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JBLF CEO shares best practices in UEA Convention

By Mark P. Almela and Gilda A. Ródriguez

Chief Executive Officer Dr. Ronald Raymond L. Sebastian presented John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University's (JBLFMU) solar panel project in 'Best Practices on Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Conservation' in the 2015 Urban Environmental Accords (UEA), September 15.

"Yes, this is a risk that others did not take but of course the adoption of solar panel project was carefully studied and conceptualized. I believe planning is very essential," said Dr. Sebastian.

He also presented other environmental initiatives of the school including the installation of LED lights, inverter air conditioners, rain water catchment facility, indoor plants, waste segregation project, waste treatment facility and the academe's corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives - the JBLFMU's Mangrove and Marine Sanctuary in the JBLFMU Eco-park at Nueva Valencia, Guimaras.

In addition, he shared the recent venture of the university conceptualizing and hosting the 'First Iloilo Bike Festival' with the objective of raising Ilonggos' awareness on the benefits of biking on health, safety and environment.

Moreover, he graced the UEA with the invitation of the United States Agency International Development (USAID) in collaboration with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources



Dr. Sebastian sharing JBLFMU's projects during the UEA convention.

(DENR) and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Iloilo.

"I've always been proud sharing the initiatives of the whole John B. community. On my part, what makes me proud are the achievements of the students and I always share them in my posts on Facebook. In that way, I feel like I did something right," Dr. Sebastian added.

The event gathered LGUs, academic

professionals and experts, environmental organizations, and other local government representatives from all over the Philippines who shared their own initiatives on Low Carbon Emission Development.

Furthermore, JBLFMU was the only private institution invited by the USAID along with Robinsons Place Iloilo as the only private business enterprise to share their best practices.

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JBLFMU-M cadet homes back TOMSP award

By Janine Thess V. Montaño and Aime Hope P. Balico

Upholding the academe's pursuit of excellence, Western Union honored Mdpn. Christian Rey J. Santiago of John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University-Molo (JBLFMU-M) as one of the Ten Outstanding Maritime Students of the Philippines (TOMSP) 2015 at Cuneta Astrodome, Pasay City, September 27.

"This prestigious award is an opportunity for me to influence my fellow Lacsonian to become a man of excellence, discipline and value. I felt proud as our school claimed one of the spots and soar once again, proving its worth as one of the leading maritime institutions in the Philippines," said Mdpn. Santiago, a PCM Idemitsu Tanker scholar and a 2013 Unit Model Cadet.


After passing the bid book exhibiting his achievements and awards in academics, community involvement, and leadership and service, he underwent interviews and written examinations which consequently

proved that he is academically excellent, highly competent in practice with good moral standing, and active involvement in community service.

The nationwide search held up three phases of screening with 64 nominees from 21 maritime schools in the Philippines, where 42 qualified as finalists and only 10 had been chosen as awardees of TOMSP 2015.

Moreover, on its 5th year of recognizing the achievements of maritime students, three other cadets from JBLF units also secured spots namely: E/C Bernard Sorbito Jr., BS in Marine Engineering and D/C Rey Philip Gallos, BS in Marine Transportation of John B. Lacson Colleges Foundation-Bacolod; and Mdpn. Mark Joseph Pagdato, Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation of JBLFMU-Arevalo.

In line with National Seafarers' Day celebration, Western Union annually

honors men and women seafarers through the search for TOMSP among the graduating maritime students. 



Mdpn. Christian Rey J. Santiago

JBLF System conducts textbook writing workshop

By Mdpn. Steven O. Tajonera and Mdpn. John Michael P. Garibay

To maintain the quality education through instruction, John B. Lacson Foundation (JBLF) System through ALG (Arcelo-Lacson-Gellada) & Associates Research and Development Corporation organized a textbook writing workshop among textbook authors of JBLFMU at CSM Function Hall, July 15.

