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The Executive Committee of CICT poses for a picture with the distinguished guests from Accenture during the ceremonial event for the selected graduating students last June 24, 2022. | Photo by Sean Maverick del Fonso

BulSU-Accenture celebrates partnership with a ceremonial event for selected graduating students

By Rory Lance Larit

One of Bulacan State University's partners, Accenture Technology Academy (ATA), held a ceremonial event at the Valencia Hall for graduating students who received a job offer from Accenture on June 24, 2022.

The event started with the Opening Remarks by Dr. Keno Piad, BulSU CICT Dean, as he greeted and congratulated everyone who received a contingency offer from Accenture and continued to talk about the history of the BulSU's partnerships.

Following Dr. Keno Piad was Dr. Romeo Dr. Inasoria, Chancellor for the Main Campus, who gave

the Inspirational Message, which he used to remind everyone to keep up with the latest trends and the demands of the industry to ensure that the students are fully prepared.

He ended his speech by further explaining and quoting Jim Collins stating, "Greatness is not a function of circumstance. Greatness, it turns out, is largely a matter of conscious choice and discipline."

The next speaker was Mr. JP Palpallatoc, Accenture Managing Director, for his Message of Support, as he empowers the partnerships and the academe faculty. He talked about the diverse career opportunity offered to the students. He ended

his statement by thanking everyone for supporting their events and programs.

The fourth speaker was Mr. Niño Estrella, BulSU Campus Ambassador, who inspired and shared his experiences working at Accenture.

The next part of the program was an Audio-Visual Presentation of Bulacan State University students who got recognition for doing an outstanding job in their internships.

After an Intermission Number by the CICT FRX Crew, the next speaker was Mr. Bogs Paguigan, who talked about the constant

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SWITS revives the IT Night

 Elisha Joy Castro and Nicole Andrei Reyes

The Society for the Welfare of Information Technology Students (SWITS) held IT Night for the first time virtually, themed "Project X: IT Night Ad Meliora Towards Better Things" a Harry Potter-inspired event, two years since the last rendition of the event, via Facebook Livestream last December 18, 2021.

The night featured the different student organizations of the College of Information and Technology — CURSOR Publication, CICT Local Student Council (LSC), Society for the Welfare of Information Technology Students (SWITS), and FRX Crew.

"I'm very proud of SWITS for coming up with this kind of event even through the challenging times," said CICT Dean Dr. Keno Piad in his opening remarks

The CICT students and other colleges performed some of the greatest hits today, followed by the introduction of the pageant judges,



starting with Ms. Ceskha Shiellyn Castillo, Ms. Mary Jane Mendoza, Mrs. Ma. Lourdes Tiongan, and Mr. Rainiel Dionisio. The different organizations had their own houses to represent.

CURSOR Publication represented Slytherin with their king and queen, Jezreel Bacasno, and Danika Ross Caluag. Hufflepuff was the LSC with their king and queen, Charles Wendell Perez and Andreanna Celestine Aguilar. SWITS' Kyle Corpuz and Christina Mellizo represented Gryffindor.

Lastly, FRX' Andrei Canimo and Hazel Mae Fernandez represented Ravenclaw.

Various personalities followed the pageant proper. Singers Gianne Hinolan, Melyn Kayla, Amiel Sol, and Janella Ventura rendered song covers and even performed their original compositions.

The IT Night concluded with the announcement of the first King and Queen of Aces as Ravenclaw's king Andrei Canimo and Slytherin's Queen, Danika Ross Caluag, won the title.

Slytherin's King Jezreel Bacasno and Hufflepuff's Queen Andreanna Celestine Aguilar were the 1st runners-up; Charles Wendell Perez from Hufflepuff and Christina Mellizo from Gryffindor were the 2nd runners-up; Kyle Corpuz from Gryffindor and Hazel Mae Fernandez from Ravenclaw placed as 3rd runners-up.

Accenture Technology Academy Ceremonial Event

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development of businesses and partnerships. He ended his statements by thanking everyone for their support.

Before the Closing Remarks,

a certificate of appreciation was awarded to the ATA Speakers and then proceeds to the Closing remarks, held by Dr. Digna S. Evale, Department Head of BSIT.

BulSU launches Sambalaran Online Camp Project V

By Rory Lance Larit

Bulacan State University launched Sambalaran Online Camp Project V last November 2, 2021, with the theme of "Bagong Pananaw sa Hamon ng Pandemya".

As the project started, CICT did its part with three webinars, all from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. In these webinars, CICT provided lessons for many educators regarding the

use of Canva, Kahoot, GSites, and GRoom.

The Sambalaran webinars were provided to several schools around Malolos, Bulacan, namely, Namayan Elementary School, Santisima Trinidad Elementary School, Barian Elementary School, Sto. Cristo Elementary School, Taal Elementary School, Tikay Elementary School, Masile Elementary School, Paco Elementary School, Longos II

Elementary School, Caliligawan Elementary School, Calero Elementary School, and San Juan Elementary School.

ICT also provided the Sambalaran webinars to Pamarawan High School and Bulacan Polytechnic College.

The webinars were provided for the beneficiaries from November 2-3, 2021, as CICT aims to reach areas around Malolos.

CICT launches second wave of the AGAPAY-TUGON project in partnership with BCCI

By Red Johnpaul Cruz

The College of Information and Communications Technology hosted the 2nd wave of the AGAPAY-TUGON project in cooperation with the Bulacan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) on March 8, 2022.

"It fills my heart with joy, that 'yung assistance, 'yun po ang very core ng ating spirit this afternoon," said CICT Dean Dr. Keno Piad as he gave the opening remarks.

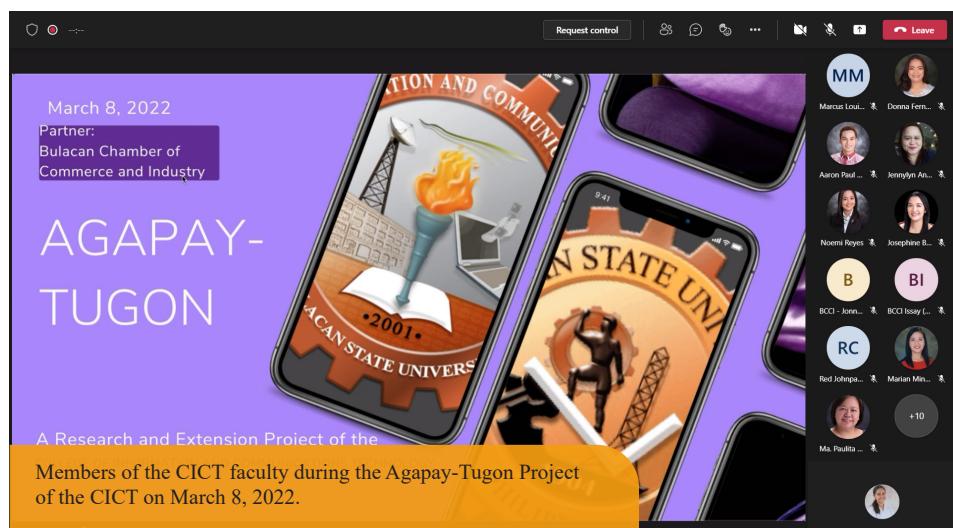
The pitching activity was the first phase of the AGAPAY-TUGON project, where selected BCCI members presented the challenges they encountered in their business operations to the CICT faculty researchers.

Three concerns were

presented during the event: a human resource information system for Teh Hsin Enterprises Philippines Corporation, an inventory system for Marxton Construction, and a membership information system for BCCI.

From these problems

encountered by the college's partners, CICT faculty researchers can choose projects they are interested in and propose a solution for the upcoming reverse pitching activity of the project's TUGON phase, which will come two weeks after the pitching activity.



UCSE leads the Proclamation of the newly elected student government leaders for the year 2022-2023

By Danika Ross Caluag

The newly chosen student government officials for the school year 2022-2023 were proclaimed by the University Commission on Students Election (UCSE). The event was held in CIT- AVR in BulSU - Main Campus and it was streamed via Facebook Livestream last April 13, 2022.

The event started with the doxology followed by the national anthem and the BulSU Hymn. The outgoing President of Student Government, Drew Allyson Madrigal gave her opening message.

"Sa ating paghakbang sa isang panibagong kabanata, magpatuloy tayo anuman hamon ng panahon dahil sa dulo tayo'y magkakasama sa isang alyansang lilikha ng daan para sa mas maayos, masagana, at malayang pamantasan ng bayan." said Madrigal in her message.

Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs and Services, Assoc. Prof. Joseph Roy Celestino gave his inspirational message to the newly-elected student government leaders.

"Kaya't bilang mga student leaders, nasa inyong mga kakayahang na magtanong ng tama, itanong ninyo kung ano talaga ang kailangan ng mga estudyante. Hayaan niyo ang tunay na demokrasya ay manggagaling sa kanilang tugon, ang tunay na demokrasya ay hindi

isinasalpok sa kanila na ito'y pangangailangan nila, kundi sa kanila mismo manggagaling." said Celestino in his message.

