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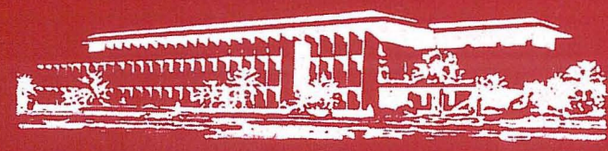

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PSSC Annual General Assembly
21 February 2009, 9:00 a.m.

Proposed Agenda

I. Call of the meeting to order

II. Proof of quorum

III. Approval of the proposed agenda

IV. Approval of the minutes of the 2008 Annual General Assembly

V. Business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting

VI. New business
   a. Chairperson's report
   b. Treasurer's report
   c. Membership Committee report
   d. Announcements and other matters

VII. Adjournment

Minutes of the Annual General Assembly
PSSC Auditorium
23 February 2008, 9:30am

ATTENDANCE

Regular Members

Linguistic Society of the Philippines	Isabel Martin
Philippine Association of Social Workers, Inc.	Finardo Cabilao
	Augusto Tordillos
Philippines Communication Society	Ramon Tuazon
Philippine Economic Society	Winfred Villamil
Philippine Geographical Society	Doracie Zoleta-Nantes
	Ony Martinez
Philippine Historical Association	Celestina Boncan
	Gloria Santos
Philippine National Historical Society	Digna Apilado
Philippine Political Science Association	Ronald Holmes
	Maria Ela Atienza
Philippine Population Association	Nimfa Ogena
Philippine Society for Public Administration	Wilhelmina Cabo
Philippine Sociological Society	Filomeno Aguilar Jr.
	Manuel Diaz
Psychological Association of the Philippines	Allan Bernardo
Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao, Inc.	Jose Eleazar-Bersales
	Monica Santos

Associate Members' Voting Representatives

Social Development and Research Center De La Salle University	Ma. Jesusa Marco
University Research and Development Center Silliman University	Margaret Udarbe-Alvarez
Development Academy of the Philippines	Grace Jamon

Associate Members

Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication	Ramon Tuazon
Ateneo Social Science Research Center Ateneo de Naga University	Cristina Lim
Center for Central Luzon Studies Central Luzon State University	Ponciano Cuaresma
Center for Research and Instructional Materials Philippine Christian University	Ma. Luisa Valera
Center for Research and Development Angeles University Foundation	Arnold Bucod
Center for Research, Planning and Development San Sebastian College-Recoletos	Lucy Marcos Aimee Monte Gilbert Concha

College of Mass Communication University of the Philippines-Diliman	Elena Pernia Jane Vinculado
College of Social Work & Community Development University of the Philippines-Diliman	Emmanuel Luna
Division of Social Sciences University of Philippines-Visayas	Jane Christine Colon
Graduate School Research Center Jose Rizal University	Eleazar Ricote
Gowing Memorial Research Center Dansalan College Foundation	Edna Orteza
Institute for Popular Democracy	Gladstone Cuarteros
Kaisa Para Sa Kaunlaran	Deanilyn Ocampo-Go
National Association for Social Work Education	Dolores Liwag
National Tax Research Center	Marcelino Obias, Jr.
Philippine Association for Chinese Studies	Aileen Baviera
Philippine Business for Social Progress	Rowena Sugay
Population Institute University of the Philippines-Diliman	Josefina Cabigon
Research and Development Office University of Northern Philippines	Rolando Navarro
Research and Development Office St. Paul University-Tuguegarao	Billy Saddaino Lourdenia Taguiam
Research Institute for Mindanao Culture Xavier University	Isaias Sealza
School of Graduate Studies and Research University of Nueva Caceres	Erlinda Illodos Trino
School of Statistics University of the Philippines-Diliman	Jonathan Yabes
Social Research Center University of Santo Tomas	Nancy Eleria
Social Research, Training and Development Office Ateneo de Davao University	Romeo Cabarde
Social Weather Stations	Gerardo Sandoval
University Research Council University of St. La Salle	Elvis Olivares
UP Folklorists, Inc.	Melecio Fabros III

Guests

Herman Joseph Kraft, Philippine Political Science Association
Gervacio Selda, Jr., Philippine Statistical Association
Ruth Lusterio-Rico, Philippine Political Science Association
Jorge Tigno, Philippine Political Science Association

Regrets

Philippine Statistical Association
Ateneo Center for Social Policy - Ateneo de Manila University
Coordinating Center for Research and Publications - University of San Agustin
Institute of Philippine Culture - Ateneo de Manila University
Philippine-China Development Resource Center
School of Urban and Regional Planning - University of the Philippines Diliman
Women's Studies Association of the Philippines

I. CALL OF MEETING TO ORDER

Dr. Filomeno Aguilar Jr., PSSC Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

II. PROOF OF QUORUM

Dr. Virginia Miralao, PSSC Executive Director, confirmed the presence of a quorum, with representatives from 13 regular members and 31 associate members in attendance.

III. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED AGENDA

The General Assembly approved the proposed agenda.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 2007 ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly approved the minutes of the 2007 Annual General Assembly.

V. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Dr. Miralao informed the body that the items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting will be taken up in the reports of the Chairperson, Treasurer and the Membership Committee Chair.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson's Report

Dr. Filomeno Aguilar, Jr., PSSC Chair, began by thanking the members of the Board of Trustees, the first to hold a two-year term, for their active involvement in Council activities and programs over the past year.

Dr. Aguilar then presented the accomplishments of the Council for 2007. He reported that PSSC spearheaded two lectures: the Violet Wurfel lecture in March 2007 and a roundtable discussion on the topic "Overseas Filipinos' Issues and Responses to Absentee Voting Act and the Dual Citizenship Law" in July 2007. PSSC also released the publication *Diplomatic Relations Between Japan and Southeast Asia: Progress and Challenges through Half-a-Century* as well as two issues of the *Social Science Information*. The Council likewise continued its internal and foreign-funded grant programs. It selected eight graduate students under the Research Award Program, provided grants to 10 individuals under the Travel Assistance Program, awarded graduate fellowships to 35 individuals under the Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program-Philippines, and awarded one research fellowship under the ASIA Fellows Awards. Moreover, PSSC began to administer the Philippine Center for Population and Development's Graduate Fellowship and Research Grant Program under which three fellows were initially selected. PSSC remained an active member of three international organizations, namely, the Association of Asian Social Science Research Councils, International Social Science Council, and Science Council of Asia. In cooperation with the Philippine Migration Research Network (PMRN), two books were launched in 2007, *Exploring Transnational Communities in the Philippines* and *In de Olde Worlde: Views of Filipino Migrants in Europe*. PSSC and PMRN in partnership with Yuchengco Center prepared a paper on intraregional labor migration and presented this at the Fifth Ambassador Alfonso Yuchengco Policy Conference.

Dr. Aguilar reported that the Council remains robust and vibrant. Due in part to the efforts of the Membership Committee, all regular members paid their membership dues for 2007 and many addressed their journal deficiencies. In addition, 32 associate members were diligent in meeting membership requirements. Dr. Aguilar said that another institution will be added to the roster of associate members this year. This is the Center for Research, Planning and Development of San Sebastian College-Recoletos, which will be formally welcomed later. Alongside organizational improvements, PSSC also continued to improve the PSSCenter. After completing renovations, the Mercedes B. Concepcion Seminar Room was reopened on 15 May 2007 while the Loretta Makasiar Sicat Boardroom was rededicated on 17 August 2007. Both occasions were attended by the honorees together with their family, friends and colleagues.

Dr. Aguilar said that this 2008, PSSC has two major conferences, the Sixth National Social Science Congress in May 2008 and the 8th International Conference on Philippine Studies in July 2008. He encouraged all member-organizations to support these conferences.

Dr. Aguilar thanked Dr. Miralao and the PSSC staff for their dedication and efficiency. He informed the assembly that the BOT extended the term of Dr. Miralao as PSSC's Executive Director until the end of December 2009.

In closing, Dr. Aguilar said that he is honored to have chaired PSSC for the past two years and extended his warmest congratulations to the new Board members.

The General Assembly

2008-02-01 Accepted the Chairperson's Report.

(The full text of the Chairperson's Report was included in the 2007 Annual Report which was distributed to members during the General Assembly.)

Treasurer's Report

Mr. Finardo Cabilao, PSSC Treasurer, presented PSSC's financial performance for 2007. He reported that PSSC earned close to P4 million from Council programs and activities. Income from Book Center, project management, and other services surpassed the targets. On the other hand, income from membership dues as well as investments, both long-term and short-term, fell short of target because of non-payment of fees by some associate members as well as a drop in interest rates. On the expenditure side, PSSC spent P4.6 million for its programs, activities and services, which is well within budget. This entailed the transfer of P580,802 from PSSCenter earnings.

Meanwhile, revenues from rental of PSSCenter offices, function rooms and equipment reached P9.04 million. The amount is higher than targeted on account of increased rentable space and good occupancy rate. Expenses, on the other hand, were kept within budget at P6.7 million.

Mr. Cabilao also informed the body of the approved budget for 2008. He said that the targeted income from Council programs and activities, which amounts to P4.2 million, is only slightly higher than the 2007 target. Projected earnings from Book Center sales and other Council services were adjusted because of forthcoming international conferences which are expected to bring in higher revenues. Projections for investment and interest incomes, meanwhile, were slightly lowered to be closer to 2007's actual returns. With regard to Council expenditures for 2008, PSSC retained the 2007 level of P4.7 million.

PSSC's projected income from PSSCenter/building operations, totaling P9.66 million, is markedly higher than the 2007 target because of higher rental rates, good occupancy rate, as well as a refund from MERALCO for electricity payments made in 2005 and 2006. Projected expenses for building operations were also increased to P7.48 million. In particular, allocation for employees' benefits was raised since 11 maintenance and janitorial staff will be separated from PSSC by mid-2008. PSSC also shifted the bulk of allocation to contracted services instead of salaries and wages since building care and maintenance will now be outsourced to an agency. The capital outlay was likewise raised to cover expenses for continuing function room renovations and building repair, which are expected to be completed before the international conferences.

The General Assembly

2008-02-02 Accepted the Treasurer's Report.

(The full text of the Treasurer's Report was included in the 2007 annual report, which was distributed to the members during the General Assembly.)

Membership Committee Report

Dr. Isabel Martin, Chair of the Membership Committee, briefed the body on the compliance of member-organizations with PSSC's membership requirements. She said that all 14 regular member-organizations paid their membership dues, conducted their annual conferences, and submitted their annual reports. She congratulated six regular members—Philippine Statistical Association, Philippine Political Science Association, Psychological Association of the Philippines, Philippine Economic Society, Philippine National Historical Society, and Philippine Historical Association—for releasing the 2007 issues of their journal. Eight other regular members have one to three year journal backlogs. Meanwhile, of the 36 associate members, 32 were diligent in paying their membership dues, 26 submitted their annual reports, and 32 attended the General Assembly. She said that this is a very good record compared to the previous years.

Dr. Martin introduced and welcomed PSSC's newest associate member, the Center for Research, Planning and Development (CRPD) of San Sebastian Recolletos-Manila. She mentioned that CRPD is represented by Dr. Lucille Marcos, Ms. Aimee Monte and Mr. Gilbert Concha.

Dr. Martin reminded the members to settle their membership dues on or before 31 May 2008 to avoid incurring penalty charges.

The General Assembly

2008-02-03 Accepted the Membership Committee Report.

Announcements and other matters

- Prof. Melecio Fabros announced that the UP Folklorists will have a workshop in September on Filipino folk music and folk heroes in celebration of the UP Centennial. He also informed the body that the lone ASIA Fellows' awardee, Prof. Florentino Iniego Jr., is a member of UP Folklorists.

  Prof. Fabros suggested that a blog be created where associate members can discuss matters such as the selection of voting representatives to the BOT. Dr. Miralao replied that this should be the initiative of the associate members. She said that the selection procedure for voting representatives is pretty

straightforward. Associate members are first asked to nominate organizations, and those that garnered the highest number of nominations become part of the shortlist. From this shortlist, the associate members are asked to vote for four representatives, with the two top vote-getters getting to sit as representatives to the BOT. For 2008-2010, the top vote-getters are:

- Social Development and Research Center, DLSU – 21 votes
- University Research Center, Silliman University – 19 votes
- College of Social Work and Community Development, UP – 18 votes
- Social Research Center, UST – 16 votes

- Ms. Ony Martinez of the Philippine Geographical Society (PGS) announced that the UP Geography Department, PGS and Southeast Asian Geography Association will be holding a conference on 3-6 June 2008 on "Transformations and Embodiments of Southeast Asian Geographies" at SEAMEO Innotech.
- Prof. Emmanuel Luna of the College of Social Work and Community Development (CSWCD) informed the body that CSWCD's representative last year to the general assembly, Mr. Romeo Quieta, had passed on. Dr. Amaryllis Torres is the new representative of the CSWCD to PSSC.
- Dr. Ma. Ela Atienza of the Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA) invited the assembly to PPSA's annual conference on 11-12 April 2008 at Silliman University. She mentioned that two of their members, Dr. Remigio Agpalo and Dr. Eva Minerva Ducaventura, had also passed on.
- Dr. Celestina Boncan announced that the Philippine Historical Association in cooperation with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, National Historical Institute and the Local Government of Antique, will conduct a seminar on "Men of Valor and Fortitude: Generals of the Philippine Revolution in the Philippine-American War" in San Jose, Antique on 26 February 2008.
- Dr. Elena Pernia announced that the UP College of Mass Communication, School of Labor and Industrial Relations and the ASEAN Interuniversity Council will be holding an international conference on "Diversity and Unity in the ASEAN Region" on 28-30 May 2008 at the Century Park Hotel in Manila. She invited the body to the forthcoming Film Festival entitled *Mga Eksenang Dapat Nakita Pero...* at the UP Theater on 5-7 March 2008. Aside from the film showing, there will also be a forum with the directors and the stars. Films to be featured include: *Tuhog, Live Show, Twilight Dancers, Ang Lalaki sa Parola, Romeo and Juliet,* etc.
- Prof. Wilhelmina Cabo informed the body that the UP National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG) will have a colloquium in June entitled "Is there a Philippine Public Administration?" Scholars will be discussing long-term issues in public administration both from the perspective of the discipline and the practice of public administration. Details of the event will be forwarded to PSSC once it is finalized.
- Dr. Josefina Cabigon announced that the Philippine Population Association (PPA) is also conducting its annual conference at the NCPAG this morning. She also informed the body that an active member of the Philippine Migration Research Network and PPA, Dr. Aurora Perez, passed away last July 2007.

- Dr. Miralao encouraged all the associations to come up with special tributes to their respective members who passed away. The tributes will be included in the Special Issue of the *Social Science Information* that will be published for the 40th year of PSSC.
- Dr. Erlinda Illodos Trino of the University of Nueva Caceres (UNC) inquired if UNC can send reports of their biannual research paper lecture series to PSSC. Dr. Aguilar replied that if it would not be too costly for UNC to ship the reports, these as well as any publication it wants to sell are very much welcome in the Book Center. Dr. Miralao added that given the forthcoming conferences of PSSC, members can participate in the Book Fair to expand the circulation of publications from the regions.
- Mr. Augusto Tordillos announced that the Philippine Association of Social Workers Inc. (PASWI) will be celebrating its 60th founding anniversary in April 2008.
- Dr. Aguilar invited the members to a conference on "Public Health and Medicine in 20th Century Philippines," which will be held on 21-22 July 2008 at the Ateneo de Manila University.
- Dr. Aileen Baviera of the Asian Center announced that the Violet Wurfel Lecture Series will be held sometime in July or August. She said that this year's lecturer will be Mr. Winmin, a Burmese who is based in Thailand.
- Dr. Isabel Martin of the Linguistic Society of the Philippines announced that an international conference with the theme "World Englishes and Second Language Teaching and Learning" will be held on 28-30 April 2008 at the University of Sto. Tomas.
- Dr. Allan Bernardo encouraged the members to attend the 6th National Social Science Congress on 7-9 May 2008 at the PSSCenter. The theme of the forthcoming congress is "Paradox of Philippine Education and Education Reform: Social Science Perspectives."
- Dr. Aguilar welcomed the new members of the Board whose term will commence on 1 March 2008. He encouraged the outgoing BOT members to join the members of the new Board who will have their initial meeting on 5 March 2008, 11:30 a.m., at the Frank Lynch Resource Center.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The General Assembly adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Prepared by:

Virginia A. Miralao
Secretary

Chairperson's Report

Allan B. I. Bernardo

2008 was a momentous year for PSSC. In 2008, the Council marked its 40th year as an institution. This report covers the activities we have undertaken in 2008 to celebrate and build on this milestone.

Let me first thank the members of the Board of Trustees for ensuring that these activities come into fruition: Dr. Isabel P. Martin (Linguistic Society of the Philippines), Ms. Marlene de Guzman and Mr. Augusto Tordillos (Philippine Association of Social Workers Inc.), Mr. Ramon Tuazon (Philippines Communication Society), Dr. Fernando T. Aldaba (Philippine Economic Society), Dr. Doracie Z. Nantes (Philippine Geographical Society), Prof. Digna Apilado (Philippine National Historical Society), Dr. Ma. Ela L. Atienza (Philippine Political Science Association), Dr. Nimfa B. Ogena (Philippine Population Association), Prof. Wilhelmina L. Cabo (Philippine Society for Public Administration), Dr. Manuel Diaz (Philippine Sociological Society), Ms. Nieves Osorio (Philippine Statistical Association), Ms. Monica Santos and Mr. Rozanno Rufino (Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao), Dr. Ma. Jesusa Marco and Dr. Ma. Elena Chiong-Javier (DLSU Social Development Research Center), Dr. Enrique Oracion and Dr. Margaret Alvarez (University Research and Development Center-Silliman University).

I would also like to recognize and remember our colleague, Dr. Corazon B. Lamug of the Philippine Sociological Society, who as most of you know, unfortunately passed on in September of 2008 and left us too soon.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Organizational matters

We held an anniversary gathering on 7 December 2008 to celebrate the Council's 40th year. We were very fortunate to have in the gathering the past Chairs of PSSC, including Dr. Mercedes Concepcion, Dr. Wilfrido Villacorta, Dr. Sylvia Guerrero, Dr. Florangel Braid, Dr. Cynthia Bautista, Dr. Patricia Licuanan, Prof. Jose Endriga, Dr. Nestor Pillar, Dr. Alex Brillantes, Dr. Allen Tan, Prof. Felipe Miranda, Prof. Ronald Holmes, Dr. Emma Porio, and Dr. Filomeno Aguilar Jr. Representatives of PSSC's member-organizations, past and present members of the Board, recipients of PSSC's grant programs, and representatives of partner-institutions also graced the occasion.

A special commemorative issue of the *Social Science Information* (SSI) was launched during the anniversary party. Entitled "PSSC@40," the issue picked up from where Dr. Bonifacio Salamanca's "The First 25 Years" (SSI Vol. 23 Nos. 3-4) left off. The SSI special issue gave an account of the organizational changes that occurred over the past 15 years, an overview of the Council's more recent major programs and activities, reflections and narratives of past Council Chairs and PSSC secretariat, and messages of PSSC's partner-organizations and program grantees/ beneficiaries.

At the anniversary gathering, we likewise took the opportunity to recognize deserving member-organizations. This is part of the Council's continuing effort to encourage organizations to contribute to the production and dissemination of knowledge, and to create social impact. We gave citations to five regular member-organizations for having the best journal record in the last 10 years (1997-2007): Linguistic Society of the Philippines, Philippine Political Science Association, Philippine Sociological Society, Philippine Statistical Association, and Psychological Association of the Philippines. The Philippine Political Science Association additionally received a special recognition for being the first member-organization to have an Institute of Scientific Information-indexed journal. The Philippine Economic Society, meanwhile, was lauded for having the most improved journal record, with its release of multiple issues over the past year. We likewise gave citations to two associate member-organizations, Social Weather Stations and KAISA Para sa Kaunlaran, for engaging the public through their high-profile projects and activities.

Improvement of the PSSCenter continued as well. PSSC completed the renovation of the PSSC Auditorium, Alip Training Room and PSSC Conference Room as well as other repair works in time for two major events, the Sixth National Social Science Congress and the Eighth International Conference on Philippine Studies. PSSC also began to outsource janitorial services and grounds maintenance in 2008 aimed at improving efficiency and reducing maintenance expenses.

Lectures, fora and conferences

PSSC organized two major conferences in 2008. The first was the 6th National Social Science Congress (NSSC) held on 7-9 May 2008 at PSSCenter. The conference, themed "The Paradox of Philippine Education and Education Reform: Social Science Perspectives," examined issues confronting the country's education sector from the lens of the different social science disciplines. All 14 regular member-organizations participated in the various panels during the conference. Additionally, special plenary sessions were held, including one on the educational reform experiences of other countries in Asia and another one featuring the experiences of social scientists who have become presidents of respected Philippine universities. The conference was attended by some 223 social science scholars, researchers, students and guests.

The other main conference organized by PSSC in 2008 was the 8th International Conference on Philippine Studies (ICOPHIL). It was the third time that PSSC partnered with the Philippine Studies Association to organize the ICOPHIL. Held on 23-25 July 2008 at the Philippine Social Science Center and the Ateneo de Manila University, the 8th ICOPHIL drew 414 scholars from 18 countries in Asia-Pacific, North America and Europe. Some 232 paper presentations grouped into 69 panel sessions were presented at the conference.

We are happy to note that 13 of the 14 regular member-organizations held their annual conferences/assemblies in 2008. Twelve of the 14 member-organizations received a conference grant of P30,000 each from PSSC to subsidize their conference expenses. The organizations that held conferences were:

Association	Conference Theme	Date and Venue
Philippine Population Association	Migration and Urbanization in the Population Development Framework	23 February NCPAG Hall, UP Diliman
Philippine Political Science Association	Nation Formation, State-Building and Political Science in the Philippines: Looking Back, Probing Inwards	11-12 April Bethel Guest House Dumaguete City
Linguistic Society of the Philippines	World Englishes and Second Language Teaching and Learning	28-30 April Thomas Aquinas Research Center, University of Santo Tomas
Philippine Society for Public Administration	Is There a Philippine Public Administration?	26-27 June NCPAG Hall, UP Diliman
Psychological Association of the Philippines	Facing Emerging Issues and Building Better Futures: A Call to Psychologists	14-16 August Brokenshire College Davao City
Philippine Historical Association	Effective and Creative Strategies in Teaching Philippine History	19 September Tan Yan Kee Student Center, University of Santo Tomas
Philippine Statistical Association	Harnessing Statistics to Empower the Local Governments	25-26 September Local Government Academy Training Center, UP Los Baños, Laguna
Philippine Sociological Society	Transformation of Social Institutions: Disjunctures, Confluences and Continuities	17-18 October PSSCenter, Diliman Quezon City
Philippine National Historical Society	Philippine Ethnohistories: The Luzon Cordillera and Beyond	23-25 October Banaue Hotel, Ifugao
Ugnayang Pang-Aghamtao	Performing Heritage	26-28 October Capitol Complex San Fernando, Pampanga
Philippine Economic Society	Competitiveness, Growth, and Equity in a Globalizing Economy	14- November Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Philippine Association of Social Workers, Inc.	Nurture the Lessons of the Past; Towards Covergence of Action	19-21 November Hotel Supreme, Baguio City
Philippine Geographical Society	Geographical Explorations in the Philippines:A Closer Look at Environmental Transformations in Rural and Urban Settings	3 December Palma Hall 207 UP Diliman

Publications

We published select papers presented at the Sixth National Social Science Congress in a volume entitled *The Paradox of Philippine Education and Education Reform: Social Science Perspectives*. The volume, which I edited, included contributions from Dr. Philip Cam, Dr. Akira Tachikawa, Dr. Madelene Sta. Maria,

Dr. Virginia Miralao, Dr. Ricardo Nolasco, Prof. Digna Apilado, Dr. Dalisay Maligalig and Dr. Jose Ramon Albert, and the late Dr. Cora Lamug.

Our regular member-organizations have also been working hard to update their journal publication. Seven organizations have released their respective 2008 issues, including the Philippine Political Science Association, Psychological Association of the Philippines, Philippine Economic Society, Philippine Historical Association, Philippine National Historical Society, Philippine Association of Social Workers' Inc., and Philippine Society for Public Administration. Four organizations have journal issues up to 2007 and are expected to release their 2008 issue in the next few weeks. The *Philippine Sociological Review* of the Philippine Sociological Society and *Philippine Journal of Psychology* of the Psychological Association of the Philippines remain the topselling journals in 2008.

Responding to the challenge of improving the quality of social science journals, journal editors and presidents of regular member-organizations held a workshop on 24 September 2008 to draft minimum standards for journal quality. The Board of Trustees approved the proposed set of standards in its December meeting. The Membership Committee, composed of Dr. Winfred Villamil, Ms. Nieves Osorio and Dr. Filomeno Aguilar Jr., will begin monitoring member-organizations' compliance with these journal standards, in addition to other membership requirements, in 2009.

Research Award Program

We continued to provide assistance to young social scientists through the Research Award Program. In 2008, the Research Committee, composed of Dr. Cora Lamug, Dr. Fernando Aldaba, Dr. Emma Porio and Dr. Lourdes Portus, reviewed 13 new applications. Eleven applicants were recommended by the Research Committee, including seven PhD students and four MA students. They are as follows:

Grantee/ *Current Affiliation*	**School/*Discipline***	**Title of Research**
PhD students		
Casinto, Carlo Domingo *University of Immaculate Concepcion, Davao City*	University of Immaculate Concepcion *Education*	School Climate and Instructional Leadership of DepEd ASATIDZ Coordinators in Davao Region: Basis for Instructional Development Program
Cariño, Raquel G. *Messiah College*	De La Salle University *Counseling Psychology*	The Phenomenology of Disaster Psychological Assistance in the Philippines: Defining Counselor Roles and Building Counselor Competencies
Gocheco, Paulina *De La Salle University*	De La Salle University *Applied Linguistics*	A Discourse and Linguistic Analysis of Television-Mediated Political Campaign Advertisements of Candidates in the 2007 Senatorial Elections in the Philippines
Mendoza, Meynardo P. *Ateneo de Manila University*	University of the Philippines *Philippine Studies*	The Marcos Human Rights Victims: The Struggle for Justice and Historical Closure, 1986-2007
Rallonza, Ma. Lourdes V. *Miriam College*	University of the Philippines *Political Science*	The Evolution of Norms in International Relations: A Study of the Development of Norm Against Wartime Rape in the International Criminal Court

Tan, Ma. Felisa *Ateneo de Manila University*	University of the Philippines *History*	Power and Justice: The People's Court Trials of the Military and Paramilitary Collaborators
Veloso, Diana Therese *School of the Holy Spirit, QC*	Loyola University Chicago *Sociology*	Beyond the Hold of Death: The Issues and Concerns of Women Formerly on the Death Row in the Philippines
MA students		
Castillo, Rosa Cordillera *University of the Philippines - Manila*	University of the Philippines *Anthropology*	Compressor Fishing Culture in Nocnocan Bohol: An Exploratory Study
Canilao, Michael Armand *Ateneo de Manila University*	University of the Philippines *Archeology*	Understanding the Peopling of Benguet – Archeology of the Earliest Settlements
Follosco, Kristine C. *University of the Philippines*	University of the Philippines *Urban and Regional Planning*	Strengthening the Planning, Programming and Budgeting Linkage: A Case Study of Makati City's Program Review and Planning Workshop
Tan, Maria Melinda *Philippine Children's Medical Center*	University of the Philippines *Clinical Psychology*	The Coping Experiences of Low Income Filipino Mothers and Fathers with Autistic Children

Regional and International Linkages

We maintained our ties with three international organizations, namely, the International Social Science Council (ISSC), Association of Asian Social Science Research Councils (AASSREC), and the Science Council of Asia (SCA). Our Executive Director, Dr. Virginia A. Miralao, represented PSSC at ISSC's 27th General Assembly in Cape Town, South Africa on 24-26 November 2008.

PSSC's Travel Assistance Program also continued to provide modest assistance to Filipino scholars invited to present papers in international conferences abroad. This year, the Grants Committee, composed of Dr. Ma. Ela Atienza, Prof. Wilhelmina Cabo and Ms. Monica Santos, reviewed and approved nine travel grant applications. Below is the list of travel grantees and the conferences they attended:

Grantee/*Organization*	**Conference/*Paper Title***	**Date and Venue**
Daniel Mabazza *Philippine Geographical Society*	2008 Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting *Using Graph-Theoretic Measures in Analyzing Australian, East Asian and Southeast Asian Airline Networks*	15-19 April Massachusetts, USA
Ronald Holmes *Philippine Political Science Association*	International Political Science Association Conference *State of Political Science in the Philippines*	30 April- 2 May Montreal, Canada
Carlota Francisco *Philippine Sociological Society*	International Child and Youth Research in the 21st Century: A Critical Appraisal *Stories from the Street: Childhood Realities and the Social Construction of Spaces in Crossing*	28-29 May Nicosia, Cyprus
Jerry Jurisprudencia *Psychological Association of the Philippines*	2nd Convention of Asian Psychological Association *Coming Out of the Shadows: Husbands Speak about their Abuse in Intimate Relationships*	26-28 June Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Madelene Sta. Maria *Psychological Association of the Philippines*	20th Biennial International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development (ISSBD) Meeting *Typologies of Risk and Protection in the Lives of Filipino Street Children in Manila*	13-17 July University of Wurzburg, Germany
Leslie Lopez-Advincula *Philippine Sociological Society*	International Sociological Association Research Committee 01 Interim Meeting *Military Educational Institutions and Its Role on the Reproduction of Inequality in the Philippines*	14-17 July Seoul, South Korea
Maria Caridad Tarroja *Psychological Association of the Philippines*	XXIX International Congress of Psychology *The Applications of Partial Least Squares in Clinical Research*	20-25 July Berlin, Germany
Kristian Karlo Saguin *Philippine Geographical Society*	*31st International Geographical Congress* *Fisherfolk Livelihoods, Dive Tourism and Marine Conservation in a Coastal Philippine Village*	12-15 August Tunis, Tunisia
Gloria Luz Nelson *Philippine Sociological Society*	International Sociological Association First Forum in Sociology *Successful Aging: The Elderly Filipinos* *Community Disaster Experience – The Case of Resettlers in Anislag, Albay*	4-8 September Barcelona, Spain

Special projects

PCPD Graduate Fellowship and Research Grant Program

For academic year 2008-2009, PSSC generated and reviewed five applications for full graduate fellowship. Of the five applications, three were awarded the graduate fellowship. These are: Alvelyn Joy Berdan (MA Demography), Marian Angelica Panganiban (MA Economics) and, Rodger Valientes (MA Economics). All three have begun their graduate studies at the University of the Philippines. On PSSC's endorsement, PCPD also approved the research grant application of Clarinda Berja, a PhD student from the University of the Philippines. The grant is expected to facilitate the grantee's completion of her dissertation research. Meanwhile, PSSC continued to monitor the progress of three other fellows who were earlier awarded graduate fellowships.

Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program-Philippines

We completed the selection of the sixth batch of Filipino International Fellowships Program (IFP) fellows in June 2008. The 30 successful applicants were given an orientation on fellowship benefits and obligations immediately after their selection. To prepare the new fellows for graduate school, PSSC ran a three-week training course on academic research, contracted the Ateneo de Manila University's Language Center to provide a refresher course on English language proficiency, and commissioned the Statistical Research and Training Center to conduct basic computer training. The new fellows are expected to begin leaving for graduate studies abroad in 2009.

After six rounds of selection, we now have a total of 168 Filipino fellows. Of these, 69 have completed or about to complete their graduate studies, many of whom have returned to the Philippines. On the encouragement of IFP-New York, the alumni have organized themselves into an alumni association. The association

held its first major activity called the First Festival of Activities and Accomplishment on 21 November 2008 at Torre Venezia Hotel, Quezon City. The activity included the presentation of fellows' thesis/dissertation research, poster presentations and artistic exhibit, and strategic planning workshop.

In cooperation with the British Council, IFP-Philippines organized the graduation of 19 fellows who studied and earned their degrees from UK universities such as Cambridge, Oxford, Manchester, Wales-Bangor, and Leeds. The graduation ceremony, graced by UK Ambassador Peter Beckingham and keynoted by Mr. Ramon Dimacali of the IFP-Philippines National Advisory Board, was held on 1 August 2008 at the National Museum.

ASIA Fellows Awards

We completed the seventh round of selection of Filipino ASIA Fellows Awards (AFA) grantees. Of the five applicants we recommended, two were awarded the research fellowship. One fellow, Dr. Chona Echavez of Xavier University's Research Institute for Mindanao Culture, is focusing her study on gender-responsive peace building initiatives in Cambodia. Another fellow, Ms. Renee Talavera of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, has chosen to study Vietnam's practices in preserving traditional arts and crafts.

We are also monitoring and providing assistance to two foreign AFA fellows who have opted to carry out their research in the Philippines. Dr. Dongqin Zhu of Huaqiao University's Institute of Overseas Chinese (Fujian, China) is focusing her research on Filipino-Chinese organizations. The other fellow, Dr. Ravichandran Nataraj of the Indian Institute of Health Management Research, seeks to study the management and financing of public health in the country.

Philippine Migration Research Network

Members of the Philippine Migration Research Network (PMRN), Prof. Stella Go and Dr. Jorge Tigno, were commissioned by the Yuchengco Center to prepare papers on intraregional labor migration. These papers were presented at the Fifth Secretary Alfonso Yuchengco Policy Conference on "Critical Issues and Challenges in East Asian Regional Economic Integration and Cooperation" on 22 February 2008.

PMRN also participated in a number of conferences in 2008 including the 8th ICOPHIL, and Global Forum on Migration and Development National Consultation with Civil Society Organizations. PMRN is currently putting together some of the migration papers presented at the 8th ICOPHIL for publication.

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

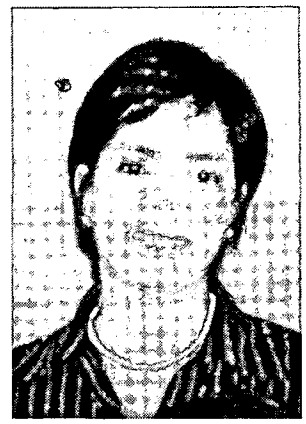
As PSSC enters its 41st year, it intends to intensify its involvement in international and transdisciplinal activities. Thus, among our line up of activities in 2009 are PSSC's participation in the ISSC-led World Social Science Forum scheduled in Bergen, Norway in May 2009, and its contribution to ISSC's World Social Science Report. The Board of Trustees recently discussed the possibility of preparing Philippine Social Science Reports to parallel the ISSC initiative. The reports will primarily contain a state-of-the-art of each discipline and articles on current challenges facing Philippine social sciences. PSSC also intends to participate at the 18th AASSREC Biennial General Conference in Bangkok, Thailand in August 2009, and the Ninth Conference of Science Council of Asia in Singapore also in 2009.

Meanwhile, PSSC's two fellowship programs are winding down in 2009. The ASIA Fellows Awards has completed its 10-year run and PSSC's partner, the Asian Scholarship Foundation, is currently assessing the viability of extending the program. We are also gearing up for the last round of selection for IFP fellows in 2009. Our main activity after this round will be monitoring of remaining fellows and assessment of the program.

Organization-wise, we have reactivated the PSSC Search Committee to lead the search for as well as screen potential candidates for the post of Executive Director. With the term of Dr. Miralao ending in December 2009, the Board of Trustees aims to identify the next Executive Director by mid-year and have the person "apprentice" for at least three months under the current Executive Director before formally assuming the post.

To help set the agenda of PSSC and identify possible activities in the coming years, the Board of Trustees also agreed to conduct a strategic planning workshop in May 2009. Members of the Board of Trustees and past Chairs will be invited to participate in the workshop.

Treasurer's Report



Isabel P. Martin

Let me preface my presentation of PSSC's financial standing by noting that PSSC's operating budget in the immediate past year, 2008, was somewhat atypical and considerably higher than in previous years. This was so because: (1) we had expected to organize and host two major events in 2008, namely the 6th NSSC and the 8th ICOPHIL as most of you know by now, and which required higher budgetary outlays; and (2) we were informed in late 2007 of a forthcoming refund from our electricity payments with Meralco which upped the Council's 2008 budget by another P680,492. Hence, PSSC's combined operating budget for both Council Programs and Services and Center and Building Operations in 2008 stood at P13,860,492.00 or some P1,405,492.00 more than in 2007.

YEAR-END FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Turning now to PSSC's financial performance as of 31 December 2008, I am pleased to report that we came very close to realizing the income targets we had set for ourselves during the year. Table 1 shows that for Council Programs and Services, we earned 99% of projected income from our regular income sources. Understandably, given the economic downturn during the latter part of 2008, PSSC did not realize its earnings targets from bank investments and interests, realizing only 96% of projected investment income and 86% of interest income. It also fell short of its collection from membership dues (92%) as a few PSSC Associate Members failed to remit their membership payments on time. We overshot our revenue target from project management fees however, (some 109% of target), partly making up for our shortfalls in other income sources.

With regard expenditures, shown in Table 1.III to Table 1.VI, these were kept well within limits – or within 91% to 98% of target. We underspent for the Conference Award Program and for International Linkages (spending only 86% and 70% respectively of our 2008 budget allocations for these) as some PSSC Regular Members failed to avail of their conference grants, and some travel grantees either did not push through with their travel plans or failed to collect their travel grant. Consequently, the cost of administering or implementing the Council Programs and Services required the transfer of only some P331,046.04 from the earnings of the PSSCenter.

From PSSCenter operations, we likewise realized 99% of our 2008 targeted income from rental and related income sources (see Table 2). This 99% translates to P9,595,688.00, with P8,536,822.00 derived from office and function room rentals and P1,058,865.00 from other sources including the Meralco refund, rental penalties and the like. PSSCenter operations expenses too, for each budget line, did not deviate too much from projected and were kept at 97% overall. The only substantial deviation is the lower expenditure for building and car insurances (64%) as a result of better terms we obtained from insurance companies. After setting aside funds to cover income tax payments and depreciation costs, the PSSCenter posted a positive balance of P696,369.81, of which P331,046.04 were used to cover expenditures for Council Programs and Services. This leaves PSSC a net income/building fund of P365,323.77.

With the Board's approval, we hope to use the above P365,323.77 along with PSSC's foreign exchange earnings during the year (amounting to P317,671.92) and other project savings realized from completed projects in 2008 (amounting to P194,787.90) to augment the Council's Endowment Fund. The addition of the above amounts will raise PSSC's Endowment Fund from P11,149,684.28 currently to P12,027,467.87.

PSSC'S PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2009

In terms of magnitude, PSSC's budget for 2009 marks a return to 2007 levels although changes are being made with regard allocations for specific budget items. The 2009 budget is thus lower than PSSC's P13.86 million 2008 budget as we do not expect to be mounting major conferences this year, nor other substantial refunds from Meralco or other sources. The 2009 budget will total P12,480,000, with P4,105,000 to be raised from the regular revenue sources for Council Programs and Services, and another P8,375,000 from PSSCenter rentals and building operations. The total 2009 budget of P12.480 million is just slightly higher than the P12.455 million approved budget for 2007.

	Approved Budget 2007	Approved Budget 2008	Approved Budget 2009
Council Programs/Activities/Services	P4,180,000.00	P4,205,000.00	P4,105,000.00
PSSCenter/Building Operations	P8,275,000.00	P9,655,492.58	P8,375,000.00
Total	P12,455,000.00	P13,860,492.58	P12,480,000.00
Fund Transfers from PSSCenter Operations to Council Programs	P 564,400.00	P 539,400.00	P 716,000.00

Table 3 presents the 2009 budget for Council Programs and Services. Here we note that we have retained the same income targets from the collection of membership dues, Book Center sales, investment income and management fees as in 2008, but scaled down the Council's projected income from interest and other income sources.

The 2009 budget also retains the allocation for most Council Programs (Lectures, Fora and Training Activities, Conference Award Program, Library Services and Regional/International Linkages) at their 2008 levels, but raises the allocations for the Research Award Program (to P300,000 from P200,000 previously), PSSC Publications (from P325,000 to P400,000), and the Book Center Operations (from

P370,000 to P400,000). These increases will allow us to raise the RAP grants for PhD grantees to a maximum of P50,000/grantee and MA grantees to P25,000/grantee from P20,000 previously; and to cover expected increases in the cost of publications and Book Center and journal promotions.

The remaining changes in the 2009 budget for Council Programs and Services include (1) a slight increase in the budgeted expenditures for meetings of the Executive Committee, Board of Trustees and the General Assembly; and (2) generally reduced expenditures for the financial services and administrative support for reasons to be explained later. In sum, the 2009 Council Programs and Services budget calls for a total outlay of P4,821,000, of which P4,105,000 will be raised from Program operations, and P716,000 from a fund transfer from expected earnings of the PSSCenter.

