting and Post-Christmas Celebration*
Galvez Residence, Stockton
- **May 3, Saturday:** *UPAACC Board Meeting, Turlock*

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President's Corner

by
Helen Reyes

Last year went by like a whirlwind – busy, exciting, fun, but productive and inspiring all at once. We started the year off in a frenzy, preparing for the 25th anniversary and induction ball of the organization. As a result, we had fun during the celebration and induction, and managed to raise some funds in the process. Then we had the honor of having Dr. Roman as a guest in Fresno, where she gave us the short version of the state of affairs of our Alma Mater. She also managed to inspire us in the process. Some of us were able to attend the actual centennial celebration in San Francisco. We had a ball as participants in the talent night and even won an award for most entertaining. At the same time,

we were also able to give our contribution to the Centennial projects of our university. We had the usual picnics in the different areas. I know we all enjoyed the food, camaraderie, and games that set us in the right mood for the general meetings that followed.

Now we are busy planning for the year to come. Our main thrusts will be: fundraising, as we have to refurbish our coffers after making those huge contributions this year; and just as challenging will be recruitment of new members who will be future leaders of this organization. We will also be making plans for possible participation in the Centennial celebrations in Manila this year if possi-

ble. Those of you who are interested, please let us know as soon as possible.

As the year ends, I would like to acknowledge all of you who are dedicated and believe in the cause of this organization. The UPAACC has been a consistent contributor and supporter of our Alma Mater only because of its loyal members. Our organization, on behalf of our university, is truly grateful.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all! And do not forget --- push on UP!

Helen

ONE MORE TIME: TO BE OR NOT TO BE **A Non-Profit Organization - that is the question**

There has been some talk lately about incorporating our 25-year old UPAACC, and subsequently applying for nonprofit tax-exempt status. Here is some useful information to help us decide.

What does being "tax-exempt" mean?

The term "tax-exempt" when used in reference to nonprofit organizations, generally refers to the net profits (proceeds over and above expenses) of an organization being exempt from federal and/or state income tax. While a nonprofit organization can be established by incorporating, the entity is not automatically tax-exempt upon creation with the state. Tax-exemption can usually be achieved only through applying for and receiving Internal Revenue Service (IRS) approval.

What benefit does being tax-exempt offer my nonprofit organization and its contributors?

One of the primary benefits of being considered tax-exempt under IRC Section

501(c)(3) is the ability to accept contributions and donations that are tax-deductible to the donor. Additional benefits include, but are not limited to:

- *Exemption from federal and/or state corporate income taxes.*
- *Possible exemption from state sales and property taxes (varies by state).*
- *Ability to apply for grants and other public or private allocations available only to IRS-recognized, 501(c)(3) organizations.*
- *Potentially higher thresholds before incurring federal and/or state unemployment tax liabilities.*
- *The public legitimacy of IRS recognition.*
- *Discounts on US Postal bulk-mail rates and other services.*

What are the disadvantages of forming a nonprofit?

The main disadvantage of forming a nonprofit organization is the increased paperwork that is required. Articles of incorporation must be filed with the state,

by-laws prepared, and meeting minutes must be kept with your organization's records. Also, applications for tax-exempt status must be filed at the federal and sometimes at the state level. It is also important to remember that nonprofits cannot be used to generate profits for the owners, and the non-profit's business purpose must conform to IRS regulations.

Once my non-profit has been granted tax-exempt status, what needs to be done to maintain that status?

At a minimum, the organization must continue to operate for the purposes for which it received tax exemption. In addition, certain federal and state compliance filings may be required. These vary by organization; therefore, it is imperative to get competent advice from a professional.

by Orly Dyoco

source:

<http://www.bizfilings.com/learning/tax-exempt.htm#morethanone>

Winter 2008 General Meeting - Stockton

Our traditional post-Holiday celebration will be held on

January 19, 2008

Saturday, starting at 11 AM

at the residence of

Kit & Cora Galvez

10324 Capewood Place

Stockton, CA 95212

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Meeting Agenda

*To be hosted by UPAACC Area 1 (Stockton & Vicinity):
TO ALL OUR MEMBERS & GUESTS: You are encouraged to
bring along desserts, fruits or your favorite dish to share.*

