

# AUP HIGHLIGHTS

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## AUP Medical Center Construction Moves Forward

The Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) is witnessing a major milestone in its mission to expand Christ-centered healthcare, as construction officially begins for the AUP Medical Center, a Level 3 hospital that will soon serve communities across Cavite, CALABARZON, and beyond.

Following the Department of Health's release of the Permit to Construct, AUP formally commenced construction activities on November 16, 2025, marking the beginning of a long-prayed-for vision.

The AUP Board of Trustees reports that



site preparation, fencing, grid layout, and full excavation for the emergency and hemodialysis wing are already underway, with foundation works progressing in the coming weeks. This development follows a series of major milestones:

### Groundbreaking Ceremony

Last January 2025 with the presence of the AUP administration and graced by the presence of honored guests from Silang LGU; from the Professional Regulations Commission; and the honorable secretary of the Department of Health, Dr. Teodoro Herbosa.

### Completion of the Detailed Engineering Design

The Commencement and Completion of the Detailed Engineering Design of the AUP Medical Center, with VVR Engineering Design Services completing the needed plans for building permit and construction purposes. The detailed plans for the Medical Center have been furnished to AUP on October 20.

### Coordination with the Municipality of Silang

The visit of AUP technical personnel to the Mayor's Office of Silang happened after the completion of the detailed plans in order to confirm to the Local Government Unit of Silang that the detailed plans and estimates are now completed and shall be formally filed for a building permit.

The proposed Medical Center will house 102 beds, a 12-station hemodialysis clinic, an ambulatory surgical center, CT Scan and MRI facilities, and more, designed to uplift healthcare access while embodying AUP's philosophy of whole-person care.



AUP extends its deepest gratitude to partners and donors who have supported this God-led vision. As the project moves forward toward its estimated 4.5-year completion, the University invites more mission-driven individuals and institutions to join hands in building a Medical Center that will not only treat illness but restore hope, dignity, and life in Christ. Together, let us build the AUP Medical Center.

## AUP Celebrates Outstanding November Board Examination Results

AUP achieved two academic milestones in the November board examinations, reflecting its commitment to academic excellence, Christ-like character, and exemplary service.

*Congratulations* to our new **Nutritionist-Dietitians**  
**November 2025 Nutritionist-Dietitians Computer-Based Licensure Examination**

Mary Joy Bathan, RND	Jair Yshmael Cabardo, RND	Alyana Ysabel Elisan, RND	Teri Jessame Escullar, RND	Aloha Gaea Flores, RND
Trishia Jara, RND	Gem Bryle Liwanag, RND	Caitlin Ysobel Ocdamia, RND	Sheila Sumalinog, RND	Feyilin Tangid, RND

**AUP Passing Rate**  
**90.9%**  
 (May 2025 Graduates)

**83.33%**  
 (First Time Takers)

**National Passing Rate**  
**64.43%**

*To God be the Glory!*

The Nutrition and Dietetics Department delivered an impressive performance in the November 2025 Nutritionists-Dietitians Licensure Examination, earning an 83.33% passing rate for first-time takers and an overall passing rate of 76.92, surpassing the national average of 69.43.

Meanwhile, the College of Nursing continues to affirm its place as one of the country's leading nursing institutions. In the November 2025 Philippine Nurses Licensure Examination, the College of Nursing achieved both a 100% passing rate and the recognition as one of the Top 1 Performing Schools in the Philippines.

*Congratulations*  
**AUP College of Nursing**

**TOP 1**  
 PERFORMING SCHOOL  
 WITH 50 TO 99 EXAMINEES

**100%**  
 AUP PASSING RATE  
 NATIONAL PASSING RATE - 90.04%

**November 2025 Philippine Nurses Licensure Exam (PNLE)**

# AUP Welcomes the Adventist Accrediting Association for Its Interim Visit

**A**UP formally welcomed a distinguished panel of international accreditors for the Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA) interim visit on November 27–December 1, 2025. The accreditation team—composed of educational leaders, administrators, and academic specialists from various divisions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, arrived on campus to conduct a comprehensive review of the University’s academic programs, spiritual culture, and the effectiveness of its institutional mission.