With regard the 2009 PSSCenter budget, Table 4 shows that we expect to raise P8,375,000 from rentals and building operations, which is only P100,000 more than the equivalent figure in the 2007 budget.

It is in the operating expenses of the PSSCenter that substantial reallocations by budget lines have been made as a result of the streamlining of the Secretariat, which involved the severance of the services of PSSC's maintenance and janitorial personnel in mid 2008 and the outsourcing of these services to an external provider. The 2009 budget for salaries and wages and employee benefits therefore, are substantially lower than they had been in 2008 and 2007; while the 2009 allocation for contracted services has been increased to cover the costs of outsourcing. The outsourcing of PSSC's building care needs has also reduced expected costs for Supplies and Materials as some of these are now paid for by Diar's Assistance Incorporated, the company which we have contracted for this purpose.

At the same time, we expect further reductions in our annual expenditures for Repairs and Maintenance and for Capital Outlay, considering that we have now completed the major renovations and repairs on the PSSCenter. The 2009 budget forsees the PSSCenter to post a net income of P800,000 by the end of 2009, of which P716,000 will be used to augment the budget for Council Programs and Services. This will leave PSSC with a Net Building Fund of P84,000.

Finally, following earlier practice, we have included PSSC's audited financial report for the 2007, or the year before last in this year's annual report. As of 31 December 2007, the audited report shows PSSC's Total Assets at P38,887,590 with Total Liabilities comprising P11,171,340, and the combined Fund Balances from the Special Projects Fund, the General Fund and the Endowment Fund amounting to P27,716,249. The details of this balance sheet are also attached to the audited report.

Table 1

Philippine Social Science Council, Inc.
Statement of Budget, Income and Expenses
of Council Programs, Activities and Services
January to December 2008

Item	2008 Approved Budget	Jan-Dec Actual 2008	Ratio vs. Actual Budget
OPERATING INCOME, ALLOCATION AND FUND TRANSFER			
I. Operating Income			
Membership Fee	330,000.00	305,000.00	92%
PSSC Book Center Sales	675,000.00	675,456.18	100%
Investment Income	1,100,000.00	1,050,880.15	96%
Interest Income	350,000.00	301,990.20	86%
Management Income	1,100,000.00	1,197,619.65	109%
Other Income	650,000.00	638,502.30	98%
Total Operating Income	**4,205,000.00**	**4,169,448.48**	**99%**
II. Transfer from PSSCenter/ Building Budget	539,400.00	331,046.04	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	**4,744,400.00**	**4,500,494.52**	
EXPENDITURES FOR COUNCIL PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES			
III. Council Programs			
Lectures, Fora and Training Activities	50,000.00	49,595.00	99%
Conference Award Program	420,000.00	360,000.00	86%
Research Award Program	200,000.00	200,000.00	100%
PSSC Publications	325,000.00	317,940.82	98%
Book Center	370,000.00	370,000.00	100%
Library	315,000.00	308,828.64	98%
International Linkages	350,800.00	245,297.50	70%
Sub-Total Expenses for Council Programs	**2,030,800.00**	**1,851,661.96**	**91%**
IV. Council Meeting Expenses			
Executive Committee/Board of Trustees and General Assembly	255,000.00	252,225.29	99%
PSSC Working Committees	75,000.00	71,582.05	95%
Sub-Total Expenses for Council Meeting Expenses	**330,000.00**	**323,807.34**	**98%**

Item	2008 Approved Budget	Jan-Dec Actual 2008	Ratio vs. Actual Budget
V. Technical Support Services			
Salaries and Wages	900,000.00	873,000.00	97%
Employees Benefits	200,000.00	197,300.76	99%
Communications	10,000.00	9,777.00	98%
Transportation	50,000.00	49,981.08	100%
Sub-Total Technical Support Services Expenses	**1,160,000.00**	**1,130,058.84**	**97%**
VI. Finance/Administrative Support			
Salaries and Wages	528,000.00	512,160.00	97%
Employees Benefits	105,600.00	104,788.80	99%
Contracted Services	230,000.00	223,100.00	97%
Utilities	160,000.00	155,200.00	97%
Repair and Maintenance	30,000.00	29,783.00	99%
Miscellaneous/Contingencies	20,000.00	19,934.58	100%
Sub-Total Finance/Administrative Support Expenses	**1,073,600.00**	**1,044,966.38**	**97%**
TOTAL BUDGET/EXPENDITURES BEFORE DEPRECIATION EXPENSE			
Add: Depreciation Expense	150,000.00	150,000.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	**4,744,400.00**	**4,500,494.52**	

Table 2

Philippine Social Science Council, Inc.
Statement of Income for PSSCenter/Building Operations
January-December 2008

Item	2008 Approved Budget	Jan-Dec Actual 2008	Ratio vs. Actual Budget
I. OPERATING INCOME			
Center Rental Income	8,600,000.00	8,536,822.67	99%
Other Income	1,055,492.58*	1,058,865.33	100%
Total Income	**9,655,492.58**	**9,595,688.00**	**99%**
II. OPERATING EXPENSES			
Salaries and Wages	1,737,135.50	1,669,617.87	96%
Employees Benefits	1,370,600.00	1,369,900.78	100%
Contracted Services	1,982,864.50	1,926,482.77	97%
Utilities	1,625,000.00	1,583,087.85	97%
Repairs and Maintenance	380,000.00	377,628.86	99%
Administrative Expenses	100,000.00	99,900.37	100%
Supplies and Materials	100,000.00	99,351.11	99%
Insurance	100,000.00	64,359.30	64%
Communications	30,000.00	29,698.00	99%
Transportation	20,000.00	19,985.29	100%
Rental Discount	15,000.00	15,000.00	100%
Miscellaneous/Contingencies	20,000.00	19,934.58	100%
Total Operating Expense	**7,480,600.00**	**7,274,946.78**	**97%**
III. CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,080,492.58**	1,074,371.41	
IV. BUILDING INCOME BEFORE DEPRECIATION AND PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX	1,094,400.00	1,246,369.81	
Less: Provision for Income Tax and Depreciation	550,000.00	550,000.00	
V. NET INCOME	544,400.00	696,369.81	
VI. Fund transfer to Council Programs, Activities and Services	539,400.00	331,046.04	
VII. NET BUILDING FUND	**5,000.00**	**365,323.77**	

* Includes P680,492.58 refund from MERALCO for payment made on electricity charges covering the period July 2005 to December 2006.

** Includes the above MERALCO refund and added to the usual P400,000.00 annual allocation for the capital outlay.

Table 3

Philippine Social Science Council, Inc.
Approved 2009 Budget for
Council Programs, Activities and Services

Item	2007 Approved Budget	2008 Approved Budget	2009 Approved Budget
OPERATING INCOME, ALLOCATION AND FUND TRANSFER			
I. Operating Income			
Membership Fee	330,000.00	330,000.00	330,000.00
PSSC Book Center Sales	600,000.00	675,000.00	675,000.00
Investment Income	1,150,000.00	1,100,000.00	1,100,000.00
Interest Income	450,000.00	350,000.00	300,000.00
Management Income	1,100,000.00	1,100,000.00	1,100,000.00
Other Income	550,000.00	650,000.00	600,000.00
Total Operating Income	**4,180,000.00**	**4,205,000.00**	**4,105,000.00**
II. Transfer from PSSCenter/ Building Budget	564,400.00	539,400.00	716,000.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	**4,744,400.00**	**4,744,400.00**	**4,821,000.00**
EXPENDITURES FOR COUNCIL PROGRAMS, ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES			
III. Council Programs			
Lectures, Fora and Training Activities	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Conference Award Program	420,000.00	420,000.00	420,000.00
Research Award Program	200,000.00	200,000.00	300,000.00
PSSC Publications	325,000.00	325,000.00	400,000.00
Book Center	370,000.00	370,000.00	400,000.00
Library	315,000.00	315,000.00	315,000.00
Regional/International Linkages	350,800.00	350,800.00	350,800.00
Sub-Total Expenses for Council Programs	**2,030,800.00**	**2,030,800.00**	**2,235,800.00**
IV. Council Meeting Expenses			
Executive Committee, Board of Trustees and General Assembly	255,000.00	255,000.00	275,200.00
PSSC Working Committees	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00
Sub-Total Expenses for Council Meeting Expenses	**330,000.00**	**330,000.00**	**350,200.00**

Item	2007 Approved Budget	2008 Approved Budget	2009 Approved Budget
III. Technical Support Services			
Salaries and Wages	900,000.00	900,000.00	900,000.00
Employees Benefits	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00
Communications	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Transportation	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Sub-Total Technical Support Services Expenses	**1,160,000.00**	**1,160,000.00**	**1,160,000.00**
IV. Finance/Administrative Support			
Salaries and Wages	528,000.00	528,000.00	425,000.00
Employees Benefits	105,600.00	105,600.00	100,000.00
Contracted Services	230,000.00	230,000.00	300,000.00
Utilities	160,000.00	160,000.00	100,000.00
Repair and Maintenance	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Miscellaneous/Contingencies	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Sub-Total Finance/Administrative Support Expenses	**1,073,600.00**	**1,073,600.00**	**975,000.00**
TOTAL BUDGET/EXPENDITURES BEFORE DEPRECIATION EXPENSE			
Add: Depreciation Expense	150,000.00	150,000.00	100,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	**4,744,400.00**	**4,744,400.00**	**4,821,000.00**

Table 4

Philippine Social Science Council, Inc.
Approved 2009 Budget for
PSSCenter/Building Operation

Item	2007 Approved Budget	2008 Approved Budget	2009 Approved Budget
I. Operating Income			
Center Rental Income	8,000,000.00	8,600,000.00	8,000,000.00
Other Income	275,000.00	1,055,492.58	375,000.00
Total Operating Income	**8,275,000.00**	**9,655,492.58**	**8,375,000.00**
II. Operating Expenses			
Salaries and Wages	2,300,000.00	1,737,135.50	1,265,000.00
Employee's Benefits	785,000.00	1,370,600.00	725,000.00
Contracted Services	1,310,000.00	1,982,864.50	2,500,000.00
Utilities	1,625,000.00	1,625,000.00	1,625,000.00
Repairs and Maintenance	380,000.00	380,000.00	250,000.00
Administrative Expenses	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Supplies and Materials	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
Insurance	100,000.00	100,000.00	75,000.00
Communications	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00
Transportation	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Rental Discount	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Miscellaneous/Contingencies	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	**6,785,000.00**	**7,480,600.00**	**6,725,000.00**
III. Capital Outlay	400,000.00	1,080,492.58	300,000.00
BUILDING INCOME BEFORE DEPRECIATION AND PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX	1,090,000.00	1,094,400.00	1,350,000.00
Less: Provision for Income Tax and Depreciation	500,000.00	550,000.00	550,000.00
NET INCOME	590,000.00	544,400.00	800,000.00
FUND TRANSFER	564,400.00	539,400.00	716,000.00
NET BUILDING FUND	**25,600.00**	**5,000.00**	**84,000.00**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Trustees
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PSSC Building, Commonwealth Ave.
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Philippine Social Science Council, Inc. which comprise the balance sheets as of 31 December 2007 and 2006, and the income statements and statements of changes in equity and cash flows for the years then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the Philippines. This responsiblity includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies; and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsiblity is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor ocnsiders internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

OPINION

In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Philippine Social Science Council, Inc. as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the Philippines.

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PHILIPPINE SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL, INC.
BALANCE SHEETS
December 31, 2007 and 2006

ASSETS	2007	2006
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash on Hand and in Banks	P 5,103,471.53	P 4,716,235.13
Short Term Investments	9,057,162.35	9,363,428.30
Accounts Receivable	2,568,245.23	1,915,251.56
Accrued Interest and Divldend Receivable	171,677.95	197.378.64
Supplies Inventories	-	4,500.00
Total Current Assets	**16,900,557.06**	**16,196,793.63**
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
BPI Investment - Long Term	11,918,356.06	11,075,460.66
Asiatrust Bank Investment Long Term (Note 7)	4,049,907.64	4,343,993.34
UCPB Investment - Long Term	3,579,000.00	3,579,000.00
Investment in PLDT Deferred	57,150.00	57,150.00
Property and equipment - Net Book Value (Note 4)	2,382,619.58	2,364,456.55
Total Noncurrent Assets	**21,987,033.28**	**21,420,060.55**
TOTAL ASSETS	**38,887,590.34**	**37,616,854.18**
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	6,479,408.41	5,719,968.40
Payable to Publishers/Consignors	1,345,012.72	1,278,520.08
Prepaid Subscription	131,074.93	--
Tenants' advance rental deposit	1,281,159.32	1,084,581.87
Tenants security and damage deposit	1,313,892.21	1,084,819.32
Total Current Liabilities	**10,550,547.59**	**9,167,889.67**
OTHER LIABILITIES		
Loan loss allowances	-	343,320.73
Sinking Fund	4,003.78	4,003.78
Staff Development Fund	4,614.54	4,614.54
Workers separation Fund	612,174.96	537,833.36
Total Other Liabilities	**620,793.28**	**889,772.41**
EQUITY		
Fund Balances		
Special Project Fund	5,092,839.33	5,749,755.87
General Fund	12,315,832.52	11,511,065.37
Total Fund Balances	**17,408,671.85**	**17,260,821.24**
Endowment Fund (Note 3)	11,149,684.28	11,149,684.28
Reserve for market appreciation/(decline) in marketable securities (Note 7)	(842,106.66)	(851,313.42)
Total Equity	**27,716,249.47**	**27,559,192.10**
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	**P38,887,590.34**	**P37,616,854.18**

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

PHILIPPINE SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL, INC.
STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
For the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
INCOME		
Center rental income	P 8,677,521.57	P 7,619,539.52
Investment income	1,071,260.36	1,278,544.20
PSSC Book Center Sales	610,376.12	570,917.91
Management income	1,102,294.86	1,101,875.85
Interest income (short-term)	323,437.46	458,348.71
Membership fees	294,000.00	146,000.00
Miscellaneous income	963,533.60	961,561.61
Total Income	**13,042,423.97**	**12,136,787.80**
Receipts for Special Projects	20,377,618.50	23,944,029.00
Total Income and Receipts for Special Projects	**33,420,042.47**	**36,080,816.80**
OPERATIONAL EXPENSES		
Building and maintenance	7,206,621.41	6,960,269.47
Capital Outlay	400,000.00	400,000.00
Council Program/Services/Other expenses	2,256,059.80	2,095,280.67
Administrative expenses	2,331,587.79	2,242,631.14
Expenses for Special Projects	21,034,535.04	26,638,538.60
Total Expenses	**33,228,804.04**	**38,336,719.88**
ENDOWMENT FUND	-	(238,606.52)
SECURITY FENCE	-	(200,000.00)
EXCESS/DEFICIT OF CURRENT FUNDS	191,238.43	(2,255,903.08)
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	17,260,821.24	18,410,429.92
ADJUSTMENT	69,838.44	71,025.33
FUND TRANSFER	(113,226.26)	1,473,875.59
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	**P17,408,671.85**	**P17,260,821.24**

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

PHILIPPINE SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL, INC.
SCHEDULES OF INCOME, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN BALANCES OF GENERAL FUND
For the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
OPERATING INCOME		
Center Rental income	P8,677,521.57	P7,619,539.52
PSSC Book Center Sales	610,376.12	570,917.91
Management income	1,102,294.86	1,101,875.85
Membership fees	294,000.00	146,000.00
Total Operating Income	**10,684,192.55**	**9,438,333.28**
OTHER INCOME		
Investment income	1,071,260.36	1,278,544.20
Interest income	323,437.46	458,348.71
Miscellaneous	963,533.60	961,561.61
Total Other Income	**2,358,231.42**	**2,698,454.52**
TOTAL OPERATING AND OTHER INCOME	**13,042,423.97**	**12,136,787.80**
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries and wages	3,634,752.76	3,491,099.00
Utilities	1,742,947.83	1,746,192.40
Contracted services	1,538,700.00	1,447,377.11
Depreciation	418,914.02	429,966.93
Employees' benefits	1,086,917.25	1,028,182.31
Repairs and maintenance	409,184.45	403,803.50
Income tax	281,085.98	220,033.07
Supplies and materials	99,197.27	97,937.30
Administrative Expenses	99,016.07	98,636.21
Insurance Expenses	70,925.46	77,054.75
Transportation	67,757.11	69,487.63
Communications	37,611.00	38,338.11
Rental discounts	11,200.00	14,810.00
Miscellaneous/Contingencies	40,000.00	39,982.29
Capital Outlay	400,000.00	400,000.00
Total Operating Expenses	**9,938,209.20**	**9,602,900.61**
COUNCIL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	2,256,059.80	2,095,280.67
TOTAL OPERATING AND RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES	**12,194,269.00**	**11,698,181.28**
ENDOWMENT FUND	-	(238,606.52)
SECURITY FENCE	-	(200,000.00)
EXCESS OF CURRENT FUND	848,154.97	
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	11,511,065.37	9,966,164.45
ADJUSTMENT	69,838.44	71,025.33
FUND TRANSFER	(113,226.26)	1,473,875.59
FUND BALANCES AT THE END OF YEAR	**P12,315,832.52**	**P11,511,065.37**

(See accompanying notes to financial statements)

PHILIPPINE SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL, INC.
STATEMENTS OF SOURCES AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS
For the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
SOURCES OF FUNDS		
Total Income	P33,420,042.47	P36,080,816.30
Adjustments to reconcile income to net cash provided:		
Income not requiring cash flows	(758,367.91)	(296,214.74)
Adjustments	69,838.44	71,025.33
Supplies inventories	4,500.00	2,000.00
Additional tenants advance rental deposit	196,577.45	--
Addtional tenants security and damage deposit	229,072.89	--
Additional endowment fund	--	649,684.28
Additional workers separation fund	74,341.60	--
Sale of investments	306,265.95	172,529.56
TOTAL FUNDS PROVIDED	**33,542,270.89**	**36,679,840.73**
APPLICATION OF FUNDS		
Operating expenses	33,228,804.40	38,336,719.88
Adjustment to reconcile operating expenses to net cash applied: Expenses not requiring cash flows	(1,256,046.67)	(2,207,193.16)
Additional placements	548,809.70	--
Refund of tenants advance rental deposit	--	62,950.00
Refund of security and damage deposit	--	12,450.00
Withdrawal from workers separation fund	--	96,553.91
Payment to publisher	--	--
Endowment fund	--	238,606.52
Security fence	--	200,000.00
Purchase of additional property and equipment	633,467.42	52,320.16
TOTAL APPLICATION OF FUNDS	**33,155,034.85**	**36,792,407.31**
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN FUNDS	387,236.04	(112,566.58)
ADD BEGINNING BALANCES	4,716,235.13	4,828,801.71
CASH AT THE END	**P 5,103,471.17**	**P 4,716,235.13**

(See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements)

PHILIPPINE SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL, INC.

PROJECT FUND BALANCE

For the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

	2007				2006			
	Begininng Balance	**Receipts**	**Expenses**	**Ending Balance**	**Begining Balance**	**Receipts**	**Expenses**	**Ending Balance**
AASSREC	P --	P --	P --	P --	P1,878,232.70	P --	P1,878,232.70	P --
Anticorruption Best Practices of the Ombudsman Selected Profiles	50,021.05	--	50,021.05	--	--	230,000.00	197,978.95	50,021.05
Asia Fellowships Program #7	--	--	--	--	62,279.67	--	62,279.67	--
Asia Fellowships Program #8	--	--	--	--	513,640.57	65,000.00	578,640.57	--
Asia Fellowships Program #9	576,102.64	167,715.47	743,818.11	--	--	617,277.50	41,174.86	576,102.64
Asia Fellowships Program #10	--	503,700.00	--	503,700.00	--	--	--	--
Constitutional Reform in the Phils.	66,301.07	--	66,301.07	--	109,461.75	--	43,160.68	66,301.07
FF-IFP	3,634,345.95	13,402,044.00	14,215,915.22	2,820,474.73	4,676,151.48	13,978,600.00	15,020,405.53	3,634,345.95
IAHA	360,845.87	--	360,845.87	--	(54,160.40)	3,919,491.00	3,504,484.73	360,845.87
ICOPHIL	--	--	33,858.40	(33,858.40)	--	--	--	--
Most-PMRN	61,387.54	36,527.10	28,432.69	69,481.95	76,902.94	49,275.36	64,790.76	61,387.54
NSSC	185,500.79	--	15,983.80	169,516.99	178,665.79	6,835.00	--	185,500.79
PCPD	--	1,150,000.00	460,035.53	689,964.47	--	--	--	--
Philippine Democratic Audit	79,508.07	--	79,508.07	--	90.25	214,167.82	134,750.00	79,508.07
Philippine Political Science Association	--	--	--	--	3,413.30	--	3,413.30	--
Pre-Academic Training	--	--	--	--	713,498.13	4,316,848.82	4,649,517.90	280,829.05
Pre-Academic Training Y2006	280,829.05	--	280,829.05	--	--	--	--	--
Pre-Academic Training Y2007	--	4,083,029.25	3,261,862.31	821,166.94	--	--	--	--
SEARCA	62,967.55	--	62,967.55	--	--	141,800.00	78,832.45	62,967.55
SEDIP-Decentralized Management Development Program	77,799.00	125,000.00	202,799.00	--	--	100,000.00	22,201.00	77,799.00
UNESCO - AIJ	--	--	--	--	35,000.00	--	35,000.00	--
UNESCO - Inruled Community Initiative Improving Basic Education - Beijing	95,135.00	45,152.68	140,287.68	--	--	97,733.50	2,598.50	95,135.00
UNESCO - Transnational Communities in the Philippines	219,012.29	--	219,012.29	--	251,089.29	--	32,077.00	219,012.29
UNDP	--	864,450.00	812,057.35	52,392.65	--	--	--	--
Workshop on the Management of Curriculum Change	--	--	--	--	--	307,000.00	307,000.00	--
TOTAL	**P5,749,755.87**	**P20,377,618.50**	**P21,034,535.04**	**P5,092,839.33**	**P8,444,265.47**	**P23,944,029.00**	**P26,638,538.60**	**P5,749.455.87**

PHILIPPINE SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL, INC.
STATEMENTS OF SOURCES AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS
For the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

	2007	2006
Fund Balance, beginning	P17,280,921.24	P18,410,429.92
Endowment Fund	--	(238,606.52)
Security Fence	--	(200,000.00)
Excess/Deficit of Current Funds	191,238.43	(2,255,903.08)
Adjustment	69,838.44	71,025.33
Fund Transfer	(113,226.26)	1,473,875.59
Total	17,408,771.85	17,260,821.24
Endowment Fund	11,149,684.28	11,149,684.28
Reserve for Market Decline in Marketable Securities	(842,106.66)	(851,313.42)
Total	10,307,577.62	10,298,370.86
TOTAL	**27,716,349.47**	**27,559,192.10**

(See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE I - ORGANIZATION

The Philippine Social Science Council, Inc. (PSSC) was approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on December 13, 1968 per Registration No. 37048 as a non-stock, non-profit organization with the primary purpose of promoting scientific, cultural and educational purposes.

The PSSC is a Department of Science and Technology accredited non-stock, non-profit, scientific cultural-education organization and is exempt from income tax pursuant to Section 30 of the National Internal Revenue Code and Section 24 of the Republic Act No. 2067 as amended by Republic Act No. 3589, provided no part of the income will inure to the benefit of any individual or stockholder.

Its operations are funded by grants and donations from various civic, educational scientific, cultural and business organizations.

GENERAL PROGRAM SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat acts as the working arm of the Council. Operating funds are provided by earnings derived from income of the endowment funds.

CENTRAL SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE

The Central Subscription Service is a program of the Council. It was established to assist the council member associations in the publication of their journals and other social science books and monographs through centralized management and distribution.

The financial statements of the organization as of 31 December 2007 were approved and authorized by the Board of Trustees on 5 March 2008.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared under historical cost basis. They have been prepared in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the Philippines (GAAP) as of 31 December 2007 and 2006. THe Council qualifies as a nonpublicly accountable entity under Philippine Accounting Standard 101, Financial Reporting Standards for Non-Publicly Accountable Entities, and accordingly, availed of the option not to apply the new Philippine Financial Reporting Stanhdards that became effective in 2005.

The accounts of the organization are maintained in accordance with the principles of fund accounting to insure the observance of limitations and restrictions placed on the use of resources available to the organization. Resources for various purposes are classified for accounting and reporting purposes, into funds established according to their nature and purpose, thus maintaining separate accounts for each fund. The Council follows the accrual basis of accounting for its transactions.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash inlcudes cash on hand and in banks. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with original maturities of three months or less and that are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Receivables are stated at face value, after allowance for doubtful accounts,if any. An estimate for doubtful accounts is made when collection of the full amount is no longer probable.

INVENTORIES

Inventories are valued at cost as determined by first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation.

When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, the cost and the related accumulated depreciation and amortization are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is credited or charged to current operations

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

Office improvement	-	10 years
Library books	-	5 years
Furniture, fixtures & equipment	-	5 years
Motor vehicle	-	10 years

REVENUE RECOGNITION

Revenue is recognized when it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transactions will flow to the company and the amount of revenue can be reliably measured. Revenue from rent is earned based on term of lease. Revenue from sales of books is recognized upon delivery. Revenue from interest is recognized on a time proportion basis that reflects the effective yield on the asset. Dividend income is recognized when the payment is established.

INCOME TAXES

Current tax assets and liabilities for the current and prior years are measured at the amount expected to be recovered from or paid to the tax authorities. The tax rates and tax laws used to compute the amount are those that are enacted or substantively enacted as at the balance sheet date.

NOTE 3 - ENDOWMENT FUND

This account represents a grant made by the Ford Foundation of US$200,000.00 to the Council and matched on a one to one basis by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) by contributing Php1,500,000.00 to the fund.

The amount donated by the Ford Foundation was converted at the banks' buying rate of Php7.33 to US$1.00 or Php1,466,000.00.

The board approved the transfer of Php8,183,684.28 million saving from the general fund to the endowment fund. The transfer was effected as follows: Php1,000,000.00 in 1988, Php700,000.00 in 1989 and Php3,000,000.00 in 1993

and Php2,000,000.00 in 1998 and Php334,000.00 in 2001 and P500,000.00 in 2005 and P649,684.28 in 2006. The grant provides among other things, that only the earnings of the principal fund will be utilized for the operation of the Secretariat.

NOTE 4 - PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	Office Improvement	Library Books	Furniture Fixtures & Equipment	Motor Vehicle	Total
Cost:					
Balance at beg. of year	4,027,473.00	111,855.05	3,104,020.39	1,527,176.34	8,530,902.50
Acquisitions	164,000.00	-	263,915.00	--	427,915.00
Balance at end of year	4,191,473.00	111,855.05	3,367,935.39	1,527,176.34	9,198,439.89
Accumulated Depreciation					
Balance at beg. of year	2,006,484.85	111,855.05	3,059,386.11	890,410.88	6,396,906.29
Depreciation	248,113.56	-	45,016.62	125,783.84	418,914.02
Balance at end of year	2,583,367.81	111,855.05	3,104,402.73	1,016,194.72	6,815,820.31
Net Book Value 2007	**1,608,105.30**	-	**263,532.66**	**510,981.62**	**2,382,619.58**

NOTE 5 - PSSC BUILDING COMPLEX

On 16 July 1981, a grant was extended by the Government of Japan to the Philippine Government under the exchange of notes signed by both governments, establishing the PSSCenter.

On 14 December 1981, a memorandum of agreement was made between the University of the Philippines System and the Philippine Social Science Council, Inc. whereby the University authorized the PSSC to construct within the University's building complex in an area consisting of 8,018.50 square meters under such terms and conditions mutually agreed by both parties.

The building facilities and equipment of PSSC shall be used for its programs and activities for as long as PSSC exists and determines that such buildings, facilities and equipment are needed, and thereafter ownership of the same shall be transferred to the university provided that they be used solely for educational purposes.

The building complex was turned over by the Government of Japan to the Center on 21 March 1983.

NOTE 6 - STAFF RETIREMENT FUND

The board approved in 1993 the transfer of Php400, 000.00 from the general fund to the staff retirement fund as recommended by PSSC management and audit committee.

NOTE 7 - INVESTMENT IN ASIATRUST BANK

The investment with Asiatrust Bank which consists of marketable securities, notes and acceptances and other investment is shown net of probable loss in marketable securities. The unrealized loss in marketable securities of P842,106.66 as of 31 December 2007 is shown as reserve for market decline in the equity section of the balance sheet.

NOTE 8 - RECLASSIFICATION

Some accounts from the 2006 financial statements were reclassified to conform with the 2007 presentation.

Accomplishment Reports of PSSC Member-organizations

A. REGULAR MEMBERS

- Linguistic Society of the Philippines
- Philippine Association of Social Workers, Inc.
- Philippines Communication Society
- Philippine Economic Society
- Philippine Geographical Society
- Philippine Historical Association
- Philippine National Historical Society
- Philippine Political Science Association
- Philippine Population Association
- Philippine Society for Public Administration
- Philippine Sociological Society
- Philippine Statistical Association
- Psychological Association of the Philippines
- Ugnayang Pang-AghamTao

LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF THE PHILIPPINES

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

Board of Directors

The following officers were elected in April 2008:

President	:	Danilo T. Dayag
Vice-President	:	Marilu Rañosa Madrunio
Treasurer	:	Anna Ma. Gloria S. Ward
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		Alice B. Adeva
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		Ma. Antoinette C. Montealegre
		Ruth A. Alido
Secretary	:	Sydney G. Villegas

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Monthly meetings

The Board met monthly to consider pending matters.

7 February 2008 Meeting
10:00 a.m., Conference Room A
DLSU-Manila

13 March 2008 Meeting
9:00 a.m., Board Room, LS-112
DLSU-Manila

27 March 2008 Meeting
9:00 a.m., Board Room, LS-112
DLSU-Manila

3 June 2008 Meeting
10:00 a.m., Makati Sports Club
Makati City

1 July 2008 Meeting
10:00 a.m., Room 1502-A
Br. Andrew Gonzalez Hall
DLSU-Manila

5 August 2008 Meeting
10:00 a.m., Room 1502-A
Br. Andrew Gonzalez Hall
DLSU-Manila

2 September 2008 Meeting
10:00 a.m., Room 1502-A
Br. Andrew Gonzalez Hall
DLSU-Manila

7 October 2008 Meeting
10:00 a.m., Room 1502-A
Br. Andrew Gonzalez Hall
DLSU-Manila

4 November 2008 Meeting
10:00 a.m., Room 1602
Br. Andrew Gonzalez Hall
DLSU-Manila

9 December 2008
11:00 a.m., Hap Chan Restaurant
Roxas Boulevard, Manila

Lectures

- *Lecture* (12 January 2008)
  Speaker: Dr. Randy La Polla, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia
  Topic: "Why Languages Differ?"
  Venue: Ateneo De Manila University
- *The Bonifacio P. Sibayan Professorial Chair Lecture* (23 February 2008)
  Speaker: Dr. Dina S. Ocampo (University of the Philippines-Diliman)
  Topic: "Literacy Development Among Filipino Children"
  Venue: De La Salle University – Manila
- The Andrew Gonzalez FSC Professorial Chair Lecture (29 February 2008)
  Speaker: Dr. Resty M. Cena (University of Alberta)
  Topic: "Tagalog: Driving on the Left Side of the Road"
  Venue: De La Salle University-Manila
- *1st Philippine Linguistic Institute* (31 March – 11 April 2008)
  Venue: University of the Philippines-Diliman
- *The Emy M. Pascasio Memorial Lecture-Forum* (13 September 2008)
  Topic: "First Language First: The Challenges of Multilingual Education and Literacy in the Philippines"
  Venue: Ateneo De Manila University
- *Roving Seminar-Workshop on "Research in Language Education"*
  (25-26 October 2008)
  Venue: St. Paul University of the Philippines, Tuguegarao City
- *Lecture* (29 November 2008)
  Speaker: Dr. Roger Thompson (University of Florida)
  Topic: "Investigating the Cultural Dynamics of Taglish"
  Venue: Philippine Normal University
- *Lecture* (12 December 2008)
  Speaker: Dr. Paulette Dale (US Embassy)
  Topic: "Learn to Listen/Listen to Learn"
  Venue: University of Santo Tomas

International conference

- *International Conference and General Meeting* (28-30 April 2008)

  Theme: "World Englishes and Second Language Learning and Teaching"
  Venue: Thomas Aquinas Research Complex, University of Santo Tomas
  Number of Participants: 130 (inclusive of invited speakers and guests)
  Number of parallel session papers presented: 34

  Keynote Speakers

  Dr. Maria Lourdes S. Bautista
  Professor Emerita
  De La Salle University Manila

  Dr. Andy Kirkpatrick
  Professor
  Hong Kong Institute of Education

  Plenary Speakers

  Dr. Kingsley Bolton
  University of Stockholm

  Dr. Jenifer Loy-Lising
  Macquarie University NCELTR

  Dr. Andrew Moody
  University of Macau

Publications

- *Philippine Journal of Linguistics* Volume 37, Number 1 & 2 (June & December 2006) came off the press, and copies were distributed to subscribers and members.
- *Philippine Journal of Linguistics* (2007 combined issue) is in press.

FINANCIAL STANDING

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Fund Balances
For the Period 1 April 2008 to 31 December 2008

Fund Balance, 25 April 2008		P132,678.82
Receipts:		
Conference Income	39,996.75	
Total Funds Available		P172,675.57
Disbursements:		
Transportation	P33,880.00	
Representation	7,073.15	
Supplies	2,623.50	
Monthly lecture expenses	10,215.40	
Cash advance – IAWE brochure	11,500.00	
	65,292.05	
Fund Balance, 31 December 2008		P107,388.52

PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS, INC.

ORGANIZATIONAL AND MANAGEMENT

PASWI BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2006-2008)

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NOMELEC	- Ely B. Acosta

President Froilan Maglaya will turnover his post as President of PASWI during the new Board of Directors meeting on 18-20 January 2009 in Davao City.

The new Board of Directors for FY 2008-2010:

NCR	-	Rubin Z. Magno
		Atty. Eugenia Jamias
		Augusto B. Tordillos
Luzon	-	Larry H. Ocampo
		Eufemia B. Abragan
Visayas	-	Fely Sustento
		Lucita J. Villanueva
Mindanao	-	Hadja Bagian Alleysa A. Abdulkarim
		Myrna Destajos

INSTITUTIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Membership

There was an increase in PASWI membership by 200 this 2008. It was earlier observed that increase in membership occurs during the oath-taking ceremony of new social work board passers. Participants to regional or national conventions are also enticed to join PASWI. The leadership notes that there is a need to re-activate the chapter members to address the immediate concerns of social work practitioners in the local level.

Affiliation

As one of the Accredited Professional Organizations (APO) of the Philippine Regulation Commission, PASWI is an active member of the following formations and organizations:

- PRC-Continuing Professional Education Council
- Sub-committee on Auxiliary Social Services created under the National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA)
- Consultative Council on Magna Carta for Social Work
- Philippine Social Science Council
- National Council of Social Development Foundation of the Philippines, Inc. (NCSD)
- International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW)
- Asia Pacific - IFSW

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Philippine Journal of Social Work

In one of the meetings of the Board of Directors, they came up with a decision to fast track the production and review of articles for PASWI journal backlogs for 2007-2008. The 2008 journal entitled "Paradox of Philippine Education: Social

Work Response," was released and circulated during the 2008 PASWI National Convention in Baguio City last 19-21 November 2008.

The journal workshop conducted by PSSC last October 2008 helped its member-organizations in producing quality journals. The knowledge gained from the journal workshop attended by Augustos B. Tordillos, Priscilla G. Misoles, and Marlene C. Guzman was instrumental in the release of the 2007 journal entitled "Social Work Forensic."

To date, we are expecting the 2009 journal to be released within the year. This issue is a compilation of literatures from the 2008 National Convention workshops.

Since we are in the transition period, we are still working on establishing a mechanism for editorial review. PASWI also plans to have manuscripts and manuals on selected laws related to the social work profession in the coming years.

Conduct of lectures/seminars/conferences

The sessions and lectures in 2008 primarily focused on the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Magna Carta for Social Workers. It was noted in the discussion of the Consultative Council on Magna Carta headed by the DSWD that most of the public social workers are still constrained in implementation due to limited budget allocation by the LGUs for the year.

There was also an effort from the social work practitioners to conduct series of discussions with LGUs, DSWD and other NGOs on the proposed amendments to the Republic Act 4373 otherwise known as "AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PRACTICE OF SOCIAL WORK AND THE OPERATION OF SOCIAL WORK AGENCIES IN THE PHILIPPINES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

The proposal to come up with another version of Magna Carta for Social Workers in the private setting was also considered for another round of discussion.

Participation on policy discussions

- *Consultative Council on the Implementation of Magna Carta*

  Since PASWI is one of the members of the Consultative Council that monitors the implementation of Magna Carta, we take an active stance in information dissemination in the local level and providing assistance to local chapters on issues related to budget approval and allocation provided under the law. All issues and concerns have been discussed in the regular quarterly meeting of the monitoring body.

- *ASEAN Consortium of Social Welfare Practitioners, Educators and Schools of Social Work*

  PASWI was invited as one of the Philippine delegates to present a country paper together with NASWEI and DSWD on the Planning Workshop to Establish an ASEAN Consortium of Social Welfare Practitioners, Educators and Schools of Social Work held at Heritage Hotel Manila on 11-15 August 2008 with a theme "Bridging Divides Towards an ASEAN Consortium of Social Work Practice and Schools."

  The event aimed to bring together for consultation key social work practitioners and educators from ASEAN member countries as well as experts to discuss their experiences related to education and practice. This also formed the basis and mechanics to operationalize the proposed ASEAN Consortium.

Participants included Myanmar, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Lao PDR, China, Singapore, and Thailand. The workshop was part of the ASEAN Senior Officers Ministerial meeting held on 7-10 December 2008.

- *NGO Consultation Workshop for the International Conference on Gender, Migration and Development*

  The consultation was participated in by different NGOs working with women and international programs dealing with Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs). It was held at Caritas Hall, Miriam College last 9 September 2008.

  The objective of the consultation was to identify the issues, concerns and corresponding gender-responsive action recommendations for government, civil society and other stakeholders on gender, migration and development issues.

- *Forum on Social Welfare and Poverty Reduction*

  The forum was initiated by the International Center for Innovation Transformation and Excellence in Governance and Makati Business Club. It aimed to bring in different voices of expertise on the social welfare and poverty reduction programs of government such as subsidies for the poor, conditional cash transfer, lifeline users of Meralco and the use of VAT money for these programs. It was attended by representatives of NGOs, civil society, academe and government offices that discussed and reviewed different perspectives on poverty reduction program. It was held at the Asian Institute of Management in Makati on 16 September 2008.

- *6th National Social Science Congress (NSSC VI) with the theme "The Paradox of Philippine Education and Education Reform: Social Science Perspectives"*

  Initiated by the Philippine Social Science Council in May 2008, the NSSC VI aimed to develop new discourses for understanding the nature and status of the Philippine education system and education reform efforts, and generate alternative approaches for reforming and improving education.

- *Forum on Volunteerism by Philippine Association for Volunteer Effort*

  It was held in SSS Bldg., Quezon City. The forum featured speeches from Corazon de Leon, Girls Scout of the Philippines and prominent leaders in promoting volunteer work.

- *Forum on International Practice: Challenge and Prospect*

  The main objective of the forum was to impart learning and challenges brought by International Practice to Social Work Practitioners. The activity was hosted by the PASWI Manila Chapter in coordination with the Centro Escolar Univeristy Community Extension Department. The main speakers were President David Jones of the International Federation of Social Workers, and John Ang (President of IFSW-Asia Pacific).

PASWI general assembly

The General Assembly was held at Kimberly Hotel on June 2008 and was participated in by 200 social workers who came from different chapter members. Highlights of the discussion focused on the Magna Carta, proposed amendments on the RA 4373, proposed review of the Constitution and By-laws and Financial Report.

The 2008 PASWI national convention

The PASWI convention is a biennial gathering of professional social workers all over the Philippines. It serves as a venue for sharing experiences of social workers in different fields that can enhance their competencies and capabilities through inputs, discussions and workshops.

The convention was held in Baguio Cty last 19-21 November 2008 with the theme "Nurture the Lessons of the Past; Towards Convergence of Action." It was participated by 896 social workers. Most of them came from different NGOs, LGUs, faith based organizations, schools, medical, court and industrial settings.