- 2007 Financial Report and 2008 Budget Review
- Update of UPAACC Projects
- Fund-raising activities for 2008
- 2008 UP Centennial Activities
- Other Association business

Directions:

- From Highway 99 North (towards Sacramento), exit at Morada Lane, and head North (left) on frontage road
- Turn right on Ashley Lane
- Continue east past the rail-road tracks
- Turn left on Fernwood Avenue
- Turn left on Roberta Place
- Bear right on Capewood Place
- The Galvez Residence is on the right

FUND-RAISING

RAFFLE

*IF YOU RECEIVE
CHRISTMAS GIFTS THAT
YOU CAN DO WITHOUT,
PLEASE DONATE THEM TO
UPAACC DURING THIS
MEETING (WRAPPED) AS
RAFFLE PRIZES (GIFT ITEMS
VALUED \$10 OR MORE
PLEASE).*

*IT IS BETTER THAN GATHER-
ING DUST IN YOUR CLOSET.*

Please RSVP to your Area Directors before January 12

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Minutes of the Fall 2007 Meeting - Fresno



**Minutes: UPAACC
Fall General
Meeting
Date: October 13
Woodward Park,
Fresno**

A. Welcome by the President:

The president called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM with 30 members and guests present.

Opening prayer was led by Dr. Rolando Simeon followed by the singing of UP Beloved. Minutes of the Summer meeting, read by the secretary, was unanimously approved.

B. FINANCIAL REPORT by the treasurer, Gemma Biscocho:

Checking account	\$ 8,439.41
CD (8/2007 – maturity 01/2008)	<u>15,997.69</u>
Current Balance:	\$24,437.10

Correction on the October 13 financial report: contribution to UP President, Dr. Emerlinda Roman's project was \$1,500 instead of \$1,600.

C. PROJECTS:

1. Book donation, UP Cebu – August Lansigan will buy the books and send the bill to UPAACC.
2. UP Centennial Wish List:
 - a. Dr. Roman's Wish List - \$2,000 cash donation from the our checking account and another \$1,600 cash donation from members' voluntary contribution.
 - b. UP Mindanao – awaiting update from Nora Cadiz.
3. Scholarship program – our new scholar is Empress B. Jaramillo, sophomore BA Communications student at UP Baguio. She will receive a Php50,000 (fifty thousand pesos) annual scholarship award. She will also

receive a laptop computer & software worth \$1,000.

D. UPAACC Convention: September 1- 3, 2007, San Francisco, CA.

1. Dr. Roman's visit to Fresno on August 29, 2007 at the home of Dr. Johnny Fong. There were over 20 alumni & guests present with 6 members of the UPAACC. Dr. Fong donated \$30,000 for a professorial chair.
2. Art Nisperos reported on the Gala Night Celebration. Details can be found in the Fall 2007 newsletter. Next UPAACC convention will be held in Washington DC in 2009. Dr. Carmelita Fulgado, a historian, is writing a book of all alumni biography for the centennial.

E. Fundraising Events:

1. UP Concert Chorus – Rollie Simeon is researching. The group's fee is \$5,000.
2. Madrigal Singers – Gemma Biscocho. The group recently performed in Stockton. The event grossed \$20,000 with over 600 in ticket sales. Next tour is scheduled in 2 or 3 years.
3. Centennial Dinner & Dance – not enough time
4. UP Employees Choral Group – Art Nisperos. Trip deferred because of the centennial celebration. Next tour is scheduled in 2009 or 2010.
5. Saring Himig – Johnny Quijano. Per Rollie Simeon, their regular charge is \$5,000.
6. Bayanihan Dance Troup – Maribelle Dyoco.
7. Concert by Dean Ruben Acoymo, UP College of Music – Lydia Favor.

Rey Elizondo proposed a 5-year planning of fundraising events. Item will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Other small and on-going projects:

1. Tours & cruises – Orly & Maribelle Dyoco. Check Dogma Travel website
2. Sale of items such as t-shirts with UP Logo, golf shirts, bumper stickers, logo pins, tote bags, etc. – Rey Elizondo. Rey will look into outsourcing to the Philippines. He will contact August Lansigan for assistance.
2. Raffle of donated items.
3. Recycling bottles and aluminum cans for cash – individual project
4. Garage sale – individual project
5. Strategic Asset Planning – Marc Abeñoja. Tabled, more information needed.