It was followed by proclamation rites led by KASAMA Representative, Kaint Jhon Interior. Afterward, the chairperson of UCSE, Mr. Omyr Jed San Pedro led the recognition rites for the newly elected student leaders. The closing remarks were led by incoming SG President Patricia Ann Camus.

Patricia Ann P. Camus was elected Student Government President with 6602 votes, and Sherenade Ann Gonzales was elected Vice President with 6533 votes. As Student Government Senators, Katherine P. Reyes, Yvette Adelaine R. Dalusung, John Karlos DC. Castro, Althea Jana I. Trinidad, Daniel Carlo F. Vergara, Sweet Brien A. Margen, and Eduard

N. Evangelista were elected.

Furthermore, Edison M. Tuazon was elected Governor of the Local Student Council of the College of Information and Communication Technology with 350 votes, and Andreanna Celestine Aguilar was elected Vice-Governor with 346 votes. Lyanna Andrea N. Villanueva, Rosemarie S. Codera, and Xheanne Marie M. Marcelino were elected to the CICT Local Student Council as Board Members

"Panawagan ko rin na sa lahat ng BulSUans, na samahan niyo kami, dahil hindi namin ito magagawa ng kami-kami lang ang esensya ng direktang demokrasya ay upang mapakinggan ang bawat boses sa loob ng pamantasan, ngunit wala itong kwenta kung wala rin magsasalita at sasama sa pagboses." said Camus in her message.



Participants from different colleges in front of the Activity Center after the proclamation rally organized by UCSE last April 13, 2022. | Photo by Antonne John Obispo

CICT progresses to the next level in the 11th IT Congress

 Nicole Andrei Reyes and
Jian Zharese Joeis Sanz

The Society for the Welfare of Information Technology Students opened the week-long 11th IT Congress, themed "Panorama: The Wide Projection of Technology," on November 29, 2021, via Facebook Live and Zoom Meeting.

The first day of the week-long event was led by the Masters of Ceremony — SWITS' Rainiel Dionisio and Mizraim Cano. The event formally started with the opening remarks from CICT Dean Keno C. Piad. He used the term "Avengers" as a metaphor to describe the importance of IT students' role in the fast-changing generation.

"Space, mind, reality, power, time, and soul. These are the infinity stones lodged in the infinity gauntlet. When combined, it creates

an optimum, maximum, principal power that can move mountains," he added.

The University President, Dr. Cecilia N. Gascon, emphasized the role of extra-curricular activities in cultivating students' skills in problem-solving and creativity. She also highlighted that having a broader perspective prevents us from making ignorant decisions and

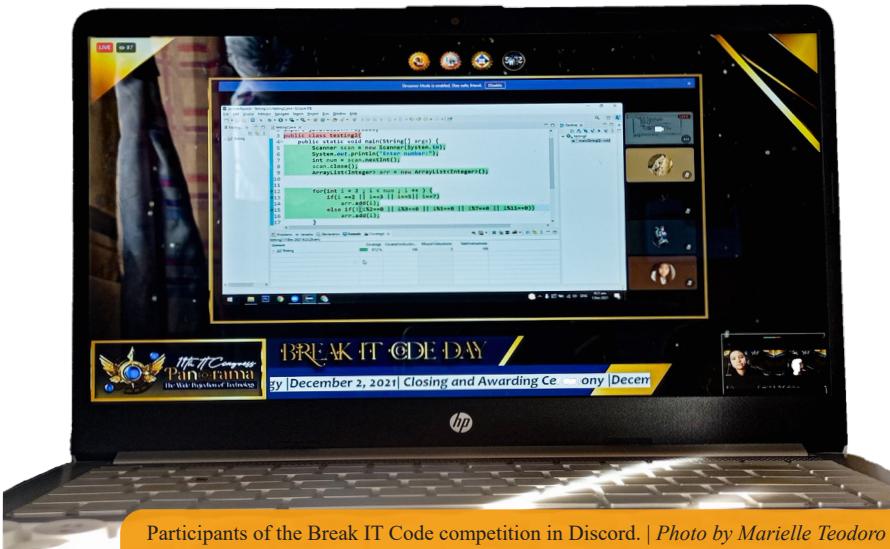
limited solutions to problems.

"To innovate, we must develop a broad perspective," she concluded.

She was followed by the event's main guest speaker, the Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines, Maria Leonor "Leni" Robredo. In her speech, she reiterated the importance of IT and science, especially in this challenging time brought by the pandemic.

After the remarks, Microsoft Representative Ian De Torres discussed the various programs available for all CICT students, such as the Global Student Technology Competition and Microsoft Learn Student Ambassadors.

In the latter part of the program, the CICT FRX crew performed a dance intermission number, followed by a friendly game between CICT student bodies. The BLISS org and LSC won the ML Exhibition in the first two games.



Participants of the Break IT Code competition in Discord. | Photo by Marielle Teodoro

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SWITS initiated the 11th IT Congress with the theme "Panorama: The Wide Projection of Technology" last November 29, 2021.

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LSC donates plants to CICT, student organizations lead cleaning drive

 Red Johnpaul Cruz

CICT received a donation of 20 Maki plants, 10 Blackwood plants, 5 Picarra plants, 5 Suplera, and 15 Cherry Santan, totaling 55 plants and amounting to Php 3000, from the CICT Local Student Council last March 4, 2022.

“Ang proyekto po na ito ay pinamagatang ‘CICT Clean and Green Project’. Ang layunin po nito ay magkaisa ang komunidad ng ating kolehiyo upang isulong ang kalinisan lalo na sa ating sitwasyon na ginagalawan ngayon,” said Vice Governor Edison Tuazon regarding the idea of the project.

“Base po sa mga pananaliksik, napatunayan po natin na ang halaman

at ornamental plants ay nagpapataas ng lebel ng positibong pag-iisip sa mga tao. Dahil po rito, kapag tayo ay palaring makabalik sa face-to-face classes mapapakinabangan po ito ng mga estudyante at pati na rin mga propesor ng ating kolehiyo,”

added Tuazon.

During the day, the LSC, SWITS, BLISS, and CURSOR Publication also went to the Student Centre to clean up and organize their individual offices after two years of the pandemic.



BulSU switches from Google Workspace to Microsoft Office 365

 Jhasmine Estacio and Janella Carillo

In preparation for the migration from Google Workspace to MS Office 365 as the new online platform in remote learning, Bulacan State University's Office of the Student Affairs organized a webinar entitled "Change Ahead:

Transitioning from Google Workspace to MS Office 365 student edition" via Zoom and Facebook Livestream on January 5, 2022.

"Nothing in life is permanent, except change, as change is almost inevitable," said the Executive Vice President, Dr. Teody San Andres, in his opening remarks.

"In order to embrace change, one

must leave his comfort zone," San Andres challenged the audience.

"If we are not flexible enough to change, we won't move on to achieve our goals," he added.

Dr. Cecilia S. Navasero Gascon, University President, also gave an opening message.

"In an era where the education shift to the fourth industrial revolution continues to accelerate

its pace of evolution, it is important that the whole BulSU community must adapt to a secured remote learning, accessible education tools and learning management systems to ensure that we all continue to learn amid the challenges of this pandemic," said Gascon.

She stated that continuous learning is a way to understand various problems, increase our knowledge, awareness, and abilities, seize opportunities, and live a better and safer life. She accredited the success of the shift to online learning to the willing and flexible students.

"Our transition to the MS Office 365 and MS teams is one of our logical and strategic changes of 2022 to provide a new flip for online learning," - she added.

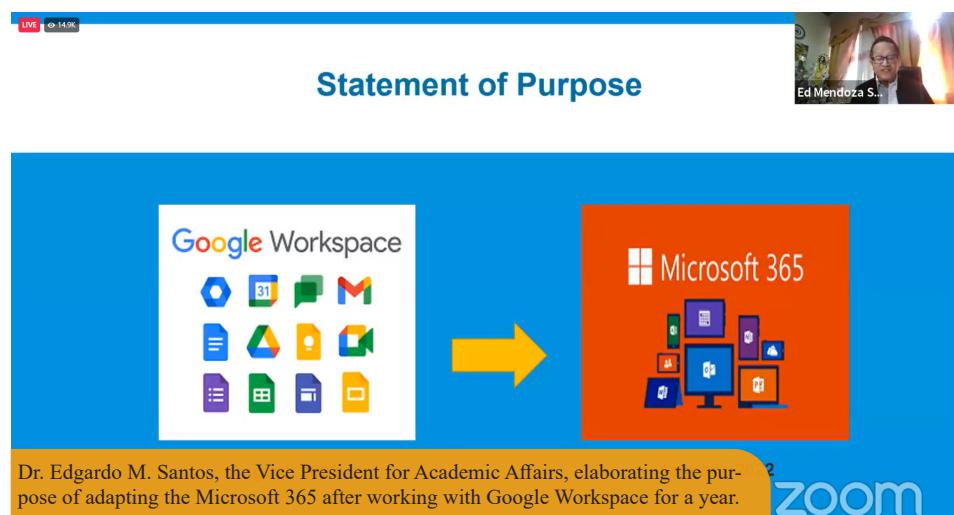
Dr. Edgardo M. Santos, Vice President for Academic Affairs, emphasized that the adaptation

of the MS 365 is based on its productivity features and the convenience Microsoft Office 365 may bring in the remote learning environment.