Major issues discussed during the convention were:

- Upgrading the Status of Social Workers Through the Magna Carta by Hon. Lualhati F. Pablo, Undersecretary, DSWD and Dr. Edgardo M. Macaranas of Organization Position Classification and Compensation Bureau, DBM
- Disaster Management and The Social Work Response Securing Law and Order by Ms. Patricia B. Luna, Assistant Regional Director, Department of Social Welfare and Development-NCR
- Disaster Preparedness: The Batangas City Experience by Ms. Mila M. Espanola, City Social Welfare & Development Officer, Batangas City
- The Leadership Role of Social Work in a School Setting: The CEU Community Outreach Experience by Dr. Lolita D. Pablo, Head, Social Work Department, Centro Escolar University, Manila
- Integrating Corporate Social Responsibility in Social Work Profession by Mr. Rosauro R. Luntayao, Executive Director, Roxas Gargollo Foundation, Inc., Central Azucarera Don Pedro, Inc
- Establishing Continuous Quality Improvement Program (CQI) in Medical Social Work Department by Ms. Madeliene Gabrielle M. Doromal, Development Management Officer IV, National Center for Health Facility Development, Department of Health
- Social Work and Social Justice by Atty. Mary Inglay Fokno, President, Baguio-Benguet Chapter
- Ethno-Religious Conflict in Mindanao: The Challenge to the Social Work Profession by Hadja Bagian Alleysa A. Abdulkarim, Associate Professor, College Of Social Work & Community Development, Western Mindanao University
- Learn without Fear : Plan International's 2nd Global Campaign by Ms. Leonia R. Melendrez, Program Unit Manager, Plan Philippines
- Working with Sexually Abused Filipino Children and Community Systems: The CPTCSA Experience by Ms. Zenaida Rosales, Executive Director, Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse (CPTCSA)
- Republic Act 4373 or the Social Work Law by Prof. Anita T. Leyson, Faculty, Social Work Department, Philippine Christian University, Manila
- Continuing Professional Education by Engr. Domingo Tabbal, Board Member, CPE Council-Professional Regulation Commission

It culminated with the election of a new set of board members, which will have its first meeting and turnover ceremony in Davao City on 18-21 January 2009.

PRC-CPE Provider

The Philippine Regulation Commission (PRC) and the Professional Regulation Board also came up with guidelines on selecting service provider for the Continuing Education of the Professionals. A committee within PASWI has been created to facilitate the selection and recommendation for CPE Provider. The elected president of PASWI will be representing the APO in the PRC-CPE Council.

Nomination for PRC-Social Work Board

The Committee on Nomination and Awards is now in the process of selecting nominees to occupy five slots in the PRC-Social Work Board . Deadline of submission is on 30 January 2009, in preparation for the upcoming licensure examination on June 2009.

Outstanding Social Workers of the Year

- Ma. Saturnina L. Hamili
  PRC's Outstanding Social Worker of the Year
- Lilian Ortigas
  PASWI Outstanding Social Worker

FINANCIAL STANDING

The operational funds of PASWI are generated from membership payments and registration fees from policy forum and trainings, regional and national consultations and sales from journals.

The recently concluded convention was a success with 896 participants from different regions. Income from conventions account for a large portion of PASWI. Investment on stocks and income derived from time deposits also contribute to operations and administration of PASWI.

PHILIPPINES COMMUNICATION SOCIETY

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

The Philippines Communication Society (PCS) is the only professional organization whose officials and members include educators, researchers, print and broadcast journalists, public relations and advertising practitioners, among others.

The current set of officers include: Ramon R. Tuazon of AIJC (President), Jose Pavia of Philippine Press Institute (Vice President), Lynda Garcia of Miriam College (Secretary), and Grace Agoncillo of Philippine Information Agency (Treasurer). Other trustees are Joyce Arriola (UST), Corazon Arboleda (AIJC), Lourdes M. Portus (UP College of Mass Communication) and Alice Colet-Villadolid (National Press Club).

Mr. Ramon R. Tuazon was elected vice chairperson of the Philippine Social Science Council (PSSC) during the PSSC Board of Trustees meeting in March 2005 while Dr. Portus is a member of several standing committees of the Council.

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY INITIATIVES

Publications

In line with efforts of PSSC to upgrade quality of published journals of regular and associate member-organizations, PCS has reorganized the editorial board of *PCS Review*, the annual PCS journal. Mr. Tuazon is the executive editor while Dr. Portus serves as associate editor. Issue editors have been assigned for past and forthcoming issues. Among the issue editors are Dr. Joyce Arriola, Dr. Jose Reuben Q. Alagaran, and Dr. Madeline B. Quiamco.

Conferences and related fora

Writ of Habeas Data Forum (01 February 2008)

As part of its continuing advocacy for right to information and transparency, PCS co-sponsored a public forum on the writ of habeas data held at the Supreme Court with no less than Chief Justice Reynato S. Puno as main speaker. The other speaker was retired SC Justice Flerida Ruth Romero.

The Writ took effect on 02 February 2008. The writ is defined as a "remedy available to any person whose right to privacy in life, liberty, or security is violated or threatened by an unlawful act or omission of a public official or employee, or of a private individual entity engaged in gathering, collecting or storing of data or information regarding the person, family, home and correspondence of the aggrieved party."

National Social Science Congress VI: The Paradox of Philippine Education and Education Reform: Social Science Perspective (7-9 May 2008)

PCS convened the panel, Educate a Journalist, Educate a Nation for the National Social Science Congress VI. The panelists included Maria Ressa of ABS-CBN, Ms. Yvonne Chua of UP College of Mass Communication, Ms. Chi-Chi Fajardo-Robles of PACE and Ms. Alice Colet-Villadolid of UST.

17th AMIC Annual Conference: Changing Media, Changing Societies: Media and the Millennium Development Goals (14–17 July 2008)

PCS officers and members actively participated in the annual conference of the Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC). The conference was held at the Manila Hotel with the Philippine Association of Communication Educators as co-organizer. Past and current PCS officers were part of the planning and organizing committees. PCS founding president, Dr. Florangel Rosario-Braid, was one of the 4th AMIC Distinguished Forum speakers and was conferred the 2008 AMIC Research Award. PCS President Tuazon was plenary speaker for the session on Media, Democracy and Human Development. Other PCS officials and members who either presented papers or chaired sessions included Prof. Gerry Josue, Dr. Maricel Cadiz, and Dr. Arriola.

8th International Conference on Philippine Studies, 23-26 July 2008

PCS officers and members attended the 8th ICOPHIL held at PSSC and Ateneo de Manila University. Several communication scholars presented papers including Dr. Elizabeth Enriquez (UP College of Mass Communication) and Prof. Brian Bantugan (Miriam College). Mr. Tuazon was the master of ceremonies during the opening program.

Advocacy

Right to Information Bill

PCS supports advocacy efforts for the immediate passage of the Right to Information Bill. House Bill 3732 or the Freedom of Information Act has been approved by the House of Representatives on 12 May 2008. With the Access to Information Network (ATIN) as lead, advocacy initiatives are now focused on the Senate.

Other Advocacy Issues

The PCS Board has agreed to examine two issues, i.e., Right to Reply and Mother Tongue (vis-à-vis Multilingualism) for issuance of an appropriate statement or an organization stand to guide PCS advocacy work in 2009.

NETWORKING AND LINKAGES

Membership in IFAP Philippines Executive Committee

Two PCS officials were appointed members of the UNESCO Information for All Philippines Executive Committee. They are Ramon R. Tuazon and Jose Pavia. The appointments were signed by UNACOM Chairman and DFA Secretary Alberto G. Romulo.

Commission on Higher Education (CHED)

The PCS president is chair of the CHED Technical Committee for Communication and a member of the CHED Technical Panel for Social Sciences and Communication.

Philippine Association of Communication Educators

PCS is a sister organization of PACE. Most PACE members are the core members of PCS who come from the academe.

PHILIPPINE ECONOMIC SOCIETY

2008 was a busy year for the Society as it has engaged in various activities organized directly or indirectly with major partners and sponsors. The following were the major accomplishments and activities of the Society:

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Quarterly fora

Every year, the Society organizes quarterly fora on key economic and development issues. The Committee Chairperson Peter Lee U of the University of Asia and the Pacific has reported the following events:

A Symposium on Philippine Postwar Political Economy. A three-part lecture series organized by Amb. Jose Romero, former President of the Philippine Economic Society and faculty member of the University of Asia and the Pacific. Prominent speakers include Amb. Benjamin Domingo, former Prime Minister Cesar E. A. Virata, and former NEDA Director General Gerardo Sicat.

2008 EFN Asia International Conference (18-19 September 2008, at the Li Seng Giap Auditorium, University of Asia and the Pacific). Since 1998, the EFN Asia Conferences have provided a forum for discussion and collaboration between scholars, policy makers, practitioners and think tanks of the region and beyond. Hosted by Economic Freedom Network Asia, Center for Research and Communication, Foundation for Economic Freedom, and Philippine Economic Society, this year's theme was "Private Property Rights: The Economic Foundation of a Free Society." Topics discussed included The Meaning of Property Rights: Legal and Economic Perspectives, Property Rights in Asia: Forms, Changes and Challenges, Property Rights' Indices and Property Rights and Individual Liberty.

Visits of Nobel Prize winners, Robert Mundell, Finn Kydland and Douglass North

Last 15 November 2007 PES members trooped to the De La Salle University to listen to the lecture of of Dr. Robert Mundell on Globalization. On 7 February 2008, Ateneo de Manila University hosted the lecture of 2004 Nobel Laureate for Economics Dr. Finn Erling Kydland on "Peace and Economic Development in the Age of Globalization."

On 15 March 2008, Dr. Douglass C. North, 1993 Nobel Prize in Economics winner, delivered the sixth of the University of the Philippines (UP) Centennial Lecture Series entitled "Why Institutions Matter" at the UP School of Economics. Before the UP Centennial Lecture, Dr. North also spoke at the UP Los Baños on March 13, and at the Manila Peninsula in Makati on March 14. PLDT-Smart Foundation, Center for National and Policy Strategy (CNaPS), Philippine Economic Society, Friedrich Naumann Foundation and the Ronald Coase Institute co-sponsored the Manila trip of Professor North.

Ronald Coase Institute workshop

The Society in cooperation with the Ronald Coasè Institute, the Friedrich Naumann Foundation and SEARCA, organized a Workshop on Institutional Economics from 9-14 March 2008 at the SEARCA Guest House in Los Baños, Laguna. The main aim of the workshop was to enhance the capacity of participants in undertaking institutional economic analysis. It was attended by 26 young scholars; 15 from the Philippines and 11 from China, Croatia, South Africa, Czechoslovakia, India, U.S. and Brazil. There were 13 faculty members of which 10 were from the Ronald Coase Institute led by Professor Douglass North, Mary Shirley and John Nye. Filipino speakers included Raul Fabella and Emmanuel de Dios from the UPSE and Michael Alba from DLSU.

The 46th PES annual assembly

The 46th Annual Assembly was held on 14 November 2008 at the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas with the theme "Competitiveness, Growth, and Equity in a Globalizing Economy." The conference aimed to shed light on the country's competitiveness vis-à-vis today's globalization by providing a venue for the economists from various sectors to share current research and analysis on this issue.

As in past assemblies, the plenary session on the Prospects for the Philippine Economy was the highligh of the eventt. Ambassador Cesar Bautista (co-chair of the National Competitiveness Council) and Eric Le Borgne (resident representative of the World Bank) were keynote speakers. Also, NEDA Director General Ralph

Recto, former Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno, and Peter Wallace of the Wallace Business Forum presented various topics during parallel sessions.

A Pre-Assembly Forum was held on 22 September 2008 at the CBC Penthouse, China Bank Bldg, Makati. Dr. Cielito Habito, former PES President, talked about the"Philippine Economy Amidst the Crisis." The audience consisted of representatives from the Asia Foundation, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Meralco, Chinabank, Manila North Tollways, UNDP-NEDA and the Peace and Equity Foundation.

Linkages with international networks: Federation of ASEAN Economists and East Asia Economic Association

A four-person Philippine delegation attended the 33rd FAEA Annual Conference at the Tay-Ho Hotel, Hanoi, Vietnam on November 27-28. The Conference had the theme "ASEAN's Cooperation and Agricultural and Rural Development in the Globalization Era" and was organized by the Vietnam Economic Association. Drs. Fernando Aldaba and Winfred Villamil represented the Society, while Dr. Alvin Ang of the University of Sto. Tomas and Prof. Lorelei Mendoza of University of the Philippines-Baguio presented papers in the conference.

The Society, together with the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), hosted the 11th International Convention of the East Asian Economic Association (EAEA) on 15-16 November 2008 at the Diamond Hotel, Manila. The theme of the Convention was "Regional Risk Management in East Asia" with 144 paper presentations on a wide range of economic issues. The Keynote Speaker was Dr. Barry Bosworth of the Brookings Institution. Central Bank of the Philippines' Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. hosted a welcome dinner on November 14 while Asian Development Bank President Harushiko Kuroda hosted another dinner on November 15 . Other major partners include Asia Foundation and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA).

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELEOPMENT INITIATIVES

Active membership in Philippine Social Science Council

The Society is a member in good standing of the Philippine Social Science Council. Dr. Fernando Aldaba represents the Society in the PSSC Board while Dr. Winfred Villamil sits in the Membership Committee.

The Society also organized a panel at the Sixth National Social Science Congress on the theme "Philippine Education and Education Reform: Social Science Perspectives" last 7-9 May 2008 held at PSSCenter. Presentors in the PES panel included Aniceto Orbeta of PIDS, Leonardo Lanzona of ADMU and Alvin Ang of UST. Michael Alba of DLSU was discussant while Winfred Villamil served as moderator.

PES' committees

Membership

As of 31 October 2008, PES has 736 members, a 10.68 percent growth from its 665 membership in 2007. Of the 71 new PES members, 41 are female and 30 are male. Half (36) of the new members came from the academe, followed by those from the private sector (20), then from the government agencies (12). Two of the new members are from multilateral agencies. There is one new member from the

civil society group. The Society welcomed membership from the University of Sto. Tomas and Polytecnic University of the Philippines and those outside the National Capital Region – Palawan State University, Ateneo de Davao University, Xavier University, University of San Carlos, Silliman University, Mindanao State University to name a few. The possibility of creating chapters in Visayas and Mindanao was discussed by the Membership Committee with Melly Paraiso of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines as Chair. Sharon Fangonon of the Asia Pacific Policy Center acts as the focal person of the Society's secretariat.

Awards

The Society has an Awards Committee which reviews potential awardee of the Jose Encarnacion Award for being an accomplished Filipino economist. The committee is chaired by Arturo Corpuz of Ayala Land.

Elections

An Elections Committee chaired by Alvin Ang handles the nominations for six PES board member slots, and its election during Assembly.

Philippine Review of Economics

The *Philippine Review of Economics* (PRE) is being published twice a year (June and December) by the UP School of Economics (UPSE) and the Society. The PRE is devoted to the publication of theoretical and empirical work in economic development. Dr. Emmanuel Esguerra of UPSE is currently the editor-in-chief of the journal. PES members Michael Alba, Fernando Aldaba, and Winfred Villamil held various meetings with UPSE Dean Emmanuel de Dios, former Dean Raul Fabella and Editor Emmanuel Esguerra to devise ways in order to fast track delayed issues. The PRE issues have been successfully updated with the release. Also discussed in their meeting was the review of the structure of the editorial board.

FINANCIAL STANDING

The Finance Committee led by Leonardo Lanzona of ADMU managed the Society's finances well. To date, the Society is doing well with savings of at least P800,000. The Society has accounts in the Bank of Philippine Islands, Chinabank and Banco De Oro.

PHILIPPINE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Two major events highlighted the year 2008: (1) the 9th Southeast Asian Geography Association (SEAGA) Conference, which was the first international conference hosted by the Philippine Geographical Society in partnership with various institutions, such as the SEAGA and the Department of Geography of the University of the Philippines in Diliman, and (2) the 4th National Conference on Geographic Studies, which was accomplished in cooperation with the Philippine Social Science Council. Both conferences centered on timely environmental, social and economic issues in the Philippines and other countries in Southeast Asia. They focused on the usefulness of combining geographic and interdisciplinary approaches in

understanding problems pertaining to themes such as climate change, rural and urban development, power and politics, livelihoods, poverty, vulnerabilities, education, among others. An elaboration of these two events is as follows:

The 9th Southeast Asian Geography Association (SEAGA) Conference

The first and second quarters of the year were devoted by PGS members and its younger partner organization, the Junior Philippine Geographical Society (JPGS), together with the faculty and staff of the Department of Geography of the University of the Philippines in Diliman, to the logistical preparations for the holding of the 9th SEAGA Conference. Since the Society opted not to hire a secretariat, the primary tasks of marketing, publicity, taking care of the accommodations of the invited participants, fund sourcing and other crucial tasks were all delegated among the members of the Society and student volunteers. The financial support and logistical assistance of various institutions such as the Japan Foundation, Foundation for the Philippine Environment, the National Research Council of the Philippines, Department of Science and Technology and Geodata Systems greatly contributed to the realization of this event.

The SEAGA Conference is a biennial gathering of scholars, academicians, students, organizations and institutions with expertise and interest on political and social issues arising in many Southeast Asian communities. It was held at SEAMEO Innotech Complex in Commonwealth Avenue in Diliman, Quezon City on June 3-6. The theme of the conference was "Transformations and Embodiments in Southeast Asian (and other) Geographies: Changing Environments, People, and Cultural Groups, Institutions and Landscapes." It was participated in by 120 paper presenters, coming from more than 20 different countries whose research interests range from the following themes: migration, environmental change, land use and tenure allocation, disaster and adaptive strategies, culture and representation, and covering local, regional and global scales.

Participants came from various universities of the country and from other parts of the world. Scholars from North American, European, Australian and Southeast Asian institutions comprised half of the conference attendees. The conference provided opportunities for its diverse participants to engage in scholarly discussions and workshops that contributed to the exchanges of knowledge on Southeast Asian cultures, societies, and past and present geographies. Moreover, participants were given a chance to explore and experience scientific and cultural encounters with different Philippine communities through the holding of various field trips to historical and geographical sites. Among them were the fieldtrips undertaken in the Taal Volcano area in Cavite and in Mt. Pinatubo in Zambalez, in the cultural and historical environs of Metro Manila, and the Subic Freeport Zone. It afforded PGS a number of opportunities to broaden its reaches to academic and non-academic institutions such as state colleges, universities, and non-government organizations that operate in the country and other parts of the world. It is encouraging to note that many teachers and organization representatives signed up for membership to the Society during the conference.

The 4th National Conference on Geographic Studies (NCGS-4)

The 4th National Conference on Geographic Studies (NCGS-4) was held through the Society's initiative on 16 December 2008 at the Palma Hall Audio-Visual Room in UP Diliman, Quezon City. The NCGS has become an annual tradition for PGS and the Department of Geography to collaborate in an academic undertaking from the time it was first held in 2005.

With the theme "Geographical Explorations of the Philippines: A Closer Look at Environmental Transformations in the Rural and Urban Settings," NCGS-4 featured eight papers and a poster presentation. A keynote speech was delivered by Mister Ryan Ehrhart of the City University of New York Hunter College. He discussed his work in Bukidnon entitled "Food Security Strategies and the Construction of Geographic Scale." The other presenters were faculty members of the Geography Department and officers of PGS: Evangeline Katigbak – Agriculture for Rural Development in the Philippine Countryside: An Asymmetrical Initiative; Trina Isorena – Spatial Analysis of Forest Cover Change in Aurora Province; Kristian Saguin – Geographies of Coastal Transformations: Politics of Environmental Changes in Rural Philippine Villages, and Simeona Martinez who presented some of her thesis outputs on forest cover change and the experiences of the Agta in relation to the conversion of primary growth forest in General Nakar.

Three recent BS Geography graduatespresented papers that were derived from their undergraduate theses: Mylene De Guzman – Selling Places for Consumption: An Analysis of the Role of Atmospherics on Consumer Behavior in SM City Edsa; Madeline Andaya – Pink and Blue: The Gendered Space of MMDA Structures; and Rocelyn De Vera – A Woman's Body as a Reproductive Space: Who Controls it in a Male-Dominated Society?.

A discussion of the posters made by students who took the course Geography 243 (Geographic Information Systems for the Social Sciences) concluded the afternoon session. The posters, which highlighted a number of geographic studies accomplished by both graduate and undergraduate students using the GIS, were displayed at the second floor of the Palma Hall Lobby during the conference. A total of 110 students and teachers from various secondary and tertiary schools in Metro Manila and Bulacan attended the NCGS-4.

INSTITUTIONAL INITIATIVES

The *Philippine Geographical Journal* (PGJ) issue for 2006 was published in December 2008. It featured selected papers from the SEAGA Conference and book reviews authored by academicians from the Department of Geography in UP Diliman.

FINANCIAL STATUS

PGS has successfully revitalized its status as an organization in the Securities and Exchange Commission and is now relatively financially stable.

PHILIPPINE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

The members of the 2008 Board of Governors are the following:

President (on secondment)	Celestina Boncan
Vice president (OIC)	Evelyn Songco
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Legal Counsel	Pablo Trillana III
Chairman, National Historical Institute	Ambeth Ocampo
Consultant, Professor Emeritus	Rosario Cortes

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

PHA held the following seminars/conferences during the year:

- "Teaching Rizal in the Classroom: Making the Rizal Course Relevant in Our Time" at the University of San Agustin, Iloilo City on 18 January 2008 (seminar-workshop);
- "Controversies and Fallacies in Philippine History" at the GSIS Museum of Art, Pasay City on 29 January 2008 (echo seminar);
- "Controversies and Fallacies in Philippine History" at the Jose P. Laurel High School in Tondo, Manila on 20 February 2008 (echo seminar);
- "Men of Valor and Fortitude: The Generals of the Philippine Revolution and Philippine-American War: Focus on the Visayas" at St. Anthony's College, San Jose, Antique on 26 February 2008 (seminar);
- "The Role of Bulacan in the Struggle for Philippine Independence" at the Casa Real Shrine, Malolos, Bulacan on 11 June 2008 (colloquium);
- "Effective and Creative Strategies in Teaching Philippine History" at the University of Santo Tomas, Manila on 19 September 2008 (annual conference);
- "Effective and Creative Strategies in Teaching Philippine History" at the Holy Trinity College, Puerto Princesa, Palawan on 6-7 November 2008 (echo seminar); and
- "Teaching Rizal in the Classroom: Making the Rizal Course Relevant in Our Time" at Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro City on 9 December 2008 (seminar-workshop).

As it is an affiliate of the National Historical Institute, PHA joined NHI in celebrating significant milestones in Philippine History such as the following:

- 111th Anniversary of the Execution and Martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal by holding the seminar-workshop "Teaching Rizal in the Classroom: Making the Rizal Course Relevant in Our Time" at the University of San Agustin, Iloilo City on 18 January 2008;
- 109th Anniversary of the Outbreak of the Philippine-American War by holding the seminar "Men of Valor and Fortitude: the Generals of the Philippine Revolution and the Philippine-American War" at St. Anthony's College, San Jose, Antique on 26 February 2008;

- 136th Anniversary of the GOMBURZA Execution and Martyrdom by making a floral offering at the GOMBURZA Historical Marker at the Luneta on 17 February 2008;
- 110th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence by holding the colloquium "The Role of Bulacan in the Struggle for Philippine Independence" at the Casa Real Shrine, Malolos, Bulacan on 11 June 2008; and
- 112th Anniversary of the Execution and Martyrdom of Dr. Jose Rizal by holding the seminar-workshop "Teaching Rizal in the Classroom: Making the Rizal Course Relevant in Our Time" at Xavier University, Cagayan De Oro City on 9 December 2008.

PHA actively participated in the project of the National Historical Institute to popularize local history writing. Dr. Boncan represented PHA in the seminars held at the National Historical Institute (for NCR), 21 August 2008; at the Rizal Memorial Colleges, Davao City (for Mindanao), 25-26 September 2008; at the Naga Colleges Foundation, Naga City (for Luzon), 16-17 October 2008; and at the University of San Carlos, Cebu City (for Visayas), 11-12 December 2008.

PHA presented a panel paper entitled "Imparting History in Philippine Education" on 8 May 2008 at the 6th National Social Science Congress on the theme "The Paradox of Philippine Education and Education Reform: Social Science Perspectives" sponsored by the Philippine Social Science Council. PHA panel of speakers were Dr. Evelyn Songco, panel chair, Dr. Teofista Vivar, Dr. Estrellita Muhi, lecturers, Dr. Gloria Santos and Prof. Evangelista, discussants.

Dr. Boncan delivered a lecture entitled "Philippine-Spanish Economic Relations: A Bibliographical Survey" in the symposium held at the National Museum on 20 June 2008 in celebration of Philippine-Spanish Friendship Day sponsored by the National Historical Institute, the National Museum, the Spanish Embassy, and the UP Department of History.

Mr. Balsamo was guest of the special program held by Channel 4 on 25 August 2008 hosted by former Senator Orlando (Orly) Mercado in celebration of National Heroes Day.

Mr. Jerome Ong, PHA secretary, received the 2008 UP Manila Gawad Chanselor Award as "Pinakamahusay na Guro at Mananaliksik."

List of papers delivered in the above-mentioned seminars/conferences:

- 18 January 2008, University of San Agustin, Iloilo City [Teaching Rizal in the Classroom: Making the Rizal Course Relevant in Our Time]
  - "Rizal in Hong Kong" (Celestina Boncan)
  - "Amor Patrio: Rizal's Blueprint for Nationalism" (Celestina Boncan)
  - "Rizal and the Calamba Hacienda Incident" (Jerome Ong)
  - "Rizal's On the Indolence of the Filipinos" (Jerome Ong)
  - "Fifty Years of the Rizal Law" (Augusto de Viana)
- 26 February 2008, St. Anthony's College, San Jose, Antique (Men of Valor and Fortitude: The Generals of the Philippine Revolution and the Philippine-American War (Focus on the Visayas)
  - "The Philippine-American War in the Visayas: An Overview" (Celestina Boncan)
  - "Leandro Fullon: An Antiqueño of Valor and Fortitude" (Aida Ricarze)

- "Martin Delgado: Proud Ilonggo Revolutionary Leader and Filipino Nationalist" (Henry Funtecha)
- "Teresa Magbanua and Patrocinio Gamboa: Ang Kabayanihan ng Kababaihan sa Himagsikan" (Mary Dorothy Jose)
- Arcadio "Tan Kadio" Maxilom: The Promdi General of Cebu* (Erlinda Alburo)
- "Eugenio Daza and the Philippine-American War" (Eugenio Roy Daza)

• 8 May 2008, Philippine Social Science Council (6th National Social Science Congress, Imparting History in Philippine Education)
  - "The Importance of History in Philippine Education" (Estrellita Muhi)
  - "Effective Strategies in Teaching History" (Teofista Vivar)
  - "Measuring Student Affective Development in the Teaching of History in Basic Education" (Evelyn Songco)

• 11 June 2008, Casa Real Shrine, Malolos, Bulacan (The Role of Bulacan in the Struggle for Philippine Independence)
  - "*La Frailocracia Filipina*: Testimony to Marcelo del Pilar as Propagandist, Nationalist, and Hero" (Celestina Boncan)
  - "Si Gregorio del Pilar sa Kasaysayan ng Rebolusyong Pilipina" (Jonathan Balsamo)
  - "Malolos Congress: Its Role in Nation-Building" (Estrellita Muhi)

• 19 September 2008, University of Santo Tomas, Manila (Effective and Creative Strategies in Teaching Philippine History)
  - "Using the Appreciative Inquiry Method in Teaching Philippine Prehistory" (Gloria Santos)
  - "Teaching beyond Textbook Narratives: New Ideas in Teaching the Spanish Period" (Estrellita Muhi)
  - "Ang Paggamit ng Primaryang Batis sa Pagtuturo ng Kasaysayan ng Himagsikang Pilipino" (Jonathan Balsamo)
  - "Using Transformative Learning in Teaching the American Period" (Evelyn Songco)
  - "Values Formation in Teaching Philippine Contemporary History" (Teofista Vivar)

• Seminar-Workshop on Writing Local History (Celestina Boncan)
  - "Archival Sources in the Writing of Local History: Focus on the National Capital Region" (Manila)
  - "Archival Sources in the Writing of Local History: Focus on Mindanao" (Davao City)
  - "Local History: Content, Sources, Methodology" (Naga City, Cebu City)

• 9 December 2008, Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro City (Teaching Rizal in the Classroom: Making the Rizal Course Relevant in Our Time)
  - "Unti-unti Akong Nagbago: Ang Buhay Estudyante ni Rizal sa Ateneo" (Jonathan Balsamo)
  - "Darkness after the Light: Rizal 1887-1888" (Celestina Boncan)
  - "Rizal Meets Valenzuela: The Conference of Jose Rizal and Pio Valenzuela in Dapitan" (Arleigh Ross de la Cruz)

Publications

PHA published the 2008 issue of its journal *Historical Bulletin* on the theme "America's Legacy to Philippine Public Health" which contains the following articles:

- "Some American Health and Sanitation Programs in the Philippines, 1898-1935" (Estrellita Muhi)
- "America's Disease Eradication Program in the Philippines, 1901-1916" (Celestina Boncan)
- "The Anti-Rinderpest Campaign in the Philippines, 1901-1934" (Arleigh Ross de la Cruz)
- "Health Science Education Institutions during the American Period" (Jonathan Balsamo)
- "Philippine General Hospital: Ang Simula ng Isang Kabaliwang Pangarap" (Jerome Ong)

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

For the year 2008, the PHA was represented in the National Commission for Culture and the Arts by Hon. Ambeth Ocampo, PHA past president, and current chairman of the National Historical Institute. Dr. Boncan represented PHA in the National Historical Institute.

PHA and GSIS Museum of Art Curator, Mr. Ryan Palad, concluded an informal agreement to make the GSIS Museum a venue for PHA seminars and conferences. And with this agreement, PHA held one of its pocket lectures there.

In line with its commitment to the Department of Education to help enhance the teaching of Philippine History in the public school system, PHA echoed (free of charge) its 2007 annual conference "Controversies and Fallacies in Philippine History" for the Division of City Schools-Pasay, Division of City Schools-Manila and the Jose P. Laurel High School at the GSIS Museum of Art; and its 2008 annual conference "Effective and Creative Strategies in Teaching Philippine History" for the Division of Palawan and Division of City Schools-Puerto Princesa at the Holy Trinity College.

One concrete output of the echo seminar held at the Holy Trinity College was the creation of a PHA chapter in Palawan. Prof. Oscar Evangelista, PHA Regional Coordinator who is now based in Puerto Princesa was unanimously chosen as chapter chairman. Holy Trinity College would serve as the base and coordinator of the PHA Palawan Chapter.

Through the various seminars that it held, PHA forged new linkages with different schools such as University of San Agustin (Iloilo City), St. Anthony's College (San Jose, Antique), Jose P. Laurel High School (Tondo, Manila), and Xavier University (Cagayan de Oro City).

Pursuant to its mission of promoting Philippine History, the PHA Board conducted its 2008 planning session at the Leon Apacible Historical Landmark in Taal, Batangas, one of the several historical shrines maintained by the National Historical Institute (NHI). Apacible was a member of the 1898 Malolos Congress. For its annual historical-educational trip, the PHA Board toured the province of Laguna, noting in particular the footwear and piña-jusi clothing industry in Liliw and Lumbang, respectively. The PHA Board also toured Lucban, Quezon in the foothills of historic Mt. Banahaw.

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

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ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY INITIATIVES

29th National Conference on Local and National History

The 29th National Conference on Local and National History was held on 23-25 October 2008, at Banaue Hotel and Youth Hostel, Banaue, Province of Ifugao. It

was co-hosted by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts-Committee on Historical Research, University of the Philippines-Baguio, Ifugao State College of Agriculture and Forestry, Municipality of Banaue, Philippine Social Science Council, and the National Historical Institute. Additional logistical support for the Lakbay-Aral came from the Municipality of Hungduan, Ifugao.

The Conference theme was "Philippine Ethnohistories: The Luzon Cordillera and Beyond." The speakers and their papers were the following:

- Leah Enkiwe-Abayao (Assistant Professor, Department of History and Philosophy, College of Social Sciences, UP Baguio) – "Mayoyao Ethnohistory, 1857-1960)";
- Digna B. Apilado (Associate Professor, Department of History, College of Social Sciences and Philosophy) – "Early Nineteenth Century Revolts in Ilocos";
- Calbi A. Asain, Ph.D. (Professor and Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Mindanao State University-Sulu) – "Preparing the Groundwork for a Mindanao-Sulu Historiography";
- George Emmanuel R. Borrinaga (Department of History, University of San Carlos, Cebu City) – "The Pulahan Movement in Leyte (1902-1907)";
- Rolando O. Borrinaga, Ph.D. (Professor, School of Health Sciences, University of the Philippines Manila, in Palo, Leyte) – "Barangay Triana: The Right Site of the First Mass in Limasawa in 1521";
- June Prill-Brett, Ph.D. (Professor *emeritus*, Department of Social Anthropology and Psychology, College of Social Sciences, UP Baguio) – "The Ethnohistory of the City of Baguio and the Municipality of Tuba, Benguet Province, from the Pre-Colonial to the American Colonial Periods:'
- Earl Jude Paul L. Cleope, Ph.D. (Professor of History and Director of Instruction, Silliman University) – "The Visayas: Islands in the Seas, A Historical Perspective (Series 4)";
- Violeta S. Ignacio, Ph.D. (Professor of History, University of the Philippines Pampanga) – "Resisting the Japanese: American Guerrillas of Northern Luzon";
- Dean J. Kotlowski, Ph.D. (Fulbright Professor, De La Salle University-Manila) – "The Making of a Jewish Refugee Haven in Manila, 1938-1939";
- Bonifacio V. Ramos, Ed.D. (Director of Research, Saint Mary's University, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya) – "The History of the Province of Nueva Vizcaya, 1591-1898";
- Raymundo D. Rovillos, Ph.D. (Associate Professor, Department of History and Philosophy, Dean, College of Social Sciences, UP Baguio) – "Writing Ethnohistory in the Philippines: Narrating and Theorizing Culture";
- Fr. Pedro V. Salgado, O.P. (Convent of Manaoag, Pangasinan) – "The Irrayas of Old, Models for Today's Revolutionaries";
- B.P. Tapang, Jr. (Associate Professor, Department of Economics and Political Science, College of Social Sciences, UP Baguio) – "What the Numbers Say: A Quantitative History of Cordillera Growth, 1987-2007";
- Anna Christie K. Villarba-Torres, Ph.D. (Associate Professor, Department of Languages and Literature, College of Arts and Communication, UP Baguio) – "The Map, the Poem, the Church and William Henry Scott, Post-colonially Speaking"; and

- Celso H. Valenciano (Consultant to Mayor of Lamut, Retired) – "Experiences in Preparing the Local History of Lamut."

Launched at the Conference was the *Journal of History LIV* (January-December 2008) , edited by Rolando O. Borrinaga. The volume contains selected papers from the 28th National Conference on Local and National History held at Tangub City, Misamis Occidental in October 2007.

The 30th National Conference on Local and National History will be held in October 2009 at Holy Name University, Bohol.

Forum series on Philippine History and historiography and Philippine studies

PNHS inaugurated a forum series on history, historiography, and Philippine studies in October 2001, featuring colleagues in the academe visiting Manila, either to do research or deliver special lectures. The continuing series in 2008 were the following:

PNHS Forum Series # 28 18 August 2008	"Cinema and History" by Nick Deocampo (Director, Center for New Cinema, Quezon City)
PNHS Forum Series # 29 14 November 2008	"James Alexander Robertson and the Construction of *The Philippine Islands, 1493-1898,* and the Modern Philippine Library" by Gus Vibal (Executive Director, Vibal Foundation)

Journal of History LV (2009)

Presently, the conference papers from the 29th National Conference on Local and National History are being reviewed/refereed and will be edited for publication in the *Journal of History LV* (2009).

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Institutional linkages

PNHS, through its Board of Trustees, is linked with the following institutions:

National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA): The following Board Members currently sit as Executive Council Members of the NCCA-Committee on Historical Research (CHR) for the term 2007-2010: Maria Nela B. Florendo serves as PNHS Representative; Rene R. Escalante is CHR Head; Maria Eloisa P. de Castro is Vice Head; and Erlinda K. Alburo is Assistant Secretary.

Manila Studies Association (MSA): The PNHS President also serves as President of the Manila Studies Association (formally established in 1989) and the following PNHS Board Members are among those who serve in the MSA Board: Lorelei DC. de Viana – Vice President; Maria Eloisa P. de Castro – Secretary; Eden M. Gripaldo – Treasurer; Digna B. Apilado; Gil G. Gotiangco, Jr. II; Violeta S. Ignacio; Patrick Anthony S. de Castro; and Pacita S. Carluen.

MSA held its 17th Annual Conference on 13-14 August 2008, at Tanghalan Leandro Locsin, National Commission for Culture and the Arts, with the co-sponsorship of PNHS. The 18th Annual Conference will be held in August 2009.

National Historical Institute

The PNHS President sits in the Task Force for the Celebration of Rizal Martyrdom on 30 December 2008 and the Birth Anniversary of Jose Rizal on 19 June 2009. A Rizal symposium will be convened by the PNHS in June 2009. Prof. Digna B. Apilado was speaker in an NHI Seminar Workshop on the Writing of Local History held in Davao in 2008.

UNESCO Philippine Memory of the World Committee

The "Memory of the World" Programme was launched by UNESCO in 1992 "to protect and promote the world's documentary heritage through preservation and access." On 14 August 2006, the Philippine Memory of the World Committee (PMOW) was established. PMOW Committee is chaired by UNESCO Commissioner Carmen D. Padilla. The PNHS President serves as History Representative.

Commission on Higher Education – Technical Committee on History

The PNHS President currently sits in the CHED Technical Panel on the Social Sciences and Communication, representing the discipline of History, and serves as Chair of the CHED Technical Committee on History. The other members of the Technical Committee are the following PNHS Board Members: Maria Eloisa P. de Castro; Rene R. Escalante; Gil G. Gotiangco, Jr. II. The Technical Committee has just completed the "Policies and Standards for History for the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs," copies of which can be downloaded from the CHED Website.

Philippine Studies Association (PSA)

The PNHS President currently serves as PSA President, for the term 2007-2009. The PNHS Presidents sits in the Organizing Committee for Philippine Studies Conferences which has convened both the ICOPHIL and EUROPHIL Conferences. The 8th International Conference on Philippine Studies (ICOPHIL) was held at the Philippine Social Science Center on 24-26 July 2008. The PNHS President served as Conference Co-convener in her capacity as PSA President.

Philippine Studies Group (PSG), Association for Asian Studies (AAS), USA

The PNHS President sits as a Member of the Board of PSG Advisory Council until March 2010. The PNHS President and Board Members (Maria Eloisa P. de Castro and Stephen Henry S. Totanes) are members of the AAS and occasionally participate in the Annual Meetings of the AAS.

FINANCIAL STANDING

The overall financial standing of PNHS is stable and able to carry out various activities without much financial strain on the budget. PNHS is fortunate for it has been able to tap funding sources from the NCCA, PSSC, sponsoring academic and governmental institutions, which has enabled PNHS to take care of two of its biggest annual activities: convening its Annual National Conference and the publication of the *Journal of History* on an annual basis. It should be noted, however, that the PNHS is still working on updating 4-5 back issues for which funding is still a problem.

PHILIPPINE POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Annual conference

One of the regular and most anticipated activities of the Philippine Political Science Association (PPSA), the professional association of scholars and researchers in political science in the Philippines, is the annual conference. This year's conference held at Bethel Guest House, Dumaguete City on 11-12 April 2008 had the theme "Nation-formation, State-building and Political Science in the Philippines: Looking Back, Probing Inwards." The theme was chosen in view of the recent commemoration of the 45th year of the foundation of PPSA. Paper presentations and discussions delved not only on a critical reappraisal of nation-building and state-formation in the country but also the less-evident positives of these intertwined phenomena. The most lively plenary presentations and discussions centered on assessments of the role of political science, scholars and PPSA itself in the two processes in the country.

The 2008 conference's keynote speaker was eminent political scientist and former PPSA President, Dr. Carolina G. Hernandez, Professor Emeritus of Political Science, University of the Philippines (UP), Diliman. The annual conference was made possible in partnership with the Philippine Social Science Council (PSSC) and 2008's host institution, Silliman University, and with the generous support of Governor Emilio Macias and the Provincial Government of Negros Oriental. Around 120 participants attended the conference, representing 24 academic, research and government institutions, including three Japanese universities, one Singaporean University, and the Japanese Embassy. As in recent annual conferences, student participants and volunteers, this time mostly from the Visayas, participated.