There were 40 delegates who attended the said seminar consists of instructors and graduate school students from JBLFMU's three units namely: JBLFMU-Arevalo, JBLFMU-Molo, and John B. Lacson Foundation Colleges-Bacolod.

"The seminar contributed a lot in our learning regarding authorship in writing textbooks. We were thankful to the JBLF system and ALG & Associates Research and Development Corporation for taking the initiative of conducting this seminar and writeshop," said Dr. James Montehermoso, one of the instructors of JBLFMU-Molo who attended the seminar.

Dr. Wilfredo Ramos, ALG & Associates Research and Development Corporation supervising consultant, graced the event through his welcome address.

Moreover, Dr. Melchor M. Magramo,




Dr. Bilbao giving her lecture on textbook writing.

director for research and community extension services of JBLFMU presented the rationale of the textbook writing workshop.

Topics on how to write a textbook and basic consideration in writing textbooks were discussed during the said seminar.

"As instructors, we are tasked to train and teach our students in the best way we can. Through this book seminar and writing workshop, I gained tips and points regarding

the correct method or technique that can be used in publishing books," said 3/E Allan Roberto, a professional subject instructor of JBLFMU-M.

Furthermore, Dr. Purita P. Bilbao, Commission on Higher Education chairperson for technical panel for teacher education, initiated the lecture and writeshop proper as the resource person of the textbook seminar. 

CES supports orchestrated clean-up of DENR 6

By Mdpwn. Jeton Jun S. Legaspi, Jr. and Mdpwn. Shenah May V. Jauod

Sharing the same advocacy of preserving the environment, Community Extension Service (CES) office supported the "Orchestrated Clean-up" under Adopt-on-Estero or Water Body Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources Region VI (DENR 6) at Carpenter's Bridge, Iloilo riverside, June 27.

A total of 129 participants from different school clubs and organizations cleaned off the adopted areas resulting to 20 kilograms of wastes collected after the clean-up drive.

"The theme, 'Seven Billion Dreams, One Planet. Consume with care,' emphasizes our responsibility to protect and take good care of our environment," said Mdpwn. Kim Gemvir Aquilño, Community Extension Service Society president.

The event will be arranged thrice every year upon the directives of DENR 6 to help lessen the waste along the riverside.

"The care for our Mother Nature is our most worthy and most pleasing responsibility. To cherish what's remaining and to foster its renewal and preservation are our only legitimate hope," said Ms. Krizna Joy C. Belencion, CES officer.

Moreover, John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University-Molo (JBLFMU-Molo) has been an active partner of DENR 6 since 2012.

"I am inviting everyone in this institution to take part in the Community Extension Service office's activities and experience the thrill and the challenge of being a CES volunteer and an extensionist!

Be a part of the solution, not part of the problem. If you won't, who will?" added Ms. Belencion. 🐦



Student volunteers during the clean-up drive activity.

JBLFMU-M studs qualify as volunteers for APEC Summit

By Mdpwn. Gypsy T. Plana and Mark P. Almelia

In connection with the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit held in Iloilo City, five students from John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University - Molo (JBLFMU-M) were qualified as official student volunteers.

Mdpwn. Riza Mae Magtiza, Mdpwn. Rexcel Dawn Malagamba, Mdpwn. Danica Rhoie of the Bachelor of Science in Cruise Ship Management (BSCSM), Bea Alejandrino of the Bachelor of Science in Tourism Management (BSTM) and Zoe Bañon of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (BSBA) passed the interview for APEC student volunteers held at Iloilo Capitol last August 12.

Among the 17 applicants from JBLFMU-M, five were chosen by the APEC Committee of Iloilo and were included in the pool of student volunteers to assist in the said event along with the students from Central Philippine University, West Visayas State University-Main Campus, University of the Philippines-Visayas and University of San Agustin.