ICT did its part in the webinar by imparting and providing the fundamentals of the Microsoft Office 365 given by the Head of Communications and Planning Unit, Mr. John Michael Calizon.

The discussion focused on starting anew with MS Teams, its features, and the fundamentals of setting up the learning platform.

In the latter part of the talk, the audience was allowed to have their questions raised via Google forms answered by the resource speaker. The said webinar was participated by different colleges and students from main and external campuses.



CICT awards top capstone and thesis projects in 10th In-House Review of Completed Student Research

Red Johnpaul Cruz

The College of Information and Communications Technology organized the 10th In-House Review of Completed Student Research with the theme "Transforming ICT Research Towards Achieving Sustainable Development Goals", where selected students can present their capstone projects to a panel

organized by the college, on June 16, 2022.

The event started at 8 AM with a short opening program attended by all participants. After the opening program, the different groups moved to different breakout rooms, depending on their courses and specialization tracks.

During the morning, the selected students were given 15 minutes to present their capstone project,

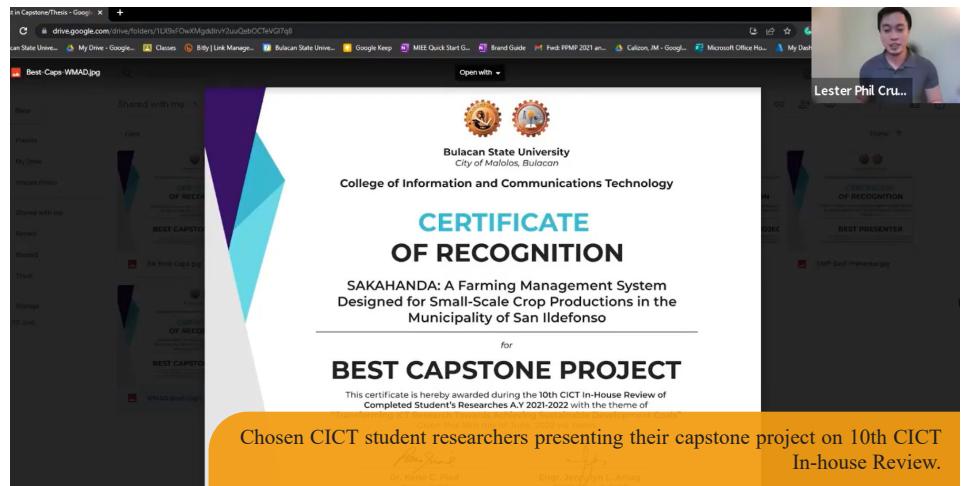
followed by a 5-minute assessment. The panel composed of CICT officials and IT professionals was given the opportunity to critique the projects and the participants.

After the project presentation, the awarding of winners immediately followed. The Best Capstone Project award for BSIT's web and mobile development (WMAD) track was given to SAKAHANDA: A Farming Management System Designed for

Small-Scale Crop Productions In The Municipality of San Ildefonso, by Khyla Nicole Cabrito, Red Johnpaul Cruz, Timothy Ryeyn Perez, and Erika Raymundo from BSIT 4M with their adviser, Mr. Jayson Batoon.

For BSIT's Service Management (SM) track, the Best Capstone Project award was given to iTalk: A Psychosocial Support Web-based Application to aid Students' Mental Wellness at Academia De Pulilan, Inc., a capstone project by Jim Christian Caparas, Leonard De Honor, Rhealyn Calayan, Jewel Mae Gannaban, Kimberly Landayan, John Paolo Palileo, and Joshua James Obille from BSIT 4E with their adviser Ms. Lilibeth Antonio.

For BSIT's Business Analytics (BA) track, the Best Thesis award was given to Predicting the Marcelo H. Del Pilar National High School Students' Attrition in Online Modality using a Classification Technique, a capstone project by Danna Joy Tayson, Maribeth Ann Gatchalian, Ricky Angelo Malonzo, Dyna Marcelo, Micaella San Gabriel, and Kathrina Sales



from BSIT 4C with their adviser, Dr. Rosemarie Bautista.

On the other hand, the Best Thesis Project award for the BLIS program was awarded to Level of Awareness on Copyright Law of Bulacan State University Librarians: An Investigative Research, a thesis project by Roselle Agustin, Sherlyn Amber Dela Cruz, John Lloyd Ronquillo, Jazmine Jane Solano, and Jedidiah Villanueva from BLIS 3A with their adviser, Ms. Maria Pretty Lay T. Abdala.

Furthermore, other than the Best Capstone Project award, the Best Presenter award was also there for the taking for all groups.

The Best Presenter awards were awarded to WMAD track's {Code} Town: Innovating A Game Based Programming Environment For Children from BSIT 4T, SM track's iTalk: A Psychosocial Support Web-based Application to aid Students' Mental Wellness at Academia De Pulilan, Inc., BA track's Predicting the Marcelo H. Del Pilar National High School Students' Attrition in Online Modality using a Classification Technique, and BLIS' Level of Awareness on Copyright Law of Bulacan State University Librarians: An Investigative Research.

CICT opens REVAMP: The New Tech Odyssey CICT Days 2022

Danika Ross Caluag and Elisha Joy Castro

The College of Information and Communications Technology started the CICT Days 2022 with the theme "REVAMP: The New Tech Odyssey", with an

opening program organized with the collaboration of the CICT Local Student Council, SWITS, CURSOR Publication, and FRX Crew last April 25, 2022.

Mr. Aaron Paul Dela Rosa, College Secretary of CICT, gave the opening remarks. He explained

all the events and webinars lined up for the CICT Days prepared by our student bodies.

Dr. Digna Evale, BSIT Department Head, also mentioned the leadership and enthusiasm of the student organizations to make this event in her opening remarks.

"Isa dyan ay ang pagkakaroon ng very active student bodies na sa ngayon ay nagsama-sama na and we are now calling them as United Student Bodies or USB," Dr. Evale said.

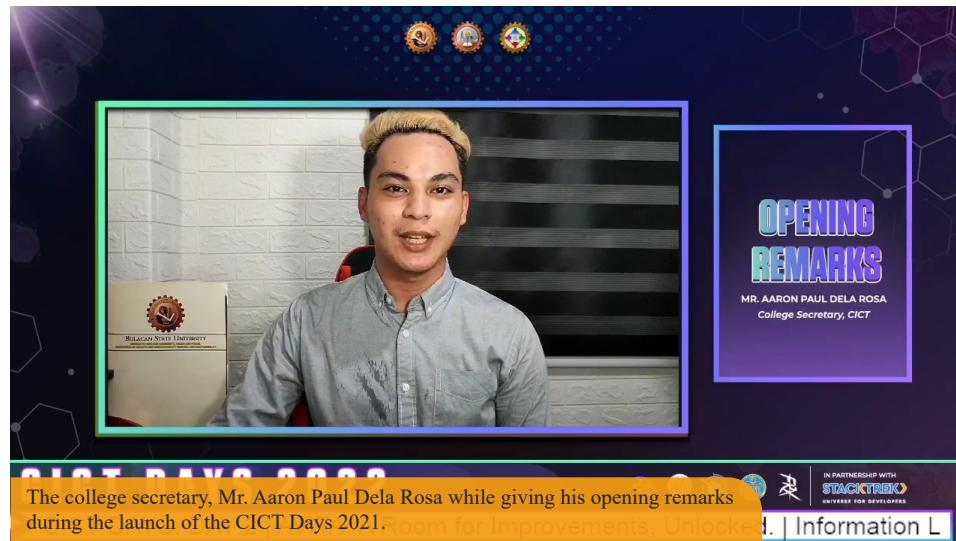
She also emphasized that this event will not just cultivate students' technical skills but also the camaraderie and sportsmanship of everyone.

The week-long project consisted of many events, such as the webinar in partnership with Stack League, which was organized for many CICT students right after the opening event on the 1st day.

CICT Days also included various

webinars, competitions, and events organized by SWITS and CICT LSC. There was also a bibliotherapy

workshop from BLISS and a mobile photography webinar from CURSOR Publication.



CICT and CrossRoads partners for youth workshop series

By Jhasmine Estacio

The College of Information and Communications Technology in collaboration with CrossRoads, an organization that aims to "transform communities with

hope, life, and truth", organized a month-long workshop series themed "Footsteps: A Journey from Good to Great" last July 2022.

The webinar series aimed to develop a Life Skills and Character

Development strategy to equip educators and students every Tuesday and Thursday of July 2022 via Zoom Meetings.

The Footsteps workshop series was spearheaded and organized by Mr. Renato Adriano, the Department Head of Allied Programs, alongside CURSOR Publication, Local Student Council, CICT FRX Crew, BLISS Org, and SWITS.