Publication

PPSA released the 2008 issue of the *Philippine Political Science Journal (PPSJ)*, the official international peer-reviewed journal of the Association. This is the second year that PPSJ is undergoing the evaluation process of Thomson Scientific for Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) accreditation. Late this year, PPSA received the good news that Thomson Scientific has already given it ISI accreditation, making it one of the few Philippine-based journals to receive such distinction. This gives the association honor as well as more challenges. This ISI accreditation will encourage more scholars working on the Philippines to submit articles for possible publication in the journal. The Association will also have to sustain the gains and work on the following: shifting from annual to a biannual journal, putting an online version of the journal, and creating a separate trust fund to sustain the journal's publication.

During the 40th anniversary celebration of PSSC last 7 December 2008, PPSA received two citations from PSSC: one special citation for faithfully producing the *PPSJ* in the last 10 years, and a commendation "for being the first PSSC regular member-association to gain the highly-coveted" ISI accreditation for its journal.

Course development and outreach program

As a result of PPSA's participation in the National Academy of Science and

Technology's ongoing efforts on revising and developing social science courses to support a science culture in the country, PPSA has formed a committee tasked to revise and update the *Politics and Governance Course Manual* and accompanying compendium of course readings which PPSA developed with the support of CHED a decade ago. The committee is also tasked to develop proposals for funding the revision as well as extramural programs to support the revised course.

Conduct of lectures, seminars and roundtable discussions

The year also saw PPSA working with different groups and institutions in the conduct of lectures, seminars and roundtable discussions. They are as follows:

- *Lecture on Social Democracy, 13 March 2008.* Prof. Thomas Meyer (University of Dortmund, Germany) gave a lecture to about 200 students and faculty at Palma Hall, UP, Diliman. The lecture was followed by an informal discussion cum lunch with faculty members at the UP Faculty Center. Co-sponsors included the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung-Manila Office and the UP Dept. of Political Science.
- *Roundtable Discussion on Multidisciplinary Perspectives on the National Situation, 14 March 2008.* Scholars representing most of the member-associations of PSSC gave their views on the leadership crisis happening at that time. The discussion led to the drafting of a statement on the leadership crisis and the national situation that was circulated to the membership of the various professional associations comprising PSSC. PPSA spearheaded the discussion with PSSC as co-sponsor. It was held at PSSCenter.
- *Forum on "Left Parties in Power: Elections and Governance in Latin America," 12 June 2008.* Guest speakers were Prof. Andre Singer (University of Sao Paolo, Brasil) and Dr. Diego Cánepa Baccino (Member of Parliament, Uruguay). The lecture was attended by more than 200 students and faculty at Palma Hall, University of the Philippines, Diliman. The forum was followed by lunch and a roundtable discussion with scholars and activists at the UP Third World Studies Center (UP) office. Co-sponsors included the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung-Manila Office, the UP Dept. of Political Science, and the UP TWSC.
- *Lecture Series of Jim Glassman, 1-4 July 2008.* Prof. Glassman (Dept. of Geography, University of Columbia) gave four lectures: "'The Provinces Elect Governments, Bangkok Overthrows Them': Urbanity, Class, and Post-Democracy in Thailand", "Southeast Asia Between China and The US: Neo-Liberals, Neo-Conservatives, Rising Powers, and Resurgent Militarists", "The Greater Mekong Subregion: Regionalization or Spatial Fix?" and "Global Poverty and Inequality: Measuring Trends, Interpreting Implications." The lectures at Palma Hall were attended by political science classes, faculty and activists. The lecture series was co-sponsored with the Focus on the Global South, the UP Dept. of Political Science, and the UP TWSC.

Participation in intellectual exchanges and policy discussions

PPSA convened with the National Research Council of the Philippines the panel on "Public Policy Concerns in Higher Education" in the Sixth National Social Science Congress, 7-9 May 2008 at the Philippine Social Science Center. The Association also participated in the International Political Science Association's Conference, 30 April-2 May 2008 at Montreal, Canada through the presentation of the paper "State of Political Science in the Philippines" of Prof. Ronald D. Holmes, De La Salle University.

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

In the past, PPSA's membership grew as a result of growing participation in the annual conferences. However, this year, it also campaigned for membership beyond the conference. As a result, membership applications came throughout the year from faculty members from different universities as well as graduate students.

The Association also continues to maintain its website (http://philpolsci.net) and electronic discussion group (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/philpolsci) as means of communicating to its members, recruiting new members and sharing resources and information about opportunities for academic advancement and other scholarly activities. The e-group sustained lively exchanges on the following topics in 2008: the beleaguered Arroyo presidency, charter change, the economic crisis, and the U.S. elections, among others.

PPSA continues to tap PSSC's Technical Section to provide secretariat services in order to update its membership roster. PPSA has also retained the services of an external auditor and a bookkeeper. It has also complied in a timely manner with the annual and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Bureau of Internal Revenues.

PPSA is also in the process of securing institutional membership in the International Political Science Association. It has also worked with a number of political science students' organizations in the country needing resource persons for their fora and conferences.

FINANCIAL STANDING

Following previous years' practice, PPSA has approved and worked with an annual budget in its commitment to operate in a professional manner. In the business meeting held at the end of the 2008 conference in Dumaguete, the membership resolved that PPSA will not touch its PhP 2 million worth of investments with the Philam Asset Management, Inc. (PAMI) for the next five years.

The Association remains in good financial standing with no outstanding obligations. However, PPSA has resolved to raise more funds to support regular activities like the annual conference and the publication of the journal.

PHILIPPINE POPULATION ASSOCIATION

ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT

Board of Trustees and its new set of officers elected on 23 February 2008:

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With the new set of Officers and Trustees, the various committees were reorganized/revitalized for greater efficiency in the performance of PPA functions.

The following committees were formed/reactivated:

1. Membership committee
2. Training and capability-building committee
3. Scientific conference committee
4. Resource mobilization committee
5. External affairs committee
6. Research and publication committee
7. Election committee

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

The Association conducted the following activities:

- 2008 PPA Annual Scientific Conference with the theme, "Migration and Urbanization in the Population and Development Framework" on 23 February 2008 at the University of the Philippines (UP) NCPAG Assembly Hall.
- Co-sponsored with the UP Population Institute the Training on Healthy Life Expectancy held at UPPI Conference Room, UP Diliman, on 6 May 2008 and conducted by Dr. Yasuhiko Saito, Nihon University, Tokyo, Japan and Dr. Jean-Marie Robine, University of Montpellier 1, France.
- Co-sponsored with the College of Social Sciences and Philosophy, UP Diliman the "Demographers Speak," a Roundtable Discussion on the Reproductive Health and Population Development Act of 2008 held at Bulwagang Rizal, UP Diliman, on 27 November 2008 participated in by the three demographic institutions (UP Population Institute, Office of Population Studies of the University of San Carlos and the Research Institute for Mindanao Culture (RIMCU) of Xavier University).
- Prepared—together with the three demographic institutions —and disseminated on 27 November 2008 the "Demographers' Statement on the Population Issue."
- Co-sponsored with the UP Population Institute the Lecture on "Asian Spatial Demography: Recent Development and Prospects for an Expanding Field of Study" by Dr. Peter Xenos, East-West Center, Hawaii on 4 December 2008 at Palma Hall, UP Diliman.
- Sponsored a student in the Master in Population Studies program through the PPA scholarship.
- Published Volume 6, No. 1 of the *Philippine Population Review.*

At the regional level, the PPA–Visayas Chapter sponsored a Forum on Population, Poverty, Politics and the RH Bill on 28 August 2008 at the UP Cebu Conference Hall with Dr. Ernesto Pernia as Resource Person.

The Association also participated in exhibits and displays in the following events:

- "Family Planning, Karapatan Ko, Karapatan Mo Gawing Totoo," World Population Day 2008, held at City Colleges of Manila on 7 July 2008.
- "Philippine Demography @ 44: Continuing Tradition of Excellence in Training and Research in Nation Building" on 8 October 2008 at Palma Hall, UP Diliman.

FINANCIAL STANDING

For two of the activities mentioned above, the organization received financial support from the Philippine Center for Population and Development (PCPD), the Philippine Social Science Council (PSSC), and the University of the Philippines College of Social Sciences and Philosophy (CSSP).

The organization remains financially stable. It is able to support the financial requirements of the organization with regard to its day-to-day expenses, but obtained additional financial support for some of its activities.

PHILIPPINE SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

The Philippine Society for Public Administration (PSPA) General Assembly was held on 6 May 2008. The following were elected/reelected officers/members of the board of trustees:

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	Dr. Sukarno Tanggol Faculty, Mindanao State University
Secretary General	Dr. Alex B. Brillantes, Jr. Dean and Professor, NCPAG

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Conferences

PSPA co-sponsored with the UP National College of Public Administration and Governance, the Association of Schools of Public Administration, Inc. (ASPAP) and the United Nations Development Programme the Public Colloquium on the theme "Is There a Philippine Public Administration?: A Timeless Issue" which was held on 26-27 June 2008 at the NCPAG Assembly Hall, Diliman, Quezon City.

The Colloquium sought to address and identify the peculiarities and idiosyncrasies of public administration study and practice as they have evolved and developed in the country. There were 13 paper presentors from the academe and practitioners of public administration. A very inspiring message was delivered by the newly appointed Chairman of the Civil Service Commission Ricardo Saludo, who was the keynote speaker of the colloquium. It was attended by at least 150 participants mostly PSPA and ASPAP members from government and academic institutions from all over the country.

The papers presented during the colloquium were published in the *Philippine Journal of Public Administration* (PJPA) April-October 2008 Issue, Volume 52, Numbers 2-4.

PJPA publication

The *Philippine Journal of Public Administration* 2008 issue was released in December 2008.

FINANCIAL STANDING

Statement of Income and Fund Balance
For the Year Ended 31 December 2008

Beginning Balance as of 1 January 2008	P49,350.31	
Petty Cash		369.50
Total		P49,719.81
Add:		
Income		
Income from Membership Fees	P11,000.00	
Interest from Deposit	214.29	
Total		11,214.29
Total Income		P 60,934.10
Less Expenses		
Withholding Tax -	42.85	
PSSC Membership Fee	10,000.00	
Food Served during Mtgs.	4,500.00	

Annual Reg. Fee (BIR)		500.00	
Communication		60.00	
Transportation		275.50	
Supplies	138.25		
Notary	450.00		
Total		P15,966.60	
Net Income			P44,967.50

PHILIPPINE STATISTICAL ASSOCIATION

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

PSA held the following conferences and activities during the year:

2008 PSA midyear conference

With the theme "Impormal na Sektor: Kilalanin, Talakayin at Sukatin," the midyear conference was co-sponsored by and held at the Department of Labor and Employment on 6 June 2008. Among the paper presentors were Dr. Dalisay Maligalig and Directors Criselda Sy and Raymundo Talento while discussants included Drs. Fernando Aldaba and Cayetano Paderanga, Jr. It was attended by over 120 participants from various institutions in the country.

Anniversary conference and training

Meanwhile, the anniversary conference with the theme "Harnessing Statistics, Empower the Local Governments" was held back-to-back with a Training Workshop at UP Los Baños on 25-26 September 2008. The conference cum training/workshop gathered more than 200 participants from all over the country.

Also, during the said conference, the PSA Board held a dialogue with the representatives of its regional chapters regarding issues concerning the amendment made in the By-Laws in December 2007. As the amendment goes, instead of requiring its regional chapters to (1) register with SEC with their own articles and by-laws; and (2) submit to BIR their own receipts as regional chapter members, they are now required to submit their (a) proposed work program for the current year; (b) annual accomplishment reports; and (c) financial statements. Both reports and statements must be based upon the calendar year just ended and must be made available within the first quarter of the current year. Aside from the issues on amendment, the dialogue also covered the obligations and benefits of membership in PSA. The PSA President likewise took this opportunity to encourage its regional chapters to pursue the mission, vision and advocacy of PSA.

Training Course Program: "Training Teachers of Basic Statistics at Tertiary Level"

With a grant from the Commission on Higher Education, PSA conducted the training course in 11 host State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in different regions in the country. The idea of conducting the training course evolved from PSA's studies exposing widespread use of poor quality books complemented with teachers having inadequate formal backgrounds on the subject. The structure, content and materials used in the course were developed and pilot tested twice in 2007 by PSA

in collaboration with the Statistical Research and Training Center. The training course program benefited 290 teachers from 54 state and private tertiary institutions. Post evaluation results showed that the training course achieved its objectives of helping the teachers improve their knowledge on introductory statistics course in an effective and efficient manner. Feedback from the participants was positive for it boosted their confidence and willingness to impart what they have learned.

17th Philippine Statistics Quiz

PSA co-organized with the National Statistics Office the 17th Philippine Statistics Quiz. It was conducted on a nationwide basis involving students enrolled in colleges and universities in the 17 regions of the country. The annual contest aims to assess the skills of students in secondary statistics and seeks to enhance public awareness and appreciation of the importance of statistics to society. On its 17th series, Mr. Romeo Recide, a PSA member, chaired the Technical Committee for the Philippine Statistics Quiz.

Other fora and lectures

As part of the Faculty-Student Conference held in UP Diliman, the PSA President made a presentation entitled "Teaching Teacher in Teaching Statistics" wherein she shared PSA's experience in the conduct of teacher's training. Ms. Nieves Osorio has likewise served as keynote speaker during the Regional Statistics Forum in Tuguegarao, Cagayan on the theme "Demand Driven Statistics: Key to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Development." The said forum served as the culminating activity for the National Statistics Month in Region 2.

Another important event attended by PSA is the Sixth National Social Science Congress on 7-9 May 2008. The association convened the first session with the theme "Measures for Assessing Education in the Philippines." Dr. Dalisay S. Maligalig, a PSA Board Member, presented a research paper together with Dr. Jose Ramon Albert of Philippine Institute for Development Studies. Among the panel discussants were Drs. Mercedes Concepcion and Erlinda Pefianco.

PSA Board members, Drs. Vicente Valdepeñas (Chair of the Review Committee), Lisa Grace Bersales and Isidoro David, contributed to the completion of the report of the 2nd Special Committee to review the Philippine Statistical System. Drs. Valdepeñas and David presented the report in various fora.

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Crafting of the "Philippine Code of Ethics for Statisticians"

PSA has made significant progress in crafting the "Philippine Code of Ethics for Statisticians" thru the initiative of the Institutional Development Committee. The draft was made possible with the contribution of its officers and members together with other partner-institutions. The draft code was presented for ratification by the body at its General Assembly last 5 December 2008. PSA members were given up to the end of February 2009 to suggest further improvements. Non-PSA members who wish to comment and offer suggestions were advised to coordinate with the PSA Secretariat. Meanwhile, the new Board is expected to finalize the draft by the end of April 2009. This effort serves as a program of advocacy with the belief that the government will eventually adopt such a code, whether 'as is' or 'as further improved', as a guide for the professionalization of statistics and/or as a reference

for (optional) accreditation of statisticians and/or organizations in the private or public sector. At the very least, with this in place, soon there will be an added ethical basis for evaluating the conduct of statistical activities and the individuals, institutions, and/or organizations carrying out statistical activities and undertaking work involving statistics.

Technical assistance

PSA's daily affairs are being monitored by a Secretariat composed of a Managing Director and two Secretariat Assistants. The Secretariat's priorities have been to develop an updated electronic membership database; print and distribute long-delayed members' IDs; negotiate new and more permanent printing arrangements for PSA publications; and improve office automation processes, facilities and service to members.

For technical and operational matters, PSA is dependent upon committees composed of members who serve *pro bono*. These include permanent ones such as finance, training, conferences, membership, publications and also ad hoc committees on specific issues. To easily manage the affairs of the association, the official website of PSA (www.philstat.org.ph) was launched during its Midyear Conference.

FINANCIAL STANDING

With the conduct of training courses, conferences and dialogues with its regional chapters, increase in membership was attained. This resulted in the collection of membership fees from its regional chapters, which brought PSA closer to its revenue targets. Based on unaudited financial report, the PSA ended 2008 with a net income of about Ph0.16 million.

PHILIPPINE SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

In 2008, the Philippine Sociological Society (PSS) continued to promote and advance the concerns of its members – professionals and students who come from various disciplines but whose interests are deeply related to sociology. This, inspite of the turnovers that plagued its organization and management throughout the year.

As presented in last year's report, new members of the Board were elected during the association's annual conference in October 2007 held at the Ateneo de Manila University. However, even before the newly-elected board members could choose the officers from among themselves, one member, Isagani A. Lachica of PSSC, met an unfortunate accident while on a bus from Pangasinan, and passed on. Rather than hold new elections, the other members decided to invite Esmeralda Sanchez of the University of Santo Tomas, who garnered the next highest number of votes, to fill the position vacated by Isagani Lachica. And, at the Board's first meeting in January 2008, the following were chosen as officers of the association:

President – Dr. Corazon B. Lamug (University of the Philippines Los Baños)
Vice-President – Dr. Manuel P. Diaz

Treasurer – Ms. Myla M. Arcinas (De La Salle Univerity)
Secretary – Ms. Leslie A. Lopez (Ateneo de Manila University
Members – Dr. Esmeralda F. Sanchez (University of Santo Tomas),
Ms. Josephine C. Dionisio (University of the Philippines) and
Dr. Emma Porio (Ateneo de Manila University).
Ex-officio – Dr. Czarina Saloma-Akpedonu, immediate past president

In August 2008, however, Josephine Dionisio had to resign as she was to leave for Canada to pursue a Ph.D. At about the same time, Myla Arcinas also had to relinquish her position because of heavy responsibilities at her home institution. All these while the association was busy preparing for the association's annual conference. And as if these were not enough, around four weeks before the conference, Cora Lamug herself met an unfortunate, tragic accident. She drowned.

On the death of Corazon Lamug, Dr. Manuel Diaz assumed the presidency, and during the annual conference in October 2008, elections were held where three new members of the Board were chosen: Filomin C. Gutierrez (University of the Philippines), Emanuel C. De Guzman (Polytechnic University of the Philippines), Clarence M. Batan (University of Santo Tomas, until May 2009), and Delfo C. Canceran (from May 2009).

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

National conference

During the 2007 conference, participants from the University of San Carlos (USC) offered to host the association's 2008s conference. However, owing to the impending change in the university's administration, USC colleagues had to withdraw its offer of hosting the conference. Fortunately, Dr. Lamug readily agreed to offer her home institution, University of the Philippines at Los Baños, to host the conference. However, as mentioned above, Dr. Lamug died a month before the conference. The remaining three active officers decided not to postpone the conference but to hold it instead at the PSSC. Despite these challenges, the conference proved to be a productive activity for its members as well as others who attended one or more or all of the sessions.

Records show that 72 persons registered for the 2008 conference held at the Philippine Social Science Center on 17-18 October, 2008. The conference theme was "Transformation of Social Institutions: Disjunctures, Confluences, and Continuities." A plenary session opened the conference at which four of the country's leading sociologists (Drs. Gelia T. Castillo, Mercedes B. Concepcion, Maria Cynthia Rose B. Bautista and Virginia A. Miralao) spoke on Transformations of Social Institutions: Processes, Reflections, and Narratives. Another plenary session closed the conference. Here, Dr. Filomeno V. Aguilar, Jr., editor of *Philippine Studies*, spoke on The Art of Writing a Journal Article. A consultation by the CHED Technical Committee for Sociology and Anthropology, which discussed Policies, Standards, and Guidelines for Sociology Degree Programs, was also held. In all, 10 academic panels were organized with 34 papers scheduled to be presented (although a few presenters, for various reasons, failed to attend).

Two institutions, Aquinas University in Legazpi City, and the University of the Philippines-Baguio, have signified interest in hosting the association's 2009 Annual Conference.

Philippine Sociological Review

In October 2008, the association released *Philippine Sociological Review* (PSR) Volume 55. Dr. Raul Pertierra edited this issue whose theme was "Computer Mediated Interactive Communication Technology (CMICT)." Although most of the papers and book reviews included in the issue dealt with issues outside the Philippines, it was agreed that "A special issue dealing with CMICT cannot ignore the global context within which these technologies operate. Understanding the influences and consequences of CMICT for Philippine society and culture can best be achieved by comparing their use in other societies in the region."

Special issue editor Ms. Stella Go is currently working on a volume on migration. The association also expects to put together papers presented at the 2008 conference in a volume and release it as an issue of the PSR.

PSR Joins The Philipppine Journals On-Line (PHILJOL)

PSR, through Dr. Emma Porio (along with 25 other Philippine journal editors and representatives), participated in the PHILJOL Publishing Quality and Online Strategy Workshop, held at the Ateneo de Manila University last 21-23 May 2008. The workshop was conducted by the Oxford-based International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP, in collaboration with the Philippine Association of Scholarly and Academic Publishers (PASAP), National Book Development Board, De La Salle University, and the Ateneo de Manila University.

As a result of this initiative, some back issues of PSR can now be accessed online (www.philjol.php/PSR).

Presence in the International Sociological Association (ISA)

Dr. Emma Porio continues to sit as Member of the Executive Committee of ISA, a non-profit association for scientific purposes in the field of sociology and other social sciences. Other PSS officers who hold positions in the ISA Research Committees (RC) are: Dr. Czarina Saloma-Akpedonu (Secretary of the Board of the RC on the Sociology of Science and Technology), and Dr. Esmeralda Sanchez (Board Member of the RC on the Sociology of Youth).

Presence in the Philippine Social Science Council

Dr. Corazon Lamug represented the discipline of Sociology at the PSSC Board of Trustees and was Chairperson of the Research Committee. Dr. Diaz now sits in the Board as PSS representative.

FINANCIAL STATUS

PSR subscriptions, annual membership dues, conference registration fees and conference grant from PSSC enabled PSS to undertake activities, primarily publishing the journal and holding the annual conference, toward the development and promotion of sociology in the Philippines.

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

The newly PAP Board of Directors and Officers were elected last 12 September 2008:

President	Dr. J. Enrique G. Saplala
Vice President	Dr. Lucila O. Bance
Executive Secretary	Dr. Mira Alexis P. Ofreneo
Treasurer	Dr. Ma. Caridad H. Tarroja
ERO	Mr. Marshall N. Valencia
Board of Directors:	
	Dr. Ma. Claudette A. Agnes
	Ma. Suzette Agcaoili
	Dr. Margaret Udarbe-Alvarez
	Dr. Allan B.I. Bernardo
	Dr. Eduardo C. Caligner
	Dr. Paulino G. Galvez
	Dr. Jerry J. Jurisprudencia
	Dr. Ma. Isabel E. Melgar
	Dr. Carmencita H. Salonga
	Dr. Lota A. Teh

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Annual convention

The 45th Annual Convention was held at the Brokenshire College, Davao City on 18-20 August 2008, with Dr. J. Enrique E. Saplala as Convention Chairperson. This was the second time the association held its annual convention outside Metro Manila. The theme of the convention was "Facing Emerging Issues and Building Better Futures: A Call to Psychologists." Dr. Cristina J. Montiel, of the Ateneo de Manila University was the Keynote Speaker. The program featured two plenary symposia on indigenization and social identity, psychology and the environment and leadership and governance. It also included several parallel oral paper presentations, poster presentations and continuing professional education workshops. The convention was attended by 315 participants.

PAP Junior Affiliates convention

The 22nd Annual Convention of the PAP Junior Affiliates was held at the De La Salle University, Taft Avenue, Manila with Dr. Carmencita H. Salonga as Convention Chairperson. Dr. Ma. Regina M. Hechanova was the keynote speaker. Other plenary speakers included Amparo Montemayor-de Asis of Asian Institute of Management Team Energy Center for Bridging Societal Divides, Jay A. Yacat of University of the Philippines, Diliman and Sherilyn T. Siy of Miriam College. The event also featured an Interschool Psychology Quiz competition, Outstanding Undergraduate Student Research Competition and for the first time, career talks and a job fair. The convention was attended by over 1,500 students from different parts of the country.

Continuing Professional Education

Two CPE Workshops were conducted by two divisions of PAP, Social Psychology Divisions last 11 January 2008, at the UP Diliman. The speaker was Dr. James Tiu, an industrial and organizational psychologist; 28 May 2008, Assessing Leadership Potential, the speaker was Aurora Bulatao and Gina Ylaya of ASSESS, Ateneo de ManilaUniversity.

Philippine Journal of Psychology

The PJP under the leadership of Dr. Ma. Emma Concepcion Liwag, released one issue this year and a special issue edition will come out by January or February of 2009.

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

Special divisions and committees

The following members were appointed to special division committee positions: (a) Dr. Ma. Cecilia G. Conaco, Chair of Social Psychology Division, (b) Dr. Edna Franco, Chair of Industrial and Organizational Psychology Division, (c) Dr. Liane Pena-Alampay, Chair of the Development and Educational Psychology Division, and (d) Dr. Ma. Isabel E. Melgar, Chair of the Clinical/Counseling Psychology Division.

Certification of Psychologists

A primer on the certification of psychologists was presented during the 45th PAP Annual Convention in Davao City. The primer was a product of the collaborative work of the different specialty divisions for the past two years. Acceptance of application for certification will begin in January 2009 and a list of certified members of each division will be posted by June 2009.

Psychology Bill

The core group of the Psychology Bill met last 19 December 2008 to discuss the key points and other issues related to the bill. In summary, the body has agreed to do the following:

- An ad hoc committee will be created during the next board meeting. Representatives for meetings with the House of Representatives and the Senate will also come from the committee;
- Inquire whether a simultaneous TWG meeting with the House and Senate can be done;
- Have a meeting with the psychiatrists regarding overlapping concerns with psychiatrists;
- Follow up with Cong. Bondoc on when the first TWG meeting will be held; and
- Inquire from CHED the number of MA and PhD Psychology graduates.

FINANCIAL STANDING

The organization has maintained its very good financial standing this calendar year. This is due to tight financial controls on expenditures, careful financial planning for key organizational activities, and good revenues generated from

membership fees and registration fees for conferences and meetings organized by the association.

UGNAYANG PANG-AGHAMTAO

In 2008, UGAT held its 30th Annual Conference in San Fernando, Pampanga on the theme "Performing Heritage." The UGAT also organized panels for the National Social Science Congress, and for the International Conference on Philippine Studies. Ethical issues continued to be discussed. The membership database was upgraded. A website was designed. Two issues of the journal *AghamTao* were released. The position of Executive Director was instituted to coordinate UGAT plans and to initiate a volunteer program.

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

The following individuals comprise the current Board of UGAT:

President	Jose Eleazar Bersales
Vice-President for Luzon	Ma. Luisa Lucas-Fernan
Vice-President for Visayas	Erlinda Alburo
Vice-President for Mindanao	Erlinda Burton
Secretary	Maria Mangahas
Treasurer	Rozanno Rufino
Members	Zona Amper
	Rosa Castillo
	Reginald Cruz
	Mary Acel German
	Hiroko Nagai
	Enrique Oracion
	Myfel Paluga
	Robert Panaguiton
Executive Director	Eufracio Abaya

The standing committees and their respective committee heads are the following:

Membership - Eufracio Abaya
Professional Growth and Ethics - Ma.Luisa Lucas-Fernan
Finance - Rozanno Rufino
Publications - Maria Mangahas
Public Relations - Jose Bersales with Linda Alburo
Special Events - Rosa Castillo

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

The 30th Annual Conference

The 30th Annual Conference of the Ugnayang Pang-AghamTao, Inc. (UGAT) was held at San Fernando, Pampanga on 26-28 October 2008, with the theme "Performing Heritage." This event was held at the Heroes Hall of San Fernando, Pampanga, with the generous co-sponsorship of the local government, which even

timed their local "Piyestang Tugak" to coincide with the conference. The National Historical Institute also gave support and pledged to fund the publication of papers from the conference in the journal AghamTao.

This conference saw presentations of high quality and also a significant increase in participation by papers in archaeology compared with previous conferences. Because of the venue's proximity to Manila, it was apparent however that many participants only arrived for a day's specific sessions. Also, a smaller number of participants stayed for the business meeting and tour of San Fernando held on the last day.

Discussion of standards for MA/PhD in Anthropology

During the Business Meeting held at the end of the conference, CHED's proposed standards for MA/PhD in Anthropology were discussed. It was found that there is a great diversity among existing Anthropology programs in different universities; except for the minimum number of units, no consensus could be reached on the ideal structure and content of a graduate degree in Anthropology.

NSSC VI

UGAT formed a panel for the 6th National Social Science Congress held on 7-9 May 2008 at the Philippine Social Science Center on the theme "The Paradox of Philippine Education." The UGAT panel was entitled "The Politics of Knowledge Production and Consumption in Philippine Education: Insights from Anthropology." The following presentations were made in the panel: 'Projecting 'Filipino-ness' on/ off line: Buwan ng Wika celebrations as moments of sentimental education' by Eufracio C. Abaya, 'When Culture Takes the Back Seat: The State of Archaeological Education in the Philippines' by Jose Eleazar R. Bersales, 'Anthropology and its Market: Decision-tree models by UP students on 'how they chose their course in College' by Maria Mangahas, and 'A study of UP Mindanao BA Social Sciences and BA Anthropology students and the patterns of their job placements' by Myfel Paluga.

8th ICOPHIL

UGAT participated in the 8th ICOPHIL (International Conference on Philippine Studies) on 23-26 July 2008 at the Philippine Social Science Center and Ateneo de Manila University. The UGAT-sponsored panel "Re-applying Anthropology: What's new with the Tasaday?" was chaired by Maria Mangahas with the following presentations: 'The Tasaday Syndrome' by Ponciano L. Bennagen and Israel B. Cabanilla, 'Beyond Footnotes: Towards A Historiography of the Tasaday' by Michael Charleston B. Chua, 'The Tasaday Twenty Four Years Hence: Insights Into Ethnicity and the Rights Framework' by Rosa Cordillera A. Castillo, and 'Teaching about the Tasaday: Perspectives of a Filipino Instructor in an American College Classroom' by Cherubim Quizon. This session was apparently one of the most well-attended in the conference, attesting to continuing contemporary interest in this case.

Several UGAT members also convened panels and presented papers in this conference.

AghamTao

Volumes 13 and 14 featuring articles on the theme "The Anthropology of Crisis" were launched during the UGAT annual conference.

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Website

The proposed design for UGAT website was presented during the Business Meeting in October. UGAT plans to purchase its own domain on the web.

Executive Director

During the UGAT Business Meeting, it was resolved that the position of Executive Director be formalized with a term of office of three years. The head of the Executive Committee of UGAT had been designated by the Board to act as Executive Director and tasked to draft a work plan as well as coordinate a volunteer program in order to carry out the programs and plans discussed by the Board.

Among the tasks of the Executive Director are fund-raising and maintenance of the membership database. There is no compensation for this position.

FINANCIAL STANDING

UGAT's financial standing continues to be positive; however, funds need to be raised in order to meet the goals of the UGAT as a professional organization. As of now the newest issues of *AghamTao* could only be printed in limited release for lack of funds.

The funds of the organization currently total about P107,000. (This includes the income from the conference, and the P30,000 support from the PSSC.) Payables amount to around P40,000, which will leave a balance of between P60-70,000.

FUTURE PLANS

The following activities and plans have been set by UGAT for the year 2009:

- The 31st Annual Conference to be held in Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro.
- Publication and printing of two more issues of AghamTao.
- Launch of the UGAT website.
- Organization of fora and discussions to raise awareness on ethics and anthropological practice: e.g. in archaeology and heritage conservation, on anthropologists involved in work for mining corporations, among other topics.
- Proposal of a research project to review Philippine ethnographic maps through time.
- Fund-raising and development of a volunteer program for UGAT.

Accomplishment Reports of PSSC Member-organizations

B. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

- Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication
- Ateneo Social Science Research Center – Ateneo de Naga University
- Center for Central Luzon Studies – Central Luzon State University
- Center for Research and Instructional Materials – Philippine Christian University
- College of Mass Communication – University of the Philippines-Diliman
- Coordinating Center for Research and Publications – University of San Agustin
- Development Academy of the Philippines
- Division of Social Sciences – University of the Philippines-Visayas
- Gowing Memorial Research Center – Dansalan College Foundation
- Institute of Philippine Culture
- Kaisa Para sa Kaunlaran, Inc.
- National Tax Research Center
- Philippine Association for Chinese Studies
- Philippine Business for Social Progress
- Population Institute – University of the Philippines-Diliman
- Research and Publications Office – St. Paul University
- Research and Development Office – University of Northern Philippines
- School of Graduate Studies and Research – University of Nueva Caceres
- School of Statistics – University of the Philippines-Diliman
- School of Urban and Regional Planning – University of the Philippines-Diliman
- Social Development Research Center – De La Salle University Manila
- Social Research Center – University of Santo Tomas
- Social Research, Training and Development Office – Ateneo de Davao University
- Social Weather Stations
- Research and Development Center – Silliman University

ASIAN INSTITUTE OF JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION

The Asian Institute of Journalism and Communication (AIJC) was organized in 1980. It provides continuing education through graduate education and professional training. The Graduate School offers Master in Communication Management and Master in Journalism programs. Short-term courses cover specialized areas of journalism, communication, and knowledge management.

AIJC's Research and Development and Consultancy undertakes policy and action research; planning, development and management of communication programs and projects; and production of multimedia (including digital) materials. ICT for Development implements projects that utilize ICT for education, literacy, health, and sustainable development. These services have been provided to government units, non-government organizations, and international development agencies.

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

The Graduate School

Ladderized Graduate Work. The AIJC offers the first ladderized graduate program in journalism and communication in the country. Under the program, the student can obtain a Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, and Masters' Degree.

The AIJC is now developing a pioneering one-year program in Communication Leadership and Management. It will use innovative teaching-learning modes including case studies, online learning, mentoring, and tutoring.

Professional Development Program

The Institute's PDP courses use both traditional face-to-face and online learning settings.

The traditional courses use participatory and experiential approaches with sessions handled by leading communication practitioners and educators. The online certificate courses provide a rich learning experience at one's convenience. Courses that can be completed in two months are facilitated by communication experts who have solid, practical experience in their line of work.

Online training courses currently being offered are on the following: Marketing Communication; Corporate Communication; Technical Writing and Information; Education and Communication Planning; and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

The Institute's PDP Unit conducted 12 training courses benefitting some 250 participants in courses such as communication planning, effective technical writing, knowledge management, risk and disaster communication, and powerful communication (presentation) techniques. Clients for in-house courses include the Department of Health, Department of Labor and Employment, Philippine Environmental Governance Project, and the provincial government of Bulacan.

Research and Development and Consultancy

A major research completed in July 2008 is Policies on Information Access and Transparency (An Analysis of Philippine Laws, Issuances, Agency Guidelines, and Bills on Information Access). The report analyzed 182 information policies from 30

government agencies representing all three branches of government – Executive, Legislative and Judiciary.

Also initiated in 2008 is the website on Muslim Mindanao (www.muslimmindanao.ph). The website aims to facilitate access to background and historical information as well as diverse and in-depth perspectives on Muslim Mindanao issues, thereby helping journalists, especially those outside of Mindanao, write more accurate, comprehensive, and contextual articles.

In 2008, the Institute completed the following programs and projects for various partners: ASEAN e-Knowledge Public Domain Pilot Project (Phase 1); Knowledge, Attitude and Practices (KAP) Survey on Clean Air; Policies on Information Access and Transparency: An Analysis of Philippine Laws, Issuance, Agency Guidelines and Bills on Information Access; Access to Justice for the Poor Project - Production of Information Materials for Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and Department of Justice (DOJ); and Inventory, Review, Analysis, and Documentation of Behaviour Change Communication and other Health Promotion Initiatives for the Health Promotion and Communication Project (HealthPRO) of USAID.

Meanwhile, ongoing RDC projects include the following: Survey of Internet Access and Use of Filipino Children; Survey of Organizations, Coalitions and Networks in CRC Work; Monitoring and Evaluation of Child-related Stories Published in National and Community Newspapers; Continuities, Disruptions and New Trends Megatrends 2: The Future of Filipino Children; and Website on Muslim Mindanao for Journalists and Other Communicators.

ICT for Development

The AIJC was one of 13 winners worldwide of the telecentre.org Common Grant. The other Philippine-based winner is the UP Open University. AIJC's project involves development of a Knowledge Management (KM) Training Curriculum for Community Development.

The Water Sanitation Hygiene (WASH) IEC Materials Development for Disaster Situations for DOH-Eastern Visayas aims to equip local health and sanitation personnel as well as local government executives to respond to disaster with maximum efficiency and effectiveness. With the inputs of Eastern Visayas sanitation engineers, medical and health officers and community health and disaster volunteers, the various IEC materials developed by the project educate the entire community on what to do, where to go, and how to respond immediately.

The UNACOM website is an electronic reference to document the initiatives and accomplishments of the five UNACOM committees. It seeks to direct the attention of the public as well as students to valuable data gathered over the years through UNACOM's efforts to address the Millennium Development Goals.

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

AIJC Board of Trustees and Executive Committee

The highest policy and decision making body of the Institute is the Board of Trustees. The following are the members of the Board: Dr. Quintin S. Doromal (chair), Dr. William T. Torres (vice chair), Dr. Manuel S. Alba, Dr. Florangel Rosario-Braid, Dr. Corazon PB. Claudio, Atty. Felipe L. Gozon, Mr. Lamberto Ramos, Dr. Jose V. Romero, Mr. Mel V. Velarde, Ms. Olive Montecillo-Villafuerte, and Ramon R. Tuazon.

An Executive Committee was created in 2007 to provide AIJC's management with immediate technical advice on policy and program concerns. The Execom is composed of the following: Mr. Mel Velarde (chair) and Dr. Braid, Dr. Torres, Mr. Tuazon and Ms. Villafuerte (members).

The Executive Officials in charge of AIJC's day-to-day operations are Ramon R. Tuazon (president), Imelda E. Samson (vice president), Flordeliza S. Azarcon (associate director for ICT4D), Ann Lourdes C. Lopez (associate director for RDC), Florjannelle T. Dagaas (associate director for PDP), and Madeline B. Quiamco (associate dean of Graduate School).

Networking

The AIJC was elected sectoral representative for media to the Philippine Community eCenter Network (PhilCeCNet), an organization that brings together all community eCenters (CeCs) nationwide. The election was held at the 1st General Assembly and the 4th Knowledge Exchange Conference on CeCs.

The AIJC is one of the seven charter members of the telecentre.org-Philippine CeC Academy (tPCA), the consortium of capability-building institutions involved in the delivery of ICT for Development and CeC-related training programs. The tPCA charter was signed in August 2008.

The Institute serves as technical secretariat of UNESCO Information for All Program Philippines. Information for All Programme (IFAP) is one of the two intergovernmental programmes of UNESCO and serves as a platform for international policy discussions and program development aiming at narrowing the gap between the information-rich and the information-poor.

The Institute is one of the associate members of the Philippine Social Science Council. In March 2008, Mr. Tuazon was elected vice chairman of the Council for a two-year term.

International meetings and assignments

Associate Director Ann Lourdes Lopez attended and presented a paper at the UNESCO First Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on the Ethical Dimensions of the Information Society held in March 2008 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

In early 2008, AIJC president Ramon R. Tuazon was appointed consultant by UNESCO Office Jakarta in the preparation of the first-ever Philippines-UNESCO Country Program Document 2009-2011. The document will serve as planning document in identifying UNESCO interventions in the country during the initial three-year programming period.

Mr. Tuazon also attended the International Experts Group Meeting on Media Education and Information Literacy held in June 2008 at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France. In December 2008, UNESCO commissioned Mr. Tuazon to be one of the four team leaders to develop the model curriculum based on the framework agreed upon during the Paris meeting.

Mr. Tuazon also attended the 4th Asia Pacific Information Network (APIN) Meeting on 26-28 November 2008 in Hanoi, Vietnam. The Network's objectives include promoting ICT literacy and application, information and knowledge networking, and the use of international standards and best practices in communication, information and informatics. During the regional forum, Mr. Tuazon was elected co-chairperson and presided over the discussion of this year's APIN agenda.

Recognition

AIJC president emeritus and senior adviser Dr. Florangel Rosario-Braid received the Hildegard Awards for Outstanding Women in Media and Communication given by St. Scholastica's College in February 2008. Dr. Braid was also conferred the prestigious 2008 AMIC Research Award during the 17th Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC) Conference held in Manila in July 2008.

ATENEO SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH CENTER
Ateneo de Naga University

As lead research institute of the Ateneo de Naga University, the Ateneo Social Science Research Center (ASSRC) affirms its commitment to truth, exercises its concrete role in social change and development in the Bicol Region, assists in the University's information needs, and contributes to the cultivation of the culture of research in the University. In 2008, these roles were actualized in the following projects and activities:

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Researches conducted

A Tracer Study of the SY-2002 Graduates of the Ateneo de Naga University. In support of the University's continuing effort to make education relevant and more responsive to the changing needs of the times, the ASSRC conducted the tracer study of the University's college graduates of SY 2002. This study is an initial attempt of the University to get a systematic feedback from its former students with the end purpose of enhancing the employability of its graduates through the improvement of its curricula, among others. A unique and important feature of this study is the examination of the impact of Theology and Philosophy courses on the lives of the graduates as perceived by the graduates themselves.