F. Other items:

1. Ed Calucag presented a possible fundraising idea for the group by establishing a website for multiple needs such as tours, sporting events, gift registry, etc. Our organization gets a 5% commission. Minimum requirements to enroll: a) Must have 1,000 in email database; and, b) Must be a qualified 501(c)(3) organization. The issue re: 501(c)(3) will be revisited by the president with Cesar Cutaran.
2. Giovanni de Pedro sent UPAACC a thank you card for the group's support.

G. Future dates:

1. Board meeting Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007 at the residence of Nora Cadiz in Merced.
2. Winter General Meeting – Jan. 19, 2008 at the residence of Drs. Cora & Jose Galvez, Stockton. The president will confirm the date.

Raffle of gifts was started at 2:45 PM. Total funds raised was \$175.00. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Submitted by:
Helen Reyes, President
Prepared by:
Cecilia Simeon, Secretary

UP Centennial: A Short History of UP

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During World War II, UP had to close most of its colleges except the Colleges of Medicine, Pharmacy, and Engineering. Meanwhile, the Japanese Imperial Army occupied two Diliman campus buildings: the College of Liberal Arts Building (now Benitez Hall) and the Colleges of Law and Business Administration Building (now Malcolm Hall). After the war, the new Diliman buildings were devastated. **UP President Bienvenido Ma. Gonzalez** sought a grant of PhP13 million from the US-Philippines War Damage Commission.

A massive rehabilitation and construction effort was executed by the university during the post war years. For the first time, an extensive Diliman campus master plan and map were created in 1949. The map created what became visions for Diliman's expansion projects. More buildings were to be built across the Diliman campus' landscape. Most colleges and administration offices were temporarily housed in huts and shelters made of *sawali* and galvanized iron. In the 1950s, UP reformulated its approaches to tertiary education by establishing new academic units and degree programs. Another major reform, the General Education (GE) Program, was introduced in 1959. The GE program became a series of core courses prescribed for all students at the undergraduate level. Most of these courses were being taught at the old College of Liberal Arts.

As a result, **UP President Vicente Sinco** saw fit to reorganize the college into a University College, which would offer the core subjects to be taken during the first two years of the undergraduate program. The College of Arts and Sciences and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, on the other hand, offered major courses in the humanities, natural sciences, and social sciences. During President Sinco's term, more institutes and colleges were established.

The administration of **Carlos P. Romulo**

was marked by the founding of the Population Institute, the Law Center and the Applied Geodesy and Photogrammetry Training Center in 1964, the Institute of Mass Communication, the College of Business Administration, and the Institute of Planning in 1965, the Computer Center, the Institute for Small-Scale Industries in 1966, the Institute of Social Work and Community Development in 1967 and the Asian Center in 1968.

During the Martial Law period UP's administrators tried to sustain the university's educational priorities and institutional autonomy. At the height of activism in the university, **UP President Salvador P. Lopez** established a system of democratic consultation in which decisions such as promotions and appointments were made through greater participation by the faculty and administrative personnel. Lopez also reorganized UP into the UP System. In November 1972, the Los Baños campus was the first to be declared an autonomous unit under a chancellor. A PhP150 million grant from the national budget boosted UP's Infrastructure Development Program. In Diliman, it funded the construction of buildings for the Colleges of Business Administration and Zoology, the Institute of Small-Scale Industries, the Transport Training Center, and the Coral Laboratory of the Marine Sciences Institute. *Kalayaan* Residence Hall and housing for low-income employees were also built around this time.

Onofre D. Corpuz declared UP Manila, then known as the Health Sciences Center, and UP Visayas as autonomous units. At the same time, the Asian Institute of Tourism (AIT) was established in light of the prioritization of tourism as a national industry. New centers for research and degree-granting units were established in 1984.

