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ABOUT UPAA-NL

The University of the Philippines -The Netherlands Chapter, (UPAA-NL) is an independent association (“vereniging”) of UP alumni residing, working or studying in The Netherlands. It was founded in 1992 and re-established in 2006. It is duly accredited by the UP Office of Alumni Relations in accordance with the constitution and by-laws of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association, Inc.

FOREWORD

In 2017, UPAA-NL entered its second decade of existence. During this year the organisation selected to support a project for UP Los Baños. The project is aimed to promote science to the general public. For the coming year, UPAA-NL aims continue supporting UP Los Baños in the second phase of the science promotion project.

PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN 2017

UP Los Baños Physics Laboratory Project. - For 2017, UPAA-NL choose to donate equipment to the Physics department of UP Los Baños Rural High School, which currently does not have its own laboratory and presently makes use of the Physics laboratory of the UPLB College of Arts and Sciences. The Project is has two phases that can be spread over two to four years. For Phase I, UPAA-NL has expressed its interest in providing funds to buy the first set of equipment. After the laboratory is in place, UP Los Baños Rural High School plans to present a mobile physics exhibit open to the general public.

Participation in Filipino Community events. UPAA-NL was invited by the Philippine Embassy to two general meetings for the Filipino community in The Netherlands. The two meetings took place in March and November 2017. One representative from UPAA-NL attended the meetings. During the said gatherings, held on March 17 and November 10, the Embassy informed the attendees of its achievements the past year as well as the plans of the Embassy for the rest of the year. The meeting gave UPAA-NL the opportunity to network with other Philippine-related associations. During the year, UPAA-NL members were able to join a number of Filipino Community events hosted by the Philippine Embassy. These are a concert by renowned pianist Raul Sunico, food event Kulinarya, and a film showing at the ASEAN Film Festival. Attending the events allowed for more networking opportunities for UPAA-NL.

Communication with the UP community. As a fruit of UPAA-NL’s continuing efforts to get involved with the UP community, a number of UPAA-NL members had a lunch meeting with UP Diliman Chancellor Michael Tan in May 2017. Through this meeting, UPAA-NL was able to introduce itself, its projects and activities during the past 10 years. Moreover, in connection with the search for its next project, UPAA-NL was able to expand its contacts to different UP branches that may be useful in the future. Meetings with UP alumni associations outside of the Netherlands were also held.



FUNDRAISING

To provide funding for the UP Los Baños Physics Laboratory Project, UPAA-NL held an event “Binggohan at Bonggahan Para sa Siyensya”, a Bingo fundraising event. It was held last September 16, 2017, from 12:00 to 17:00, at the Wijkcentrum Stervoorde in Rijswijk. More than 100 participants joined the event. Shirley Banquisio, Charge d’Affaires of the Philippine Embassy, gave a speech on behalf of Ambassador Ledda. The prizes given out were a grand prize of €500 in cash, cash prizes in smaller amounts and consolation prizes donated by UPAA-NL members and friends of UPAA-NL. The event was considered a success. It was well-organised and UPAA-NL’s profit goal was achieved.

ORGANISATION

UPAA-NL’s business address is Dieze 61, 5032 XG, Tilburg, The Netherlands. It is registered at the Kamer van Koophandel. From 1 January 2014, the Executive Committee is composed of the following persons:

President: Joselito Baleva

Secretary: Bituen Hidalgo

Treasurer: Ave Baxa

The annual General Assembly Meeting was held on April 8, 2017. In addition to this, four meetings were held in 2017, in The Hague. Minutes are available for all these meetings.

CLOSING REMARKS

In 2017, UPAA-NL has expressed its commitment to support the science-oriented project of UP Los Banos. This is complimentary to the projects already done by the organisation. Activity-wise, UPAA-NL ventured in a new form of fund-raising activity, a Bingo event. This enhanced the fund-raising experience of the organisation. Moreover, members of UPAA-NL joined more activities organised by the Philippine Embassy in The Hague.

UPAA-NL’s looks forward to continuing its efforts in being a positive contributor to UP and the Filipino community in The Netherlands. The organisation thanks its success the past decade to the generous support of its partners in businesses, academic institutions and individuals. UPAA-NL also recognizes the efforts of its members in soliciting donations, selling tickets for its activities and doing the legwork in communicating with UP and the Filipino community.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

UPAA-NL Activities and Projects from 2006 to 2017

Projects:

- *UP Los Baños Rural High School Physics Laboratory and Mobile Exhibition (2017 – present).* To support UP Los Baños Rural High School in buying equipment for its own physics laboratory, UPAA-NL organised a Bingo event. The Project has two phases, both involving the purchase of laboratory equipment. Phase I involves the acquisition of the prioritised laboratory equipment. For this Phase I, UPAA-NL is currently coordinating with UP Los Baños in the purchase of the laboratory equipment.
- *Donate A Book to UP Tacloban (2014 – 2015).* To help UP Tacloban in rebuilding its library, UPAA-NL organised a book donation drive. Books were collected from various sources in the Netherlands. A total of 1,405 books were sent. UPV Tacloban estimated the value of the books it received to be PHP 1.3 million or approximately €25,000.
- *Support for students affected by Typhoon Haiyan (2013).* In November 2013, typhoon Haiyan (local name Yolanda) drastically affected the lives of the many students enrolled in the different campuses of UP Visayas. UPAA-NL decided without hesitation to assist the students. Through contacts in UP Diliman, UPAA-NL donated funds to address the immediate and basic needs of these students (cross-registrants in UP Diliman). The UPAA-NL donations were given to the “One Stop Shop” (€750) and to the “Meals” of the UP students affected by typhoon Haiyan (€190).
- *Digitisation of the UP Main Library (2007 – 2012).* The UPAA-NL raised € 20,000.00 for four server units and the structured cabling of the Main Library building to upgrade and enhance the capability of the University of the Philippines Library Systems in providing students, faculty members, staff of all university constituents and outside researchers the best possible access to information they need in support of instruction, research and extension.

Major Activities:

- *2017: Bingohan at Bonggahan para sa Siyensya.* In the spirit of supporting its latest project and at the same time organising a totally different event, UPAA-NL held the fundraising event involving a Bingo afternoon accompanied with a small market for selling Filipino goods and food. This was held in the afternoon of September 16, 2017 in a community center in Rijswijk.
- *2016: UPAA-NL 10th Anniversary Celebration.* UPAA-NL celebrated its 10th year since its re-establishment in 2006. The anniversary was celebrated with an outdoor event for its members. It was held in Oostende, Belgium, on 24th of August 2016.
- *2015: “English Only Please” - a Movie Gala On Board the ss Rotterdam.* One of UPAA-NL’s goal is to promote Philippine culture and arts. This fundraising event was attended by over 150 guests. The movie gala was held in the afternoon of September 28, 2015 in Rotterdam. The film “English Only Please” is a Philippine award-winning romantic comedy film produced by Atty. Joji Alonso, a fellow UP alumna. After the film showing at the ss Rotterdam Theater, a concert and raffle



prize draw was held at the Queen's Lounge. Nine sales booths were present. Raffle prizes were given away, with as grand prize an overnight stay at the ss Rotterdam.

- *2014: Strike for a Scholar, an Open Bowling Tournament.* In August 2014, UPAA-NL held a sports event, to benefit University of the Philippines students affected by typhoon Haiyan. More than 100 participants joined the afternoon of bowling at Bowling Scheveningen at Gevers Deynootweg in The Hague.
- *2013: Harana't Piyesta.* With more than 150 guests and 20 stalls ("marktkramen"), UPAA-NL celebrated "Harana't Piyesta" - a Filipino feast with music, food and drinks. In the afternoon of the 28th of September 2013 at the Church of Our Saviour in The Hague, guests were treated to a "Harana" - a concert of Philippine and Western classical, pop and hiphop music and dance. In the Church Atrium, the "Piyesta" went on. Philippine specialties and goods were sold in an indoor market.
- *2012: A Uniquely Pleasurable Afternoon of Music: Volunteers for Volunteers.* With the help of amateur musicians who volunteered to perform and with the support from generous sponsors and friends, a successful concert was staged in The Hague at the Hogeschool Helicon in 16th of September 2012. The matinee concert of light classical music was enjoyed by a hundred guests in a fully packed concert hall.
- *2011: Umindak sa Pier!* On 28th of August 2011, UPAA-NL held a successful fundraising summer party in De Pier Restaurant at Scheveningen, The Hague. More than a hundred guests enjoyed the buffet dinner, unlimited drinks, dancing and raffle draw. The dinner guests were treated to song and dance performances.
- *2010: Jonathan Badon – Concert in The Hague.* On 18 June 2010, UPAA-NL proudly presented "The Philippines' Prince of Operatic-Pop" Jonathan Badon In Concert. An audience of more than 100 gathered in a fully-packed "Rode Zaal" auditorium of the Hogeschool Helicon in The Hague. Funds raised during this event were used for the fulfilment of its pledge to the University's Main Library.
- *2007: "Patikim" - a dinner to remember.* In September 2007, the UPAA-NL held "Patikim" a fund-raising event which featured Philippine culture. The event, held in the residence of the Philippine Ambassador to The Netherlands Romeo Arguelles, started with a piano concert of Adolovni Acosta. This was followed by a dinner featuring Philippine cuisine. Restaurateurs Romy Dorotan and Amy Besa took charge of the dinner. More than fifty guests were present.



UPAA-NL members in this year's "Bingohan at Bonggahan" fund-raising event. September 16, 2018. Rijswijk.