2007 Baseline Socioeconomic Situation of the Four USIC-assisted Municipalities in Camarines Sur. To address the data needs of the University Social Involvement Council (USIC), the ASSRC conducted the baseline socioeconomic assessment of four target municipalities in Camarines Sur of the University's community extension program, namely: Cabusao, Calabanga, Sangay, and Buhi, Camarines Sur. The assessment which employed a random sample of 300 household respondents, focus group discussions and resource inventory sought to generate vital information for the municipalities' development planning, project implementation and monitoring.

Assessment of Catholic Formation in Bicol Catholic Schools. In support of the University's active participation in the Bicol Association of Catholic Schools (BACS) and, moreover, of the educational work of Catholic schools in Bicol, the ASSRC conducted the assessment of the state and impact of Catholic education in Bicol in October-December 2007. The study involved a self-administered survey of fourth year high school students from different Catholic schools and a series of focus group discussions with various stakeholders in five Bicol provinces. The results of the study were presented and validated with BACS member-schools in Masbate, Sorsogon, Albay, Camarines Norte and Camarines Sur.

Participatory Rapid Appraisal of Barangay Nato and Atulayan, Sagñay, Camarines Sur. The PRA was conducted by the ASSRC, in coordination with the USIC and the CCD, for the Intercambio y Solidaridad (INTERED). The PRA described the current bio-physical and socioeconomic conditions in Barangay Atulayan and Nato, Sagñay, Camarines Sur, and served as bases for identifying and designing specific INTERED project interventions in the community.

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Partnership building

The ASSRC also continued to actively participate in the strengthening of partnerships for local and national development.

PHILSSA Network. On 10-11 April 2008, Dr. Cristina P. Lim, Mr. Michael A. Cuesta and Ms. Juliet A. Jovellano participated in the General Assembly of the Philippine Support Service Agencies, Inc. (PHILSSA). At the GA, ASSRC affirmed its membership in different PHILSSA thematic clusters, including Gender, Youth, Environment, and Governance clusters.

Urban Poor Sector and Local Government Units. On 12-13 April 2008, Mr. Cuesta participated in the 12th Bikol Cities Sharing and Planning Workshop organized by the Bicol Urban Poor Coordinating Council (BUPCC) with sponsorship from PHILSSA. The activity was centered on "Redesigning Relationship with Nature and Nature through Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Climate Change Adaptation Initiatives in the Local Government Urban Development and Housing Planning Framework."

SJSA Colloquium. On 28 May-1 June 2008, Dr. Lim, Mr. Cuesta and Ms. Jovellano participated in the 20th National Colloquium of the Society of Jesus Social Apostolate (SJSA). The Colloquium provided a deeper understanding of Ignatian Spirituality in the context of the social apostolate, the nature and challenges of the social apostolate from the perspective of Jesuit history and spirituality, among others.

Onwards to 2010: A Strategic Communal Discernment and Planning for the 2010 Elections. On 6-8 November 2008 Ms. Marlyn L. Tejada and Ms Jovellano attended the seminar "Onwards to 2010: A Strategic Communal Discernment and Planning for the 2010 Elections" at the Eden Nature Park, Davao City, organized by the SJSA.

Staff development

The ASSRC continued to strengthen its organizational capacity by enhancing the skills and capabilities of its staff.

On 26-30 May 2008, Dr. Lim attended the Training on Resource Valuation at Miriam College Environmental Studies Institute. This training should bolster the capacity of the ASSRC to engage in environmental issues.

On 2-5 October 2008, Mr. Cuesta attended the Seminar on Cities and Climate Change at the SEARSOLIN, Cagayan de Oro City, sponsored by PHILSSA. The training-workshop should strengthen ASSRC's capacity to engage in climate change issues.

On 25-27 August 2008, Ms. Tejada attended the Training and Planning Workshop on National Budget Monitoring for Social Housing at the Institute of Social Order, Ateneo de Manila University, sponsored by PHILSSA. The training-

workshop should enhance ASSRC's capacity to work with NGOs and POs in achieving transparency and accountability in public service institutions.

On 5 September 2008, Ms. Tejada attended the Consultative Forum organized by the National Statistics Office Regional Office V. The forum aimed to come up with the list of priority data items for the 2010 Census of Population and Housing (2010 CPH), standardize concepts/definitions to be adopted and categories to be utilized for specific data items.

On 25-26 September 2008, Ms. Tejada attended the Philippine Statistical Association (PSA) Annual Conference and Training on Harnessing Statistics to Empower the Local Governments at UP Los Baños, which strengthened ASSRC's capacity to work with local government units, particularly in making informed policy choices.

On 18 November 2008, Mr. Cuesta and Ms. Jovellano attended the Forum on Risk Mapping Towards Saving Lives in Bicol organized by the Bicol Association of Catholic Schools (BACS), the Manila Observatory and the Bicol Foundation for Higher Education. The training strengthens ASSRC's capacity to engage in disaster risk reduction, management and research.

On 28 November 2008, Ms. Tejada attended the Regional Forum on Financial Crisis organized by the Bicol University Graduate School, Legazpi City. The forum involved generating insights regarding the global financial crisis and the various coping measures being employed and action planning.

On 4 December 2008, Ms. Jovellano and Ms. Felicidad S. Corpus attended the training on "SPSS Directions" sponsored by the ACRE-SPSS Philippines. The training provided inputs on the latest trends and best practices in statistics, data mining, market research and predictive analytics, which are essential to enhancing ASSRC's data processing capability.

On 15 December 2008, Ms. Tejada and Ms. Jovellano attended the Conference-Workshop on Migration sponsored by the Migration and Family Research Group, Ateneo de Manila University. The workshop presented the findings of the study on transitional family life among overseas migrants and their kin in the Philippines in its social and cultural context in a rural barangay.

Student formation

As contribution to the University's efforts toward cultivating the culture of research and as attempt to expand learning opportunities for beneficiaries of the Student Assistantship Scholarship Program, the ASSRC continued to provide training and practice to the Ateneo Student Researchers Pool (ASRP).

Naga City Poverty and Governance Public Opinion Poll. Following their training, the ASRP conducted the Naga City Poverty and Governance Public Opinion Poll for the First and Second Semesters of the year 2008. The surveys covered 400 randomly selected respondents from the 27 barangay of Naga City. It covered various issues including poverty, hunger, family coping mechanisms, housing, crime, family planning, local governance, among others.

Participatory Rapid Appraisal (PRA) of Barangay Sta. Cruz and Gabas, Buhi, Camarines Sur. Following their training, the ASRP conducted the PRA of two rural barangays in Buhi, Camarines Sur, for the Center of Community Development, Ateneo de Naga University. The PRA involved profiling the biophysical, social and

economic conditions of the barangay, identifying current community issues and needs, and action planning.

Ateneo Student Researchers Pool Publications. Under the guidance of the ASSRC, the ASRP published in July 2008 two (2) bulletins containing the results of the 1st and 2nd rounds of the Naga City Poverty and Governance Public Opinion Poll, which dealt with various issues, including poverty, hunger, family coping mechanisms, housing, crime, family planning, local governance, among others.

CENTER FOR CENTRAL LUZON STUDIES
Central Luzon State University

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Co-curricular

- The Center released the first edition (Book One, C2008) of the coffee table book entitled *Magsasaka: Mga Gamit at Kanyang Kalabaw,* featuring well-researched photographs, description, origin and use of farm implements in Central Luzon. Book Two is currently being prepared;
- Through its Agricultural Museum, incorporated competence building on curator training and artifacts exhibitions in its activities by involving the AB Social Sciences (minor in History) students in said projects;
- Provided resource persons and prepared subject-specific instructional materials for the national training program entitled " Certificate Program for Non-specialist Secondary Teachers in Araling Panlipunan (AP)" sponsored by the Department of Education (DepEd) in cooperation with the College of Arts and Sciences held on April 14 to 24 May 2008 at Regional Science Teaching Center, Central Luzon State University;
- Sponsored the University's annual historical celebrations, such as: the 110th Anniversary of Philippine Independence; National Hero's Day; foundation day; Rizal Day; and other national holidays;
- Provided resource persons and instructional materials in the following: (1) Seminar on "Parliamentary Procedures" during the 2nd National Philippine Society of Agricultural Engineere_PPG Luzon Leaders Summit with the theme: The Key-Roles of PSAE_PPG towards Professionalism, Team Empowerment and Excellent Service" held at the Phil-Sino Center for Agricultural Technology Complex, Central Luzon State University on 9-10 August 2008; (2) Symposium on the "Politics of Poverty in the Philippines" with Professor Randy S. David of the University of the Philippines-Diliman as lecturer on 17 September 2008; and (3) Participated in the preparation of the 1st Research Conference in the College of Arts and Sciences held on 25 November 2008;
- In cooperation with the Metropolitan Museum of Manila, CCLS opened a Satellite Exhibit at the CLSU University Library Groudfloor on 5 November 2008. The exhibit entitled "Magsasaka: Portrait of the Nation's Backbone," featured

reproductions of national artist Fernando Amorsolo's masterpieces and ran until 13 January 2009, (Said Satellite Exhibit was also showcased at the City Hall of Science City of Muñoz during its foundation week last 9-16 December 2008.

- On going project on audio-video and print library production for the University's eco-tourism program.

Research

- Conducting an on-going research project (Phase I) entitled "Why Rice Farmers are Poor: Problems and Opportunities to Improve their Well-being" funded by Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Agricultural Research. The project that started last June 2008 (and ends in February 2009) aims to find out the main problems that beset rice farmers and identify the packages of technologies generated by the science communities in Muñoz that can be used as interventions to improve their living conditions. Phase II of the project entitled, "Poverty Alleviation and Enhancement of Food Security of Rice Farmers in Central Luzon" starts in March 2009.
- Conducting an on-going action research on the "Relationship of teaching modalities and learning capabilities of students in science and non-science degree programs.
- Participated in the 1st Research Conference in the College of Arts and Sciences held on 25 November 2008.

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

- Started negotiations with the organizers of Develop Ilocandia Movement regarding the establishment of an Ilocano Museum in the Region, with the Center providing technical and other resources, including artifacts.
- Support staff participated in a seminar workshop/training on Tourism Reception and Guiding Techniques last 22-24 July 2008 at Public Affairs Office, CLSU, sponsored by the Department of Tourism.
- Participated in the "Sixth National Social Science Congress" held on 7-9 May 2008 at the Philippine Social Science Center, Diliman, Quezon City.
- Director was inducted as a pioneering member of the CLSU Academic Research Council last November 2008.

FINANCIAL STANDING

The Center's budget is lumped with that of the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs of the university, and as such, expenditures for personnel, supplies and materials, and travel are administered by the OVPAA. Only the income derived from museum visitors and research projects are utilized for student services, extension, maintenance and other projects not funded by the university. The Center is financially healthy.

CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Philippine Christian University

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

The Center for Research and Instructional Materials (CRIM) is a strong support system of the University in the implementation of its Research Agenda in accordance to the University vision-mission and goals. CRIM directly reports to the Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA).

Publications

The 2008 theme for the PCU Academic Review was "Globalization and Competitiveness." This year's issue is composed of editorial, featured articles, inspirational messages, institutional researches, and list of dissertation abstracts.

The featured articles are composed of the following:

- Discovering and Maximizing Our Spiritual Gifts for Quality Ministry by Dr. Greg Melchor C. de Lara
- A Future with Hope: a Continuing Commitment to Faith, Character and Service by Dr. Sonia dela Cruz
- Setting Perspectives of Hope for the Future of the World by Dr. Greg Melchor C. de Lara

Inspirational messages consisted of:

- Recognition and Beyond by Usec. Hezel P. Gacutan
- I Love PCU: Our Best, No Less by Ms. Tricia Amper-Jiminez
- 21st P.S. Ocampo Lecture Series by Dr. Betty I. Molina
- Thanksgiving Speech: on Behalf of Honorees for the 62nd Funding Anniversary by Prof. Denia R. Gonzales

Institutional researches includes:

- College Students' Expectations of Higher Education Institutions by Prof. Maria Luisa G. Valera
- Development of Hidden in Plain Sight: a File Encryption/Decryption Program using Information Hiding Technique by Engr. Mardonio Agustin
- The Applicability of the Problem-Based Learning Approach in Teaching subjects in the Business Curriculum by Prof. Maria Luisa G. Valera

List of Dissertation Abstracts:

- The Administration of Tertiary Public Hospitals Towards More Effective Services by Edison Butera
- The Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) – Based Financial Management Practices of the Recoletos Higher Educational Institutions in the Philippines by Ferdinand T. Callueng
- The Seventh-Day Adventist Higher Education in the Philippines Towards a Model of Cost Effectiveness by Shirley J. Lascuña
- Leadership Styles of Managers of Adventist University of the Philippines Towards Superior-Subordinate Fit Model by Medardo O. Lascuña
- The 410th Maintenance Wing of Capabilities Towards the Development of a Model for Depot Level Maintenance of Philippine Air Force Aircraft by Meliton N. Salvadora

- Organizational Audit toward Development Model for Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) Region 4-A by Cinsp. Sofronio V. Aguilar, Jr.
- An Organization Audit of Adventist Colleges in Mindanao Towards a Strategic Management Model for Adventist Colleges by Ruth Pareno Javien

Research forums/seminars

Prof. Maria Luisa G. Valera, OIC-Director CRIM, presented the final collaborative CHED-funded research entitled "The Applicability of the Problem-Based Learning Approach in Teaching Subjects in the Business Curriculum" at St. Scholastica's College last 11 June 2008. The research undertaking are institutional/individual case studies participated in by seven faculty researchers from Concordia College (1), Philippine School of Business Administration (1), Philippine Christian University (1), St. Scholastica's College (2), and University of Perpetual Help System Dalta (2).

CRIM conducted a seminar-workshop on "Tips in Making Effective PowerPoint Presentations" held last 12 August 2008 for the faculty members of College of Nursing and Allied Health. The same topic was also carried out that was attended by students and faculty members held last 20 August 2008 at the PCU Auditorium.

Dr. Greg Melchor C. de Lara, Vice-President for Academic Affairs delivered two lectures in 2008. His first lecture entitled "The Development Models and Management Strategies of Christian Universities – Philippine Christian University: A Distinctively Strong School" was delivered during the 2008 TAICUCA Conference held at Tunghai University, Taechung, Taiwan last 20 March 2008. His second lecture entitled "Teaching Social Science Focusing on Mastery Learning" was delivered during the 2008 Enhancement Training for Elementary Grades Teachers sponsored by the Division of Muntinlupa City on 27 November 2008 at Villa Arevalo, Cupang, Muntinlupa City.

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Dr. Oscar S. Suarez, University President and Dr. Greg Melchor C. de Lara, Vice President for Academic Affairs, were invited to visit the University extension programs and institutional partners in Bahrain and Dubai last 24 July to 1 July 2008. A total of 30 MBA students who enrolled were Filipinos and mostly working as IT personnel, engineers and accountants.

The PCU External Affairs Office (EAO) held a medical mission last 21 September 2008 at Canonigo Covered Court, Paco Manila. The recipients of the activity were residents of Brgy. 823 in Paco Manila who were victims of a fire accident last 21 July 2008. Through EAO – Community Extension Services (CES) Program, a partnership was formed among PCU; Kawanggawa Foundation, Incorporated (KFI); and UNIV37 in providing medical services to the residents of Brgy. 823. A total of 554 patients were served. Social Work students and alumni from PCU and members of the KFI Medical Team volunteered for the realization of the medical mission.

The ACSCU-Accrediting Agency, Inc. through PCU conducted a seminar on Accreditation and Training Program for AAI Accreditors held on 16-17 October 2008 at the PCU Auditorium. It was spearheaded by Dr. Epitacio S. Palispis, President of ACSCU-AAI and Mr. Angelito P. Pedreño, Executive Director.

COLLEGE OF MASS COMMUNICATION
University of the Philippines-Diliman

The College of Mass Communication (CMC) pursued its vision and mission of developing socially responsible, critical, and vigilant media to help create an egalitarian, participative, and progressive society. Since 2008 marked the celebration of UP's centennial, the College participated in various activities and conducted its own projects.

The College embarked on implementing new common courses and new curricula for Broadcast Communication and Film students. It also expanded its network with other colleges, as well as private and public institutions. Several faculty members played an important role in University-sponsored events, including fund-raising programs.

For 2008, the College accomplished the following:

ACADEMIC AND CURRICULAR PROGRAMS

New common courses related to Internet studies, public relations, and broadcast journalism were instituted. The Department of Broadcast Communication and the UP Film Institute started adopting their new curricula to improve the core skills and knowledge of their students.

On the other hand, the Department of Communication Research reviewed its undergraduate curriculum and is set to revise it. In the same light, the Graduate Studies Department created a PhD review committee to do research for its PhD offerings.

Research and publication

Since 2004, the UP CMC bi-annually publishes *Plaridel: A Journal of Philippine Communication, Media, and Society* through its Office of Research and Publications (ORP). This refereed journal features various communication-related studies conducted by faculty members of the College and scholars from other schools.

In 2008, the ORP added another two to the existing eight issues of *Plaridel.* These are:

- *Communication and Media Texts and Contexts* released in February and edited by Dr. Fernando Paragas and Prof. Violeda Umali of the Department of Communication Research and contained articles written by communication research students, such as "Assessing the New Literacy of Public High School Students" and "The Playground is Alive: Online Games and the Formation of a Virtual Subculture"; and
- *Media and Governance* released in August and was edited by Prof. Victor C. Avecilla of the Department of Broadcast Communication featured studies by Dr. Lourdes Portus of the Department of Communication Research and Prof. Patrick Campos of the UP Film Institute. It also features "The Future of Community Newspapers," a lecture given by Atty. Pachico Seares who received the UP Gawad Plaridel for 2008.

The ORP, in coordination with the UP CMC Foundation, Inc. also started publishing current CMC-related news on the College's website. This serves as the

online version of *CMC Balita*, a College-based newsletter that began after the launching of the UP Gawad Plaridel in 2004.

Some researches and published works of CMC professors for 2008 include:

- Department of Broadcast Communication
  - Prof. Rosa Maria T. Feliciano's "My Kidney Story: A Testimony of Faith, Trust, and Hope" (International Foundation for Organ Transplant, Inc.)
  - Prof. Josefina Santos's "Television during the Martial Law Period"
- Department of Communication Research
  - Dr. Elena Pernia's "Strategy Framework for Promoting ICT Literacy in the Asia Pacific Region" (UNESCO, Bangkok)
  - Dr. Lourdes Portus's "How the Urban Poor Acquire, Negotiate, Resist, and Give Meanings to the Mobile Phone" in *Handbook of Mobile Communication Studies* edited by James Katz (MIT Press)
- Department of Journalism
  - Prof. Danilo Arao's "Understanding Barefoot Journalism: Interview with Ben Domingo" (CMFR Journal) and "Needed: Journalistic Blogging" (PJR Reports)
- UP Film Institute
  - Prof. Eduardo Lejano Jr.'s "Philippine Film Entry to 2009 Oscars" (*Screendaily Online International Film Trade Journal*)
  - Prof. Olivia Cantor's "Living and Loving with Lesbian Pride" (*Philippine Daily Inquirer*)

Delegates of the 8th Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Inter-University Conference (IUC) held in Manila last May 2008 received a *Book of Abstracts* that was edited by several CMC professors, specifically Dr. Portus, Prof. Arao, Prof. Almond Aguila, Prof. Alfonso Deza, and Dr. Fernando Paragas. Proceedings of the event will be published in 2009.

Participation in intellectual exchanges/Policy discussions

The College, through the ORP, continued to hold the CMC Faculty Colloquium every semester. This allows CMC scholars to share their research findings with a wider audience.

Colloquium presenters for 2008 include: Prof. Ma. Cristina Rara (Peace Journalism) of the Department of Journalism; Prof. Joel David (Understanding Film) and Prof. Yason Banal ("It's a Crazy Planet": Suicide Notes and Space Cadets in Contemporary Video/Art) of the UP Film Institute; faculty members of the Department of Broadcast Communication, such as Dr. Elizabeth Enriquez and Prof. Fernando Austria (Understanding Radio and Understanding Television); and Prof. Deza (Mythopoeic Poe: Understanding the Masa as Audience through the Films of Fernando Poe Jr.) of the Department of Communication Research.

The College also co-sponsored major events. One of which was the "8th ASEAN IUC: ASEAN as a Community: Solidarity in a Globalizing World." Around 300 delegates coming from 23 countries discussed issues confronting Southeast Asia. The IUC was composed of 36 panels, with 135 paper presentations.

Individual faculty members of the College likewise attended seminars, conferences, fora, and workshops either as resource person or audience member. Among them are: Dr. Aleli Quirante (Media and Cultural Research, Preservation, Promotion), Dr. Portus (Consultation on World Education Workshop), Prof. Aguila (Advocacy Training of Youth for Sustainable Energy Use), and Dr. Florinda d.F.

Mateo (International Conference on Cultural Gerontology) from the Department of Communication Research; Prof. Melba Estonilo (Workshop on Children and Disaster: Philippine Media Responses), Prof. Santos and Dr. Perlita Manalili (Using Computer Technology for Effective Instruction), and Prof. Austria (Workshop on the Proposed Standards for Internship for Journalism and Broadcasting Students) from the Department of Broadcast Communication; Prof. Arao (Media Technology Convergence: Issues and Directions and Seminar on Journalism Ethics) from the Department of Journalism; and Prof. Lejano Jr. (Berlin International Film Festival), Prof. Cantor (An Intimate Forum on the Politics of the Artistic and Erotic), Prof. Cenon Palomares (Writing for Short Films), and Dr. Arminda Santiago (6th International Conference on Gender Studies) from the UP Film Institute.

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Extension work

The Office of Extension and External Relation (OEER) of the College organized and coordinated a number of activities in 2008, including orientation programs for students from other schools. Major events that the OEER successfully conducted include: (1) four-day "Media Literacy Training-Workshop" involving around 20 teachers from public high schools based in Diliman, Quezon City; (2) 8th ASEAN IUC; (3) "Journalism for Development: Media Enhancement Course for Palawan Journalists," a three-day training sponsored by Shell Petroleum Exploration (SPEX), with Dr. Elena Pernia, current dean of the College, as training director; (4) *Parangal Sentenyal*, a production initiated by the University to honor former UP presidents, as well as alumni who made their mark as national artists and national scientists; and (5) "4th Cinemalaya Film Congress" held at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. The last two events were supervised by former CMC dean, Dr. Nicanor Tiongson.

The OEER also took charge of the UP Gawad Plaridel 2008 which was given to Atty. Pachico Seares of *SunStar Cebu* for his outstanding contribution to community journalism. Mr. Seares joins the roster of past awardees, namely Eugenia Duran-Apostol (journalism), Vilma Santos (film), the late Fidela "Tiya Dely" Magpayo (radio), and Cecilia "Che Che" Lazaro (television).

CMC departments and individual faculty members also provided extension services to various audiences and/or beneficiaries. Some of these are: Prof. Cantor's "Basic Scriptwriting Workshop" as part of the UP Film Institute's Summer Workshop Sessions, Prof. Arao's involvement in the All-UP Academic Employees Union and National Union of Journalists in the Philippines (NUJP), Prof. Estonilo's project supervision of "Development of Extension Courses in Professional Media and Communication," Prof. Jane Vinculado's audio-visual productions for various UP Diliman administration offices, Prof. Shirley Evidente's contribution to Conflict Sensitive Journalism, Dr. Mateo's membership in the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Committee on Scholarships, and Dr. Portus and Dr. Quirante's contribution as Steering Committee members of the Department of Foreign Affairs' 1st ASEAN Social Forum.

The Faculty and Committees

As of 2008, the College has 84 teachers, 45 of whom are full-time and 39 are part-time lecturers. Most, if not all, are highly regarded academics and/or communication or mass media experts. One is pursuing advanced studies overseas,

namely Prof. Violeda Umali of the Department of Communication Research who is taking her PhD course in Vienna, Austria. Prof. Austria of the Department of Broadcast Communication returned in June 2008 from a faculty exchange program with Hallym University in South Korea.

Aside from their other commitments, faculty members continued to be part of these committees: (1) Strategic Planning, (2) Instruction, (3) College Graduate, (4) Resource Generation, (5) Library, (6) Information Technology, (7) Fire and Safety, (8) Faculty-Student Relations, (9) Graduation, (10) Revaluation. Ad Hoc Committees included: Utilities Management; Clean, Green, and Canteen; PhD Review; Lantern Parade; College Electoral Board; and Christmas Party.

Building facilities and equipment

Through the support of Coca-Cola Export Company, the College mounted the UP Gawad Plaridel Gallery. This project involved the renovation of a portion of the Plaridel Hall lobby. The gallery was inaugurated in September 2008.

Another constructed facility was the Broadcast Viewing Room (BVR) of the Department of Broadcast Communication. The BVR was donated by Congressman Eduardo Zialcita (1st District of Parañaque City). The Department expects the installation of the new DZUP transmitter in 2009.

For its part, the Department of Communication Research under its current chair, Dr. Jose Lacson, had Annex Room 202 renovated to house the new Communication Research Laboratory. Funding for this facility, including the purchase of new computers, was given by Ms. Carmencita Esteban, founder and chairperson of the Philippine Survey and Research Center (PSRC), Inc.

The UP Film Institute also started using its new building at the Media Center, with the transfer of its photo laboratory. Likewise, the Department of Journalism expanded its office space with the relocation of the OEER-ORP and the UP CMC Foundation, Inc. to other separate rooms on the second floor of the Plaridel Hall.

FINANCIAL STANDING

The College succeeded in securing donations to augment inadequate University funds for its development. A series of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signings was held between CMC and several individuals and corporations in September. Donors include the Philippine Star, the Philippine Daily Inquirer, and Ms. Esteban of the PSRC. Other activities of the College were funded by the UPCMC Foundation, Inc.

COORDINATING CENTER FOR RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS
University of San Agustin

RESEARCHES AND PUBLICATIONS

Researches

- Completed the data-gathering and preliminary analysis for the Philippine Cities Competitiveness Ranking Project (PCCRP) 2007, covering the cities of Negros

Occidental (Bacolod, Cadiz, Bago, Silay), Iloilo (Iloilo City and Passi City), and Capiz (Roxas City). The UCRP has been the regional partner of the Asian Institute of Management Policy Center in the conduct of the biennial study since 2001.

- In October 2009, UCRP Director Jigger Latoza was engaged as national consultant by the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) to form part of the four-member Program Progress Review Mission. The three other consultants are Germans. The mission was tasked to assess the development interventions of the German government in the Philippines and to make recommendations for future German development aid in the Philippines.

Libro Agustino

- *Salud Algabre, Babaeng Mandirigma at Iba Pang Tula* - by E. Sam Juan, Jr.
- *The Transition Years (Premenopause in Filipino Women)* – by Dr. Alice Sun-Cua
- *Ang Manunulat Kag ang Pendulum* – by Alain Russ Dimson
- *Balangaw sa Tingadlaw* – by Quin B. Baterna
- *Redeeming the Body* – by Dr. Isidoro M. Cruz

Journals/Bulletins

- *Scientific Agustinian Journal* (Sept. 2008, Vol. 4) – journal of the Mendel Institute for Science and Technology Research
- *Communitas* (Oct. 2008, Vol 7, No. 1) – official bulletin of the University

FORUM/CONFERENCES

- The UCRP Institute for Social Development Issues and Initiatives (ISDII) and the USA Chemistry Department conducted a forum on "The Coal Question: Our Right to Know" held at the Blanco Conference Room last 12 February 2008. This activity was attended by 271 students from the different colleges of the university.
- In celebration of Women's Month, the Martin de Rada Human Rights Bureau held a 20-day exhibit at the USA Alumni Hall. The activity opened last 10 March 2008.
- The Martin de Rada Human Rights Bureau and Fray Luis de Leon Creative Writing Institute conducted a round-table discussion on "Poetics and Politics: Contextualizing Human Rights" held last 14 February 2008 at the USA President's Conference Room The round-table discussion focused on the socio-political works of and among writer-participants from Western Visayas, with E. San Juan Jr., international poet and critic, as lead discussant. There were 17 writers who attended this discussion coming from Iloilo City and neighboring towns and provinces of Aklan, Capiz and Antique.
- The Martin de Rada Human Rights Bureau, in partnership with the Center for Community Journalism and Development and the Iloilo Caucus of Development NGOs held a Performance Pact and People's Agenda Evaluation through "Hinun-anon sa Syudad" last 5 June 2008 at the DepEd Social Hall, Iloilo City. Such initiative has promoted broader information to the citizens as well as encourages participation in the affairs of government and ensured the integration and actions in the development agenda of the city government.

- Ms. Ramonita Pico, Research and Advocacy Associate of the UCRP, gave a talk during the Joint Regional Conference of the University of Asia and the Pacific and Phil. Educators Network last 19-20 September 2008 at the Sarabia Manor Hotel, on the topic "Away From Home: the Impact of Migration on the Filipino Family (Gleaning from Research Findings)."
- Organized the 6th SanAg Writers Workshop – 26-28 May 2008 at the Holy Rosary House of Prayer and Reflection Center in Calumpang, Molo, Iloilo City, attended by students from Iloilo National High School, Antique National School, Capiz State University, Dagyang Pulong, Colegio de la Purisima Concepcion and from the University of San Agustin.

OTHER MATTERS

- On 11-12 February 2008, the USA-UCRP FORD-IFP Program scheduled the regional screening of applicants for Cohort 2008. The screening committee members highly recommended 15 of the 40 applicants for national level evaluation.
- The *Augustinian*, the Social Sciences and Humanities journal of the University of San Agustin, is one of the 26 journals from all over the country listed on Philippine Journals On-Line (PhilJOL). The PhilJOL is a service to provide access to Philippine published research and increase worldwide knowledge of indigenous scholarship. It is worth noting that the *Augustinian* is the only university journal from Western Visayas on the list. PhilJOL is supported by the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP). It also has links to Asia JOL.
- UCRP Director Jigger Latoza has been appointed to the following consultative bodies: Regional Local Governance Resource Center, Philippine Action for Community-Led Shelter Initiatives, Iloilo City Anti-Drug Abuse Council, Iloilo City Task Force Calle Real and Iloilo City Task Force ADAMS APPLE.
- UCRP reviewed the manuscripts submitted to the USA Publishing House for publication by the Alon Collective. Alon Collective is composed of writers who grouped themselves in the late 1990s while pursuing graduate studies at De La Salle University in Manila.
- Ms. Pico was invited as one of the four judges for the OWWA regional search for the Most Outstanding OFW Family of the Year representing the academe. Other judges came from the religious sector and from institutions catering the needs of sea-based and land-based OFWs.
- Formulated the University electronic directory for the International Federation of Catholic Universities (based in Paris, France) to be posted on its website.
- As academic partner in Western Visayas, UCRP Director Jigger Latoza took part in the national presentation of the results of the Philippine Cities Competitiveness Ranking Project 2007 on 1 August 2008 in Makati City. It was organized by the Asian Institute of Management Policy Center, the German Agency for Technical Cooperation, the International Finance Corporation, Petron Foundation and SM Foundation.
- Indexed all studies/researches authored by some OSA friars who were assigned in the University as well as of the University faculty members and personnel, done in the last five years.

- Marketed to all private schools in the City of Iloilo all the books published by the Libro Agustino.

ON-GOING PROJECTS

- 2009 Ford Foundation International Fellowships Program
  - Started disseminating information in September through local newspapers and has done campaign talks in San Jose, Antique last October 21, and on 23-24 October 2008, in Bacolod City and Talisay City. To be scheduled in November are the visits in Guimaras, Capiz and Aklan provinces.
- Silver Jubilee Coffee Table Book of the Augustinian Province of Santo Niño de Cebu-Philippines
- Evaluation of the Community Mortgage Program (CMP) in Iloilo City in partnership with the Philippine Action for Community-Led Shelter Initiatives (PACSII) and Misereor, with Ms. Pico as local research partner.
- Analysis and design of the Metro Iloilo-Guimaras Economic Development Council Organizational Improvement Program commissioned by the Canadian Urban Institute, with Mr. Latoza as consultant.

DEVELOPMENT ACADEMY OF THE PHILIPPINES

Reflections and Renewal: One People, One Soul, One Future – this is the theme adopted by the Academy on it its 35th founding anniversary year in 2008.

Reflecting on this, the Academy has, through the years, assumed the role of a support institution, directed towards finding new ways and approaches – that other agencies of government may attain their specific goals more effectively and efficiently.

True to its mandate and in alignment with the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP) for 2004-2010, the Academy's 2008 work program generally focuses on providing programmatic and innovative development solutions that will enable both public and private sector agencies achieve their goals more efficiently and effectively. For this purpose, the Academy has earnestly pursued research and development (R&D) activities to create new, innovative, pioneering, value-adding, responsive, and cost-efficient approaches, solutions, and technologies in the areas of *good governance* and *productivity*, using the Philippine Quality Awards (PQA) criteria as its overarching framework.

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

The Academy was actively involved in generating and sharing knowledge through its various activities in the areas of good governance and productivity through workshops/conferences/fora and publications. Among the significant projects are the following:

Academic programs/workshops/conferences/fora

- *Master of Public Management, major in Biodiversity Conservation and Management* is an interdisciplinary course on public management customized for the

Department of Environment and Natural Resources that focuses on professionalizing the practice and management of biodiversity conservation within and outside of the agency. This year, the second batch of 33 students graduated.

- *12th Onofre D. Corpuz (ODC) Lecture Series* titled "Best Practices in Organizational Development" – a forum that engaged the participants in a lively and informative discussion on emerging trends and practices in Organization Development (OD), both in the public and the private sector. Through the forum, the participants were able to gain a better understanding of the dynamic environment where they operate as public managers and how the public in particular is integrated into the general system of governance. The forum highlighted the best practices in OD as delivered first-hand by a few distinctive names in this field — Undersecretary Laura B. Pascua (Department of Budget and Management), Commissioner Mary Ann Fernandez (Civil Service Commission) and Executive Director Ma. Anthonette Velasco-Allones (Career Executive Service Board) — who shared their innovative ideas and approaches to addressing developmental issues through OD application.
- *Asia-Pacific Forum on Sustainable Production of Biofuels* conducted in collaboration with the Asian Productivity Organization which assessed the challenges, opportunities, and implications of biofuels production in relation to the current food security, energy, and environmental situation in the Asia-Pacific region. At the forum, the participants identified technologies and innovations most suitable for promotion and adoption as well as formulated several recommendations for the development of appropriate policies and regulations among APO-member countries to improve production of biofuels in a sustainable manner. The forum was jointly implemented by Department of Energy, Department of Agriculture – Philippine Agricultural Development Commercial Corporation, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and Department of Science and Technology.
- *Training on the Formulation of Citizen's Charter.* As one of the four agencies named in the Anti-Red Tape Law to oversee its implementation, DAP has trained some 191 participants from 62 agencies and bureaus on the formulation of the Citizen's Charter in three batches this year. The issuance of AO 241, in line with the said law, mandates all government agencies, including government-owned and controlled corporations to set up their respective standards to be known as Citizen's Charter to promote customer satisfaction and improve service delivery in government frontline services.

Publications

- *Citizen's Charter Manual for National Government Agencies* – intended to serve as guide in the preparation of a citizen's charter. This is a document that spells out in simple terms the step-by-step procedure for availing a particular service and the guaranteed service standards that the client may expect for availing a particular service.
- *Management Manual for the Office of Senior Citizen's Affairs and Senior Citizens Organization.* This manual was prepared to serve as a guide on how to make the Office of the Senior Citizens Affairs (OSCA) and Senior Citizens Organizations (SCOs) responsive to the needs of senior citizens.

- *Cooperative Banking in the Philippines* presents the rationale, history and progress of cooperative banking in the country as well as recommendations for the future of cooperative banks. It is intended as a reference material for students in cooperative banking and finance an for practitioners and regulators of cooperative banks in the Philippines.
- *In the Hands of Farm Workers: Can Banana Commercial Farms Survive?* aims to help legislations and Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) implementers to concretely identify and address the issues of the banana farms workers. This publication is a product of the research project jointly implemented by DAP and the La Liga Policy Institute.
- *Enhancing Taxation on Idle Agricultural Lands* embarks on a set of policy recommendations seeking to enhance effective use of agricultural lands and encourages the application of progressive revenue generation measures for LGUs like taxes on idle lands. This publication is a product of the research project jointly implemented by DAP and the La Liga Policy Institute.

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

- *ISO 9001:2000 Certification* – in line with its Strategic Plan's "walk-our-talk" or modeling goal, the Academy has completed the journey it started in 2007 as it has been awarded, in June 2008, the ISO 9001:2000 by Certification International Philippines, Inc. for its project management system in training, research and technical services.
- *Business Plan 2008-2011* – focuses on the viability goal of the Academy which is to register a positive retained earning by 2010. The Academy Business Plan from the direction set in the Academy's 2007-2010 Strategic Plan. Reiterated in the Business Plan is the drive toward creating a stronger impact as *think-tank* and *capacity-builder* in the twin areas of good governance and productivity in the country, and establishing DAP's presence in the Asia-Pacific Region.
- *Staff Development* – a total of 468 staff benefited from in-house training programs, 99 attended locally sponsored programs and 45 were able to avail foreign scholarship grants.

FINANCIAL STANDING

DAP is financially stable. Its net income has grown at an average rate of six percent from 2007 to 2008.

DIVISION OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
University of the Philippines Visayas

The year 2008 marked a period of celebration on the part of the Division of Social Sciences as it actively participated in various activities that commemorated the 100th anniversary of the University of the Philippines. The year also afforded the Division an opportunity to reflect on its past accomplishments as an academic, research and extension unit of UP Visayas.

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Research

The Division continues to be the leader in research and in publication within the College of Arts and Sciences, UP Visayas. This was in spite of the heavy teaching loads. Faculty members of the Division undertook individual and group researches that revolved on themes like resource management, governance, disaster management, health economics, civil-military relations, the *Nikkeijin*, community organizing and local history, among others.

The M/T Solar 1 Oil Spill in the province of Guimaras in August 2006 provides opportunities for many faculty in the Division to conduct studies that monitor the impacts of oil spill to the lives and livelihoods of the affected population. These studies received funding support from the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) through the Oil Spill Research Program of UP Visayas.These studies included: "Communicating Disaster Management: Documentation, Assessment of Good Practices and Reform Initiatives by Stakeholders in Solar 1 Oil Spill in Guimaras" by Rosalie Arcala Hall, Joseph Anthony Loot and Leo Quintilla; "Gender Differentiated Response and Recovery Efforts of Philippine Communities Affected by Oil Spill: Implications on Resiliency" by Ida Siason; "Health Assessment and Monitoring of Residents of Lapaz and San Roque, Nueva Valencia, Guimaras Exposed to MT Solar 1 Oil Spill" by Alice Joan Ferrer; "Socio-Economic Monitoring: Resiliency and Recovery of Fishers and Fishing Communities in Southern Guimaras" by Rodelio Subade; "The Documentation of Aid Programs and the Aid Extended by the NGOs and Private Corporations to the Selected Municipalities of the Province of Guimaras affected by the M/T Solar 1 Oil Spill" by Sanley Abila and Cristabel Rose Parcon; and, "Tubig at Langis: An Analysis of Women's Experiences of Gender Bias Following the MT Solar I Oil Spill" by Mary Barby Badayos-Jover, Gay Defiesta and Bernice Vania Landoy.

Other research activities were also undertaken with funding from various sources. These were: "Evaluation of Fisheries Management Options for the Visayan Sea: The Case of Northern Iloilo" by Alice Joan Ferrer which received funding support from the Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia (EEPSEA); "Coastal and Marine Resource Management in the Philippines: An analysis of the Political Economy of Selected LGU Initiatives" by Alice Joan Ferrer with funding from the Seed Fund for Research and Training (SFRT) Program of the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA); "Evaluation of Management Effectiveness of Marine Protected Areas in Sipalay and Cauayan, Negros Occidental" funded by the German Technical Cooperation (GTZ) also by Alice Joan Ferrer; "Supply Chain Improvement of Bamboo Furniture Industry" by Gay Defiesta supported by Philippine Council for Agriculture, Forestry and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCARRD); "Monograph Series: Crisis in Fisheries Development, Views from the Social Sciences" by Ida Siason with funding from the Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Agricultural Research (DA-BAR); "The New Roles of the Philippine Military and Their Effects on Civilian Supremacy" by Rosalie Arcala Hall through the UP System Returning PhD Grant; "Civil-Military Relations in Disaster Rescue, Relief and Rehabilitation Activities: The Case of Barangay Guinsaugon, Saint Bernard, Leyte" by Rosalie Arcala Hall with funding support from the UP System; "When Fish Warden Sleeps, Who Will Take Charge? An Inquiry on Alternative Fisheries Law Enforcement in the Republic of Korea" by Joseph Anthony Loot supported by ASEAN-ROK Academic Exchange

Program; and, "The Women Barangay Health Workers of Miagao: Conditions and Contributions" by Alice Prieto-Carolino and Josephine Firmase with In-house funding support

Melanie Padilla and Henry Funtecha took the lead in developing a coffee-table book entitled *The History of UP Visayas,* one of the Centennial projects of UP Visayas. Cristabel Rose Parcon participated as the Provincial Field Coordinator of the "2007 Philippine Longitudinal Study on Aging" of the UP Population Institute.

