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A Public Newsletter of the University of the Cordilleras

## The Air Up There: UC Pulls for Cleaner Air

Showing its commitment to the preservation of the environment, the University of the Cordilleras, together with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) launched the Energy and Clean Air Project (ECAP) with the signing of a Declaration of Commitment last February 28 at the UC-BCF Theater.

USAID Chief Daniel Moore and USAID Project Development Specialist Jose Dulce gave apprehension tools and smoke testing emission equipment to the Baguio Bantay Kalinisan Task Force headed by Atty. Alfredo Mondiguino before the signing of the declaration.

Atty. Mondiguino expressed his appreciation to USAID-ECAP for its continued assistance to the Task Force and to the City government for promoting clean air. Meanwhile, UC Office of the President officer-in-charge Reynaldo U. Agranzamendez, together with Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Josephine Domingo, VP for Administration Dr. Angelita Padilla and Ms. Edna Tabanda presented to USAID a Certificate of Appreciation along with a simple token in gratitude for the organization's commitment to the environment.

Mayor Braulio Yaranon and several lawmakers attended the signing together with ECAP heads Ray Goco, Arlene Donaire, Evan Dispo, and Maurice Gaerlan. Representatives from the national government, the academe, the media, the youth, and the business sector also graced the event, which also featured a solidarity dance performed by the UC Dance Troupe symbolizing the alliance among UC, the local government and USAID-ECAP.

Meanwhile, the University of the Cordilleras-Project Area Office of USAID-ECAP conducted a seven-day information campaign from February 27-March 5 to increase awareness on sustainable energy and clean air for the City of Baguio and to promote the Energy and Clean Air Project.

Youth volunteers from the university's different student organizations volunteered to manage the information booth set up at Calderon Street in Session Road, which served as the center of the information campaign. OIC Chief of the Air Pollution Division of the Environmental Management Bureau (CAR-DENR) Rolando Reyes gave the volunteers a comprehensive orientation regarding the Clean Air Act and everything related to the project.

USAID Chief Daniel Moore, accompanied by Hon. Peter Rey Bautista, Hon. Lenadro Yangot, Hon. Galo Weygan led the information booth's ribbon cutting ceremony last February 27. Multi-sectoral groups and socio-civic organizations from Baguio and Benguet also attended the ceremony in support of the project. Pastor Abraham Luis of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines led the blessing of the booth. Moore then delivered a short speech, followed by messages of commitment from various sectors, including the local government, the national government, the academe, and the non-government organizations.



From L-R: Ms. Edna Tabanda, Dr. Angelita Padilla, Coun. Leandro Yangot, Mr. Daniel Moore, Vice Mayor Peter Ray Bautista, Dr. Milandre Rusgal, Coun. Galo Weygan, and Dr. Franco Bawang



From L-R: Mr. Daniel Moore, Mr. Ray Goco, Atty. Rey U. Agranzamendez, Ms. Edna C. Tabanda, Dr. Josefina Domingo

## Time for Waste Management says UC-CAS

The University of the Cordilleras, through the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) held a workshop on solid waste management titled "Back to Basics for Sustainable Development" last February 22 at the UC Audio-Visual room.

CAS Faculty member and workshop coordinator Dr. Teresita R. Doctor explained how waste mismanagement can cause problems and disasters. She then gave an overview on the concept of solid waste management before giving the floor to guest lecturer Sheryl Ong of the Golden Dragon Junkshop. Ong explained how junkshops operate then gave useful tips on proper waste segregation and management. She also emphasized that in some cases, garbage can be turned to cash.

Natomo Corporation Marketing manager Danny Monsuelo spoke about alternative fuel before presenting his cheap and environment-friendly "SuperKalan." The CAS Natural Science Department, led by Dr. Doctor, then presented "Tricoderma," a compost activator prepared by the department itself. She also gave a demonstration on household garbage composting.

According to Dr. Doctor, the college is determined to reach out to as many barangays as they can to help different communities. She added that the workshops would continue on to educate people about responsible solid waste management and build a sustainable waste management program.

The activity, attended by residents from different barangays and schools in Baguio is part of the university's enduring commitment to community service.

## UC Offers Free Blood Typing; Calls for More Blood...Donors

The University of the Cordilleras Supreme Student Government (SSG), in coordination with the Philippine National Red Cross, conducted Free Blood Typing at the UC Theater last February 24, 2006.

The project allowed some 400 students and faculty members to know their blood types conveniently and without charge. The turnout prompted former SSG president and incumbent treasurer Labio Calingayan to declare the event a success as he credited the contributions of every member of the student government. "It was a team effort," said Calingayan.

Dr. Linda Macalalag, Head of the Dental and Medical clinic, agreed with Calingayan's assessment, saying that the activity was well organized and properly conducted. The project, according to Dr. Macalalag will continue at the UC Clinic.

Meanwhile, Calingayan encouraged students to donate blood for the SSG project: "Alay Sagip Buhay." According to the incumbent treasurer, more than 50 blood donors have participated in the project in the last two years. Those willing to take part in the project may visit the SSG office and look for Mr. Labio Calingayan.

## UC Students Conquer Accountancy Convention

Students from the University of the Cordilleras stood out from the rest once again, showing that they could win, socialize, and enjoy at the same as they participated in the Regional Federation-- Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants Annual Convention held at the Covelandia du Labrador Resort in Labrador, Pangasinan from February 17 to 19.

College of Accountancy student Michael Gillies typified UC's tradition of excellence as he pulled off a double crown, winning the Business Law and Taxation Quiz Bee championship before running away with the Sycip Gorres and Velayo Cup title. He added a fourth place finish in the CPA Mock Board exam to his impressive campaign. Raymund Francis Escala chipped in with a seventh place finish, also in the CPA Mock Board Exam.

But more than their impressive show of intellectual and competitive excellence, the UC Accountancy students displayed their refined social skills, showing that they could adapt, socialize and hang-out with students from other universities. They also showed that despite the competitive atmosphere, there is always room to enjoy and have fun.



From L-R: UC Delegation Adviser Matt Muñoz, College of Accountancy Dean Ramsay Colorado, Michael Gillies, OIC-President Reynaldo U. Agranzamendez, Evan Lee Nguddo, Myra Beth Gawidan and Raymund Escala