Edgardo Angara's Diamond Jubilee project raised PhP 80 million which was earmarked for the creation of new professorial chairs and faculty grants. Angara also organized the Management

Review Committee (MRC) and the Committee to Review Academic Programs (CRAP) to evaluate and recommend measures for improving university operations. The MRC report led to a wide-ranging reorganization of the UP System, the further decentralization of UP administration, and the declaration of UP Diliman as an autonomous unit on March 23, 1983. UP Baguio was then placed under the supervision of UP Diliman. Meanwhile, the College of Arts and Sciences also underwent a reorganization to become three separate colleges: the College of Science, the College of Arts and Letters, and the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy.

As the flagship university, UP Diliman leads the rest of the units in sheer size. On April 26, 1982, it was formally designated as a constituent university, almost a decade after the reorganization. Even if Diliman was the seat of the UP Administration, the campus was not immediately constituted after 1972 although it was administered, along with the Manila units prior to the organization of the Health Sciences Center, as a *de facto* university.

President Jose Abueva introduced the Socialized Tuition Fee Assistance Program (STFAP) in 1987. Abueva also institutionalized a Filipino language policy within the university. **President Emil Javier** established the creation of UP Mindanao at Silicon Gulf, Southern Mindanao, and the UP Open University in 1995. **President Francisco Nemenzo's** legacy includes the Revitalized General Education Program (RGEP) and the institutionalization of more incentives for research and creative achievements by UP faculty members. **President Emerlinda Roman**, from the College of Business Administration (CBA), is spearheading a Centennial Campaign Fund envisioned to upgrade the university's services and facilities in time for UP's 100th year in 2008.

Sources: UP System website, and Wikipedia



Excellencies, Ambassadors Lecaros and Brillantes, Mrs. Lecaros, Labatt JBJ and Mrs. Jimenez, Faculty Advisers, Embassy Officials, Filcom Leaders, Malaysian Nationals, Princess Becky, Datu Lim Sun Hoe and Datu Sunny Lim, Honorees, Guests, Fellow Students and Graduates, Friends Countrymen and Visitors, Good Afternoon,

I thank God for this honor and I express gratitude to my country and government for this opportunity. I accept this distinction with both joy and sadness. There is joy in my heart right now because once again I have proven that there is a reward for hard-work, dedication, and excellence. But I am sad right at these moment, I am sad for our country and for our people. I am sad for you fellow graduates. And I am sad for myself.

I am sad that the Philippines, the homeland of brilliant, highly skilled and very articulate people, is now becoming the number one supplier of cheap labor including domestic helper into the booming world of global markets. We can kid ourselves by saying there's nothing wrong in being a domestic helper. Oh come on! I am a domestic helper myself and I'm not ashamed to be so. But then, what?

I am looking at the big picture and I am looking at our country and I am disappointed that there is not much hope if we remain there. I am regretful that every single day, no less than 3,200 Filipinos are

leaving the Philippines, many of them for good, in the hope of finding jobs that can send our children to school, buy medicines for our sick, repair our dilapidated shanties or pay for all our indebtedness.

What happened to the Philippines?

Our country is supposed to be the Pearl of the Orient Seas. In 1961, many Malaysians used to envy the Filipinos. They dreamt to study in UP, La Salle or Ateneo. Today, Malaysians are the employers of Filipino domestic helpers. They have sent an astronaut into space, while the Filipinos are still quarrelling about government contracts and alleged rigging of elections.

We, the OFWs must begin the process of the renewal for our country. The FWRC (*Foreign Workers' Resource Center*) is our center of excellence to be able to compete globally and turn around our country.

The global labor markets are unforgiving. The avalanche of rising demands for quality comes rushing every single moment and the standards of excellence keep on rising without pause. Only those who never stop learning will survive in this crazy and mind-boggling competition for skills.

Filipino engineers and technicians in IT who surf the cyberspaces for emerging opportunities find themselves competing with highly competent Indian computer wizards. Indians are also emerging as our OFW's top competitors in the global labor markets.

Our oil and gas engineers are still preferred by Malaysian employers because the local chemical and mechanical engineers prefer to work in UK and in the Middle East. This is the result of globalization of human capital.