Research dissemination

Rosalie Arcala Hall remained active in disseminating her research outputs. In 5-6 March 2008, she presented her paper entitled "Governance during Disasters: A Second Look at Intra-Governmental and Non-Governmental Coordination" during the Conference on Asian Development Issues and Models held at Ewha Women's University, Seoul, South Korea. On 10-13 April 2008, she attended the Philippine Political Science Association Conference in Dumaguete, City where she presented her paper entitled, "Beyond the Nation: Perspectives on Asia in High School History Textbooks." Alice Joan Ferrer meanwhile presented her preliminary research findings on "Evaluation of Fisheries Management Options for the Visayan Sea, Philippines: The Case of Northern Iloilo" during the Economy and Environment Program for Southeast Asia (EEPSEA) 30th Biannual Workshop in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia on 18-22 November 2008.

The Oil Spill monitoring research activities mentioned above have also been presented during the "2nd National Conference on the Solar 1 Oil Spill: Two Years After, Where Are We?" The conference was held on 27-28 November 2008. Those who presented orally were Rodelio Subade on "Socio-economic Monitoring of Fishing Communities in Southern Guimaras: Monitoring Recovery and Resiliency"; Ida Siason on "Gender Differentiated Response and Recovery Efforts of the Philippine Fishing Communities Affected by Oil Spill: Implications on Resiliency"; Rosalie Arcala Hall on "Communicating Disaster Management: Documentation, Assessment of Good Practices and Reform Initiatives by Stakeholders in Solar 1 Oil Spill in Guimaras"; and, Alice Joan Ferrer on "Health Status of Residents of Barangay San Roque and La Paz, Nueva Valencia Guimaras." Sanley Abila, Alice Joan Ferrer and Mary Barby Badayos-Jover also presented posters of their researches.

Rodelio Subade's paper entitled "Coping with Oil Spill Effects through Income Diversification by Selected Fishing Communities of Southern Guimaras" was also presented during the Regional Environmental Education Network Region 6 Scientific Conference held at John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University in October 2008.

Publications

The members of the faculty also continue to develop and hone their scholarships by publishing their research outputs in refereed journals. They were:

- Ebay, Jorge. 2007. *"Community Capacity and Disaster Resilience." Danyag: The UPV Journal of Humanities and the Social Sciences,* Vol XII, 2:255-255. (Printed in 2008.)
- Ferrer, Alice Joan G. 2008. "Targeting Women in Urban Poor Communities for Family Planning." *Essays in Population, Social Services and Development in the Philippines.* Philippine Institute for Developmental Studies and the University of the Philippines School of Economics.

- Go, Jose. 2008. "Profile, Work Experiences and Level of Job Satisfaction of Selected Language Tutors to Korean Students in Iloilo City." *Danyag: The UPV Journal of Humanities and the Social Sciences*, Vol VIII, 1: 87-98.
- Mabunay, Ma. Luisa. 2006. "Tracing the Roots of the Nikkejin of Panay, Philippines." *Danyag: The UPV Journal of Humanities and the Social Sciences,* Vol XI, 2: 137-174. (Printed in 2008.)
- Orapan Nabangchang, Jin Jianjun, Anabeth Indab, Truong Dang Thuy, Dieldre Harder, Rodelio Subade. 2008. "Mobilizing Resources for Marine Turtle Conservation in Asia: A Cross country Perspective." *ASEAN Economic Bulletin* Vol 25, No 1: 60-69.
- Parcon, Cristabel Rose. 2008. "Men and Family Planning in Western Visayas." *Danyag: The UPV Journal of Humanities and the Social Sciences.* Vol XII, 2:189-206. (Printed in 2008.)
- Prieto Carolino, Alice and Ebay, Jorge. 2008. "Community Organizing and Livelihood Development: Insights from the FRMP in Sapian Bay." *Danyag: The UPV Journal of Humanities and the Social Sciences*, Vol XIII, 1: 99-112.
- Subade, Rodelio, Ventura, Brian and Fernandez Jr., Pepito. 2007. "Analysis of Fisheries Resources Access Regulation in the Visayan Sea, Philippines." *Danyag: The UPV Journal of Humanities and the Social Sciences,* Vol. XII, 1: 127-148. (Printed in 2008)

Extension

In 13-19 May 2008, Alice Joan Ferrer, Rodelio Subade and Jorge Ebay participated in the Public Lecture Forum of the Results of the Rapid Assessments of the Impacts of the MT Solar I Oil Spill in Nueva Valencia Guimaras. In the aftermath of Typhoon Frank in June 2008, a number of faculty members also lent their expertise to many disaster stricken groups and communities. In September, Jorge Ebay served as Resource Speaker in the Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program and Disaster Training of LGU Personnel for three selected municipalities ravaged by Typhoon Frank. The following month, he became part of the training team that conducted the Trainers' Training on Community Preparedness/Contingency Planning implemented through the efforts of Pampanga Disaster Response Network (PDRN) and Office of Civil Defense Region VI. Johnrev Guilaran also served as resource person in several psychosocial debriefing activities which targeted children traumatized by the onslaught of Frank. He also provided inputs in the debriefing session of relief and rehabilitation workers who provided support to many communities devastated by the typhoon.

The expertise of the faculty was also well sought in other areas. Cristabel Rose Parcon served as speaker during the Career Exploration 2008 held in UPV Little Theater. Rodelio Subade Subade on the other hand was Resource Speaker in the Environmental Research Seminar held in John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University in August 2008.

INSTITUTIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Academic improvement

The Division continued with the protracted process of reviewing and updating its curricular offerings with three main goals in mind: (a) to get out of the BA

umbrella; (2) attract more student enrollees especially in Community Development, History and Sociology; and, (3) to keep curriculum content abreast with recent and emerging trends in the social sciences. The possibility of offering graduate programs had been explored as well.

To help set direction for curriculum development, the Division invited Dr. Raul Pertierra during the divisional research and curriculum workshop entitled "Knowledge Production in the Social Sciences" in April 2008. The workshop was useful in identifying current and emerging fields of knowledge within the social sciences where the proposed curriculum program revisions can eventually be anchored on.

The Division also invited resource speakers from other institutions and organizations for purposes of academic improvement. Among these were the lectures of Rex Varona, Executive Director of Asian Migrant Center in Kowloon, Hong Kong who talked on "Migration and Development: Issues and Challenges; and, Alex Kamweru's "Women in Kenya are ... a photographic discourse." Alex Kamweru is a Documentary Photographer based in Nairobi, Kenya.

Faculty development

Two faculty members were able to complete their master's degrees: Elmer Jover, MA Philisophy, UP Diliman and Brian Ventura, MA International Relations, International University of Japan.

Five are presently pursuing their PhD degrees: Mary Barby Badayos-Jover, Rural Sociology and Women's Studies, Pennsylvania State University; Gay Defiesta, Agricultural Economics, UP Los Banos; Pepito Fernandez, Geography, Australian National University; Agustin Huyong, Psychology, UP Diliman; and, Tomasito Talledo, Philippine Studies, UP Diliman.

Another five are pursuing their master's degrees: Sanley Abila, Bioethics, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, Radbound University, Netherlands and University of Padova, Italy; Joyce Christine Colon, History, UP Diliman; Josephine Firmase, Community Development, UP Diliman; Bernice Vania Landoy, Psychology, Ateneo de Manila University; and Abegail Uyaco, Economics, UP Diliman.

Academic improvement was also pursued through attendance in trainings and conferences. Among them were Johnrev Guilaran who attended the Area Focused Training Course on Mental Health Services after Disaster for Asian Countries in Kobe, Japan; Gay Defiesta who joined the Summer Program in Economics in Los Banos, Laguna with support from SEARCA; and Cristabel Rose Parcon who attended a seminar on Introduction to Gender Sensitive Feminist Methodology in UP Diliman the Training Workshop on Research Methods for Sexual and Reproductive Health in Baguio City.

Faculty appointments

Members of the faculty were also appointed to various administrative posts within UPV, namely:

- Prof. Ma. Elisa Baliao - appointed as Director of the Office of Alumni Relations.
- Dr. Alice Joan Ferrer - appointed as Vice Chancellor for Planning and Development.
- Dr. Henry Funtecha - appointed Director of Center for West Visayan Studies.
- Prof. Jose Go - appointed as College Secretary of the College of Arts and Sciences.

- Prof. Alice Prieto-Carolino - appointed Project Manager. UPV Bamboo Enterprise Development Project.
- Prof. Tomasito Talledo - appointed as Coordinator of UPV's Creative Writing Program.

Awards

Alice Joan Ferrer and Ida Siason were awarded Professorial Chairs. Jose Go was given recognition by the UPV Chancellor as Most Outstanding Assistant Professor and Alice Joan Ferrer was also given recognition by the UPV Chancellor as Most Outstanding Researcher.

Alice Joan Ferrer also received a Special Merit Prize for the photo *"Municipal Fishing Ground of Concepcion, Iloilo"* in the Research and Development in Pictures organized by International Development Research Center (IDRC)

FINANCIAL STANDING

Fund raising initiatives of the Division have generated more than Php100,000.00 earmarked for improvement of instructional facilities. Budgetary allocation for the Division is dependent on the UP System.

GOWING MEMORIAL RESEARCH CENTER
Dansalan College Foundation

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS

Through its Director and other personnel, the Center hosted, participated, facilitated and/or sponsored the following activities:

- The Director participated in the Asia-Pacific International Conference of Christian School Leaders and Boards in Taipei on January 27 – February 2. Included in the conference was a tour of the city and selected provinces to see historical sites; cultural centers of tribal groups; selected schools with outstanding performance in academics, research, and community service; Honey Bee Ecology Farm and Tea Tree Farm.
- Conducted the following seminar-workshops to improve the teaching skills of basic education teachers in Marawi City:
  - Creative and Critical Thinking Skills Development on April 14
  - Developing Responsibilities for Integrating Values of Excellence on 2-6 June. Dr. Edwin Pueblos of Manila served as the speaker
  - Curriculum Development in Science, Mathematics, English, Music and Arts for Early Childhood Education. Ms. Liza Suba of Manila was the facilitator
- Mr. Reynante Casiro attended the PSSC-sponsored Social Science seminar in Manila on May 6-10. His participation greatly helped him to be more creative, innovative, and practical in his teaching strategies.
- Mr. Maulana Zapanta attended the Mindanao Peace Forum on Nov. 11-15 in Marawi City

- Four faculty members went on an inter-ethnic cultural tour to the Cordillera region on April 18-27. The exposure enriched their experience in dealing with persons of varied cultures and religious affiliations. They also learned to understand why Filipinos seem to have difficulty in working together as one nation.
- Ms. Norhanie Mama was granted an educational scholarship to visit Illinois University, U.S.A. for a month's educational exposure on inter-ethnic relations and peace development program.

RESEARCH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

- Participated in the evaluation of 18 Protestant schools and colleges related to the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. Particularly, the evaluation focused on the institution understanding of their education ministry and their contribution to the promotion of social justice in the Philippines. The Director facilitated in the understanding of a theoretical framework that was used in the evaluation. Lectures and discussions were done in the regional and national levels. Regional and national consultations and forum were also done to generate data.
- Along with other representatives and researchers from the Catholic, Muslim, and Protestant schools in Mindanao, the Director had been involved and continues to participate in developing Community-Based Consultations and Dialogues for Peace Process in Mindanao. Inputs from the consultations and dialogues are expected to serve as reference that could help negotiating panels to resume the peace process/talks in Mindanao.
- Served as Chair in the evaluation of Trinity Christian School in Bacolod City for re-accreditation purpose.
- Conducted a survey on course preferences of Maranao youth in Marawi City. The survey aimed, among others, at determining whether or not the desire to work abroad continues to be the aspiration of the youth of today.

PUBLICATION AND LIBRARY SERVICE AND COLLECTION

- The *Dansalan Quarterly* continues to be published although the printing of issues is usually delayed.
- Faculty and students have frequently been using the Muslim materials for their class work. However only a few scholars have come to do research because of the peace problem in the area.
- An unpublished thesis on "The Moro Kotas (Forts) in Lanao: A Study on Maranao Martial Tradition, Colonial Warfare and Nationalism" has been added to the library collection.
- Other publications on Peace Process and Mindanao Development were also acquired.

VISITORS

Local and foreign guests graced the Center during the year. Among these were:

- Dr. Lloyd G. Van Vactor, of Redmond, Washington State
- Ms. Lindy Washburn, journalist, from New Jersey, U.S.A.

- Prof. Joshua Gedacht, of the History Department, University of Wisconsin, U.S.A.
- Ms. Joseph Bichaida from Australia

INSTITUTE OF PHILIPPINE CULTURE

The Institute of Philippine Culture (IPC) is a social science research organization of the School of Social Sciences, Loyola Schools, Ateneo de Manila University. It advances the University's mission and goals by generating knowledge that helps deepen the understanding of cultures and societies; improve the quality of life of disadvantaged groups; and build a more peaceful, just, and equitable society in the Philippines, Southeast Asia, and the rest of the world.

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

The IPC has four main programs in the period covered by this report: the Merit Research Award, the Visiting Research Associates Program, the Professional Social Science Program for Southeast Asian Students, and research projects funded by various institutions such as the Ford Foundation Society for the Preservation of Philippine Culture, Inc., United Nations Children Fund, the World Bank, among others.

Merit Research Awards Program

With funds from the Ford Foundation, the Program seeks to advance theoretically grounded social science research. The awards are open to the staff of the Ateneo de Manila University.

New grants. Seven awards were given this year:

- Ma. Regina Hechanova, Transforming Philippine Organizations: Attitudes, Cognitions, and Strategies
- Marita Concepcion Castro Guevarra, Moving in and Out of Poverty: Understanding and Social Mobility from the Perspectives of the Still-Poor, Now-Poor, Once-Poor, and Never-Poor of BASECO, Manila and Payatas B, Quezon City
- Raul Pertierra, Social Networks and Computer Mediated Interactive Communication Technologies: New Social and Cultural Possibilities or More of the Same Thing?
- Ellen Palanca, China's Trade with East Asian Countries: Impact on Regional Trade Integration
- Elizabeth Tan, China's Integration in East Asia and the Role of Intra-Industry Trade
- Benito Lim, China's New Foreign Policy Thrust of Soft Power: Implications for Third World Countries
- Joseph Anthony Lim, China's Macroeconomy and its Impact on Economic Development, Poverty Reduction and Income Distribution

Publications. The Ateneo de Manila University Press is interested in a number of available manuscripts from the MRA program. Dr. Czarina Saloma-Akpedonu's "Heritage Houses: A Cultural Study of the Boholano Built Environment" has been accepted for publication, while Dr. Fernando Zialcita's "More than a Thoroughfare: The Uses and Interpretations of a City Street" and Mr. Gerard Rixhon's "Tausug Oral Traditions" are being reviewed for possible publication.

Lecture series. This year IPC launched the IPC Merit Research Awards Lecture Series featuring the works of MRA grantees who have completed/about to complete their project, and including a panel on heritage landscapes at the International Conference on the Philippine Studies in July 2008. Areas of inquiry covered by the lectures included: the cultural identity and well-being of Filipino call center workers (Ma. Regina Hechanova); vintage houses in a changing environment (Czarina Saloma-Akpedonu); urban traditions on a Manila street (Fernando Zialcita); Tausug oral traditions (Gerard Rixhon); Pangalay and dance labels and classification (Matthew C.M. Santamaria); costs of the 1997 Asian financial crisis (Edsel Beja, Jr.); People Power I in the public minds of Filipino civilians and militaries (Cristina J. Montiel); Overseas Filipino Workers as entrepreneurs (Joseph Sedfrey Santiago), the ethos of present day Philippine military (Leslie Lopez), gender relations and state dynamics (Diana Mendoza), impact of trade and investment liberalization policies on household welfare (Philip Randy Tua-o), and political framing of population and family planning (Antonio G. M. La Vi-a).

Visiting Research Associates Program

The IPC's Visiting Research Associates (VRA) Program encourages and facilitates studies of Philippine society and culture by scholars who are not regular members of the IPC staff. VRA appointments are generally granted to post-doctoral fellows, doctoral candidates, and other experienced scholars from the Philippines or abroad. In 2008, IPC has 12 VRAs:

- Lidia Pola, University of Queensland, Communicative Ecologies of Transnational Migrants: A Multi-site Ethnographic Approach to ICTs Appropriation and Use by Philippine Diasporas in European and Australian Contexts
- Edwin Wise, La Trobe University, Urban Experiences and Placemaking in Contemporary Metropolitan Manila
- Dario Novellino, University of Kent at Canterbury, Anthropological Approaches to Advocacy and Traditional Rights: Developing Local-Global Feedback for Policy Advocacy and Biocultural Diversity
- Jayeel Serrano Cornelio, National University of Singapore, Being Catholic: Youth Religious Identity, Generational Location, and Modernity in Contemporary Philippines
- Ekoningtyas Margu Wardani, Gadjah Mada University, Food for Ethnic Minority: Maintaining Food Security for the Ifugao Community in Northern Luzon Island, Philippines
- Semiarto Aji Purwanto, University of Indonesia, Urban Agriculture in a Developing Country: The Experience of the Philippine Urban Agriculture Problems
- Masami Mori Tachibana, Kyoto Bunkyo University, Legal and Cultural Pluralism in the Philippines: Anthropological Studies on Recognition and Realization of Cultural Rights of Muslims

- Nataraj Ravichandran, Indian Institute of Health Management Research, New Investing in Equity: Experiences of Philippine Health Financing Mechanism
- Helena Patzer, University of Warsaw, The Impact of Sustaining Transnational Ties on the Sending country: The Case of the Filipino Development Organization 'Gawad Kalinga'
- Karnt Thassanaphak, API Fellow (Thailand), The Art of Campaign Media: The Presentation of Alternative Media in the World of Mainstream Media
- Hiroko Aihara, University of Tokyo, The Role of the Media and its Influence in Organ Transplantation and the Globalization of Information: Research on Real-Life Situation in the Republic of the Philippines
- Ms. Liberty Reforma, Stanford University, Community-based Health Programs in the Philippines

Research projects

In 2008, the following research projects were commenced/are on-going:

- Preserving and protecting Philippine architectural heritage. Society for the Preservation of Philippine Culture, Inc. Project directors: Dr. Fernando Zialcita and Dr. Czarina Saloma-Akpedonu
- Understanding the nature and dynamics of social change in the Philippines. Office of the President, Ateneo de Manila University. Project director: Dr. Czarina Saloma-Akpedonu
- Doon po sa amin... Creating an avenue for children's civic engagement in the Philippines: Participatory research, action planning and project implementation by children and youth. United Nations Children Fund. Project director: Ma. Angela Desiree Aguirre
- Urban Upgrading and Institutional Capability Building Study. University of Queensland. Project Director: Cynthia Veneracion
- Research Capability Building for the PHILSSA-World Bank/JSDF Project UPSURGE. Project Director: Cynthia Veneracion

Professional Social Science Program for Southeast Asian Students

The Program, a joint undertaking of the Ateneo de Manila University's Department of Sociology and Anthropology (DSA) and the IPC, provides graduate social science training. Funded by the Ford Foundation, the Program ended in March 2008, after having been in operation for 20 years. Over this period, it has graduated 144 Fellows from Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, and the Philippines, who are now significant actors in development programs, especially through community-based research and participatory development processes. An alumni homecoming and a conference on participatory development which was held on 2-4 April 2008 at the Ateneo de Manila University marked the end of the program.

FINANCIAL STANDING

As a nonstock, nonprofit, private research institution, the IPC supports its research activities with funds derived from internal (i.e., Ford Foundation Capital Depletion Grant) and external sources (e.g., UNICEF, SPPCI). These projects

contribute a maximum of 15 percent of their budget to the IPC's administrative costs. This contribution covers office space rental and accounting, technical and administrative services. The IPC also receives subsidy from the Ateneo de Manila University.

KAISA PARA SA KAUNLARAN

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- *Ongpin Stories* by R. Kwan Laurel is a collection of stories that deals with the Chinese Filipinos in the Philippines and Chinese Filipinos before they were stereotyped as wealthy businessmen. These stories show the effects of global forces on the lives of simple people who want to live in dignity amidst racism, poverty and persecution. Published in April 2008, Ongpin Stories is now in second printing.
- *Tulay* continues to come out every other Tuesday. This publication, which came out in 1988, is now on its 21st volume. It has continued to this day to be a "bridge of understanding between two cultures and two generations." It gives a round up of news and events, issues and concerns affecting the Chinese-Filipino community in relation to mainstream society.
- *Integration* (Yong-Hap) is the Chinese-language counterpart of *Tulay*. It is a weekly supplement published in the Chinese-language daily World News. The full-page supplement discusses issues affecting the Chinese community, analyzes the Chinese role in concerns of the Philippine society, and provides insights about Flipinos and the Philippine nation for the benefit of the older generation Chinese. It is now on its 1098th issue.

PAPERS PRESENTED

- Teresita Ang See presented a paper "Building Bridges: Preservation and Propagation of Chinese Heritage: The Kaisa Experience in the Philippines" for the conference of Institute of Humanities and Sociology, Academia Sinica in Taipei, Taiwan) on 12-14 December 2008.
- Teresita Ang See presented paper in Global Forum on Migration and Development – Consultation at Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati on 31 October 2008.

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES, CONFERENCES AND LECTURES

- VP Andrew Arriola and Director David Hwang attended the 5th National Convention of the Chinese Filipino Business Club (17 January 2008, Manila Hotel, Manila).
- Kaisa organized a lecture/forum entitled "The Convergent Catastrophes of Peak Oil and Global Warming: Can We Survive the End of Industrial Civilization?" by Dr. Floro Quibuyen. It was attended by Kaisa members and faculty from some public high schools (27 January 2008, Kaisa Heritage Center, Intramuros, Manila).

- VP for Bahay Tsinoy Carmelea See attended the 1st Asian Children's Museum Conference organized by Museo Pambata at Museo Pambata, Roxas Blvd., Manila (23-26 February 1978).
- Eleven writers and two former Tulay writers attended the writeshop last 10 May 2008 with Doreen Yu of *The Philippine Star* as a facilitator.
- An overflow crowd attended the Kaisa-MRPO (Movement for Restoration of Peace and Order) seminar on Police-community cooperation and action on criminality. Main speaker for the night was Sr.Supt.Col. Edgar Iglesia of PACER.
- Representative from Kaisa attended the volunteer forum at Balay Kalinaw, UP Diliman, Quezon City.
- Teresita Ang See talked on a forum on "Remarkable Woman: Mga Katang-tangi" at the National Museum, Manila on 13 March 2008.
- Representative from Kaisa joined the Kabahagi Volunteer conference at the Legend Hotel, Mandaluyong City on 4 April 2008.
- VP Carmelea See attended the 4th National Social Science Conference at PSSC, Quezon City.
- Teresita Ang See delivered lecture on The ethnic Chinese in Philippine life before partners and staff of SGV & Co. under its Liberal Arts Program on 14 May 2008 at SGV, Makati City
- Teresita Ang See gave a lecture on the Chinese in Philippine Life for the Chinese Apostolate of Ateneo de Manila University on 1 July 2008.
- Teresita Ang See lectured on Intramuros Tombstone on 1st Letran Day, 3 July 2008 in San Juan de Letran, Manila.
- Teresita Ang See attended the conference on Chinese in Indonesia at Chinese Heritage Center in Singapore on 9-12 July 2008.
- Teresita Ang See and Director Deanie Lyn Ocampo participated in the Consultation Workshop on the Millennium Challenge Corporation at Astoria Plaza, Pasig City on 8 August 2008.
- Teresita Ang See lectured on The Role of Tsinoys in Nation Building for high schools students of Immaculate Conception Academy in San Juan on 2 September 2008.
- VP Carmelea See lectured on The Role of Tsinoys in Nation Building for high schools students of Immaculate Conception Academy in San Juan on 12 September 2008.
- Prexy Andrew Arriola and Tessy Ang See joined the Philippines and China: in Search of Greater Maturity in Relations forum at Richmonde Hotel organized by Chinese studies and UP Asian Center, 27 September 2008.
- Prexy Andrew Arriola and Marissa Tumacder, Bahay Tsinoy Staff, attended the Museum Emergency Seminar hosted by the National Museum in Manila, 3 October 2008.
- Prexy Andrew Arriola attended the forum of Action for Economic Reforms on "The Binding Constraints: Philippine Economy Assessment," at Discovery Suites, Pasig City, 8 October 2008.

- Teresita Ang See attended a conference on "Migration, Development and Connectivity" at UP SOLAIR, 23 October 2008.
- Teresita Ang See was a speaker during the Global Forum on Migration and Development – Consultation at Dusit Thani Hotel, Makati on 31 October 2008.
- VP Carmelea See attended ASEMUS (ASIA–EUROPE NETWORK OF MUSEUMS) General Conference at National Museum, Manila. The convention is an annual conference providing substantial information and methods to address various issues relevant to its affiliates. The four-day event was devoted to the role of information and communication technology in museum activities, highlighting its possibilities and challenges, 4-6 November 2008.
- Teresita Ang See delivered lecture on The Ethnic Chinese in Philippine life before the officers and staff of Department of Foreign Affairs on December 16 and 18, 2008 at Intramuros, Manila.

Meetings and dialogues

- VP Anabel Chua-Lim attended the Gawad Kalinga Summit at Meralco Theatre on 11 January 2008.
- Dialogue with Rebisco Biscuits Corporation employees headed by Corporate Manager Emma del Fierro regarding Corporate Social Responsibility (with VP Deanie Lyn Ocampo-Go and Teresita Ang See).
- President Andrew Arriola attended the roundtable discussion on China and the World at AIM, Makati City on 10 July 2008.
- EVP Ganny Tan attended the roundtable discussion on how to save electricity sponsored by the Federation in Binondo, Manila last 11 July 2008.

Awards and citations

- Kaisa Para Sa Kaunlaran, Inc., Citizens Actions Against Crime and Movement for Restoration of Peace and Order were awarded by the Police Anti-Crime and Emergency Response (PACER) in grateful recognition of the invaluable service, unwavering and continuing support extended to PACER, thereby contributing immensely to the attainment of its mission, 15 July 2008, Quezon City (received by Teresita Ang See and VP Eleonor Tsumura).
- Plaque of Appreciation from the National Historical Institute for invaluable assistance in the implementation of various historico-cultural activities, given on 21 October 2008 in Manila (received by Teresita Ang See and VP Carmelea See).
- Plaque of Appreciation from the Philippine General Hospital for extending invaluable support to charity patients for 2007-2008 during the Recognition Program for Donors and Support Groups on 13 August 2008 (received by VP Anabel Chua-Lim).
- Lagalag sa Nanyang, Kaisa past president Joaquin Sy's Filipino translation of renowned Chinese writer Bai Ren's novel Nanyang Piaoliuji won the 2007 National Book Award at awarding ceremonies held 15 November at the Yuchengco Museum at the RCBC Plaza in Makati.

EVENTS PARTICIPATED IN BY KAISA MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

Exhibits

- Teacher Baldwin: Joy of Children (29 May – 1 June 2008), the event showcases Baldwin Kho's (Kaisa member) recent paintings, memorabilia and artworks of his students and a fusion of traditional and multimedia arts. Kaisa became the home of Baldwin's annual summer Tsinoy Children Summer Exhibit since 2001.
- Zero-in 7 Bridges: Treasure and Heritage (November 29 – on-going). Bahay Tsinoy has showcased the history and culture of the Chinese-Filipino heritage. Many do not appreciate that the dynastic annals of Chinese immigrants since the tenth century which are rich sources of this rich exchange of material culture, language, and trade are ceramics, often the pride in museum and private collections. Since their earliest contacts with China, local inhabitants of Lu-Song, Sansu, Pulilu, Sulu, and Ma-I, have been exchanging trade ceramics with sea shells, pearls, beeswax, abaca, and gold. Selections from the collection of Juan T. Lim, trade ceramics that had bridged peoples and histories, offer glimpses of the wealth of pre-hispanic Philippines and witness to the Philippine islands' extensive relations with China centuries ago. Treasure and Heritage opens at Bahay Tsinoy on 29 November 2008 and will be ongoing until 31 January 2009.
- Ramon Lim's Calligraphy Exhibit and Book Launching, 13-18 December 2008.

Other activities

- Groundbreaking ceremony of GK Oishi Village in Maralit, Paranaque. The site was donated by Philippine Soong Ching Ling Foundation through Kaisa Para Sa Kaunlaran on 1 April 2008.
- Teresita Ang See and Go Bon Juan attended the Harvest Festival in Nueva Ecija with SL Agritech Chairman and CEO Henry Lim Bon Liong, The Nueva Ecija farmers planted the SL-8H variety of hybrid rice seeds produced by SL Agritech Corp. of Makati and harvested three times the amount compared to inbred rice.
- World of Feng Shui and Rotary Club of Makati turns over P60, 000 to Kaisa for one unit of GK house for the Aetas in Sitio Sta. Rosa, Bamban, Tarlac on 12 April 2008.
- Vigil and Memorial Service for the Victims of Sichuan Earthquake, 21- 23 May 2008.
- Kaisa and National Historial Institute organize the Unveiling of Roman Ongpin Marker at Binondo, Manila on 5 June 2008.
- Kaisa and The Manila Times organized the 6th Dr. Jose P. Rizal Awards for Excellence on 14 June 2008.
- Kaisa Annual Blood Letting on 31 August 2008.
- Basic Digital Photography Seminar, 9 November 2008.
- Regular Chinese translation class, started last 8 November 2008 and still on-going.
- Perfume and Soap-making Seminar, 16 November 2008.

- Gift Wrapping Seminar, 23 November 2008.
- "Alay Medisina" every Tuesday at Medical Social Service of Philippine General Hospital (543 patients served in 2008).
- Annual Christmas gift giving for 450 children from urban poor families led by Baldwin Kho. It was held inside the San Agustin Church complex, Intramuros, Manila last Sunday, 21 December 2008.

VIPS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS VISITING KAISA HERITAGE CENTER/BAHAY TSINOY:

Bahay Tsinoy remains to be the most effective bridge to understanding the role of Chinese in Philippine life. For January to December 2008 a total of 27,093 guests visited Bahay Tsinoy: A Museum of the Chinese in Philippine Life. In November 2008, the 300,000th paying guest was recognized.

- Vice Chairwoman He Luli of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of china and her 13-member delegation visits Bahay Tsinoy last 16 January 2008.
- Taipan Lucio Tan, 10 February 2008.
- Delegates of First Asian Children's Museum, 26 February 2008.
- Guangzhou Mayor Zhu Ming with Oishi Foundation, 1 April 2008.
- Students and professors of Xiamen University headed by Prof. Zhuang Guotu, 15 April 2008.
- China Hui An Grand Association, 19 April 2008.
- Jiangsu Chinese National Dance Troupe, 8 June 2008.
- Vice-Mayor of Shandong, 22 August 2008.
- Students from top universities of Singapore, 31 August 2008.
- Metrobank Foundation officers from other countries, 4 September 2008.
- International delegates to ASEMUS (Asia Europe Museum Conference), 6 November 2008.
- China Justice Department officials, 11 November 2008.
- Dr. and Mrs. Wang Gungwu from Singapore, 18 November 2008.
- Metrobank Foundation officers from other countries, 4 August 2008.

NATIONAL TAX RESEARCH CENTER

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

For the year under review, the NTRC provided technical inputs and support to the DOF Proposed Legislative Agenda as well as to Congress through the preparation of concept papers, notes, revenue estimation/simulations on various proposals regarding priority revenue measures, such as the Proposed Restructuring of the Individual Income Tax, Rationalization of Fiscal Incentives, Amendment to Certain Provisions of the Tariff and Customs Code (Anti-smuggling), Amendment to the Senior Citizens Act, Reforms in the Real Property Valuation and Assessment Practices/Professionalization of Real Estate Service, Proposed Real State Investment Trust (REIT) and Amendment to Certain Provisions of the Documentary Stamp Taxes.

The NTRC also rendered technical assistance to national government agencies (NGAs) in the review of fees and charges pursuant to EOs 197 and 218.

The NTRC continued to undertake the activities for the Property Valuation and Taxation Component under the Land Administration and Management Project (LAMP) Phase 2. The most significant of these activities were the valuation simulation studies for LGU partners and the review of the tax policies concerning land ownership and transfers.

As Secretariat to the Fiscal Incentives Review Board, the NTRC processed and evaluated applications for tax subsidy by government-owned and controlled corporations for consideration of the FIRB Technical Committee and the Board Proper. A total of 39 Certificates of Entitlement to Subsidy (CES) and 21 FIRB Resolutions were issued by the Board.

The NTRC also conducted baseline studies aimed at revenue enhancement, rationalization of fiscal incentives, improvement of the tax structure, promotion of equity, improvement in taxpayer's compliance and efficiency in tax administration. These major studies include tax gap estimates, revenue performance analysis, rationalization of fiscal incentives, taxation of financial instruments, the taxation of the telecommunication industry and taxation of real properties.

The NTRC published the NTRC Tax Research Journal (Bimonthly); compiled 2008 BIR Revenue Regulations and prepared NTRC Brochure and digest of the Selected Court of Tax Appeals (CTA) and Supreme Court (SC) Decisions on tax matters.

ORGANIZATIONAL/INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

The National Tax Research Center has continued its computerization program aimed at improving its administrative support and service delivery.

As part of its mission to provide continuing staff development, the office sent some of its officials and staff to international seminars/conferences, as follows: Two-year Master's Degree in the field of Economics (Academic year April 2006-July 2008) at the Hitotsubashi University, Tokyo, Japan under the auspices of the Japanese Grant Aid for Human Resource Development Scholarship (JDS) Project; two long term post graduate scholarship placements on Master's in Public Finance regarding Policy Analysis and Development (Academic year 10 January 2008-31 December 2008) held in Australia National University, Canberra, Australia under the sponsorship of Philippines-Australia Human Resource Development Facility(PAHRDF); 15th ASEAN Valuers Association (AVA) Congress held in Bali, Indonesia; and Fiscal and Financial Policy Enhancement Program for the Philippines held in Seoul, Korea.

Also, some members on the NTRC Executive Staff attended local seminars/ workshops as follows: 2nd Batch on Gender Sensitivity and Mainstreaming Training for Managers; Information System Management (ISM) Training; the PAHRDF Mentoring Workshop; PAHRDF Monitoring and Evaluation Toward Sustaining Gains Workshop; PAHRDF Graduate Program on Policy Analysis and Formulation Counselling Seminar; Civil Service Commission Supervisory Development Course – Training for Trainers and Tracks II and II; Seminar on Understanding, Auditing and Updates of the Government Procurement System (RA 9184); Cash Management System Auditing and participated in Team Building Seminars and Strategic Planning Workshops.

The NTRC rationalization plan under Executive Order No. 366 which was submitted and thereby endorsed by the Department of Finance (DOF) Secretary to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for review and consideration is still pending. The NTRC rationalization plan is also an expansion of its present research thrust to include not just taxation but other public finance issues as well. To achieve the proposed shift in policy direction and research, there will be corresponding changes in the organizational structure.

FINANCIAL STANDING

The NTRC is a national government agency (NGA) with an approved budgetary appropriation for FY 2008 under the General Appropriation Act (GAA) in the amount of P35.73 million.

PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION FOR CHINESE STUDIES

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

The major activity of the Philippine Association for Chinese Studies for the year 2008, also held in commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of its founding, was the forum entitled "The Philippines and China: Dialogue in Search of Greater Maturity in Relations." This was held at the Richmonde Hotel in Ortigas, Pasig City on September 27, and was attended by more than 80 participants.

During the forum, presentations were made on recent developments in the bilateral relations, including controversies that had shadowed recent Chinese investment proposals and projects. The intention was that of shedding light on the issues and exploring ways of more effectively addressing problems in relations. Chinese investments and assistance programs, trade issues, the inflow of new Chinese migration into the Philippines, and implications of China's rising energy requirements were among the topics discussed. The discussions also examined the effects of domestic Philippine politics on relations with China, as well as how the inadequacy and inaccuracy of information about the situation of either country had led to serious mutual misperceptions.

Back to back with the forum was a special lecture delivered by CNN Beijing Bureau Chief Jaime FlorCruz, on the subject "Is China on the Road to an Open Society: Political, Economic and Social Indicators."

The China Studies group of the U.P. Asian Center, under the guidance of UP senior lecturer Rowena Pangilinan, provided secretariat services for the forum and lecture. A book sale of PACS and other China- and Asia-related publications was likewise held.

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

The PACS General Assembly convened on 31 January 2008 with the members simultaneously celebrating the Chinese Spring Festival. This year, several new members joined the Association during the General Assembly. Among them were China majors belonging to the Master of Arts in Asian Studies program of the UP Asian Center, and Jinan University (Guangzhou, China) Associate Professor Dr.

Dai Fan, then an exchange scholar of the Asian Center. The latest issue of *PACS Network News* was distributed during the occasion.

The officers of the PACS for 2008 were as follows:

President - Dr. Aileen S.P. Baviera (U.P. Asian Center)
Vice President - Prof. Aurora Roxas-Lim (Ateneo de Manila University)
Secretary - Ms. Tersita Ang See (KAISA para sa Kaunlaran)
Treasurer - Dr. Ellen H. Palanca (Ateneo de Manila University)

Executive Board Members

Mr. Glenn Garfield O. Ang (Goethe House, German Embassy)
Fr. Aristotle C. Dy, S.J. (Ateneo de Manila University)
Mr. Go Bon Juan (KAISA para sa Kaunlaran)
Dr. Lydia Yu Jose (Ateneo de Manila University)
Atty. Florencio T. Mallare (Publisher, *World News)*
Mr. Josue L. Villa (former Ambassador to China, retired)
Ms. Doreen G. Yu (editor, *Philippine Star Magazine)*

At present, there are 70 listed members of the Association. PACS activities are usually carried out in cooperation with academic institutions and other civic organizations that support the goals of PACS, primarily the promotion of Chinese Studies in the Philippines through researches, conferences, publications, exhibits, and other scholarly exchanges. Many of our members remained active in 2008 in undertaking research, giving lectures, publications, and advising government and private institutions on issues that deal with Philippine-China relations.

FINANCIAL STANDING

The Association was able to raise additional resources in support of China studies through sponsorships and registration fees for the September 27 forum on Philippines-China relations.

PHILIPPINE BUSINESS FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

- Conducted three Corporate Citizenship Appreciation courses with 26 member-companies in Davao and Manila and employee volunteerism orientation sessions with 29 companies.
- Conducted Corporate Citizenship (CC) lectures for a total of 366 participants involving local/international audiences in various events of universities and business organizations.
- Documented two company cases of prospective Social Entrepreneurship Business Model and drafted definition of Social Entrepreneurship for the business.
- Developed and disseminated the Business and MDG Investment Survey to over 200 PBSP member-companies to allow them to enroll and report their CSR initiatives aligned to the MDG targets.

- Facilitated the development of the guidelines for the Zero Basura Olympics for Business, encouraging companies to apply conscientious and beneficial practices as well as incorporating the 3Rs (re-use, reduce, recycle) in their waste management as well as showcase their implementation of existing ecological solid waste management (ESWM) practices.
- Conducted series of business consultation sessions on MDG-Family-Based Actions on Children and their Environs in the Slums (FACES) project in five cities (Ligao, Albay; Samal, Davao del Norte; Munoz, Nueva Ecija; Bago, Negros Occidental; and Pasay, Metro Manila) to encourage businesses to get involved in the development and supporting quick response mechanisms in uplifting conditions of children in slums.
- Published the primer entitled *Investing in the ARMM Halal Food Industry* in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)-ARMM which presents the advantages of investing in the halal industry and provides information on how the industry can be tapped.
- Conducted Coaching Sessions on Developing a Religious Diversity Program for three company-adopters, namely, New Day Recovery Center, General Tuna Corporation and South Cotabato Integrated Port Services, Inc. The coaching sessions helped the companies develop their own Religious Diversity Policy and Program Plan.
- Conducted a Roundtable Discussion on Doing CSR in Muslim Communities in partnership with Smart Communications, PLDT, Mindanao State University, DTI-ARMM and Paglas Corporation, which provided a venue for the exchange of learnings and insights on Islam and CSR.