During the opening event, the National Director of Life at CrossRoads, Dr. Rey Ibasco, shared CrossRoads' advocacy, mission, and vision with the audience.

"What could be more important than equipping the next generation with character and competence they need to be more successful?" he highlighted.

Dr. Rey Ibasco, the National Director of the organization, sharing the advocacy, mission, and vision of CrossRoads.

The workshop series also aimed to control youth's risky behavior by providing and enhancing life skills and developing a good model of character through the eight main focal points of the discussion — Understanding Yourself, Building Friendships, Building Character, Role Model of Good Character,

Intimacy and Marriage, How to Say No, Amazing Love, and Your Life at the CrossRoads.

Each main topic was not only focused on the discussion itself, as the organizers also provided interactive activities throughout the session through Zoom breakout rooms.

On the last day of the workshop series, the organizers and participants reviewed all the life skills and character development learnings from the past sessions. The main resource speaker commended everyone who had traveled the journey and wished them a great life as the Footsteps a Journey from Good to Great finished.

CURSOR Publication kicks off first webinar entitled Looking Through the Lens of Mobile Photography

 Marielle Jiean Teodoro

CURSOR Publication kicked off their first webinar on April 27, focusing on mobile photography given by their three student photojournalists during the celebration of CICT Days 2022.

Mr. Melvin Delos Reyes, CURSOR's adviser, gave the welcoming remarks. He also

acknowledged the importance of attending webinars and events like the CICT Days.

"The biggest benefit of attending this kind of activity is gaining knowledge and upscaling. These are a great source of information and with these, we can understand industry trends, various career options available for our students, different ways to help our students in their career journey, and a lot

more," said Mr. Delos Reyes.

The webinar proper, which started shortly after the remarks, was composed of three parts: Snap Tips, the Exposure Triangle, and Post Processing.

The Snap Tips was presented by Reynald Magana, who discussed the different photography styles in mobile photography. Sean Maverick delFonso also gave his insights about the exposure triangle composed of ISO, aperture, and shutter speed.

The last part of the webinar was presented by Mr. Juan Emmanuel Sto Domingo. He discussed the post-processing of photos in mobile photography using Adobe Lightroom.

The CURSOR Publication Editor-in-Chief, Marielle Jiean Teodoro, gave the closing remarks where she congratulated and acknowledged various people involved in organizing the webinar and the college week.



BLISS leads Empowering Students with Library Technology Tools & BIBLIOTHERAPY Workshop

By Jian Zharese Joeis Sanz

The Brigade of Library and Information Science Students organized a webinar entitled "Information Literacy Program: Empowering the students with Library Technology Tools" on the second day of CICT Days 2022, April 26, 2022, via Zoom Meetings and Facebook Livestream.

The program had two parts: Tips and Tricks using Online Public Access Catalog and Upscaling Access in Library Databases.

The first part was led by Ms. Welsie Vergara, the Unit-head Librarian of CICT. Her discussion revolved around the three ways they can find materials in the library. She also followed it with a short definition and history of the catalog.

The viewers were then introduced to the concept of the Open Public Access Catalog, where

she pointed out the improvements of the already-existing OPAC in the university to keep track of its purpose amidst online Classes.

She concluded her presentation by providing tips and tricks on using BulSu's OPAC for a more convenient catalog search. Some of the points tackled are: using search words properly for better search results and checking the availability of a paper or a book and databases.

The second part of the webinar was presented by Mr. Gaudancio Dy, Bustos Campus' Librarian. He was assigned the topic "Upscaling Access in Library Databases".

His presentation discussed ideas such as the definition of open access, which he defined as freely available, digital, online information. He also talked about the different symbols of Creative Commons and their attributed meanings; Bulacan State University Library G-Sites; BulSu Aklatan and

its user-friendly navigation; and the University's Subscribed Databases which included some websites such as Science Direct, Scopus, ESCRA, Turnitin, Grammarly, and Emerald.

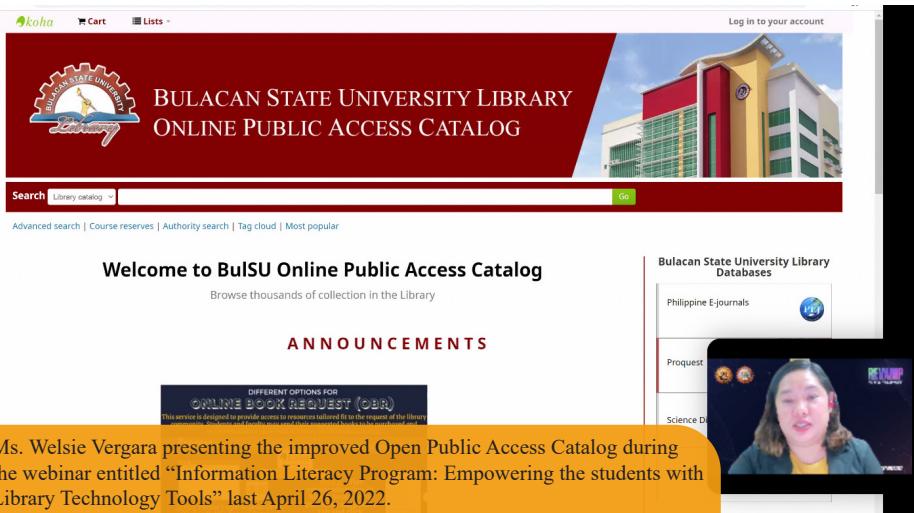
He finished his discussion by providing Bulacan State University's library's social media links and pointing out the essence of information literacy.

"Lahat naman ng information ay available, lahat naman ng information ay makikita natin, 'ano? With just one click and sa world of open access databases. It just so happens na kailangan nating isipin 'yung term na 'think before you click' kasi kahit libre 'yung information kung 'di tayo (inclined) sa Information Literacy, ang gagawin lang natin is click click click ano, specially 'yung mga fakenews."

Shortly after Mr. Dy concluded his presentation, the organizers conducted a Q&A session where both speakers informatively answered all clarifications and questions from the viewers.

As the webinar ended, the Brigade of Library and Information Science Students President, Mr. Clinton Santiago, gave a speech.

"Hopefully, this is not the last that we will have something like this. Expect us to continue to improve and expand our program to give high-quality service not only to CICT but also to a wider BulSu Community," said Santiago.



Ms. Welsie Vergara presenting the improved Open Public Access Catalog during the webinar entitled "Information Literacy Program: Empowering the students with Library Technology Tools" last April 26, 2022.

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Vloggers in Malacañang: A Disrespect to Journalism

Recently, the news about the new Press Secretary Trixie Angeles Cruz has been insistent. Especially when there was an announcement that she will support the accreditation of the United Vloggers and Influencers of the Philippines (UVIP). When the Press Secretary answered the question of whether journalists could physically cover the events in Malacañang, she had no concrete plans. On the other hand, vloggers and influencers will be allowed to cover physically once accredited.

Many of the

population seemed unconvinced about this. It disrespects the Filipino Journalists who underwent special training and academic classes to make it where they are today. Their assignment in the Malacañang Press Corps is hard-earned work for them. But then it looks like it will be easy for the members of the UVIP once they finish the Security and Exchange Commission accreditation. One question about this issue has been going around is, “Are they credible enough to disseminate information,

especially
information
from the

government?”

During the May 2022 Elections, we witnessed a lot of YouTube and Facebook Vloggers and Influencers posting fake news and distorted facts about candidates for the National Elections and the like. In addition, some of these influencers consistently use their channels to attack the press members. They are one of the instruments of disinformation in the country which lay bare Filipinos to it. That is how social media is dominating our generation today.