Our domestic helpers from the Philippines are still the preferred ones by Malaysian

royalty, high government officials and top businessmen. But the Filipino domestics represent only a miniscule 2% of the entire DH market in Malaysia, Indonesia commands more than 90% of the 500,000 household service providers in this country. But the Philippine government is aiming for QUALITY employment. We frown upon QUANTITY or high volume of 5 D's: the jobs that are DIRTY, DIFFICULT, DANGEROUS, DEMEANING and DECEPTIVE.

Even if the Filipina DHs are only few, they enjoy superior benefits. They enjoy Sunday day-offs every week or at least every another week with the two Sundays paid for when they are not allowed to go. They have much higher pay and better terms and conditions of employment. They are allowed to study in the FWRC Skills Training Program.

The Filipino household service workers, along with other OFWs do study in FWRC. They learn word processing, spreadsheet, internet, Illustrator, PhotoShop, AutoCad and multiple computer applications. They study Commercial Baking, Advanced Cake Decorating, Western Food Cooking, Basic Nursing, Reflexology and Arts and Crafts. They even learn the Art of Communication, Composition and Correspondences, Business and Social Correspondences, Financial Management, Business Development and Entrepreneurship.

The Labor Attache and top Embassy Officials teach BLAWSFIL (Basic Labor Laws for Filipino, a subject created by Labat JBJ as a means for empowerment, to arm the OFWs with fundamental knowledge of the labor and family laws, immigration and even contract laws and criminal statutes. The migrant workers from the Philippines are aware of their rights as well as obligations to employers and host government. They have less chances of being arrested and detained and they are more confident when confronted with legal issues.

OFWs from Malaysia who are now

Ophel Belo is the valedictorian for 2007 at the recently concluded graduation ceremonies of the Filipino Workers' Resource Center - Skills Training Program (FWRC-STP) in Kuala Lumpur. She's quiet but efficient, unassuming yet smart. Despite her brilliance, she is working as a domestic helper in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In her valedictory address, Ophel had a lot to say about the sad state our country is in.

venturing to UK like Lyn de la Rama and Gene Sarmiento, both outstanding FWRC alumnae, have better chances of survival and even excellence in more challenging work environments. Former FWRC resource persons like Dang Penarubia who migrated to Canada have better probability of success than others who went without FWRC KASH (Knowledge, Attitude, Skills and Habits).

Today, the 21st of October, here in the Grand Ballroom of Crown Princess Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, few shall graduate those among the 490 who enrolled in January, survived the grueling holistic training in FWRC. Today, the word GRADUATION should be understood as a process, not an end, a process of enhancing elevating, improving and developing the KASH positions of the OFW who made the correct decision to study in FWRC.

Today, also is a COMMENCEMENT, a starting point, a beginning, a point of embarkation to a higher level of consciousness, to a better perspective in life, a much improved point of view and a stronger, higher quality of qualification, a better state of readiness, an empowered new beginning of the rest of our lifetime journey.

The quest for excellence, the drive to win the global labor markets, the hunger for bigger challenges, the thirst for learning -- an insatiable yearning to learn more -- these are the hallmarks of men and women who are geared and programmed for success in life.

The next motto of FWRC is "ON TO THE MARCH FOR EXCELLENCE," both in skills and in Character. Both committed and competent. Thus, today is indeed a day for celebration. But after the celebration, we need to do something for our country. And so today, ladies and gentlemen, what are we going to do to create a meaningful difference in the future of our country? Evil triumphs because good men do nothing. Let us all do something, no matter how small.

FIRST, let us not remit everything that we earn here. Let us save at least 50% through the Samahang Impok Bayan and keep it until we go home for good.

SECOND, let us all take courses in the FWRC that will help us in our reintegration like Business Management, Entrepreneurship Accounting, Basic Laws and other relevant courses. Indeed it is only bring EXCELLENCE THAT WE CAN TO THE GLOBAL WORLD.

THIRD, let us all write to our congressmen, let us write to our newspaper, let us e-mail our opinions and let us be active in denouncing the abuses of our political leaders.

FOURTH, let us rally behind honest and hardworking officials and staff in government but let us denounce and expose and charge all those who violate their oaths as public servants.

FIFTH, let us help in the FWRC. Whatever honor we receive today should provide us an inspiration to share our knowledge to other OFWs.