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

- Upgraded Automated Systems for easy reference
  - Human Resource Information System (HRIS)
  - Attendance Monitoring system (AMS)
- Revisited and updated HR Manual (Policies and Procedures) and started drafting the HR Handbook which is the digest of the HR Manual
- Conducted institutional training programs focused on Clients and Service Delivery attended by 80% of the total Foundation personnel
- Continuously honed employee skills through the conduct of external trainings attended by 20% of the total Foundation personnel
- Started crafting a Management Development Program to ensure steady source of qualified second liners

FINANCIAL STANDING (as of 30 September 2008)

To enable PBSP to deliver programs directed towards alleviating poverty in the country, PBSP approved P395.92 million in financial assistance during fiscal year 2008. A substantial portion or P337.19 million was financed from grants, P17.73 million in the form of financial advances, and P41 million in development loans.

PBSP worked in tandem with 63 partner organizations to reach 51,316 households or 419,316 individuals in the implementation of 200 projects nationwide.

Statements of Support, Income and Expenditures
(In Million Pesos)

Support and Income	
Support	
Membership donations	75.84
Grants and other contributions	247.59
Investment income - net	36.99
Income (loss) from small enterprise facility trust fund - net	(1.38)
Other income - net	.59
	359.63
Expenditures	
Grants expenses	296.47
Project development and monitoring expenses	26.40
General operating expenses	17.43
Depreciation and amortization	4.81
Impairment losses	.02
	345.13
Excess of Support & Income over Expenditures	14.49

Balance Sheet
(In Million Pesos)

Assets	
Current Assets	109.27
Non-Current Assets	878.91
Total Assets	988.18
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Current Liabilities	43.56
Non-Current Liabilities	591.31
Fund Balance	353.31
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	988.18

POPULATION INSTITUTE
University of the Philippines-Diliman

The University of the Philippines Population Institute (UPPI) is a public academic institution and its budget is dependent on the University of the Philippines System.

The UPPI maintains its three main functions: training, research and extension service. The Institute continues to train students to become professional demographers and population specialists which include three foreign students who are studying under a UNFPA fellowship grant for the period 2008-2010. UPPI also pursues a program of research on population that gives emphasis to new methodological development results of which are widely disseminated and used for the design of population policy formulation and program implementation in the country.

UPPI also continues to be actively involved in the training of practitioners in government and non-governmental agencies particularly in research methods as well as in the promotion of population leadership at the local level issues in

development planning in collaboration with the Demographic Research and Development Foundation Inc. (DRDF Inc.) and Social Science and Philosophy Research Foundation (SPPRF), among others. Part of the extension work done by the UPPI faculty is the provision of technical assistance to GOs and NGOs in the population and reproductive health fields.

For 2008, the UPPI renewed the term of Dr. Grace T. Cruz as its Director. UPPI also hired two new lecturers: Dr. Emily Christi A. Cabegin and Mr. Ramon San Pascual. Dr. Cabegin holds a PhD in Economics degree from the University of the Philippines. Her expertise includes migration, fertility and health economics. Mr. Ramon San Pascual holds a Master in Public Health degree from the University of Washington. He currently serves as the Executive Director of the Philippine Legislators' Committee on Population and Development Foundation (PLCPDF).

TRAINING

The UPPI remains to be the sole institution in the Philippines that offers academic graduate courses leading to a Master of Arts (MA) degree in Demography and the Master in Population Studies (MPopS). For calendar year 2008, it had nine graduates from its two graduate programs. It also accepted 14 freshmen students, all of whom have been provided with fellowship or tuition support including fellowship grants from the PSSC-PCPD and the Philippine Population Association. The table below presents the number of students registered by degree program for the last two semesters:

Degree Program	No. of Students		
	Second semester SY 2007-2008	Summer semester SY 2007-2008	First semester SY 2008-2009
MA in Demography (MA)	30	6	27
Master in Population Studies (MPoPS)	17	8	16
TOTAL	47	14	43

Besides its graduate training program, the UPPI provides short-term trainings. As a designated SPSS training center in the country, it conducted a two five-day training workshops on Data Analysis using Statistical Packages for Social Sciences (SPSS) held on April 21-25 and October 20-24. The five-day training on Advanced Statistical Analysis and Data Manipulation was also held on May 19-23. These training workshops were attended by over 60 participants from academe, government and non-government agencies from all over the country. Faculty members were also involved as trainers in other training programs conducted by various agencies including the summer Extramural outreach training for social science teachers conducted by the College of Social Science and Philosophy (CSSP), University of the Philippines and the Population Leadership Development Training program of the SSPRF.

RESEARCH

In the realm of research, the Institute continues to be at the forefront of cutting edge research in the area of population and population-related areas. The table below provides a summary of the projects undertaken by the UPPI faculty and research staff for 2008:

Title of Research Programs/Projects	Duration of the Project	Partner Organization
A Study on the HIV Situation in the Philippines	August, 2005 to January, 2008	United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA)
Marital Arrangements in a Flux? Union Formation in Selected Areas in the Philippines	December, 2006 to May, 2008	National University of Singapore
Philippine Longitudinal Study of Aging	July, 2007 to March, 2008	Nihon University Population Research Institute
Research Studies on Community Learning Centres (CLC)	September 2007 to July 2008	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
Situation Analysis of Philippine Population and Reproductive Health Analysis	May to August 2008	UNFPA
Pilot Testing of Child Development Outcome Instruments for Household Surveys (Component)	July to August 2008	United Nations Childrens' Fund (UNICEF) & Office of Population Studies (OPS)
Knowledge, Attitude, and Practice (KAP-R2) Post-Intervention Survey	August to October 2008	World Vision Philippines
Strengthening Reproductive Health in the Philippines	July 2008 to December 2009	Alan Guttmacher Institute/ AusAid
Strengthening Life Skills for Positive Youth Health Behavior	October to December 2008	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)
2009 Integrated HIV Behavioral and Serologic Surveillance (IHBSS) Survey Questionnaire Review	October 2008 to January 2009	Department of Health(DOH)
Further Analysis of 2007 Census	November to December 2008	Commission on Population (POPCOM)
Technical Consultancy for Sustainable Implementation of the Responsible Youth-Family Program of Biliran Province	December 2008 to January 2009	German Development Cooperation (GTZ)

As its contribution to the centennial celebration of the University of the Philippines, the Population Institute organized the 20th Annual Meeting of REVES (International Network on Health Expectancy and the Disability Process) held at the Richmonde Hotel, Pasig City on May 7-9. This conference was attended by over 30 International experts on health expectancy sharing new research findings along this field. A pre-conference training on Healthy Life Expectancy was held on May 6 at the UPPI Conference Room with Dr. Yasuhiko Saito of Japan and Dr. Jean-Marie Robine of France as guest speakers.

The following comprised the various lectures, research dissemination and related activities conducted by the institute:

Activity/Title of Lecture	Date and Place
Population issues here and now (Poster presentations)	February 11-15 UPPI Hallway, UP Diliman
Union Formation in the Philippines : A Comparison With Other Southeast Asian Countries Using the Demographic and Health Surveys Lecturer: Dr. Bina Gubhaju, National University of Singapore	July 23 UPPI Conference Room, UP Diliman
Changing Patterns and Correlates of Marriage in the Philippines *(Nimfa B. Ogena, Ma. Midea M. Kabamalan and Randolf Se Sasota)* Lecturer: Mr. Randolf Se Sasota, Demographic Research and Development Foundation (DRDF)	August 6 UPPI Conference Room, UP Diliman
Determinants of Extra-marital Sex Among Filipino Men Lecturer: Mr. Jeofrey Abalos (DRDF)	August 27 UPPI Conference Room, UP Diliman
Does overseas migration engender a "moral hazard" behavior in sending households? The case of the Philippines Lecturer: Dr. Emily Christi A. Cabegin, UPPI	September 10 UPPI Conference Room, UP Diliman
State of the Philippine Population and Reproductive Health (DRDF Team headed by Dr. Josefina N. Natividad) Lecturer: Mr. Jeofrey Abalos, (DRDF)	September 24 UPPI Conference Room, UP Diliman
Fertility Estimation Based on the Parity Progression Method using the 2003 National Demographic and Health Survey of the Philippines Lecturer: Dr. Nimfa B. Ogena, UPPI	October 2 UPPI Conference Room, UP Diliman
Philippine Demography @ 44: Continuing Tradition of Excellence in Training and Research in Nation Building (Rafael Palma Centennial Lecture Series) Lecturer: Dr. Corazon M. Raymundo	October 8 Palma Hall 207, UP Diliman
Asian Spatial Demography: Recent Developments and Prospects for an Expanding Field of Study Lecturer: Dr. Peter Xenos, University of Hawaii	December 4 Palma Hall 400, UP Diliman

The faculty and researchers of the Institute are also actively involved in the dissemination of their research outputs as shown by their attendance in various international and local conferences as paper presenters.

EXTENSION SERVICES

The UPPI continues to backstop government agencies - like the Commission on Population (PopCom), National Statistics Office (NSO), National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) - in population-related matters. In addition, its faculty members serve as a trainer, consultant, advocate, or technical adviser/reviewer/ editor in providing extension services to government, private and academic institutions.

RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS OFFICE
St. Paul University-Tuguegarao

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

The Research Center of St. Paul University Philippines started School Year 2007–2008 with the formulation and dissemination of the University's Research Agenda for 2007–2010. The University Research Agenda is a dynamic and continuously updated embodiment of the University's research thrusts and focus aligned with national and regional development goals with CHED's and other line agencies' thrusts and programs.

The Research Center administered a Survey of Training Needs of Faculty along the area of Research and the dissemination of the survey results was done in July of 2007. The result of the survey was used as basis in the design and implementation of the faculty development program of the university to further strengthen the research skills and competencies of the faculty members.

A seminar-workshop on Action Research for the teachers in the Grade School Department was held on 23 June 2007. An activity of this kind is conducted annually in the university to continuously equip the teachers in the elementary level with additional know how in doing Action researches.

Two Research Fora were held in the University to disseminate significant research findings of faculty and students' researches conducted during the past school year. The first Research Forum was held on 19 December 2007 and the second one on 23 February 2008. Both fora drew active participation and involvement and created stronger interest of both students and teachers in doing research.

Two issues of the SPUP Research Digest Volume XI were published. The Research Digest is the official Research Journal of St. Paul University Philippines. In addition, the Research Center was able to publish one issue of the University's Graduate School Journal.

Five institutional researches were conducted by the Research Center. The five researches centered on Organizational Culture Assessment, Job Performance and Job Commitment, Program Evaluation of the College Freshmen Program, Customer Satisfaction and the Implementation of the Millennium Development Goals (CALL 2015) in Barangay Tagga of Tuguegarao City.

The Research Center pioneered the conduct of a University-wide Search for the Best Undergraduate Research and four undergraduate theses writers were awarded a plaque of distinction and medals during the March 2008 Commencement Exercises in the University. This undertaking sought to encourage student thesis writers in the University to come up with quality and relevant researches.

There were also two researches that were orally presented in the International Research Conference held in Iloilo City on 26- 29 February 2008. The two researches presented were entitled "The Impact of the Community Extension Services of St. Paul University Philippines' Community Development Center on the Living Conditions of Some Selected Adopted Communities" and "Mathematics Beliefs, Attitudes and Teaching Practices of Student Teachers in Relation to Selected Variables."

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
University of Northern Philippines

COMPLETED RESEARCHES

- Impression of Bigueños in the World Heritage City of Vigan Towards Pedestrialization
- Pedestrian Scheme Practices of Bigueños in a City with a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Mechanical Test of Concrete with Aggregates Hauled from Strategic Quarry Sites in Ilocos Sur
- Performance of Different Varieties of Cucumber (*Cucumis sativus*) using Kakawate Leaves as Mulching Materials
- Assessment of the Goby Fry Fisheries in Ilocos Sur
- An Analysis of the Performance in Differential Equation of Selected UNP Students
- Phytochemical and Antimicrobial Screening of Rungo-rungo *(Guania javanica Miq.)* Stems and Leaves
- Yield Performance of Pepper *(Capsicum frutescens)* Applied with Different Concentrations of Aragan *(Sargassum sp.)* as Fertilizers
- Self-Concept of Physically Handicapped Students

PAPER AND POSTER PRESENTATIONS IN VARIOUS CONFERENCES

Paper presentation in international conferences

- 5th World Conference on Sciences, Engineering and Technology, 17-19 December 2008, Bangok, Thailand
  - Productivity and Performance of Barangays: The Case of Heritage City of Vigan, Philippines by Dr. Edelyn Cadorna
  - Sexual Perception and Behavior: Gender Differences Among Married Ilocanos by Dr. Erwin Cadorna
- 8th International Conference on Philippine Studies, 23-26 July 2008, PSSC and Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City
  - Pedestrian Scheme Practice of Biguenos in a City Declared as a UNESCO World Heritage Site by Engr. Franklyn Amistad
- 3rd Nakem International Conference, Saint Mary's University, Bayombong, Nueva Vizcaya, 28-30 May 2008
  - Acculturation or Linguistic and Cultural Influences in Two Barangays of the 1st District of Ilocos Sur by Benjie Gapate and Emidio Rosal, Jr.

Paper presentation in national conferences

- REDTI, UNP, Vigan City, 23-25 January 2008
  - The Need for Traffic Signalization from the Perspective of Local Government Units Outside Metro Manila: An Assessment

- 38th Crop Science Society of the Philippines Scientific Conference, 12-16 May 2008, Iloilo City
  - The Effect of Inorganic Fertilizer Residue Combined With Chicken Manure on the Yield of Relayed Solanaceous Crops by F. Rodillas
- National Conference on Philippine Association of Guidance Counselors, Manila Galleria, 14-16 May 2008.
  - Professional Characteristics and Status of Facilities as Predictors on the Implementation of Guidance Services in Region I by Dr. Rolando Navarro
- National Health and Environment Research Forum, Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro City, 1-2 August 2008
  - Phytochemical Screening of Wellawel *(Chromolaena odorata)* Leaf Extract by Dr. Larguita Reotutar
  - Sablot (Litsea glutinosa) Lour. Rob.: Bringing it Back to the Landscape by Dr. Alfredo R. Rabena
- 10th Regional Nursing Research Congress, Saint Louis University, Baguio City, 9 September 2008
  - Emergency/Disaster Preparedness and Management Extension Service Program of the College of Nursing
- 2nd ICIERD Industry and Energy R&D Symposium, DMMMSU-MLUC, San Fernando City, La Union, 17 September 2008
  - Prototyping of a Mechanized Bagoong Squeezer by Dr. Manuel A. Bajet and Engr. Norma Esguerra, (3rd Prize-Edgar Padilla Best Research Paper)
  - The Design and Construction of a Dual Powered Foliage Chopper for Botanopesticides Preparation by Dr. Alfredo R. Rabena and Dr. M. A. Bajet Jr.
- 16th Annual Conference of the Transportation Science Society of the Philippines (TSSP), SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City, 19 September 2008
  - Impressions of Bigueños in the World Heritage City of Vigan Towards Pedestrianization by Engr. Franklyn T. Amistad
- National Forum on Research and Educational Development Training Institute, University of Bohol, Tagbilaran City, 22-24 October 2008
  - Self-Efficacy and Occupational Stress: Effects on Instructional Competence by Dr. Rolando R. Navarro
  - Pregnancy and Reproductive Health: Husbands' Perspective by Dr. Erwin Cadorna
  - Barangay Efforts and Initiatives Related to Millennium Development Goals by Dr. Edelyn Cadorna and Dr. Crescencio Velasco
- 8th ISSAAS Philippine National Convention and Annual Meeting, Benguet State University, La Trinidad, Benguet, 23-25 October 2008
  - Organic Post-Harvest Technology for Onions
- PAIR 2008, Brokenshire College Resort and Convention Center, Davao City
  - Managing Research Programs at the SUCs: The UNP Paradigm, Dr. Alfredo R. Rabena

Poster presentations

- 75th NRCP Annual Meeting, Polkabal Rigodon Hall, Manila Hotel, 12 March 2008
  - Mechanical Test of Concrete with Aggregates Hauled from Strategic Quarry Sites in Ilocos Sur by F. T. Amistad
  - Research-Based English Vocabulary Program for College Freshmen by Dr. Remedios Ralleta Navarro, 3rd place winner (certificate of excellence)
  - "Status and Prospects of Basi Industry in Ilocos Sur" by Dr. Florida Ursulom, Mrs. Angelina Verzosa and Ms. Maritess Raboy
- 57th Annual Convention of the Philippine Association for the Advancement of Science (PhilAAS), Thomas Aquinas Research Complex (TARC), University of Sto. Tomas, España, Manila, 11-12 September 2008
  - The Design and Construction of a Dual Powered Foliage Chopper for Botanopesticides Preparations by Dr. Alfredo R. Rabena and Dr. M. A. Bajet Jr.
  - Problems and Needs of the Jewelry Industry of Ilocos Sur by Dr. Remedios R. Navarro & Marieta O. Gavino
  - Status of Abel Industry in Ilocos Sur by Engr. Franklyn T. Amistad and Marifelyn Azares
  - The Bricks and Tiles Industry in Vigan City: A Declared UNESCO World Heritage Site by Engr. Franklyn T. Amistad
  - Volvariella volvacea Production Using Water Hyacinth: An Approach towards Establishing Mushroom Industry in the Countryside by Alma B. Segismundo
  - Mechanical Structure of the Patterns of Abel Iloko by Dr. Mario P. Obrero and Dr. Agustina R. Tactay
  - Status of the Furniture Industry in Ilocos Sur by Dr. Mario P. Obrero and Dr. Agustina R. Tactay
  - Status of Tobacco Production in Ilocos Sur, Dr. Florida U. Ursulom, Alma B. Segismundo and Angelina Q. Verzosa
  - Prototyping of a Mechanized Bagoong Squeezer, Dr. Manuel A. Bajet and Engr. Norma Esguerra
- 37th Annual Convention & Scientific Meeting, Boracay Regency Beach Resort and Convention Center, Boracay Island, Aklan, 7-9 May 2008
  - In Vitro Antifungal Activity and Phytochemical Screening of Gouania javanica Miq. Leaf Extract. A. Segismundo and P. Florendo, Phil. Society for Microbiology
  - Phytochemical and Microbiological Testing of Makahiya (*Mimosa pudica* Linn.) Leaf Extract by S. Racadio and G. Molina, Phil. Society for Microbiology
- 2nd ICIERD Industry and Energy R&D Symposium, DMMMSU-MLUC, San Fernando City, La Union, 17 September 2008
  - The Effects of Rice Hull on Ceramics Glaze, Dr. Alfredo R. Rabena, Ronald N. Amano and Dr. Esteban de Peralta, (3rd Prize – Edgar Padilla Best Popular Poster Award)
- 20th Regional Symposium on R&D Highlights, 12-13 August 2008, MMSU, Batac, Ilocos Norte
  - Ethnobotanical Survey of Medicinal Plants in Peòarrubia, Abra, by Adela B. Besidas and Jecel Marie V. Billedo

- Spatial Mapping of Vigan Centennial Trees, by Marilyn C. Tabaday and John Lhen C. Barcellano

TRAININGS AND SEMINARS

- Research Capability Building Seminar-Workshop, 24-25 July 2008, Quirino Stadium, Vigan City
- KR2 Biointensive Gardening (BIG) Seminar-Workshop on Organic Farming - NEDA-UNP-DepEd
  - Rugsuanan-Puroc Elementary School Vigan City, 23 August 2008
  - St. Nicolas of Tolentino Parish, Sinait, Ilocos Sur, 21 September 2008
- Upgrading Competencies in Traffic Management, Security Measures for the Protection of Lives and Properties for Better Public Service, 30 August 2008, Vigan Culture and Trade Center, Ilocos Sur
  - Traffic Management, Addressing Ordinances and Procedures, Engr. Franklyn T. Amistad
  - Values Reforms, Dr. Rolando B. Navarro
  - Internal and External Security, Ray Guillermo Castro
- Sto. Domingo Fits Center Launching (18 technologies in flyers/poster)
- Research Utilization and Dissemination Seminar (RUDS with Extension Office), Sugpon, Ilocos Sur (72 participants)
- Training on Enhanced FITS Information System and Web Content Management System Using Joomia, MMSU, Information Technology Center, Batac City, Ilocos Norte, 22-24 September 2008
- Training on Enhanced Human Resource Information System, MMSU, Information Technology Center, Batac City, Ilocos Norte, 25-26 September 2008,
- Seminar Workshop on Intellectual Property Rights, Issues and Concerns, ISPSC, Sta. Maria, Ilocos Sur, 18-19 September 2008
- Mentoring the Younger Researchers, MMSU, Batac City, Ilocos Sur, 8-9 October 2008

PUBLISHED ARTICLES IN JOURNALS

Journal of ISSAAS, Vol. 13, No. 2, December 2007, ISBN 0859-3132

- Intercropping Sweet Corn with Different Legumes, Floraceli R. Rodillas
- Kakawate (*Gliricidia sepium*) Jaqq. Kunth Ex Walph. Coumarin as Antitermitic and Antimicrobial Compound, Dr. Alfredo R. Rabena
- Growth of Volvariella volvacea in an Uncontrolled Environment Using Water Hyacinth and Traditional Rice Straw as Bedding Materials, Alma B, Segismundo and Dr. Alfredo R. Rabena

JPAIR, Vol. 1, No. 1., November 2008

- Sablot (*Litsea glutinosa*) Lour. Rob.: Bringing it Back to the Landscape, A. R. Rabena

SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH
University of Nueva Caceres

The University of Nueva Caceres (UNC) is at the leading edge in tertiary education in the Bicol Region, developing professionals and leaders in all sectors of society for regional, national and global competitiveness. It also seeks to produce individuals who are effective instruments of inquiry and change.

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Researches conducted by both doctoral and masterals students along the area of Social Science:

Topic	Researcher
Gender Discrimination in the Legal Profession in the Bicol Region C/Y 2007	Luz Del Dia H. Tabing
Professional Readiness of Practicum Students and their Practice Teaching Performance	Nelia R. Dante
Learning Area Determinants of School Performance in the National Achievement Test in the Division of Camarines Sur	Arlene A. Mabesa
Participation in the School Activities and Pupil Development	Flavel C. Favoreal
Factor Correlates of Instructiona lLeadership Competencies of Master Teachers	Venus P. Tormes
Institutional Correlates and Academic Performance at Naga View Adventist College	Daphne D. Valenzuela
College Students with Hearing Impairment: Their Academic and Social Performance in Inclusive Education	Grace M. Clavecilla
Filipino Novelty Songs: Perceived Influence on Children's Behavior and Inventive Measures	Mercy P. Luntok

ORGANIZATIONAL/INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Faculty development

To improve the competencies of both the Arts and Sciences and School of Graduate Studies, said departments had series of lecture on different fields:

Topic	Date
Nation Formation, State Building and Political Science in the Philippines: Looking Back Proving Inwards	13 June 2008
New Strategies in Teaching Literature	16 July 2008
In-Service Training for Graduate Faculty 1 - Institutional Plan and Revisit of the Vision, Mission and Objectives of the MBA and MAEd Programs - Module Preparation - Productive Pedagogies for Effective Teaching	7 November 2008
In-Service Training for Graduate Faculty 1 - Building Capabilities for Community Extension Services in the Graduate School - Extension Philosophy and Current Community Service Activities of the UNC	5 December 2008

Student development

Students do not learn only inside the classroom but even in their ordinary encounter with other people. To maximize their learnings, both the AS and School of Graduate Studies have exposed the students to some learning encounters.

Topic	Sponsor	Date
Personality Development for Female College Students	School of Graduate Studies	16 January 2008
Adolescent Reproductive Health	Sociology Classes	13 March 2008
Climate Change and Weather Effects	Graduate Studies	July 2008
Understanding the Inner Man	MAEd Guidance Majors	28 September 2008
Family Relations and Reproductive Health and Family Planning	Sociology Classes	6 October 2008
Rizal Playfest	History 24 Classes	6-10 October 2008

INSTITUTIONAL / ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

The MAEd students had been conducting outreach activities to improve reading comprehension abilities of elementary pupils at Calauag Elementary School.

FINANCIAL STANDING

The school has allotted a budget for administration and in-house research activities.

SCHOOL OF STATISTICS
University of the Philippines-Diliman

The School of Statistics continued to be the only CHED Center of Excellence in Statistics in the country. As the school continues to aim towards achieving academic excellence, it gradually gains recognition from the international statistical community on certain areas of the statistical science specifically, on computational statistics and nonparametric approaches.

As of 1 September 2008, there was a change in the administration of the school. After serving for eight years, Dr. Lisa Grace S. Bersales was succeeded by Dr. Erniel B. Barrios as Dean of the School. Dr. Barrios has been with the School for over 21 years, serving at some point as the Director for Research and Extension and Director for Graduate Studies.

The some faculty and students gained recognition for their research outputs. Dr. Dennis S. Mapa was awarded as National Academy of Science and Technology Outstanding Young Scientist (Economics) for 2008. Dr. Mapa was cited for his work on population and poverty where he extensively used econometric methods. Dr. Erniel B. Barrios was awarded one of the UPD Centennial Professorial Chairs for his work on sampling theory and nonparametric bootstrap. Dr. Jeffry J. Tejada (PhD, 2008), a faculty member of the school, won the 2008 Department of Science and Technology (DOST) Outstanding Dissertation (Statistics) for his work on spatial statistics. Mr. Rolando Navarro Jr. (MS, 2008) on the other hand, won the Outstanding Thesis also from DOST for his work on hidden markov chains.

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The School continues to offer one undergraduate program (BS) and three graduate programs (Master of Statistics, MS (Statistics), and PhD (Statistics)). The undergraduate curriculum was revised to catch up with the rapid developments in statistical theory and statistical methods. While the graduate programs are undergoing curricular revisions, some graduate courses were introduced to update the students with recent development in the field (e.g., Risk Management, Response Surface Methods, etc.).

The research interest of faculty and students is becoming diverse, reflecting the developments in the field worldwide. Researches of the School's faculty and students are reflected in the papers published, thesis/dissertation written, or those presented in the conferences and these include: nonparametric approaches, mathematical statistics, computational statistics, econometrics, market research, design of experiments, time series analysis, survival analysis, sampling theory, spatial statistics, and spatio-temporal models.

ENROLMENT IN AND GRADUATION FROM THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

The undergraduate enrollment for AY 2007-2008 declined following the trend observed in the entire UP System. The graduate enrollment however, has not changed significantly. There is a slight improvement in graduation rate from the graduate programs in the recent years, see Table 1 for details.

Table 1. Distribution of Enrolled Students and Graduates by Program

Academic Year	Enrolled (Average per Semester)				Number of Graduates			
	BS	MOS	MS	PhD	BS	MOS	MS	PhD
2002-2003	461	75	38	15	93	2	3	2
2003-2004	441	86	61	16	98	7	3	0
2004-2005	411	103	64	21	83	4	5	0
2005-2006	403	90	70	20	84	3	7	0
2006-2007	424	94	71	21	85	7	2	0
2007-2008	379	82	75	20	83	8	7	1

FACULTY

The School has 25 regular faculty, a number are pursuing graduate studies. Three faculty members are pursuing PhD (Statistics), one PhD (Biostatistics), and six are pursuing MS (Statistics). Two just completed their PhD, and one completed an MS degree. The faculty is now composed of 32% with PhD, 56% with MS (four are pursuing PhD), 20% with BS (currently working on their MS program).

Some faculty members presented papers in international conferences for 2008. They were:

- *W. Campano and E. Barrios:* "Estimation of Non-structural Time Series Model With Structural Change," Joint Meeting of the 4th World Conference of the International Association for Statistical Computing (IASC) and the 6th Conference of the Asian Regional Section of the IASC, Yokohama, Japan.
- *E. Barrios:* "Spatial Autoregressive Stochastic Frontier Model," Far Eastern Meeting of the Econometric Society, Singapore Management University, Singapore.

- *E. Barrios:* "Monitoring and Impact Evaluation of the Belgian Integrated Agrarian Reform Support Program," 7th East Asia PADI Consultation Meeting and Regional Policy Seminar, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- *L. Bersales:* "Reform Efforts in Training Statistics Teachers in the Philippines: Challenges and Prospects," Joint International Commission on Mathematics Instruction and International Association for Statistics Education Study Conference, Monterrey, Mexico
- *D. Mapa:* "Robust Determinants of Income Growth in the Philippines: A Bayesian Averaging of Classical Estimates (BACE) Approach," Far Eastern Meeting of the Econometric Society, Singapore Management University, Singapore.
- *D. Mapa*: "Population Dynamics and Household Saving: Evidence from the Philippines," 11th International Convention of the East Asian Economic Association, Manila.
- *D. Mapa, M. Sandoval, and D. Yap*: "Population Dynamics and Household Saving: Evidence from the Philippines," 11th International Convention of the East Asian Economic Association, Manila.
- *M. Albis, K. Briones, and D. Mapa*: What Really Matters for Income Growth in the Philippines: Empirical Evidence form Provincial Data, 11th International Convention of the East Asian Economic Association, Manila.

Dr. Barrios was also invited as resource person during the Expert Consultative Meeting jointly organized by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore (IPOS) and the World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO) as the IP Academy in Singapore.

Dr. Dennis S. Mapa attended the training "Applied Econometrics for Analysis of Micro Data" at the University of Hongkong last 8-11 December 2008.

The faculty continues to publish their research outputs in various local and international venues.

Local publications

- Journals
  - A. Nalica and E. Barrios. "Approaches in Forecasting Cereal Production," *The Philippine Statistician*, 56:85-102
  - Tejada, J. "Spectral Representation of the Covariance Function of a Rotation-Scale-Reflection-Invariant Random Field," *The Philippine Statistician*, 56:73-84.
  - N. Beronilla and D. Mapa. "Range-Based Models in Estimating Value-at-Risk (VaR)," *The Philippine Review of Economics (forthcoming).*
  - R. Lavado and E. Barrios. "Spatial-Temporal Dimensions of Efficiency Among Electric Cooperatives in the Philippines," *Philippine Institute for Development Studies* Discussion Paper Series No 2008-29
- Book
  - J. Almeda, T. Capistrano, and G. Sarte. *Introduction to Statistics*, The University of the Philippines Press, Diliman, Quezon City *(forthcoming).*

International publications

- Journals
  - R. Lansangan and E. Barrios. "Principal Components Analysis of Nonstationary Time Series Data," *Statistics and Computing*, available online 2 August 2008.
  - A. Gabriel, E. Barrios, and P. Azanza. "Modeling the Thermal Death of Salmonela Typhimurium in Citrus Systems," *Journal of Food Process Engineering*, 31(5):640-657.
  - E. Barrios. "Infrastructure and Rural Development: Household Perceptions on Rural Development," *Progress in Planning*, 70(1):1-44.
  - E. Barrios and G. Sarte. "Monitoring Sustainable Agriculture in Southeast Asia," *International Journal of Sustainable Development and World Ecology*, 15:95-102.

In addition, Dr. Erniel B. Barrios also served as reviewer for Journal of Statistical Computing and Simulation and Journal of Official Statistics, both are peer-reviewed international journals.

9TH FACULTY-STUDENT NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE STATISTICAL SCIENCES

The School along with the Institute of Statistics (UPLB) and the Statistical Research and Training Center held the 9th Faculty-Student National Conference on the Statistical Sciences on 6 October 2008 in U.P. Diliman with CHED Chairman Emmanuel Y. Angeles giving the keynote address on "Assessment of the Statistical Education." Two hundred forty four (244) participants attended with 43 papers on various topics of statistical theory and applications presented during the conference. Students and faculty from University of the Philippines-Diliman, UP Los Baños, De La Salle University, Polytechnic University of the Philippines, West Visayas State University, and University of Southeastern Philippines, participated. The following won the best paper presentation awards given to undergraduate student participants:

- First Place: *Manuel F. Albis (School of Statistics, UPD):* What Really Matters for Income Growth in the Philippines: Empirical Evidence from Provincial Data.
- Second Place: *Aldrich O. Salen (Institute of Statistics, UPLB):* Survival Analysis of Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis Patients Admitted to Quezon Institute.
- Third Place: *Roperto De Luna (School of Applied Economics, University of Southeastern Philippines):* Anthropogenic Carbon Dioxide Emission in Asia: Effect of Population, Affluence and Energy Efficiency.

EXTENSION SERVICES

The School continued to offer its training programs during summer and semestral break and the following were offered for 2008:

Training	Schedule
Regression Analysis	16-18 January 2008
Time Series Analysis and Forecasting	6-8 February 2008
Time Series Analysis and Forecasting	19-20 June 2008
Basic Statistics, Data Analysis, Presentation and Statistical Writting	7-11 November 2008
Basic Statistics with Exploratory Data Analysis	18-21 November 2008

In addition to the public trainings the School offered, the faculty were also invited to be resource persons in various trainings of government and private institutions in the country and abroad. The faculty continues to be involved in committees such as the Technical Committee on Seasonal Adjustment of Philippine Time Series, Technical Committee on Poverty Statistics, Technical Committee on Survey Designs, and Technical Committee on Prices.

STATISTICAL COMPUTING LABORATORY

The School has three computing laboratories – one used for classes, one for students' research and computing needs, and one for faculty. The laboratories have licensed statistical softwares:SAS, EVIEWS, SPSS, DEMETRA, X11-ARIMA/88, MINITAB, in addition to the freeware that is easily accessible from the internet.

LIBRARY FACILITIES

The School library expanded online services and paperless collection: OPAC (Online Public Access Catalog);.E-lib's website(combined collections of the National Library, CHED, DOST, DA and U.P.; CD-ROM from accompanying books, current index to statistics, yearbook; online subscriptions through the PROQUEST Academic Research Library and the Digital Dissertation LitFinder.

COLLEGE OFFICIALS FOR AY 2007-2008

The following are the College Officials for AY 2007-2008:

Name	Position
Bersales, Lisa Grace S.	Dean (until August 2008)
Barrios, Erniel B.	Dean (September 2008-Present)
Almeda, Josefina V.	College Secretary
Sarte, Genelyn Ma F.	Director for Undergraduate Studies
Magadia, Joselito C.	Director for Graduate Studies
Mapa, Dennis S.	Director for Research
De los Reyes, Francisco N.	Director for Extension Services
Tejada, Jeffry J.	Director for Statistical Computing Laboratory
Campano, Wendell Q.	Faculty Asst. to the Director for Statistical Computing Laboratory

SCHOOL OF URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING
University of the Philippines-Diliman

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Graduate studies

The School continues to offer ladderized Diploma, Masters, and Doctoral programs in Urban and Regional Planning. The international joint program or the Spatial Planning for Regions in Growing Economies (SPRING-Asia) conferred by the University of the Philippines and the Dortmund University of Technology in Germany is being offered as the Master of Science Regional Development Planning (MS RDP) program.

- *Enrolment.* The following table shows the enrolment in various academic programs of the School for Academic Year (AY) 2008-2009:

Program	Enrolment (First Sem)			Enrolment (Second Sem)		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
PhD in Urban and Regional Planning	16	20	36	14	15	29
MA in Urban and Regional Planning	88	70	158	83	63	146
MS in Regional Development Planning (SPRING-Asia)	4	7	11	10	6	16
MA (Transportation Planning)	-	2	2	1	2	3
Diploma in Urban and Regional Planning	15	19	34	15	22	37
Non-degree (Exchange student)	1	-	1	1	-	1
TOTAL ENROLMENT (AY 2008-2009)	124	118	242	124	108	232

- *Graduates.* In April 2008, the School graduated a total of 57 students, of which 26 were under the Diploma program, 15 under the MA program, 13 under the MS program, and 3 under the PhD program. While in October 2008, there were 17 graduates: 6 in the Diploma program; 4 in the MA program; 5 in the MS program; and 2 in the PhD program.

Training and extension

The Training Unit, under the leadership of its director, Prof. Ernesto M. Serote conducted the following activities in 2008:

- *Special Course on Urban and Regional Planning (SCURP) 2008.* With the main theme "Rationalizing Local Planning System in the Philippines," the SCURP 2008 aims to introduce a model for local environmental planning and development that will integrate planning in the overall governance function. Through this special and intensive course, UP SURP hopes to contribute to the national effort to localize the principles of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
  - The regular SCURP was conducted for 10 Saturdays from February 9 – 19 April 2008 at UP SURP Diliman, QC.

  Four other SCURP trainings were conducted on:
  - 2-12 December 2008;
  - 1-12 September 2008;
  - 4-15 August 2008 with regional participants; and,
  - 3-14 March 2008, which was customized for Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) personnel.

- *Specialized Training*
  - Training Course on Comprehensive Development Planning conducted on 8-12 December 2008 with participants from the City Government of Quezon.

Research and publications

Research Projects

Included in-progress and completed projects of the Research and Publications Unit, headed by its director, Dr. David Leonides T. Yap, were as follows:

- Project Title: LGU Networking for Sustainable Land Use Planning and Development: A Pilot Study for Selected Cities and Municipalities of Bulacan Province *(Proponent: Dr. David Leonides T. Yap)*

  Sponsor/Partner: CDF of former Senator Ramon B. Magsaysay, Jr. thru the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)/ Philippine Council for Industry and Energy Research and Development (PCIERD)

  Project Duration: November 2008 – July 2009

- Project Title: Land Valuation Impacts on the Implementation of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) in Two Selected Agrarian Reform Communities (ARCs) in the Province of Quirino: A Case Study *(Proponent: Annlouise Genevieve M. Castro)*

  Sponsor/Partner: Philippine-Australia Land Administration Management Project (LAMP) II

  Project Duration: January – July 2008

Researches of Faculty Members

Title of Research ***Faculty Involved***	**Funding Agency/ Sponsor Organizations**	**Duration**
Local Economic Development Planning in the Philippines *Marideth R. Bravo*	None	2008-2009
Innovative Financing: Lessons learned from the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority *Alex Ramon Q. Cabanilla*	None	2007-2008
Global Warming Implications in the Formulation of CLUP in the Philippines *Alex Ramon Q. Cabanilla*	None	2007-2008
Integrated Sustainable Solid Waste Management in Asia *Candido A. Cabrido, Jr., Rosario D. Jimenez and Mario R. delos Reyes*	European Union (EU)	2008-2009
International, Inter-regional and City Logistics Research Group in Wide Variety of Asian Region (EASTS-IRG 02) *Jun T. Castro*	East Asia Society for Transportation Studies (EASTS) – International Research Group (IRG)	2005-2009
Women and Men in the University of the Philippines (published as Statistical Handbook) *Carmeli Marie C. Chaves*	UP Center for Women's Studies	2008
Project Toward the "Sustainable Automobile Society" in East Asia *Crispin Emmanuel D. Diaz*	Japan Automobile Research Institute (JARI)	2008-2009
Country Study on the Philippines in "Aid Effectiveness to Infrastructure": A Comparative Study of east Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa *Crispin Emmanuel D. Diaz*	JBIC thru the University of Tokyo, Department of Civil Engineering	2007-2008
Maritime Logistics Pilot Project Hussein S. Lidasan *Crispin Emmanuel D. Diaz*	Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID)	2008-2009
Socio Economic Development Planning Project for Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao *Carmelita R.E.U. Liwag*	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)	2008-2009

The Prospects and Challenges in Integrating Environmental Impact Assessment in Land Use Planning in the Philippines *Carmelita R.E.U. Liwag*	Dissertation Paper for PhD in Spatial Planning at Dortmund University of Technology	2008-2010
Enhancing Donor Coordination at the Local Level and Improving Access of LGUs to Official Dev' t Assistance *(Published as Discussion Paper)* *Zenaida A. Manalo*	AusAid Local Governance Development Programme (LGDP)	2008
Cluster Development : An Approach to Bridging the Rural-Urban Divide : A Case Study of Metro Iloilo, Guimaras, Western Visayas (Region VI) *Zenaida A. Manalo*	None	2007-2008
"How to Make a Knowledge Latte - one sugar or two" (on Knowledge Management) (Published as Article) *Zenaida A. Manalo*	AusAid Local Governance Development Programme (LGDP)	2008
Managing Asian Cities (ADB Book Project-Contributor to Philippine Case Study)	Asian Development Bank	2007-2008
Estimation of Country Health Research Expenditures *Rachel H. Racelis*	World Health Organization-H.Q.	2008
Studies on Implementing Strategies of Community-Based Tourism at the Local Level: The Case of Capul Island, Northern Samar, Philippines and Taketomi Island, Okinawa, Japan *David Leonides T. Yap*	Sumitomo Foundation	2008-2009

Project Proposals

- Project Title: Revisiting the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act (IPRA) as an Empowering Tool for Self-Determination and Governance: A Pilot Study of Two Distinct Indigenous Communities in the Philippine Cordillera (March 2008)

  Sponsor/Partner: The Toyota Foundation

- Project Title: Proposal for a Partnership Program among University of the Philippines School of Urban and Regional Planning, Lahore College for Women University, Pakistan and Diponegoro University, Indonesia (June 2008)

  Sponsor/Partner: South-South Program for Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation

- Project Title: Establishing Academic Linkage between the University of the Philippines School of Urban and Regional Planning (U.P. SURP) and the Chonnam National University (CNU) (June 2008)

  Sponsor/Partner: JABEZ International Education Center, Inc. (JIECI)/Chonnam University in South Korea

- Project Title: Enhancing Plan Implementation Process for Sustainable Land Use and Natural Resource Management (November 2008)

  Sponsor/Partner: International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada

Working Paper Series Guidelines

In 2008, the School's Research and Publications formalized and disseminated the Guidelines for a Working Paper Series to solicit contributions/articles that concern one or preferably a combination of planning and planning–related sectors or areas of study, have a spatial dimension, and are related to the Philippines. The UP SURP Working Paper Series aimed to: provide the public with a venue to

disseminate spatial-related studies to a wider audience and to generate academic and public discussions on various planning topics in the Philippine setting; promote the study of planning by setting up a repository of knowledge, information, and papers that represent work-in-progress on spatial-related urban, rural, regional, and environmental planning; and, develop papers and articles on planning and related issues that can eventually qualify for publication in journals.

