

• UC Varsity Athletes in Wushu  
at the 25th SEA Games, Vientianne, Laos •

## • Contenders on the World Stage •

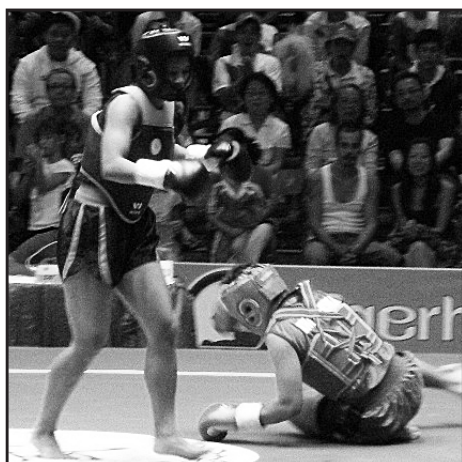


Gold Medalist Marriane Mariano of UC ; Gold Medalist Mark Eddiva of UC ; Silver Medalist Benjie Rivera of UC ; Bronze Medalist Rhea Rifani of UC ; Bronze Medalist Daniel Parantac of UC ; flanking the bemedalled UC Varsity Athletes are : Marques Sangiao - International Wushu Judge & UC Wushu Team Head Coach (left) ; Liu Yu Fu - Philippine Head Coach (2nd to the left) ; Mr. Tony Candelaria - Wushu Regional Federation Chairman - CAR (right).

- 5 Medals at SEA Games won by UC Varsity Athletes •
- for a Total of 44 Medals Won by UC since 2001  
in World Wushu Competitions •



Mark Eddiva (right) of UC defeats his opponent from Myanmar to grab gold in the Wushu-Sanshou (full contact) Category



UC's Rhea Rifani (left) brings down her opponent from Thailand in the Wushu-Sanshou (contact) Category

- The RP Wushu contingent to the 25th SEA Games was composed of a total of 9 athletes.
- Five of nine were UC Varsity Athletes.
- The RP Wushu Team won a total of 8 medals in Laos.
- Five of the eight medals won by RP were won by UC Varsity Athletes.

### • Roster of UC World Medalists in Wushu •

#### Marques Sangiao

1 Gold Medal 2001 ; Malaysia ; Gold

#### Eduard Folayang

3 Gold Medals 2002 ; China ; Bronze ; 2002 ; Korea ; Bronze ;  
4 Silver Medals 2003 ; Vietnam ; Gold ; 2003 ; Myanmar ; Silver ;  
3 Bronze Medals 2005 ; Philippines ; Gold ; 2005 ; Vietnam ; Bronze ;  
2006 ; China ; Silver ; 2006 ; Qatar ; Silver ;  
2007 ; Hong Kong ; Gold ; 2007 ; China ; Silver

#### Mark Eddiva

2 Gold Medals 2004 ; China ; Bronze ; 2005 ; Philippines ; Bronze ;  
2 Silver Medal 2007 ; Hong Kong ; Bronze ; 2008 ; China ; Silver ;  
3 Bronze Medals 2008 ; China ; Gold ; 2009 ; Thailand ; Silver

#### Benjie Rivera

1 Gold Medal 2003 ; China ; Gold ; 2005 ; Vietnam ; Gold ;  
4 Silver Medals 2006 ; China ; Gold ; 2007 ; Thailand ; Silver ;  
1 Bronze Medal 2008 ; China ; Silver ; 2008 ; China ; Bronze ;  
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#### Rhea May Rifani

1 Gold Medal 2004 ; China ; Bronze ; 2005 ; Philippines ; Gold ;  
3 Silver Medals 2005 ; Vietnam ; Silver ; 2006 ; China ; Silver ;  
2 Bronze Medals 2009 ; Vietnam ; Silver

#### Marvin Sicomen

1 Silver Medal 2002 ; Korea ; Silver

#### Joseph Gragasin

1 Silver Medal 2007 ; Hong Kong ; Silver ;  
1 Bronze Medal 2007 ; Hong Kong ; Bronze

#### Marriane Mariano

2 Gold Medals 2006 ; Malaysia ; Silver ; 2007 ; Thailand ; Gold ;  
3 Silver Medals 2008 ; China ; Bronze ; 2008 ; China ; Silver ;  
1 Bronze Medal 2009 ; Thailand ; Silver

The current UC Wushu Medalists all hail from the Cordillera region. Marriane Mariano, Benjie Rivera & Rhea Rifani are from Benguet province, Mark Eddiva & Daniel Parantac are from the Mountain Province. All UC medalists are BS Education students : Marriane Mariano, 2nd year ; Rhea Rifani, 3rd year ; Mark Eddiva, 2nd year ; Daniel Parantac, 2nd year ; Benjie Rivera, 1st year.

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**in all venues ;**  
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• Undaunted by a Handicap •  
Missing fingers and toes, Jezam Omar found a way to utilize his handicap in life ; --- to contend on the world stage.

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### • A 'Special' Contender on the World Stage •

Jezam Omar is 24 years old; a second year BS Accountancy student at the University of the Cordilleras.

At the 2009 5th ASEAN Paragames held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Jezam Omar won 3 silver medals in Table Tennis (Individual, Doubles & Teams).

Jezam is a 'special' person, handicapped at birth with no fingers on one hand, two fingers on the other hand; no toes in one foot, four toes on the other foot.

Inspired by his mother very early in life, Jezam found a way to hold a table tennis racket despite his hand & foot impediment.

With his mother as mentor & coach, he learned to wield the racket appropriately & skillfully. Thus, when he was in grade 4, Jezam started competing regularly as a focused & serious table tennis player.

Today, Jezam is a bonafide RP Athlete playing for

Team Philippines at all international competitions under the Paragames.

In 2008, he competed in the Thailand Paragames where he won 1 silver medal and 1 bronze medal.

Currently, he and the Philippine team are training to compete for the ASEAN Paragames to be held in Guangzhou, China in November 2010.

An epitome in perseverance and triumph over adversity, Jezam Omar is a compelling contender on the world stage.

But best of all, in just a few more years, Jezam Omar will take his place among Accounting professionals.

At long last, his parents will see their 'special' son, Jezam Omar, this time contending in a new dimension - the professional world of Accountancy.