SIXTH, let us discipline our families at home. They should learn to value our remittances and not squander them in luxuries. Let us let them learn that we worked hard for the money and we should not tolerate extravagances.

SEVENTH, let us all be aware of all the economic, social and political developments in our country. Let us monitor what are the trends and programs of our country's future. And let us share our thoughts with those who spend our remittances.

AND lastly number **EIGHT**, let us all be aware that all that were, all that are and all that will be in the Philippines are driven by economic realities, high population growth, labor excess economy, cheap labor, globalization without safety nets, insufficient social services. All these are exacerbating

the pains and sufferings of our people.

These are the reasons why the joy of my success today is eclipsed by the sadness in our situation as a nation and as a people.

We've got to feel the pain so that we will do something about it. We can not continue deluding ourselves. We have to face realities and bite the bullet. According to a great social scientist: THE FUTURE BELONGS TO THE DISCONTENTED. The Filipinos should start to be discontented with our situation and tell our leaders of our discontentment.

According to a Chinese Philosopher: IT IS CRAZY TO EXPECT DIFFERENT RESULTS IF WE CONTINUE TO REPEAT THE SAME MISTAKES. The Filipinos should accept that there are for too many mistakes and we have to correct them.

And according to Dr. Jose Rizal in his NOLI ME TANGERE, recorded in the history of human sufferings is a cancer of so malignant a character that the least touch irritates it. Since the time of Rizal until now more than a century after, the cancer is still here - a SOCIAL CANCER, AN ECONOMIC MALADY

The only difference is that we can do something about it. Yes we can. And we should. No matter how strait the gate and how charged with punishment the scroll, we are the masters of our fate. We are the captain of our souls, to borrow from Invictus.

Kaya mga kababayan, dapat umpisahan na ang pagbabago, umpisahan sa ating sarili. Kung hindi ngayon, kaylan pa? Kung hindi tayo and mag umpisa, sino pa? Bahala tayo sa ating kinabukasan at bahala tayo sa kinabukasan ng ating bansa Pakaisipin ninyo ito. Huwag kayong masyadong magsaya. Dapat magkaroon din kayo ng lungkot, upang magsikap kayong magbago. Dahil ang mga problema ay hindi nakakatuwa.

Marami pong salamat.

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UPLBAAA Elects New Set of Officers: 2007-2009



On October 20, 2007, alumni of the University of the Philippines Los Baños, along with their spouses and friends celebrated UPLB's 84th Loyalty Day at the Ramada Inn Silicon Valley

in Sunnyvale, CA, and in support of the University's mission of academic excellence as well as to maintain ties with its Alma Mater. It was also the occasion to select and inaugurate the new set of officers who will carry on with this mission.

It is now a familiar ritual, the helm of the UPLBAAA presidency was transferred from Panfilo Belo to our fellow UPAACC member **Isagani Sarmiento (BSAE '69, MSAE '74)** amid fanfare and enthusiasm. The traditional oath-taking of the new officers presided by Consul Mandap, and the evening would not be complete without the presentation of awards and recognition to members who have distinguished themselves in their service to the Association.

The induction ceremony was highlighted with a powerful acceptance address by Isagani Sarmiento, the current UPLBAAA president. Isagani gave an inspiring speech which focused on the theme "The Return of Our Honor". The newly elected UPLBAAA president pointed out the overwhelming evidence of Filipino intelligence and ingenuity in the fields of science and technology, music, theatrical arts and entertainment, journalism and linguistics, law, education, engineering and many other fields of endeavor. When nurtured under favorable environment, Isagani said that these many talents can continue to grow, and by adapting to positive change, we can achieve "The Return of Our Honor".

Among those elected as new officers are UPAACC members **Rey Elizondo** and **Marc Abenoja** as Area Directors for Central California.

2008 Calendar of Activities

Please make your plans to attend according to this schedule

January 19 . . . Winter and Post-Holiday Meeting, Stockton

March 22* . . . Board of Directors Meeting

May 3* . . . Board of Directors Meeting

June 28* . . . Summer General Meeting, Modesto/Turlock

September 13 *. . . Board of Directors Meeting

October 4* . . . Fall General Meeting & Election of Officers, Fresno

November 15* . . . Board of Directors Meeting

**The schedule above is subject to change*

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