UP SURP Website and Online Newsletter

The existing UP SURP website underwent regular updating of announcements and information for the students, faculty and staff members, alumni, SURP networks, and the general public. The site also hosted the *SURP newsletter* which is published online on a quarterly basis, and which carries news, feature articles, links, photos of School and University events, as well as student, faculty, and staff activities. As a medium for information dissemination, the online newsletter also features links of current news on Philippine planning and other planning-related issues. In 2008, three issues of the online newsletter have been published: June, September, and December issues.

Public Lectures

As part of the University of the Philippines Centennial Year Celebration, the School of Urban and Regional Planning launched its Centennial Public Lecture Series in October 2007 in time for the School's 42nd founding anniversary. The series ran until October 2008 with the following line-up of topics and lecturers on various planning issues in the Philippines:

- "Revisiting Planning Education in the Philippines" delivered by Dr. Leandro A. Viloria on 19 October 2007;
- "Integrative Planning for Public and Private Sector Planners" delivered by EnP. Armando M. Alli on 5 December 2007;
- "Fundamentals of Real Estate Development" delivered by Prof. Roque A. Magno on 18 February 2008;
- "Strengthening Provincial/Local Planning and Expenditure Management" delivered by Dr. Benjamin V. Cariño on 27 June 2008;
- "Social Justice and Urban and Regional Planning" delivered by Prof. Ernesto M. Serote on 8 August 2008;
- "Ecological Zoning and Environment Management and Planning" delivered by Dean Candido A. Cabrido, Jr. on 26 September 2008; and,
- "Urban Renaissance Study in Korea: Regeneration Scheme of Social Mix for Lifetime Rental Housing Estate" delivered by Dr. Byong Gyu Park on 22 October 2008.

One Special Public Lecture, entitled "Bringing the Capital Market Home to the People," and delivered by Dr. Darin C. Gunesekera, was also hosted by the UP SURP and UP PLANADES on 29 August 2008.

INSTITUTIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Membership expansion

The School has added its capability with the filling of vacant positions of some of its Research, Extension, and Professional Staff (REPS) in 2008. Particularly, the

Research and Publications Division filled two REPS positions through the hiring of Ms. Annlouise Genevieve M. Castro and Ms. Rosa Bella M. Quindoza.

Faculty and staff trainings/conferences/seminars

Date and Venue	Activity	Faculty/Staff Involved Faculty Members
14-17 December 2008	Japan Automobile Research Institute (JARI) Meeting	Dr. Crispin Emmanuel D. Diaz
25-26 November 2008 QC, Philippines	3rd National Conference on Human Ecology *"Promoting Sustainable Towns and Cities Amidst Global Climate Change"*	Dean Candido A. Cabrido, Jr. *(Paper Presenter)*
10-15 November 2008 Germany	DAAD/SPRING Selection Committee Conference/Network Meeting	Professor Carmelita R.E.U Liwag
3-6 November 2008 Nanjing, China	4th Session of World Urban Forum	Dr. Mario R. delos Reyes
30 October – 2 November 2008 USA	Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting *"Those that urbanization left behind: spatial disparities andrising dependency in rural areas in Mindanao, the Philippines"*	Prof. Carmeli Marie C Chaves *(Paper Presenter)*
29 October 2008 Dortmund University Germany	International Panel Discussion on Transcending Boundaries, Extending Horizons	Dr. Zenaida A. Manalo *(Panelist)*
25 October – 3 November 2008 Bonn, Germany	13th International Metropolis Conference on Mobility, Integration, and Development in a Globalised World	Dr. Zenaida A. Manalo
24 October 2008 Makati, Philippines	Consultation Workshop on PBUSSP's Draft Urban Infrastructure Planning Framework	Dr. David Leonides T. Yap Ms. Rosa Bella M. Quindoza
21-23 October 2008 Kathmandu, Nepal	Public-Private Partnership Symposium	Dr. Mario R. delos Reyes *(Paper Presenter)*
21-22 October 2008 Philippines	UNISTAFF Team Building Seminar Workshop	Prof. Jose Edgardo A. Gomez, Jr.
16-17 October 2008	Philippine Institute of Environmental Planners (PIEP) 2008 National Convention	Mr. Leoneil C. Maranan Ms. Kristine C. Follosco
7-10 October 2008 Dakar, Senegal	3rd Community Practice Meeting	Dr. Mario R. delos Reyes
8-9 October 2008 Manila, Philippines	2008 ESRI GIS Users Conference	Dr. Jun T. Castro
26 September 2008 Quezon City, Philippines	UP SURP Centennial Public Lecture Series *"Ecological Zoning and Environmental Management Planning"*	Dean Candido A. Cabrido, Jr. *(Paper Presenter)*
23 September 2008 Makati, Philippines	Conference on Managing the Development Impact of International Migration as part of the 6th Development Policy Research Month	Dr. David Leonides T. Yap Ms. Rosa Bella M. Quindoza
19 September 2008 Manila, Philippines	16th Transportation Science Society of the Philippines Annual Conference	Dr. Jun T. Castro
8 September 2008 ADB HQ, Philippines	ADB Urban Day 2008: Environment and Livable Cities	Dr. Zenaida A. Manalo
9-13 August 2008 Johor Bahru, Malaysia	Eastern Asia Society for Transportation Studies (EASTS) Board Meeting	Dr. Crispin Emmanuel D. Diaz
8 August 2008 QC, Philippines	UP SURP Centennial Public Lecture Series *"Social Justice and Urban and Regional Planning"*	Prof. Ernesto M. Serote *(Paper Presenter)*

3-7 August 2008 Jakarta, Indonesia	Workshop Meeting for East Asia Initiative (EAI) Maritime Logistics Study	Dr. Hussein S. Lidasan Dr. Crispin Emmanuel D. Diaz
23-26 July 2008 QC, Philippines	8th International Conference on Philippine Studies (ICOPHIL)	Dr. David Leonides T. Yap
4 June 2008 QC, Philippines	Asian Disaster Preparedness Center's Regional Course on Governance and Disaster Risk Reduction	Professor Ernesto M. Serote *(Lecturer)*
30 May – 30 June 2008 Philippines	Earthquake and Mega Cities Initiatives *"Urban Renewal and Disaster Risk Reduction"*	Professor Ernesto M. Serote *(Session Writer)*
25 May – 1 June 2008 Japan	Maritime Transport/Intermodal Logistics Network System Meeting	Dr. Hussein S. Lidasan
6-20 April1 2008 USA	Annual Conference of Population Association of America *"Is Urbanization a Reliable Antecedent of Adolescent Behavior? Comparisons in Northern Mindanao, Philippines"*	Prof. Carmeli Marie C. Chaves *(Paper Presenter)*
7-11 April 2008 Tokyo, Japan	Evaluation Seminar for Capacity Building of JBIC-GOP Joint Evaluation Systems	Dr. Hussein S. Lidasan
6 April – 2 June 2008 Japan	International Association of Traffic and Safety Sciences (IATSS)	Prof. Jose Edgardo A. Gomez, Jr.
8-16 March 2008 Dar es Salaam, Tanzania	SPRING Conference on Teaching Methods	Dr. Jun T. Castro
March – August 2008 Philippines	Capability Building in Local Comprehensive Planning: Municipality of Surallah, South Cotabato	Professor Ernesto M. Serote *(Lead Resource Person)*
22 February 2008	First REPS Research Colloquium	Ms. Annlouise Genevieve M. Castro
January – March 2008 Philippines	Earthquake and Mega Cities Initiatives *"Integrating DisasterRisk Reduction Parameters in Land Use Planning in the Philippines"*	Professor Ernesto M. Serote *(Session Writer)*

Curricular review and proposals

In two Faculty Conferences, the SURP faculty members discussed a proposal that will reintroduce fields of specialization in the curricular offerings of the School. The curricular review process sought to maintain the relevance of the planning curriculum with the mandate and thrust of the University, the School, the profession, the society, and the employment potential and personal growth of the students/graduates. The proposal was presented to the Cluster and University Council Meetings in November and December 2008.

FINANCIAL STANDING

The School receives allotment from the University of the Philippines for its Management and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE). The School's foundation, the UP Planning and Development Research Foundation, Inc. (UP PLANADES), extends financial assistance and support for the School's programs, projects and initiatives. The newly formed UP Alumni Association (UPAA) SURP Chapter also aims to raise funds for the School's facilities and improvements.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTER
De La Salle Univesity-Manila

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

For 2008, two new research projects were undertaken by SDRC. The first was on child and family welfare in the Philippines which received funding support from the United Nations Children's Fund. This study aimed to provide an in-depth assessment of the current Child and Family Welfare System (CFWS) at the national, regional and local governance levels, and to recommend policies on the overall strategy and specific measures for strengthening the system. The study assessed four dimensions of the CFWS, namely institutional, organizational, human resource, and financial. The assessment focused on the effectiveness, efficiency, relevance, adequacy, sustainability, and appropriateness in the areas of child abuse prevention, violence against and exploitation of children, as well as CFWS response to actual incidents of abuse, violence, and exploitation. The project is notable for it attempts to identify the means to protect children from becoming vulnerable, determined the system to shield children who are victims of negligence, exploitation, or poverty.

The second research project that started in 2008 was also completed within the year. It involved the development of a Family Health Book (FHB) as an approach to integrating maternal, newborn, and child health (MNCH) in the Philippines. Funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) through the UPecon Foundation, Inc., the FHB sought in particular to increase demand for and access to essential MNCH services as well as secure public and private stakeholder participation in and commitment to the FHB.

In addition to these, there were six other continuing research projects at SDRC and three completed research projects, including a College of Liberal Arts research that was assisted by the Center.

2008 marked the 29th year of SDRC. In commemoration, the Center sponsored a dissemination forum entitled "Projects in Progress" on 5 March 2008. Three projects involving four areas of interest in its research agenda were presented, namely upland development and management, displaced populations, and urban health. The forum presentors and their topics were Dr. Ma. Elena Chiong-Javier on "Agroforestry and Sustainable Vegetable Production in Southeast Asian Watersheds: Market and Gender Components of TMPEGS Philippines"; Ms. Alicia B. Manlagnit on "Forced to Flee by Nature: Perceptions and Experiences of Displaced People in a Rural Philippine Municipality"; and Ms. Ysadora F. Mendoza on "Eco-bio-social Factors of Vector Density: Developing an Integrated and Collaborative Approach to Dengue Control in the Philippines."

Dr. Javier explained during the forum that the Vegetable-Agroforestry project is part of a USAID-funded, four-year (2006-2009) research partnership between the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (lead institution) and multiple institutions (one of which is SDRC) from the Southeast Asian countries of Vietnam, Indonesia, and the Philippines and from the west like the US and Australia. The research partnership belongs to an umbrella program called Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management-Collaborative Research Support Program (SANREM-CRSP) managed by US-based Virginia Tech.

In general, the collaborative project sought to reduce poverty, food scarcity, and environmental degradation in the region by combining economically-viable and resource-conserving technologies and gender friendly socio-economic policies that will benefit and reward stakeholders in a watershed, especially small scale women and men farmers. It had been hypothesized that "integrating vegetable production in the agroforestry system on small farms will help to alleviate poverty and enhance environmental protection, sustainability, and ecosystem biodiversity in SEA watersheds and vice versa." The project has specific objectives on SANREM technology, marketing, policy, environmental and socioeconomic impacts, gender, and scaling-up (TMPEGS). Different studies to realize each of these objectives are simultaneously and sequentially being conducted primarily by collaborating institutions in the three countries with inputs from technical experts from western academic institutions and international research centers. In the Philippine case, the market and gender studies were assigned to SDRC. The Philippine research site is an upland barangay in Northern Mindanao.

Ms. Manlagnit, on the other hand, spoke on the Displaced People project which is part of another multicountry research entitled "Insights into the Displaced Populations." The study aims to explore the realities about internal population displacement caused by different factors. It involves five research institutions in four countries: the De La Salle University in Manila; the Assumption University in Thailand; the University of St. Joseph in Beirut; the Shelter Don Bosco in Mumbai, India; and the Stella Maris College in Chennai, also in India.

The Philippine component being undertaken by SDRC is implemented in a rural municipality in Southern Philippines. It aims specifically to: (1) obtain displaced people's perceptions on natural disaster and displacement phenomena, and describe how these perceptions shape their experiences during displacement; (2) determine the pattern of displacement and describe its consequences, particularly the problems that people experience during displacement; (3) identify the different self-help strategies that displaced people's ability to cope with problems encountered; (4) identify structures that assist displaced people, including the nature and process of assistance extended; and (5) identify key issues and relevant concerns on the return process.

The final presentation delivered by Ms. Mendoza was on the Dengue Vector Control project funded by the World Health Organization/Research and Training in Tropical Diseases. The SDRC study represented the social component of a larger project collaboration that also involves the Research Institute of Tropical Medicine (RITM) which handles the epidemiological component. Using a selective, inter-sectoral approach to dengue vector control, the collaborative study addressed the following questions: What and how much do eco-biological and social factors affect dengue vector density in overcrowded, dense areas with unplanned urbanization and rapid population growth? How do these factors contribute to the cyclical increase in dengue cases? How can this information be formulated into a rational strategy for dengue control? Under a devoted system of health services and limited resources, who are the stakeholders for this strategy? What collaboration and linkages must be developed among them? Finally, what are the recommendations for more effective dengue control?

Apart from the project dissemination forum, SDRC also held two roundtable discussions entitled "Seeds of Change, 30/15"; one on 10 September 2008 and participated in by representatives from government agencies, and the other on 17

September 2008 and participated in by representatives from non-government agencies. The objectives of the roundtable discussions were to disseminate the preliminary findings gathered from the research on poverty in Philippine cities using a multi-dimensional perspective, and to identify and discuss the implications of the findings for public action, programs and policy development.

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

A system and set of policies governing book publication at the Center is being developed to strengthen the current publications program. Completed projects over the past five years are also being reviewed to determine possible working papers that can be culled for publication.

With regard to staff development, a series of activities is being conducted to enhance expertise/know how in different areas/fields relevant to research, including photo-documentation or field photography.

SOCIAL RESEARCH CENTER
University of Santo Tomas

The Social Research Center of UST was active in pursuing academic and scholarly activities for SY 2008-2009. In June 2008, Dr. Alvin P. Ang was appointed Acting Director by Dr. Nancy Eleria. The major activities of the Center from June to December 2008 are as follows:

- *International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU) Directors Meeting (July)* – UST-SRC hosted the meeting of IFCU Directors who are from member-universities in India, Thailand, Indonesia, Lebanon and the Philippines. The meeting discussed the results of the different studies on drugs and society being conducted in the member-universities.
- *Rule of Law and Entrepreneurship Symposium* – UST-SRC hosted the Symposium on the Rule of Law and Entrepreneurship in coordination with the Minimal Government Incorporated. The speakers in this forum were Mr. Alec Van Gelder of the Institute of Policy Network, London and Mr. Barun Mitra of Liberty Institute, India.
- *In support of the 6th Development Policy Research Month (DPRM)* – UST-SRC organized a symposium entitled "Spreading Your Resources Further: A Research Dialogue with Overseas Filipinos and their Families." The dialogue focused on the children and relatives of OFWs, as well as to OFW organizations based in the City of Manila. It talked mainly about how OFWs and their families handle their resources well (especially remittances) while considering how to lessen family-related problems associated with working abroad. The President of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), Dr. Josef T. Yap graced the occasion together with a number of OFW children and family members.
- *13th Dynamics, Economic Growth and International Trade (DEGIT) International Conference* – UST-SRC together with the Copenhagen Business School of the University of Southern Denmark and the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, Germany hosted the 13th Conference on Dynamics, Economic Growth and

International Trade. The conference was held at Thomas Aquinas Research Complex last 18-19 November 2008. The said conference is a sequel to twelve previous conferences held in Denmark (1996), Hong Kong (1997), Taiwan (1998), Tilburg (1999), Rome (2000), Vienna (2001), Cologne (2002), Helsinki (2003), Reykjavik (2004), Mexico City (2005), Jerusalem (2006) and Melbourne (2007). Thirty five (35) economists and researchers from Europe and Asia presented papers on the patterns and implications of international trade and foreign direct investments in a changing world economy, as well as the conditions under which nations benefit from regional economic integration. Papers on other specialized topics, such as agricultural integration, agricultural policy and food security, natural resource economics and environmental issues were also presented. Close to a hundred faculty members and students from local universities participated in the conference.

- UST-SRC assisted in the data encoding, processing and finalization of the First Philippine Statistical Almanac on Migration and Development and hosted its launching last 12 January 2009.

SOCIAL RESEARCH, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
Ateneo de Davao University

The new direction set by the School of Arts and Sciences towards a tighter integration of Research, Instruction and Community Engagement (RICE) has provided SRTDO impetus to further strengthen implementation of its thrust and direction. In support of RICE, conduct of researches particularly action-oriented researches, dissemination/utilization of research findings and strengthening of institutional capability, mechanisms and guidelines pertinent to research has all become more necessary.

Hence, within the period the following initiatives for the referred areas of concern were undertaken:

ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

The office has continued conducting action-oriented researches, largely, externally contracted. Some of these were done on topics that are in line with the University Research Agenda ("Gender Relations, Women's Health and Natural Resource Management: A Case Study of Selected Communities in Agusan Marsh", "MIN01 Mount Matutum and Ligawasan Marsh" and "Baseline Study on Microenterprise: The Women Entrepreneurs and Workers"). In keeping with the University mandate to use interdisciplinary approach, the office in its project "MIN01 Mount Matutum and Ligawasan Marsh" engaged a team of researches coming from the Divisions of Social Science and Education, Engineering, Philosophy and Natural Science and Mathematics. The value gained from this joint effort is best seen in terms of its methodological significance and contribution to the building up of a wider network of researchers within the institution.

Greater attention was also given on the dissemination and utilization of research findings. Initiatives along this line included:

- "Baseline Study on Microenterprise: The Women Entrepreneurs and Workers" – The team disseminated the findings to the major stakeholders of PALMA Alliance which the same data used in their Development Planning Workshop.
- "MIN 01 Mount Matutum and Ligwasan Marsh" – On-going discussion and meetings with major stakeholders regarding findings of research while the work is still in progress. Official research dissemination is still to be scheduled
- "Gender Relations, Women's Health and Natural Resource Management: A Case Study of Selected Communities in Agusan Marsh" – Research Dissemination was done with the major stakeholders within the community. The data was used by the community for planning with their partner NGO, the same NGO that assisted the Ateneo team.
- Sponsorship of two International Conferences namely, "Womanhood. Needs, Rights, Development and Cultural Diversity in Asia" (28-30 March 2008) and the "Asian Conference Researches on Conflict, Gender and Development" (22-24 October 2008). In both conferences, SRTDO researches were presented and its team joined the rank of other scholars and development practitioners in a rich exchange of ideas, methods of work and experiences. These provided also opportunity for networking and a venue for young graduates in AB Political Science to present findings of their research which was judged as the best thesis of their batch.
- The SRTDO Coordinator and some researchers sit in the review of implementation of Mindanao Development Plan and the consultation on the re-configuration of the island's Development Plan.

The office has likewise continued the work of one of its major projects, Mindanao Working Group on Reproductive Health, Gender and Sexuality. These focused on ensuring the mainstreaming of gender and selected reproductive health issues and sexuality concerns in the policies, program, practices of Regional Development Councils (Region XI and the ARMM and of the curriculum of its partner Universities and Colleges.

It appears then that the researches and trainings undertaken became avenues thru which the three university functions converged.

INSTITUTIONAL/ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

To further strengthen its research capability, the office added in its many earlier initiatives the following:

- Establishment of a Website (www.srtdoaddu.com)
- Consciously worked towards the involvement and development of young researches by observing the scheme of Senior-Junior partnership in every project that has been undertaken.
- Purchased and installed SPSS software in the office and sent two of its staff (a faculty and an office personnel) for advance SPSS training.
- Purchased additional computers.
- Continue to serve as technical staff of the University Research and Publication Committee (URPC) seeing thru the completion of the University Ethical Guidelines for Research.

FINANCIAL STANDING

The SRTDO has been supported by the University and its budget is attached to that of its mother Division, the Social Science and Education Division. It has remained in good financial standing. To augment its sources of funds, the University has passed a guideline within the year that the two percent of the ten percent overhead cost of its contracted projects shall be reverted to the funds of offices from where the project originated.

This year, the office has finally received the two-percent share of the income earned from the research projects it has initiated as a result of the implementation of the guidelines referred to in the immediately preceding paragraph.

SOCIAL WEATHER STATIONS

ACTIVITIES

Surveys

Title	Survey Dates	Status	Remarks
A. Social Weather Reports			
1st Quarter 2008 (PR)	March 28 – 31, 2008	Completed	Nationwide coverage
2nd Quarter 2008 (PR)	June 27 – 30, 2008	Completed	Nationwide coverage
3rd Quarter 2008 (PR)	September 24 – October 4, 2008	Completed	Nationwide coverage
4th Quarter 2008 (PR)	November 28 – December 1, 2008	Completed	Nationwide coverage
B. The SWS Sports Survey	March 30 – April 2, 2008	Completed	Nationwide coverage
C. Survey of Cooperative Members	June 24 – July 2, 2008	Completed	Nationwide coverage
D. 2008 SWS Survey of Enterprises on Corruption	September 10 – 30, 2008	Completed	Philippine business executives of small-medium scale, as well as large-scale businesses in Metro Manila, Metro Cebu, and Metro Davao

Other projects

- SWS and BusinessWorld renewed partnership on the exclusive first-publication print rights of the SWS Indicators of Governance and the Economy for another four quarters, starting with the Second Quarter 2008 Social Weather Survey. The SWS-BusinessWorld partnership, now on its second year, and analysis of Fellows through media continues to facilitate the public dissemination and discussion of SWS's survey findings on important issues.
- Funded by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the study on "Cooperatives, Social Capital, and the Shaping of State Transformation" aimed to highlight the effective models of partnerships between local governments and cooperatives in areas such as basic services, operation

of local enterprises, and agribusiness development. Since the project began in December 2007, SWS has undertaken a series of focus group discussions involving leaders and members of cooperatives, as well as representatives from local government units. The project ran up to October 2008. The focus group discussions were held in the following dates and venues: April 14, Cebu City; April 17, 2008 in Naval, Biliran; May 26, Basco, Batanes; June 11, Jolo, Sulu; and June 13, Zamboanga City; June 16, Daet, Camarines Norte; and July 15, Tabuk City, Kalinga.

- The research on the poor accessing justice and the Alternative Law Group Inc. (ALG) as justice reform advocate is supported by the Canadian International Development Agency through the National Judicial Institute of Canada, with close coordination with the Supreme Court and the ALG. The on-going study has tasked SWS to conduct a series of evaluation research and technical studies related to the "access to justice theme," particularly addressing the problem of court congestion and delay. On 2 April 2008, the project was reported to the Justice Reform Initiatives Support (JURIS) Steering Committee, headed by Chief Justice Reynato S. Puno. The full study is published by Alternative Law Groups, Inc. <secretariat@ alternativelawgroups.org>. The project will run up to 31 January 2009.
- Bantay Lansangan (or Road Watch; www.bantaylansangan.org) is a partnership among non-government organizations, private sector and development partners to improve service delivery at the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and work towards a corruption-free road sector. Bantay Lansangan is currently training its Regional Volunteers for the conduct of the Road Monitoring and the Road Users' Satisfaction Survey. Jay Sandoval helped in the design and formulation of the Road Users' Satisfaction Survey (RUSS) questionnaire. He is also providing short training among Regional Volunteers on survey implementation.
- The National Nutrition Council (NNC) and the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NPAC) have partnered with SWS to closely monitor and asses hunger incidence for the year 2008. This is in line with the agencies' common objective of determining whether the Accelerated Hunger Mitigation Program of the government is reaching its intended beneficiaries, which are the poor and the hungry.

The SWS Survey Data archives and library

Archives datasets are comprised of Philippine and foreign surveys. The collection has grown to 344 datasets of Philippine surveys and more than 750 datasets of foreign surveys. The Philippine surveys consist of 156 national surveys and 188 subnational surveys. More than 41,000 question items can now be searched in the Questionnaire Database.

SWS datasets and documentation in CDs

All SWS surveys can be made available on CD upon request. Contents of each CD include datasets in ASCII format and SPSS system files, codebooks, technical details of the surveys, questionnaire, publication-related materials (if available) and Adobe Acrobat Reader. New CDs that are now available at the SWS Library are as follows:

- SWS Survey Datasets 1999 – 2006
- Social Weather Reporting in the Philippines by Linda Luz Guerrero; Presentation for LP3ES (2 June 2008; Jakarta, Indonesia)
- Surveying the Social Volcano by Mahar Mangahas; An Inquirer Briefing for CEOs and Opinion Leaders, Philippine Daily Inquirer (26 March 2008)
- 2003/04 Surveys of Lawyers and Judges on the State of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession in the Philippines
- Second Quarter 2003 Social Weather Survey

Reports on SWS surveys and SWS publications

- SWS books:
  - *The Code of Muslim Personal Laws in Practice: What Influential Muslims and Shari'a Lawyers Think*
  - *Cooperatives, Social Capital, and the Shaping of State Transformation*
  - *The 2008 Survey of Enterprises on Corruption*
- "Two Decades of Social Weather Reporting in the Philippines," by SWS President Mahar Mangahas and SWS Vice-President and COO Linda Luz Guerrero, is a chapter in the book *Barometers of Quality of Life Around the Globe: How Are We Doing?,* edited by Valerie Møller, Denis Huschka and Alex Michalos, Social Indicators Research Series, Springer Publications.
- "SWS Monitoring of Self-Rated Deprivation" by Mahar Mangahas, is a completed Paper for the PIDS-NEDA-UNDP project Comprehensive Documentation and Analysis of Issues on the Official Poverty Estimation Methodology of the Philippines, 24 July 2008
- Mass Public Perceptions of Democratization in the Philippines: Consolidation in Progress? by SWS Vice-President and COO Linda Luz Guerrero and University of Missouri political science doctoral student Rollin F. Tusalem was a chapter in the newly-released book, *How East Asian View Democracy,* by the Columbia University Press, edited by Yun-han Chu, Larry Diamond, Andrew J. Nathan, and Doh Chull Shin. The fuller description and order details of the book may be viewed at the Columbia University Press.

NETWORKING AND PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCES

The 2008 SWS Annual Survey Review

The Asian Institute of Management Policy Center, Konrad Adenauer Foundation and Social Weather Stations (SWS) held the 2008 SWS Survey Review on 31 January 2008 at the Asian Institute of Management, Makati City. For seven years, it has been a tradition of Social Weather Stations and the Asian Institute of Management Policy Center to review the major lessons in the past year from the unique perspective of SWS survey respondents. The key findings of the 2007 Social Weather Surveys as presented in the Survey Review are available online at the SWS website. The full presentations of the SWS Survey Reviews from 2001 to 2008 are available in the SWS Annual Survey Review 2008 Edition CD-ROM at the SWS Survey Data Archives and Library. For inquiries, please contact Ms. Jeanette Ureta <jeanette.ureta@sws.org.ph>.

Dâ Guerrero and Doy Romero attend Asian Barometer Conference in Taipei

Linda Luz Guerrero, SWS Fellows Dr. Segundo Romero of the Graduate School of Public and Development Management of the Development Academy of the

Philippines (GSPDM-DAP) and and Dr. Steven Rood of The Asia Foundation (TAF) attended the international conference on The State of Democratic Governance in Asia, organized by the Asian Barometer (AB) of the Institute of Political Science, Academia, Sinica on 20-21 June 2008 in Taipei.

2008 Annual Meeting of THE International Social Survey Programme

The International Social Survey Programme (ISSP) annual meeting in Chicago over 26-30 April 2008, attended by Linda Luz Guerrero and Mahar Mangahas. ISSP now has 44 member countries.

SWS research forums and presentations

Surveys and Political Campaigns

Former Senator Sergio Osmeña III discussed "Surveys and Political Campaigns" at the SWS office on 6 March 2008. The presentation focused on the crucial role of survey research in formulating and implementing a successful political campaign.

Sharing Survey Experiences in Jakarta

Linda Luz Guerrero presented "Social Weather Reporting in the Philippines" in a workshop entitled Sharing Election Survey Experiences by the LP3ES in Jakarta.

International Conference on Survey Methods in Multinational, Multiregional, and Multicultural Contexts (3MC)

Held in Berlin, Germany on 25-28 June 2008, the conference was attended by Mahar Mangahas, who presented "Exit Polls in the Philippines," and Linda Luz Guerrero, who was a Discussant for the session "Challenges in Cross-National Data Collection."

Surveying the Social Volcano

First reported in his 16 February 2008 *Social Climate* column, Mahar Mangahas presented "Surveying the Social Volcano" to an Inquirer Briefing for CEOs and Opinion Leaders at the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* on 26 March 2008. The same report was then presented in an SWS In-House Seminar on 4 April 2008, and in a meeting with The Asia Foundation in San Francisco on 5 May 2008.

Faith and the University

Mahar Mangahas presented "Filipino Religiosity is Simply Different: A Look at the ISSP Surveys on Religion" at the First International Conference "Faith and the University" held at Malcolm Hall, College of Law, UP-Diliman, organized by alumni of the UP Christian Youth Movement (UPCYM ACTS).

SWS outreach

- SWS has been a supporter of PARFUND's scholarship program, "A Child In School, A Ray of Hope," The Scholarship Program of the Philippine Agrarian Reform Foundation (PARFUND) is now on its 5th year.
- SWS Orientation Seminars, by Jeanette Ureta, to the following groups:
  - COM110.2 Political Communication Students of the Ateneo de Manila University: 16 January 2008
  - Officers of the Centre for Bhutan Studies from Bhutan: 5 May 2008
  - Student-participants of *The Freshman Media Tour*, organized by the UP Mass Communicators Organization (UP-MCO): 30 June 2008.

- Students of Quantitative Methods in Social Research class of Dr. Joy Arguilla of the Dept. of Sociology, UP-Diliman: July 23, 2008

- SWS student trainees:
  - Randy G. Borres, Bachelor in Library and Information Studies, UP Diliman, April-June 2008.
  - Ma. Hyacinth A. Dacanay and Juliet S. Valerio, BS Statistics, UP Diliman, May-June 2008.
  - Richard Benedict G. Baltazar, BA Behavioral Science, Major in Organizational and Systems Development, De La Salle University Manila, June-August 2008.

ORGANIZATIONAL/INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

- Mallu Inaldo attended the Seminar on Employee Benefits and Retirement Planning by the UP-SOLAIR, 27-29 February 2008.
- Jay Sandoval, Leo Laroza, and Vlad Licudine attended the Fund Raising Skills-building and Planning Workshop, organized by The Asia Foundation (TAF) and conducted by Ventures for Fund Raising. The workshop was composed of two phases: a three-day skills-building workshop in November 2007, and a Knowledge Sharing Workshop in May 2008.
- Rommel Tabije attended the Seminar on Tax Aspect of Non-Stock, Non-Profit Organization and Cooperatives by the Philippine Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA), 25 June 2008.
- The Admin Group's work area gets a refreshing make-over as decades-old tables and shelves were auctioned out to staffs and replaced with custom-designed office furniture. The new workstations were installed last August.

FINANCIAL STANDING

As of the third quarter of 2008, SWS has an estimated fund surplus of P10.8M.

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ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Research and production of journals/publications

- Cleope, E. J. L.
  - (2008). "The Visayas: Islands in the Seas, A Historical Perspective (Series 3)." *The Journal of History* 54 (1-4).
  - (2008). "Meaning of 'Independence Day' elusive." *Tulay (Chinese and Filipino Digest).* 21 (1-2): 6.
  - *Silliman War Diaries* (book ready for publication)
- Oracion, E. G.
  - "Intercultural Service-Learning and Multicultural Symbiosis." Chapter 5 of a *Service-Learning* book edited by Dr. Jun Xing (Oregon State University, USA) and Dr. Carol Ma (Lingnan University, Hong Kong)

- "Nature and People Matter: Conservation and Ecotourism in Balanan Lake" (manuscript submitted to *Philippine Studies*)
- "Service-Learning in Multicultural Contexts: Approaches and Experiences in the Philippines and India" (revised copy already accepted by International Christian University for publication in a monograph)

- Valbuena, M. J.
  - "Happiness and Cellular Phone Use among Filipina Domestic Workers in Hong Kong," *Asian Association of Social Psychology* (accepted for publication)

Conduct of lectures/seminars/conferences

- Alvarez, Margaret U. (Department of Psychology)

  Speaker: "Part of the Conversation: Women's Studies in Higher Education."Asian Christian Faculty Fellowship Federation Conference, 13-16 November 2008, Bali, Indonesia.

- Cleope, Earl Jude L. (Department of Political Science and History)

  Speaker: "Inter/Sections: Crossroads and Crosscurrents in Literature and Cultures- A National Conference." 29-31 January 2008 at the Thomas Aquinas Research Complex, University of Santo Tomas. Sponsored by the UST Publishing House, NCCA.

  Speaker: "Philippine Ethnohistories: The Luzon Cordillera and Beyond." 23-25 October 2008 during the 29th National Conference on Local and National History at Banaue Hotel, Banaue, Ifugao. Sponsored by the Philippine National Historical Society, Municipality of Banaue, University of the Philippines-Baguio, Ifugao State College of Agriculture and Forestry, National Commission for Culture and the Arts, Philippine Social Science Council, and National Historical Institute.

  Speaker: "Ang Batang Palabasa Nagiging Dalubhasa Sa Kultura." National Book Week Celebration, 27 November 2008 at the Student's Community Hall, St. Paul University, Dumaguete City.

- Florendo, Lourdes (Department of Psychology)

  Speaker: "Digiconnectivity at the 1st Psychology Students Convention in Iloilo, November 2008.

- Indab, Jojema (Department of Political Science and History)

  Speaker: "Plato's Republic and Its Relevance to Public Administration". Lecture series sponsored by the School of Public Affairs and Governance, Silliman University, Dumaguete City on 11 December 2008.

- Oracion, Enrique G. (Department of Sociology and Psychology)

  Speaker: "Human and Ecosystem Well-Being: The Anthropological Meaning of Marine Protected Area as Conservation Tool, 8th International Conference on Philippine Studies in the Philippine Social Science Council and Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City on 23-26 July 2008.

  Speaker: "Intercultural Service-Learning- The Approaches and Experiences in the Philippines and India," Service-Learning Asia Network Research Workshop on the Impact of S-L in the International Christian University, Tokyo, Japan on 2-3 September 2008

  Speaker: "Nature and People Matter: Conservation and Ecotourism in Balanan Lake," 30th Annual Conference of the Anthropological Association of the Philippines in San Fernando, Pampanga on 23-25 October 2008.

Speaker: Ecotourism Equation-Coastal Ecotourism Plus Tourism System Minus Climate Change, Visayas Zonal Network for Aquatic and Marine Resources R&D/PCAMRD in Tacloban City on 5 November 2008.

- Roncesvalles, Orlando (Department of Economics)

  Speaker: "How to Firewall Philippine Economy," College of Business Administration, Silliman University on 11 December 2008.

- Tejero, Wilma M. (Department of Economics)

  Speaker: "Result of the Philippine Cities Competitiveness Ranking Project (2007)," College of Business Administration, Silliman University on 12 September 2008.

Participation in intellectual exchanges/policy discussions

- Alvarez, M. U, D. Salem and M. Valbuena

  Paper presenters and facilitators: 7th Psychology Regional Forum, 21-22 February 2008. (The regional forum was started by M. Alvarez in 1998 and since then invites participation from the Visayas and Mindanao regions).

- Cleope, Earl Jude L.

  Referee: De La Salle University Academic Publications thru Dr. Isagani Cruz (Title: Papers on the Historical Context of Early Protestant Missions in the Philippines, 26 September 2008)

  Referee: Ateneo de Manila Publication thru Dr. Lydia Jose (Title: Western Globalization versus Dar-ul Islam: Issue and Reactions from Insular Southeast Asia, 15 October 2008)

- Oracion, Enrique G.

  Moderator: Farming and Weaving Heritage, 30th Conference of the Anthropological Association of the Philippines in San Fernando, Pampanga on 23-25 October 2008.

- Valbuena, M., R. Remollo and L. Florendo

  Paper presenters: PAP Annual Convention (Psychological Association of the Philippines), 14-16 August 2008, Davao City.

INSTITUTIONAL OR ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

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  Member: Board of the Psychological Association of the Philippines

  Member: Board of the Gender Watch against Violence and Exploitation (G-WAVE)

  Completed a two-year leadership fellowship with the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia in August 2008 after four-month placements in Sydney, Australia (Macquarie University) and Tokyo, Japan (International Christian University.

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  Member: Board of the Anthropological Association of the Philippines

- Valbuena, Michele Joan

  Began her PhD studies in Industrial Psychology at UP, Diliman, in June 2008.

FINANCIAL STANDING

The Research and Development Center receives an annual budget from the university for operation and for small research grant to new researchers. It has a modest operating budget of about Php90,000.00 for 2008. The current available budget for small research project is only Php250,000.00. The amount may be increased in the following school year if and when more research proposals can be submitted by faculty members of the university. Each social science department in the university has its own operating budget.

Board of Trustees Resolution

08-02-01 Approved the 2008 budget.

08-02-02 Approved the extension of Dr. Miralao's term as PSSC Executive Director until 31 December 2009.

08-03-01 Approved the lifting of the suspension of the Philippines Communication Society.

08-03-02 Elected the following office-holders for the period 1 March 2008 to 28 February 2010: Dr. Allan Bernardo (Chair), Prof. Ramon Tuazon (Vice Chair), and Dr. Isabel Martin (Treasurer).

08-03-03 Constituted the following PSSC Committees for the period 1 March 2008 to 28 February 2010: Research Committee, Grants Committee, Finance and Personnel Committee, Membership Committee, and Ethics Committee.

08-04-01 Approved the recommended 2008 RAP grantees: Castillo, Rosa; Canilao, Michael Armand; Follosco, Kristine; Tan, Maria Melinda; Casinto, Carlo; Cariño, Raquel; Gocheco, Paulina; Mendoza, Meynardo; Tan, Ma. Felisa; and Veloso, Diana Therese.

08-04-02 Approved the proposed schedule of RAP grant releases (60%-40%).

08-04-03 Approved the travel grant requests of Leslie Advincula-Lopez and Jerry Jurisprudencia, and affirmed the Executive Committee decision to approve the travel grant requests of Carlota Francisco, Daniel Mabazza, and Ronald Holmes.

08-09-01 Adopted the Executive Committee's approval of the travel grant applications of Jonabelle Asis, Gloria Luz Nelson, Eufracio Abaya, Kristian Saguin, and Cristina Lim.

08-09-02 Approved the recommendation to accept only travel grant applications submitted at least six weeks before the date of the conference.

08-09-03 Approved the Membership Committee's recommendation to require regular members to submit their conference grant request one month before the conference date, and to ensure that they are in good standing at the time of application.

08-12-01 Adopted the proposed minimum journal standards beginning 2009:

1. All journals should provide the following information in each journal issue: (a) ISSN; (b) aims and scope of the journal; (c) instruction for authors/contributors; (d) specifications on length of manuscripts published (in word count); (e) process for refereeing the journals, including the time frame for reviewing manuscripts; and (f) referencing style.
2. The first page of each published article should include: (a) the complete bibliographic citation for the article; and (b) abstract and keywords.
3. All submitted manuscripts and published articles should be peer reviewed by at least two referees (e.g., editor and referee).
4. The journal must be published on time and released regularly, according to the specified frequency and date of publication.
5. The size of the journal should either be 8.5 x 11 or 6 x 9.

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