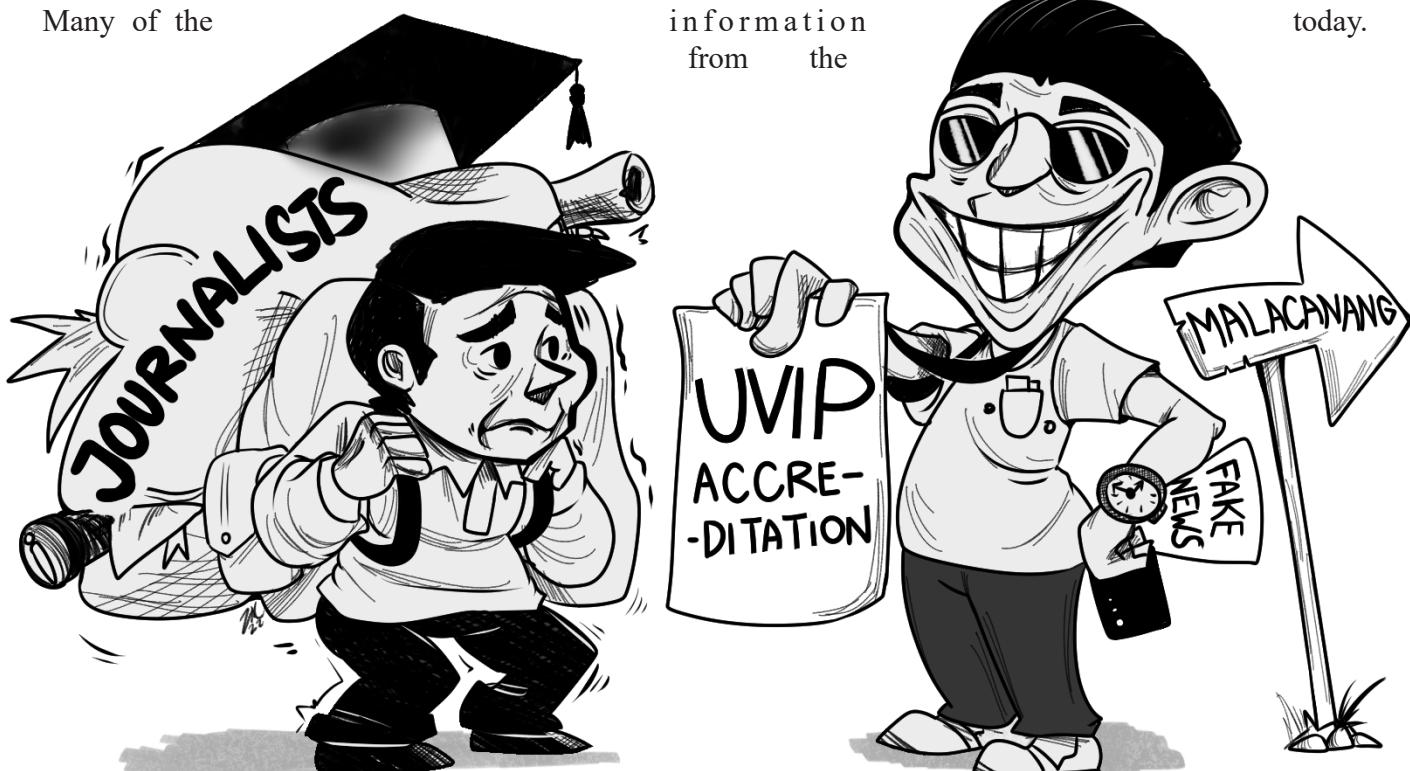


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When they closed ABS-CBN at the height of the pandemic in 2020, many thanked President Rodrigo Duterte for removing the so-called “ABias-CBN” in service. Likewise, when Maria Ressa, the CEO of Rappler, was convicted of a libel case, the mockery continued. They even considered the press’ fact-checking as proof that these journalists are trying to distort specific stories for their good. Now, in the Marcos Administration, they want to do the work that the press members have already done for a long time. Sooner or later, the guardian of truth and justice will no longer be journalism because of how disinformation is circulating around the corner. That is how disinformation misleads the people when a journalist is trying to criticize the government.

Another thing is it looks like they will become the administration’s machinery in touting information that will give the admin a good reputation. These sugar-coating statements will make it look like a favorable one. According to Rappler, as of March 2022, 23 vloggers acquired their membership in UVIP and pledged to be pro-government. That is a sure thing because the leaders of UVIP are pro-Marcos. They also endorsed SMNI and NET25, who publicly favored the Marcos-Duterte administration in May 2022 Elections.

How can we be certain that these vloggers and influencers will not be biased and release accurate and truthful information? These members of UVIP should be accountable and responsible for the information they will release in the future. They can’t

just report and not mind the possible consequences that might happen.

Journalism is no joke, and we are at a time where journalists are being less recognized by

the people. The distrust surfacing washes off the integrity of journalism. They don’t just write an article; their work goes beyond studying every story and thinking about how the people would be able to grasp the contents to be released. With this, it is time for the media people to level up their game plan. It is time for them to ameliorate their way of reporting as well as their reach to the audience. The mobile application TikTok has been very useful in spreading disinformation and will be a good platform for journalists to counter fake news. A journalist from Rappler named Rambo Talabong has been using the platform for now to debunk fake news about Martial Law.

We all want freedom of speech, especially the press people. But then, more than anyone, journalists have the ultimate right to cover Malacañang. Vloggers and journalists do not have the same job categorization and description. They do not fall on the same principle and stand. In addition, not allowing vloggers to cover the events in the Palace doesn’t abridge their freedom to express themselves but is most likely an act of assuring the accuracy of every bit of information written and reported for the people. It is a precautionary measure to guarantee fairness, truth, and justice.

After all, Malacañang Palace is no place for a troll, and it will never be one.

The loss we needed



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"He won not just through propaganda but also because the Philippines wasn't ready yet."

On the afternoon of May 9, 2022, I was gleaming with hope. It was my first time voting in a presidential election, and it was the first election where I honestly thought that finally, our country had a chance to actually have decent governance. However, the evening came, and the evening news with it, and everything had collapsed.

Ferdinand Marcos Jr., the namesake of his dictator and former Philippine president father, was dominating Leni Robredo in the partial vote counts virtually in every precinct in the country. Everyone supporting Robredo was well and truly heartbroken.

During the campaign season, Marcos' support base was already strong; it was very apparent. While numerous people went to Robredo's rallies, including myself, it was pretty clear that we had quite a hill to climb if we wanted to avoid the corruption and bad governance that had plagued the country for its entire history. Well, it was not to be.

It was quite evident that Marcos' fake news and propaganda machine had triumphed against Robredo's campaign.

All the fake news and propaganda promoting the Marcoses and rewriting our history found everywhere on the internet had worked to fool the people.

All the tirades and jokes made at the expense of the former Vice President worked to tarnish her image in the eyes of many Filipinos. Of course, there were still many people who saw differently, who saw the truth amid the blatant lies.

This led to the Filipino people taking sides, with discussions on social media between supporters of the two leading presidential candidates getting so heated that they broke many relationships. Many long-standing bridges burned, with each side convinced they were right.

It's easy to say that Robredo supporters were arrogant and belittling of the other camp when they refused to accept false information and try to educate people about the truth. It's also easy to say that the Marcos supporters love strong men and were gullible enough to believe the blatant lies being spread by the Marcos propaganda machine. This led to an endless cycle of discussions that often turn into

arguments that end up with people being disappointed with one another.

However, at its core, these discussions shouldn't have been a thing, to begin with. Ferdinand Marcos Sr. was a dictator, and all the fame and money his family has now used to get the presidency back were all stolen from the people. There is no "real history". Our history is real and fact. There's no disputing that.

While people can complain that Robredo's campaign team failed to fight the propaganda, which is true, in a sense, since it was ultimately their downfall. But, what were they supposed to do against such massive machinery? Some would say that they should've fought fire with fire and used some unethical tactics, too, and what, throw everything we fought for in EDSA I out of the window? Should we turn into what we're trying to defeat just to win?

A Promise to Fulfill



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"The fight for this challenge and other legal matters has long started and will undoubtedly pave an overly long way ahead."

One of the country's most challenging problems is dealing with issues relevant to justice. Starting from the moment I could comprehend and be aware of all the societal dilemmas, I can attest that serving justice in the country is limited to those privileged with status, wealth, family, and fame.

As a result, many Filipinos in the lower to lowest sectors of society do not have access to fair and equal justice. Even though the country is expected to grow profoundly in the next generations in terms of economy, technology, and other areas, justice remains a pitched-black and unknown entity that is difficult to achieve when you are just a typical Filipino.

Since the pandemic began to produce its highest toll and has stayed in the country until now, it is no doubt that even the criminal justice system of the Philippines has shut and continued to run faulty even within the new normal, resulting in a more obtuse and unfair serving of justice to all of the accused and people deprived of liberty.

In congruence with this, the case of an 80-year-old man in Pangasinan

who was accused of stealing mangoes from the tree he planted himself can be remembered. According to the report given by the Asingan Police Department, the complainant claimed that Flores harvested mangoes without the property owner's permission. The law and the process for this case acted swiftly - the 80-year-old Leonardo Flores was immediately sent to jail after the proceedings.

After the mug shot was posted on the official Facebook page of Asingan Police, it went viral and gained most of the netizens' attention, who called out the justice system of the country as biased once again.

Furthermore, most of the netizens' statements fall with the thought that liberty in the country is limited to those who are in power or privileged enough and highlight the politicians who are accused of stealing, corruption, and graft but are freely roaming around and bagging more money as if it was only made for their own sake.

Flores' case isn't the only situation that depicts injustice; hence, countless of them throughout the past administrations are marked as cases

closed without achieving the justice they deserve.

Last June 11, 2022, the Philippines Supreme Court marked its 121st anniversary in service. In line with this, they have proposed higher gears in implementing a more sustainable and precise strategic plan for judiciary innovations. They have sworn to provide and ensure equal access to justice in real-time for all Filipinos. Alexander G. Gesmundo, Chief Justice, affirmed to "remold and transform the courts into consistently efficient and accountable havens for the disadvantaged, the wronged, and the injured."