Moreover, last August 18 the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) together with the Carlos P. Romulo School of Diplomacy - Foreign Institute Service conducted the trainings for the volunteers



From the left: Mdpwn. Rexcel Dawn Malagamba, Zoe Bañon, Ms. Ferlene Lelis, Mdpwn. Riza Mae Magtiza, Bea Alejandrino, and Mdpwn. Danica Rhoie in one of their trainings.

on communication skills, self-enhancement, and protocols which are important in making the volunteers fully ready.

"The training was fun because I have learned a lot. It is actually an additional knowledge and experience that will be useful for me in the future given that I belong in the hospitality industry," said Mdpwn. Malagamba.

Ms. Ferlene Lelis, a faculty of JBLFMU-M was also part of the volunteering team and served as one of the delegation coordinators after applying and passing the qualifications.

"It broadens your horizon despite the

fact that we are seafarers. It gives you more insights on economic perspectives and global concern following the thrust of APEC Forum," said Ms. Lelis.

The said summit gathered professionals from academes as well as entrepreneurs and business owners who are the key players in the field of education, business and trade.

Furthermore, they assisted in the three ministerial meetings of APEC on Small and Medium Enterprise, Senior Disaster Management Officials Forum and High Level Policy Dialogue on Food Security and the Blue Economy. 🐦

JBLFMU launches 1st Maritime Art Deck in the country

By Mdpn. Alexandro B. Tirador and Mdpn. Jaydan P. Laboro



Dr. Ronald Raymond Sebastian giving his welcome address.



City Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog gracing the event.



3/E Joar Unabia during the open forum.



Silent Conversations



Tangled

John B. Lacson Foundation Maritime University (JBLFMU) added another gem to its crown as it introduced the first ever Maritime multi-functional art gallery or Art Deck in the country last August 13 at the JBLF System Building.

University founder's daughter, Dr. Mary Lou Arcelo as an art aficionado herself, founded the prestigious Marine art gallery.

"Art deck is supported by the university as it maintains its brand as the Maritime Vanguard," said Dr. Arcelo.

The newly established maritime art deck is a multi-functional art gallery of JBLFMU Museum of Maritime Culture and Craft that sets platform for artistic ideas through exhibits, workshops and teaching.

The Art Deck is also a part of CES (Community Extension Services) that aspired to conduct free classes in painting and drawing to be offered to less fortunate children and young indigents which will be taught by trained art teachers and visual artists.

Pieces and artworks that are required for display are the ones that qualify a good advertising in seafaring, sailing, sea life, naval and everything pertained to Maritime.

The objective of the Art Deck is not

only to drive the idea that art can also be a means of self expression but also a craft that will somehow provide extra income for Ilonggo artists, Lacsonians and maritime professionals.

Furthermore, the said Art Deck is fully subsidized by the university not because it's an inspiration for art prerogatives but because it upholds the university's brand as a Maritime Vanguard.

Meanwhile, the Art Deck's launching was spearheaded by featured artist 3/E Joar Unabia, who also painted the paintings for the exhibit on August 13.

"It took me six months to complete 30 artworks of different sizes, ten of which were painted at sea during my voyage," said 3/E Unabia, on his preparation for the said Art Deck debut to the public.

Together with Dr. Mary Lou L. Arcelo, it was made possible with the conjoined efforts of JBLF System CEO, Dr. Ronald Raymond L. Sebastian, Molo Unit Administrator, Dr. Ralph L. Pador, JBLFMU Media Production Staff, Mrs. Rachei Manero, Ms. JP Liboon, Ms. Mary Mar Esmana, Ms. Junalyn Dunton, Mr. Gerald Seguera, Mr. Charlene Eiman Gallo; Gallery Coordinator, Mr. Larry Dumagat, Gallery Designer, Mr. Ruben Vergara and the first featured artist 3/E Joar Unabia. 🐋



From the left: Dr. Ralph Pador, City Mayor Jed Patrick Mabilog, Dr. Mary Lou Arcelo, 3/E Joar Unabia, Mrs. Gina Sarabia-Espinosa, Dr. Ronald Raymond Sebastian, and Atty. Lorna Gellada during the ribbon-cutting.