

Historical Background

The year 1946 was ushered in by dazzling rays of hope for peace, progress, and freedom after the Philippines was devastated by the ravages of World War II. Through the vision and foresight of the eminent physician Dr. Nicolas G. Escario, Sr., he founded the present prestigious institution of learning in Cebu, the Cebu Institute of Technology – University, formerly Cebu Institute of Technology. Dr. Escario's initiative, in collaboration with three illustrious Cebuano technocrats: Engr. Fidel C. Dagani, Engr. Amancio A. Alcordo, and Engr. Jose A. Cavan, prepared the groundwork for the establishment of the institution. The proposal for the academic venture convinced the then CIT Board of Trustees of its feasibility and wisdom of opening an engineering school. The project reached its final stage when Don Simplicio A. Lizares, Sr. was elected as CIT's first Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Nicolas G. Escario, Sr., as President and Don Rodolfo T. Lizares, Sr. as Vice President who pooled their resources to put up the required facilities and services of the institution. The Cebu Institute of Technology - University was founded in 1946. The school started with two pre-fabricated structures in F. Ramos Street having 512 pioneering students enrolled in high school and college levels. The following degree programs were offered: Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Architecture, and Vocational programs. In tune with the objective of the higher education to answer the needs of the time and to complement the technical programs offered, the first non-technical program offered was the Liberal Arts in 1947, Pharmacy and Junior Normal programs in 1948 and Education in 1949. The Vocational department was phased out in 1951 while the College of Commerce was opened in the same year. Two years later, in 1953, the Sanitary Engineering department started. To meet the demands of the growing society, other programs were offered such as Pre-medicine in 1957 and Secretarial in 1958. On November 1, 1958, the CIT Founder and first President Dr. Nicolas G. Escario, Sr. died, leaving the legacy of a dignified politician, honest statesman and a compassionate physician. At that time, he was able to put up eight (8) semi-concrete school buildings located at C. Padilla Street. Don Rodolfo T. Lizares, Sr. took over as the second President of CIT. In 1960, under the helm of the new President, the Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering was offered. In affiliation with the Cebu Velez College, the pre-Nursing and Doctor of Medicine programs were also offered in the same year. Foreseeing the demands for Science and Technology, the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering was opened in 1968. Resourceful and bold in his programs for progress, Don Rodolfo T. Lizares, Sr. then replaced the old structures with modern buildings and consequently acquired more facilities in line with the progressive trends in educational management. With his abiding faith in the education of the youth and great zeal of leadership he acquired a new site for CIT at the N. Bacalso Avenue in 1965 and erected a modern four storey-building which was initially occupied by the college graduating students in 1971. Gradually, the remaining colleges at C. Padilla were transferred to the new site. The new campus soon housed the administrative staff, college academic buildings, college library, engineering and science laboratories, and provided sprawling grounds for parking, athletics and drill purposes. Towards the end of 1978, President Rodolfo T. Lizares, Sr., took the boldest venture by engaging in a multi-million-development plan with the Educational Project Implementing Task Force (EDPITAF) of the government. Through this program, CIT became the resource-based institution for engineering programs in the Visayas and Mindanao regions. CIT's aim towards progress surged to new heights in

the academe when it received an award as the MOST OUTSTANDING INSTITUTION FOR LEARNING IN CEBU CITY. The award was received during the Cebu City Charter Day celebration in the year 1980. The demands from the electronics industry in the 80's challenged the institution to offer the Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Communications Engineering program in 1983. Keeping abreast with the advancement of science and technology, special computer programs were offered in 1983 under the Computer Department. As the department grew, it was renamed the Department of Computer Studies with its innovative ladderized curricula. The department was given government recognition by the Department of Education, Culture and Sports (DECS) to operate its degree programs: Information and Computer Science, Computer Management, Computer Technology and Computer Engineering with their corresponding associate certificates. The passing away of President Rodolfo A. Lizares, Sr. on April 4, 1991, paved the way for CIT's leadership to a younger and dynamic successor, Mr. Gregorio L. Escario, as the third president of the institution. Under his leadership, the Kindergarten school was opened together with the reopening of the Elementary Department in 1992. A modern three-storey building fully equipped with modern academic facilities now houses the department. Ever aspiring for academic excellence, Cebu Institute of Technology was awarded in 1994 as the MOST OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC INSTITUTION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY for Region VII. Aside from continuing his leadership in education in the three academic levels, President Escario has given full support to other innovative special programs such as Industry-Academe Linkages and Special Computer Programs. Consequently, the Department of Computer Studies (DoCS) – currently the College of Computer Studies - was awarded with multi-million peso funding assistance from the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) for the creation of the Multimedia Development and Training Center (MDTC) and the Software Development and Training Center (SDTC) in 1995 and 1996, respectively. As CIT continued its march towards progress and academic excellence, the institution was deputized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in 1999 to offer the Expanded Tertiary Education Equivalency and Accreditation Program (ETEEAP) for its Education, Commerce, and Engineering programs. ETEEAP is an educational assessment scheme which recognizes knowledge, skills, and prior learning obtained by individuals from non-formal and informal education experiences. In 1999, an additional four-storey High School building was constructed.

Subsequent Developments

2000

- CIT was awarded as CHED - CENTER OF DEVELOPMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION in Region VII. Center of Development/Excellence is a designation granted by CHED in recognition of a unit's exemplary performance in its teaching, research and extension functions.

- CIT was authorized for the spin-off of the BS Commerce curriculum into seven BS Business Administration programs.

2001

- The expansion and developmental efforts for the Department of Computer Studies ushered its upgrade as the College of Computer Studies (CCS).
- The Secretarial Department was revitalized to Office Administration Department with the approval of the four-year BS Office Administration program.

2002

- The Science and Technology building was constructed.
- On

November 18, the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA) awarded seven Business Administration programs (BSBA) and Bachelor in Elementary Education Program (BEEEd) with CERTIFICATES for Level I Applicant Status.

2003

- The Bachelor in Public Administration program was offered.
- In April, PACUCOA granted Level 1 applicant status to the Bachelor in Secondary Education program.

2004

- Foreseeing the global demands of the nursing profession, CIT decided to reopen the College of Nursing. The permit to operate a four-year course, Bachelor of Science in Nursing was granted by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on January 29.
- In February, PACUCOA granted Level 1 applicant status to the BS Computer Science program.
- On June 28, CIT was granted by CHED the permit to operate Master in Computer Science.
- The CIT Gymnasium was constructed.

2005

- PACUCOA granted Level 1 Formal Accredited Status to the BS Business Administration, Bachelor in Elementary Education, Bachelor in Secondary Education and Computer Science programs.
- CHED granted Permit for the offering of AB major in Graphics and Media and AB Mass Communication.

- CHED granted CIT the Permit to operate Master in Information Technology and was identified as delivering institution for the CHED Faculty Development Program.
- PACUCOA awarded CIT as one of the top ten institutions (nationwide) with the most number of accredited programs with majors.
- CIT was identified by CHED as delivering institution for the CHED Faculty Development Program (FDP) for Master in Computer Science and Master in Information Technology graduate programs.

2006

- CHED granted Government Recognition for the Master in Computer Science.
- PACUCOA granted Candidate Status to the BS Chemical Engineering, BS Civil Engineering, BS Mechanical Engineering, BS Electronics and Communications Engineering, BS Accountancy, Liberal Arts (AB Psychology), and BS Information Technology programs.
- PACUCOA awarded CIT as one of the top ten institutions (nationwide) with the most number of accredited programs with majors.
- CIT won in the PACUCOA search for Best Case Study.
- A new Academic Building was constructed.