Throughout history, the Supreme Court's role has been to be the firm, fair, and centralized Philippine Judiciary system that grants fiscal autonomy with equity and the whole truth. Also, this pillar of the constitution is the only and last resort of all Filipinos, despite race,

#DoubleTimePinas: Why Filipinos' needed climate action should be more than the hashtags



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“Time is ticking, and trends may help raise awareness, but it won’t do much without solidarity in collective climate action led by sincere leaders. “

On April 15 this year, at 7 am, the hashtag #LetTheEarthBreath topped Twitter's trending posts as Filipinos joined the worldwide climate protest. Facebook posts raising awareness about the impending catastrophic effects if the world fails to change its ways by 2030 spread like wildfire.

The online protest sparked after over 1,000 scientists from 26 different countries risked arrest for staging protests on April 6, following the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's new report about the possible drastic effects on our climate if we don't highly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, which led to scientists in the United States protesting against JPMorgan Chase — a bank that provides funding to most fossil fuel firms.

That is not the lone instance where hashtags were used for protests and awareness. In November last year, a few days before the finalization of the Philippines' climate plan for COP26 climate talks in Glasgow, Scotland—

environmental groups like Greenpeace PH called for phasing out of fossil fuels through the hashtags #COP26 and #StopFailingUs.

Many Filipinos have been vocal about climate justice and action these recent years. Numerous environmental groups sprouted, with their own advocacies and outcries at heart. The buzzing online community often joins the digital call for donations and urgent response whenever calamities hit. A root cause for all of these may be the fact that the Philippines is one of the most vulnerable countries to the climate crisis occurring today and in the next 10-30 years.

The effects of the climate crisis are already felt by the nation—more specifically by the vulnerable sectors. Take the fact that climate change increased global temperatures, resulting in stronger typhoons—and one of those is Typhoon Yolanda. The super typhoon hit the Visayas group of islands on November 8, 2013 — leaving a total of 2,146,341 families or

9,923,378 persons affected in 9 regions — and up to this date, some areas are still recovering.

Another fact is considering that Antarctic Icebergs melt because of global warming, which associates some Asian countries' shorelines facing threats of water submersion, including the Philippines. Today, the manifesto of the threat can already be seen. In some areas of Northwestern Bulacan, some barangays suffer from occasional high tides, leaving homes rarely dry.

The worsening effects were also heightened in the Philippines, as illegal loggers and business owners' operations were left unstopped, resulting in deforestation, displacement of indigenous communities, and exploitation of their land for

Filipinos' distress over the sky-high inflation rate



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Numbers tell the truth. That is why the "6.1%" should not be neglected by the government. Our economy is at risk of depleting.

This year seems to be tough for Filipinos. A lot had happened in just months. They are suffering and complaining because of the high price of goods and transportation services in the past months caused by inflation.

As of today, the Philippines is experiencing a rapid increase in the inflation rate. From 3.0%, it doubled to 6.1% as the second half of 2022 entered. This number continues to increase to 6.4% as of July. It is massively crazy from the previous years. Funny how the President of the Philippines disagreed with the numbers. But the results are showing even worse than expected.

The country's high inflation rate dramatically affects the Philippine economy. It started when the Russian-Ukraine war affected the demand for oil all over the world. Surging fuel prices have weakened the Philippine peso, causing a dollar exchange rate of more than 56 pesos. It indicates the prices of

goods and services in the Philippines are high. The jeepney and other transportation groups are asking for higher fares because of the high fuel price. Today, the minimum fare for a jeepney is 11 pesos and may continue to increase.

More and more Filipinos are in a "food-poor" situation. From the recent survey of Social Weather Stations, 34% or 8.7 million families considered themselves poor and unable to afford food because of inflation. There is news that "Pandesal," which is known as one of the staple foods of Filipinos, is at risk of a price hike. Imagine from 2 pesos it will rise to 8 to 10 pesos. Shortages of the supply of food became a factor, also increasing the price of it. Don't you think Filipino families will still afford it? Of course not. Considering the data and numbers gathered, it is alarming to invalidate the situation Filipinos are facing.

The only call of Filipinos is help

and a solution from the government to overcome this situation. Not all Filipinos are privileged to have a complete meal everyday nor to own a car for transportation. Some still go through highs and lows to provide for their families, despite most Filipinos' low salaries.

The only question most Filipinos ask is when this suffering will end. Even the government does not know the answer. Yes, this is a very challenging time for everyone, especially the new Marcos administration. This situation shows how vulnerable our country is. The power inflation holds massively affects the Philippines. Numbers tell the truth. That is why the "6.1%" should not be neglected by the government. Our economy is at risk of depleting. More and more

The Identity of Philippine Education



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"People have clamored that the education system lacks in many ways: poor comprehension, inadequate mathematics proficiency, and substandard communication skills."

The talks about the K-12 curriculum revision garnered mixed reviews from the people online. This juxtaposing situation highlights the Filipinos' view on education, that it is a must, a one-way ticket to success, or an object of vanity.

In the Philippines, education is mainly viewed as a means to escape poverty and only a privilege for the well-off at the same time. They're both proud and condescending. When someone graduates college, expect to see a congratulatory tarpaulin. And with the congratulations comes the spite and comparison; comparison of schools, courses, and ranking. If the school is not well-known, it doesn't matter; if the program is not lucrative, it doesn't matter; if the rank is not a Latin honor, it doesn't matter.

There have been backlashes about how Filipino schools are basically diploma mills, churning out subpar graduates. This came into view after people saw the number of Latin honor awardees during the past years in comparison to the pre-Covid era. There have been multiple comparisons between Filipino students and the neighboring countries, with Taiwanese

and Singaporean students being praised worldwide. People have clamored that the education system lacks in many ways: poor comprehension, inadequate mathematics proficiency, and substandard communication skills.

For a developing country, the Philippines barely knows how to make and use its competent graduates. A study conducted by the Trends in International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS) in 2019 showed that the Philippines scored "significantly lower". And there's also the aforementioned World Bank report stating that the crisis in Philippine education started pre-Covid 19 and has been made worse by the pandemic.

Both the TIMSS study and the WB report indicated that the majority of Filipino students are below the minimum baseline. Furthermore, the WB report also said that 80 percent of the children do not know what they should know in school. The reports show that the years students spend in school produce minuscule, dismissable results, even.

In stark contrast, there are also those who believe that a diploma is not the only way to be successful.

Citing people like Steve Jobs and Bill Gates, they would say that it's all about "diskarte" (resourcefulness). These people think that opportunities and talents are equal between individuals.

After WB published its findings, former Education Secretary Leonor Briones rejected the claims, saying that the report used outdated information. She later demanded a public apology over the "insulting" account.

But it seems that Senator Win Gatchalian has opposing views with the former secretary regarding the quality of education in the Philippines. Senator Gatchalian seeks to declutter the current K-12 curriculum and focus on improving students' reading and math skills. Thus, prodding the Department of Education (DepEd) to review the current curriculum.

DepEd has had a tumultuous start with the lack of classrooms,

Culture of Accountability over Cancel Culture



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"Rather than being ready to cancel someone, we should discuss the matter directly, address their faults, teach them why that behavior is wrong, and then let them apologize and expect it never to happen again."

Since the election started, the word "canceled" has become extremely common within the past few months, especially here in our country. Cancel culture is a modern form of ostracism in which someone is thrust out of social or professional circles. This can be done online, in person, and most often on social media.

It is now perfectly acceptable for anyone to put themselves in a situation where they could be canceled. But, we all have various perspectives on life, different choices to make, and different situations to deal with. That's why it doesn't matter what the majority thinks; anyone has the right to pick a side. Since we have the right to be understood and heard, we have the right to voice our ideas and criticize a situation or a system. However, cancel culture has taught people the potential ramifications of having a different opinion.

Cancel culture is defined as "the withdrawal of support for public figures in response to their objectionable behavior or opinions". It amounts to online bullying, which can cause

anxiety and depression and incite violence and threats even worse than the original offense being called out. It is not productive and does not result in social change. Furthermore, cancel culture is a slippery slope that leads to intolerance in democratic societies, as people systematically exclude anyone who disagrees with them.

Cancellation is a widespread online phenomenon. Because of its nature, it must exist within public discourse to have full effect. Given that it occurs among members of various internet communities, tailoring cancellations on a case-by-case basis appears unlikely.

One of the reasons that the cancel culture should be stopped is that not everything that is canceled by the majority should be canceled, especially if the situation being criticized does not see anything terrible, such as in the case of one of Tiktok's content creators, Mark Averilla, also known as "Macoy Dubs," on his viral "Aunt Julie" content due to the internet's cancel culture. Averilla stated that he is still creating content for the aforementioned social media platforms. Furthermore, he said

his content is not intended to brag but to spread positive vibes on social media.

There is no reason to cancel anything and everyone who did not understand that their actions were wrong at the time. As a society, we must teach others what is wrong and why it is terrible if it isn't apparent. We should not be so eager to shut others down and cancel their reputations but rather keep them accountable, so they do not repeat their mistakes.

Accountability culture is the opposite of Cancel Culture. In accountability culture, people at all levels of any organization or society are individually dedicated to attaining significant results set by society. It acknowledges and corrects people's wrongdoings that degrade our society. As a society, we need an accountability culture to confront issues and teach people why their acts are undesirable

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I could go on and on about what happened and where the campaign turned south, but, in reality, it is what it is. Marcos won, and he'll be president for the next six years. If he doesn't do his job and we get another term of bad governance, which I hope won't happen, but probably will, then it is what it is.

