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## ABOUT UPAA-NL

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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 bylaws of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association, Inc.

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## FOREWORD

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In 2018, UPAA-NL celebrated its 12th anniversary since its re-establishment in 2006. During this year the organisation continued to support a project for UP Los Baños (UPLB) by funding the purchase of equipment for the physics laboratory of UP Rural High School. The project's goal is to give the high school its own laboratory and promote science to the general public. UPAA-NL aims to continue supporting UPLB for the third instalment of the physics laboratory equipment in 2019.

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## PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN 2018

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*UP Rural High School physics laboratory project.* In 2017 and 2018, UPAA-NL donated, in two instalments, equipment to the Physics Department of UP Rural High School. Before this project, the high school did not have its own laboratory and made use of the physics laboratory of the UPLB College of Arts and Sciences. The project is divided into several instalments spread over two to four years. UPAA-NL succeeded in providing funds to buy the equipment requested for. Once the laboratory is in place, UP Rural High School plans to present a mobile physics exhibit open to the general public.

*Forum: Philippine Indigenous People's Voices for Climate Justice.* For the first time, UPAA-NL co-organised a forum open to the public. The forum was held on 24 September at Erasmus University Rotterdam International Institute of Social Studies (EUR-IISS) in The Hague. The discussion was led by two experts in the field, Abigail Anongos of the Cordillera People's Alliance and Andrea Malaya Ragragio, a PhD student at Leiden University and an assistant professor at UP Mindanao. There were 40 attendees, mostly researchers on the plight of indigenous peoples and graduate students of EUR-IISS. The forum provided a good means of informing the public of the developments in the Philippines as well as a venue to interact with members of the academe in the Netherlands.

*Participation in Filipino community events.* UPAA-NL was invited by the Philippine Embassy to two general meetings, in March and in October, for the Filipino community in the Netherlands. One representative from UPAA-NL attended the meetings. The meetings gave UPAA-NL the opportunity to inform the Philippine community leaders of the latest achievements of UPAA-NL, network with other Philippine-related associations, and thank them for supporting UPAA-NL's activities and projects in the past year. UPAA-NL members were able to join a number of (how many?) Filipino community events hosted by the Philippine Embassy. Attending the events allowed for more networking opportunities for UPAA-NL and its members.

*Communication with the UP community.* In connection with the continuation of its project with UPLB, UPAA-NL continued close coordination with representatives of UPLB and UP Rural High School. Informal meetings with members of UP alumni associations outside of the Netherlands were also held.



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## FUNDRAISING

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To provide funding for the second batch of equipment under the UP Rural High School physics laboratory project, UPAA-NL held Halloween Boo-ling in the afternoon of 10 November at the Bowling Scheveningen in The Hague. One hundred twenty players and some non-playing guests were present. The event was opened by Ma. Theresa Alders, consul at the Philippine Embassy. Ambassador Jaime Victor Ledda of the Philippine Embassy led the awarding ceremony and gave the closing speech. Numerous prizes were given out, including those donated by friends of UPAA-NL. The event also featured a Halloween costume competition, special activities for children including *pabitin*, and Philippine food sale by Toko4All. Several guests expressed their interest in participating again in the next UPAA-NL bowling competition. UPAA-NL's profit goal was achieved.

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## ORGANISATION

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UPAA-NL's business address is Dieze 61, 5032 XG, Tilburg, The Netherlands. It has been registered with the Kamer van Koophandel since 2006. Since 1 January 2017, the Executive Committee has been composed of the following persons:

President: Joselito Baleva

Secretary: Bituen Hidalgo

Treasurer: Avelina Baxa

The annual General Assembly Meeting was held on 7 April. In addition, two regular meetings were held in The Hague. Minutes are available for all these meetings. The Executive Committee also met in between the General Assembly and regular meetings.

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## CLOSING REMARKS

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In 2018, UPAA-NL continued to support the science-oriented project of UP Rural High School. This is complimentary to the projects already done by the organisation. Activity-wise, UPAA-NL held its second bowling tournament; the first one was in 2014. It is a popular event and is a proven way to generate funds and promote goodwill among UPAA-NL members and their network. This year also saw the first public forum co-organised by UPAA-NL. Moreover, members of UPAA-NL participated in various activities organised by the Philippine Embassy in The Hague.