We need to learn how this situation came to be, where the government is filled with politicians with known terrible track records. If the Marcos administration fails over the next six years, we need to learn how it happened and how we can avoid it in the future. We were unable to do it with Duterte, and we can't afford to fail again when things go wrong in the government again.

He won not just through propaganda but also because the Philippines wasn't ready yet. We are a small country that has only been standing on its own for less than a hundred years. We aren't that mature yet, which shows in how we live our daily lives and how we choose our leaders. It shows in how we don't know our history and how we might be bound to repeat its darkest chapters. It might be the loss we need for us to figure out who we truly are as a nation.

However, it may very well be already too late. We should have learned already. Knowing who we are and our history is not enough if this loss will be the last straw. It's up to us to make sure it isn't. It's up to us to ensure that the fire in our hearts keeps burning not just during the elections, but all the time, for ourselves and all Filipinos to enjoy well-deserved good governance.

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status, age, and other known standards, as long as they seek justice.

The promise of commitment to a more accessible and open system of equality shall be fulfilled in no time; hence, countless Filipinos, especially the poor and marginalized, are long anticipating for this injustice to have its end. The fight for this challenge and other legal matters has long started and will undoubtedly pave an overly long way ahead. Consequently, it is the perfect time to stand with democracy and be vigilant to their commitments and summons not only for the better good of the country but also to our countrymen.

All Filipinos should take part in solidarity with our united hopes and admiration that all the men and women that serve as the resemblance of freedom and justice will continue to perform their duties and responsibilities and accomplish it following their mandate equipped with moral, integrity, and wisdom.

The fight for this matter and other legal matters has long started, and those who shed light on this matter will have countless paths to take ahead before finally achieving a fair and equitable justice system in the country.

Filipinos' distress over the sky-high inflation rate

Filipinos are suffering from this never-ending inflation rising. Prices

go higher and higher than expected. May this be a wake-up call for the government to take action immediately. As for the President, may the promise of a better country he promised be fulfilled for the welfare of Filipino citizens.

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urbanization. Not only that, but the farmers also lack governmental support and continuously suffer from climate change — as La Nino and La Nina seasons last longer, creating more damage to their harvest.

With only some of the effects mentioned above, as a nation in threat of more calamities and loss—what can we do? What more can the internet capital of the world do aside from the short-lasting online trends and hashtags?

Though still unexpected from a nation in chase of urban progress — it labels its environmental defenders as communists and honors toxic resiliency. Also, there may be no perfect recipe for effective climate action, but if the nation can commit to prioritizing the environment—from those in power to the most vulnerable and impoverished population—drastic changes will form.

Time is ticking, and trends may help raise awareness, but it won't do much without solidarity in collective

climate action led by sincere leaders. It's time to call for every Filipino's participation, listen to the voice of our indigenous people and vulnerable population, transition to using renewable energy, and push the leaders of all responsible sectors, more importantly, the government.

As long as the country is continuously falling under the rat race of the capitalist system; maintaining a deaf ear and blind eye over the climate crisis of today; reigned by a leader who lacks dedication in his heart to fight for his nation's climate justice and a concrete plan for its environmental progress—the Filipinos will remain stuck in the loop of advocacy outcries, choiceless resiliency, loss of lives, agricultural and livestock damage—and worst, jumping to evanescent trends that does little for our climate, and on safeguarding the future generations.

The Philippine Education's Identity

overworked teachers, and questions about the education quality. And yet, the decision-makers in the education sector decided that uniforms are one of their biggest dilemmas. It made student identification more difficult.

According to the department, uniforms add to the cost that parents have to think about. This train of thought encourages people to buy new clothes, defeating the purpose. But not only are school uniforms only a fraction of the total expenditure, but they also eliminate decision fatigue and division among the students.

The sentiments of negativity

towards the K-12 curriculum is that the extra two years are costly and irrelevant. These people find that the additional years only amount to more fees rather than more knowledge and experience.

There have been multiple ways that the government has effectively tried to make education more viable for the lower income students: the Educational Service Contracting (ESC), Tertiary Education Subsidy (TES), Senior High School Voucher Program (SHS VP), and the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act. Still, education is seen as expensive.

The transition towards the K-12 curriculum promised senior high school graduates would be trained for the workforce and could join afterward. But companies still seek college graduates for their employees, making it seem that a diploma is the only guarantee of quality. People felt like they were cheated on by the former administration, when, in fact, those additional years were crucial in the change between high school and college. The Philippines used to squeeze lessons that would take 12 years into ten years. The additional two years decongested the classes being taught.

The Philippines is already behind in the quality of education. Various topics were just glossed over just to catch up with the curriculum map. This method hinders students' capabilities to hone their skills, have the time to adapt, and truly realize that the subject is something they might be interested in.

The conflicting views of the Filipinos, whether it'd be the

government or the general public, makes it seem that education is but a mere afterthought. In turn, the lessons that are supposed to guide the students to society become nothing but spam messages.

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rather than simply shutting them out. Unless it is evident that a person deliberately did what they've done, it will always be accountability culture over cancel culture.

Filipinos are notorious for finding information about people and using it to destroy their entire reputation in seconds. Many of us still have much catching up to do and cannot distinguish between what is objectionable and what is not. Rather than being ready to cancel someone, we should discuss the matter directly, address their faults, teach them why that behavior is wrong, and then let them apologize and expect it never to happen again.

The way society debates and converses will continue to change. "Cancel culture" is a relatively new phenomenon as well. Holding people accountable for their beliefs and actions is essential to any community, even if this new method has flaws.

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IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY IN PHILADELPHIA: DARK ARGUMENTS IN THE SUN

By Red Johnpaul Cruz

It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia, or simply Sunny, is a polarizing sitcom. For the inhibited or conservative, you'll be shocked when you watch Sunny, with its unforgiving dialogue that, while uncomfortable to watch at times, is a really big part of why it's so good.

It's not a goody-two-shoes type of sitcom where it's just friends hanging around a coffee shop or the basement, where they just parade their friendship and love for each other all the time.

Charlie, Mac, Dee, and Dennis hang out all the time, but they are far from being wholesome, nice people.

Sunny is a TV show that goes against

what people think sitcoms should be. It's both funny and polarizing, even offensive at times, but it pulls through and attracts a huge number of both fans and skeptics.

Even with the polarizing and offensive nature of the gang, Sunny can get away with it because it's genuinely funny in a very underrated way. It puts the dark arguments that need to be talked about by today's society, which people mostly avoid, exposed in sunny Philly.

It can do this without putting people off

because Sunny pulls it off by making you question how society works while also getting laughs out of it.

It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia is a great TV show. If you just want laughs out of a sitcom

without being put in uncomfortable situations, then, by all means, avoid Sunny.

But, if you want a sitcom that makes you laugh but can also make you think, It's Always Sunny In Philadelphia is a sitcom that's

enjoyable in so many ways, even on the darkest levels of society.



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“DOGSHOW”: THE HUMOR AND WIT OF FILIPINO’S NEWEST INTERNET SLANG

By Jian Zharese Joeis Sanz

The Philippines’ social media community has added “dog show” to their slang vocabulary. The slang, originally used by Sassa Gurl, a verified TikTok content creator, first referred to the friendly teasing of her followers. Since Filipinos, particularly Millennials and Gen Z are adept at following trends—the word is now used as another internet slang, on various social media platforms’ conversation topics.

Philippines’ witty nation has found the newest slang useful for the flexible humor of the Filipinos and as a light way to call out

politicians and educate people. K-pop stans and followers of content creators use the term to describe the teasing of their idols, and it is now usual to read the word from a friend’s message whose photo was turned into a meme. In contrast, the politically participative youths are also using the word to refer to posts that subtly call out the uncompetitive and corrupt

politicians of the country—a more peaceful way than to argue.

Considering the continuous generation of slang words—Filipinos seem to have a remarkable wit for using the most typical words humorously. It is proof of our deep affection for our language and our country’s reputation as the “Text and Net capital of the world”. Truly, the Filipino language is alive, kicking, and getting stronger each day—and with every creation of another slang word serves as an extension of the life of our culture’s soul, the Filipino language.





Shame Shame

Confidence is one of the greatest things humans can weaponize to conquer the world. Or just simply live peacefully and sound. Alongside knowledge and skill, confidence can bring out the best version of ourselves. It will open a lot of doors for opportunities, and can make our anticipated dreams happen. It takes a lot of courage, time, and effort to gradually build up their confidence.

But, on the other side of the building, it can only take one

sentence, or even a word, to shatter and tear it down. No matter how tall the building is.

Nowadays, it's only one click away to voice out our opinion to the whole population of the world. We say things about someone or something that we know by soul or by name, or even don't know at all. If we like a certain person's hair or we dislike their outfit. We say things without blinking. Words are that powerful that we often forget how to use them properly. Maybe it's not too personal for you, but you will never know how much it will affect them.