UPAA-NL looks forward to continuing its efforts in being a positive contributor to UP and the Filipino community in the Netherlands. The organisation recognises the generous support of its partners in businesses, academic institutions, and individuals in the success of its projects and activities. UPAA-NL also acknowledges 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

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### **UPAA-NL Activities and Projects from 2006 to 2018**

#### **Projects:**

- *UP Rural High School Physics Laboratory and Mobile Exhibition (2017 – present).* To support UP Rural High School in buying equipment for its own physics laboratory, UPAA-NL organised a bowling competition in 2018 and a bingo event in 2017. The project has several phases involving the purchase of laboratory equipment. UPAA-NL has successfully funded the acquisition of the prioritised laboratory equipment. The purchased equipment has been delivered and is now being used by the students. For 2019, UPAA-NL continues to coordinate with UPLB on the purchase of additional laboratory equipment.
- *Donate A Book to UP Tacloban (2014 – 2015).* To help UP Visayas – Tacloban College (UPVTC) 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. UPVTC estimated the value of the books it received to be PHP1.3 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 many students enrolled in the different campuses of UPV. 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 (i.e. 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).* UPAA-NL raised €20,000 for four server units and the structured cabling of the Main Library building to upgrade and enhance the capability of the UP 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:**

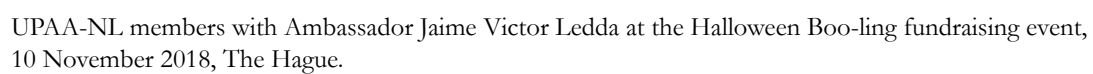
- *2018: Halloween Boo-ling.* To fund the second batch of equipment under the UP Rural High School physics laboratory project, UPAA-NL held a bowling competition called Halloween Boo-ling on 10 November, from 12:00 to 17:00, at the Bowling Scheveningen in The Hague. More than 120 participants and guests attended the event.
- *2017: Bingohan at Bonggaban para sa Siyensya.* In the spirit of supporting its latest project and, at the same time, organising a totally different fundraising event, UPAA-NL held a bingo afternoon accompanied with a small market for selling Filipino goods and food. This was held in the afternoon of 16 September in a community centre in Rijswijk.
- *2016: UPAA-NL 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.* UPAA-NL celebrated its 10th year since its re-establishment in 2006. The anniversary was celebrated with an outdoor event in Oostende, Belgium on 24 August.
- *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 more than 150 guests. The movie gala was held in the afternoon of 28 September 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 Theatre, a concert and raffle prize draw were held at the Queen's Lounge. Nine sales booths were present. Raffle prizes were given away, including an overnight stay at the ss Rotterdam as the grand prize.

- *2014: Strike for a Scholar, an Open Bowling Tournament.* UPAA-NL held a sports event in August to benefit the UP students affected by typhoon Haiyan. More than 100 participants were present at the Bowling Scheveningen 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 28 September at the Church of Our Saviour in The Hague, guests were treated to a *harana*, a concert of Philippine and Western classical, pop, and hip-hop 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 at the Hogeschool Helicon in The Hague on 16 September. The matinee concert of light classical music was enjoyed by a hundred guests in a fully packed concert hall.
- *2011: Umindak sa Pier!* On 28 August, UPAA-NL held a successful fundraising summer party in De Pier Restaurant in 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, UPAA-NL proudly presented the Philippines's "Prince of Operatic Pop," Jonathan Badon, in concert. An audience of more than 100 gathered in the Rode Zaal auditorium of the Hogeschool Helicon in The Hague. Funds raised during this event were used for the fulfilment of the organisation's pledge to UP Main Library.
- *2007: Patikim: A Dinner to Remember.* In September, UPAA-NL held *Patikim*, a fundraising event which featured Philippine culture. The event, held in the residence of Philippine Ambassador to the Netherlands Romeo Arguelles, started with a piano concert by Adolovni Acosta. This was followed by a dinner featuring Philippine cuisine. Restaurateurs Romy Dorotan and Amy Besa took charge of the dinner. More than 50 guests were present.










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Play bowling for 2 hours with your team of five (5) bowlers  
while your kids are trick-or-treating

# HALLOWEEN

# BOWLING

A fundraising activity for the benefit of the  
University of the Philippines-Los Baños Rural High School  
physics laboratory



When: Saturday, 10 November 2018  
Time: 12.00 - 14.00 (first squad)  
14.00 - 16.00 (second squad)  
Where: Bowling Scheveningen  
Cavenis Deynhoedweg 990-1/2  
2506 BZ Den Haag

**TICKET COST: €20/per bowler, €5/100/per team**  
Register your team and your choice of playing squad  
at our Facebook event or call at +31 6 2436 2913 (L86) for more information