For example is the thing called "aesthetic-shaming" where people drag down other people's sense of fashion. Mocking their outfits like it's a crime to dress the way they want. Fashion is supposed to be a

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By Lorilie Perez

way of expressing their perspective, basically an art. It wouldn't hurt to appreciate someone's OOTD. In fact, if you compliment them, you might make their day brighter than gloomy. Isn't it nice?

Of course, I'm not implying that giving and receiving criticism is prohibited, it's all situational. You can make the call. But when it comes to people's choices and likes that wouldn't affect and violate human rights, maybe think twice, or more, before spitting our expensive and valuable opinion. Because if we will put them in the world of shame for a reason that we don't share the same sentiments about fashion, study habits, or favorite TV series, aren't you shameless? Like, what a shame. Shame on you.



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Stars

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In the middle of the night,
Look at the stars that bright
It won't give your needs
But it can heal your heart that bleeds

Yet they have different sizes
Different level of brightness
But every star can heal your maim
And that's how they become the same

Don't let the darkness gives you lethargy
Instead, look at the stars that will give you energy
Because in every darkest night
There's always a light

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Sa Kabilang Banda

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Nang sumapit ang pandemya
Kaliwa' t-kanan ang mga
namomoblema
Mayroong mga nawalan ng
trabaho, mga naghihintay ng
sweldo,
Mga nauuhaw, at mga pumapanaw
Ngunit sa kabilang banda, ang
mga taong ito nagagawa pa rin
maging masaya

Sa kabilang banda, salamat sa
teknolohiya,
Sa pagkakaroon ng social media
Na sa gitna ng pandemya,

Nalilibang ang madla
At ang bawat isa kahit papaano, ay
sumasaya

Ngunit, sa kabilang banda,
Hindi rin naman mabuting palaging
isantabi na lamang ang mga
problema
Problemang dapat inaaksyonan, dapat
sinosolusyunan
Sapagkat kung hindi tayo kikilos,
hindi tayo uusad
At hindi tayo magkakaroon ng pag-
unlad

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Ayuda

By: Pilipinas

"Nagugutom na ko inay..."
Sambit ng aking anak na nananamlay
Puso ko' y nahihiimlay
Sa dalang kalbaryong dala ng buhay.

"May bibigay na ayuda..."
Dala-dala nilang balita
Sagot na kaya ito sa aking pagdurusa?
Sana nga, sana nga.

"Salamat po, kapitan..."
Siya ang aking nalapitan
Pagtingin ko' y isang libo' t limang daan
Kasya kaya ito sa hapagkainan?

Mahirap maging mahirap
Lalo sa pandemyang kinakaharap
Ano pa kayang magaganap?
Sa aking hinaharap.



Gaby

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Taifun-ikka

By: Pilipinas

Two years since the world had stop
From the virus that caused it all
Massive outbreaks, endless chaos
Will there be any hope at all?

Sleepless nights and tiring days
Exhausted frontliners fighting until this
age
Yes, they are fighting with us
To give hope until the end.

They are the sunshine after the rain
The hope that we are hoping for
The fighter of this endless chaos
We thank you, frontliners!

Sixth S3nse goes two-peat as they take 11th IT Congress Mobile Legends championship

👤 Sheryl Jane Bajar

Sixth S3nse won against Nightmarish Ph during the Grand Finals of the 11th IT Congress Mobile Legends: Bang Bang tournament, winning the first two games of the best-of-3 series on November 30, 2021.

At the start of the first game, the players engaged in a clash immediately, where Yatoro of Sixth S3nse claimed the first blood. The

game was close until Nightmarish Ph took control of the game by taking down the turrets of Sixth S3nse and leaving them with only one turret in the top lane.

However, Sixth S3nse, the champions last year when they still bore the Supremacy name, showed their pedigree by clawing back and taking the first game.

The second game had a slow

start. There were short clashes, but no one tried to test their luck and push harder until the game reached the 5-minute mark.

The game took longer than usual, with six lords being summoned before the match ended after 37 mins, as Sixth S3nse claimed their two-peat championship.

Winnable sweeps BLT 2-0 to become Valorant champions in the 11th IT Congress

👤 Lance Larit and Janella Christine Carrillo

The Society for the Welfare of the Information Technology Students launched the Grand Finals of their Valorant tournament on the 2nd day of the IT Congress with the theme “Panorama: The Wide Projection of Technology” on November 30, 2021.

The Valorant Finals decision of winners was best-of-3 between team Winnable facing off Team BLT. Team BLT is composed of Envy, mAtz, i am a dino rawrr, Limits, Schmickzwer, and Winnable is composed of OnlyKnife, ASR Randgris, Calvin, LZK Venzee, Earnzzy.

Team BLT was defending for the first game in Haven. They showed off their aggressive gameplay, whereas Team BLT solidified their position with their defensive play.

Team Winnable showcased why they were last year's champions early on with their wins and the Team Ace in the final round. Team Winnable won the first game with a 13-5 score. The MVP for the first round was im a dino rawr from BLT with a 21/14/2 KDA.

Game 2 was in Icebox with BLT as the defending team. BLT dominated most of the rounds with their clutches and wins and the ace from Envy.

ASR Randgris gained recognition for his unique satchels and later earned an Ace as he was fired up mid-game, helping his team claw back the deficit to just 3-8. In the penultimate round, the match became a 1v1 between a dino rawrr and OnlyKnife. In the end, OnlyKnife won even with i am a dino rawrr at an off-angle.

The winner was determined after Team Winnable won two matches to become the tournament's champions. After close rounds, the score was 12-6 for the second game, with Envy as the MVP with 19/14/2 KDA.



CICT'S DOUBLE ACE CHAMP: THE STORY OF A PHENOMENAL TALENT

By Janella Christine L. Carrillo

With basketball being the most played and popular sport in the Philippines

for almost a million decades now since it was first introduced in 1910, an exceptional player can hardly avoid the fame and adoration of fans especially if a particular athlete is indeed exceptional and has left an indelible mark and blazing performance in the court; and a BSIT student under Business Analytics track, Raven Kamyl Sarita certainly was. Her surname and jersey number (06) was always a “buzz” in the week-long university-wide Intramurals last 2019, and the entire student body who have the chance to watch her games have much to say about her impeccable skills in basketball.

There has always been a solid connection between Raven Sarita and the sport she always loved. A pro at heart and a master of skills and tactics on the court, Sarita has been inclined to play basketball since the age of 10. Although her early years were just casual games with her cousins she started playing systematically during her senior year. Not to mention, that she was a volleyball player during her junior

year but changed to basketball as she thinks she has more potential in the latter. She'd always been the type to give her all with every game, and it is evident when she won every basketball set she played and received the athlete of the year awards during her SHS graduation with a standing ovation, which she states is her most memorable achievement in her chosen career.

It is undeniable that it takes a lot to be the CICT's double ace champ and the year's all-time best. Yet despite her notable achievements and dashing dribbling and shooting techniques, balancing her massive training and academics has always been the biggest hurdle for her as well as the pandemic in the country. Sarita said the pandemic stopped her from playing casually and in the varsity. Although all the courts were closed, she never stopped her routine as a player. Her father even built a basketball ring for her to continue to hone her shootings. All these tests do not deter her from pursuing basketball and remaining true to her passion.

Her challenges along the way are

her major push to more aspirations as she dreamed of stepping foot into a higher-leveled court. Sarita had the opportunity to attend training under Jolo Tamayo, a trainer of different PBA players for free. One can even say that her feet are close to touching the big leagues.

The legacy she had given to the CICT community in terms of basketball continues to write and speak for itself. “Keep practicing, keep going; even though the results may not show immediately, all your efforts are worth it. Keep pursuing your dreams and aim high!” left those encouraging words to her student-athletes.



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MULTIPLATFORM EMULATORS

by Sean Maverick Del Fonso

JOHN GBAC



- An emulator that supports Gameboy, Gameboy Color and Gameboy Advance.
- It has support for Save states, hardware controller, fast forward, slow motion, cheat codes and rom hacks and you can upload your saves via cloud.

MELON DS



- an emulator for DS which has support for different screen views, rom hacks and cheat codes, save states, gamepad support, fast-forward and customizable screen controller layout and background.

SKYLINE EMULATOR



- is a new emulator for the Nitendo Switch. It is currently in its early stages and such only few games are still able to run
- In its early stages, it supports the switch's docked and handheld mode, displays performance statistics, on-screen controls and support for multiple external gamepads. At the moment, most 2D games are the only ones playable but the list of support for more complex games are getting longer.

DOLPHIN



- an emulator for the Gamecube and Wii.
- It supports all the hardware features of both the platform and can connect multiple gamepads. It also has support for many features such as save states and external gamepads.

DUCKSTATION



- an emulator for the Play Station 1
- some features that it supports are on-screen controls, multiple save states, multiple gamepads, graphics enhancements, Retro achievements, and memory card editor
- A good hardware is needed for graphics enhancements such resolution upscaling.
- A bios ROM is required for it to work which can be dump from a Play Station 1 console.