The accrediting team included the following:

- Richard Sabuin, PhD: associate education director of the General Conference
- Mary Jane Zabat, PhD: education director of the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD)
- Leroy Ruhupatty, PhD: SSD associate education director
- Bienvenido Mergal, PhD: former SSD education director
- Canadian Panjaitan, PhD: former SSD associate education director
- Faye Petterson, PhD: education director of the Inter-American Division
- Malcom Coulson, vice chancellor of Avondale University
- Ronny Walaen, PhD, vice president for academic affairs, UNKLAB
- Dr. Everton Padilha Gomes, PhD, faculty of the School of Medicine UNASP Brazil
- Agnes Ravalo, education director of Southern Luzon Philippine Union Mission
- Megumi Flores, library director of Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies

Throughout the 5-day visit, accreditors met with administrators, faculty, students, and staff; observed classes; reviewed documents; and evaluated how AUP continue to shine on and train students for service and prepare them for eternity.

On December 1, the University received encouraging results from the accreditation exit report presented by Dr. Richard Sabuin and area evaluators, affirming the University’s steady progress, strengthened operations, and continued commitment to its mission.

Dr. Sabuin reported that out of 60 recommendations, 48 have been fully fulfilled, while 12 are partially fulfilled, meaning 100% of the recommendations have been addressed and 80% completed. The evaluation team commended AUP for its responsiveness, faith-driven leadership, and systematic improvement across the 12 key areas. Dr. Mary Jane Zabat expressed deep appreciation for AUP’s excellent hospitality, well-prepared exhibits, smooth logistics, and meaningful interactions with students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president, thanked the team for recognizing God’s leading in AUP’s progress. She highlighted the University’s major undertakings—including the ongoing construction of the teaching hospital, expected to be completed within 3 and a half years, and the continued expansion of facilities for the College of Nursing and College of Dentistry.

In her closing words, Dr. Rosario offered a message of faith and encouragement to the University team. “Have faith in your heart that what is in your hands is not in your hands alone but in God’s hands. Increase our faith for these to happen.”





## Grounded in the Bible, Focused on the Mission: GC President Köhler Celebrates Special Sabbath at AUP

The spirit of Sabbath celebration filled the Philippine International Church as the Adventist University of the Philippines welcomed global church leaders for a special Sabbath worship on November 8, 2025, as the Southern-Asia Pacific Division held its Annual Council.

A historic moment for the Division, as three executive officers of the General Conference (GC) of the Seventh-day Adventists came together—Pastor Erton C. Köhler, GC president; Pastor Richard McEdwards, GC executive secretary; Pastor Paul Douglas, GC treasurer. Gracing the worship also were Pastor Magdiel Pérez Schulz, assistant to the president of the GC, and Pastor Robbie Berghan, the newly elected vice president for Global Media and Engagement of Hope Channel International.

From Tagalog to Bahasa, Burmese to Vietnamese, his words “Happy Sabbath” echoed in the languages of the 11 nations represented by the Southern-Asia Pacific Division.

### Affirming AUP’s Mission and Academic Excellence

“I am very impressed with the kindness of people; we really feel like family here,” Pastor Köhler said. “I’m impressed with the music, the orchestra, and the choir play with their hearts. And I am very impressed by AUP’s academic excellence. Congratulations, Dr. Rosario, for the high level of this institution,” Pastor Köhler expressed admiration for the spirit and standard of the University. “May the Lord bless AUP in a very special way and make this institution a light and an agent of mission, not only for the Philippines, not only for the Southern Asia-Pacific Division but also for the entire world.”

### The Movement Born of the Scriptures

Preaching from Revelation 10, Pastor Köhler reflected on the prophetic identity of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, a movement “born with an open Bible in hand.”

“Revelation 10 is our birth certificate,” he declared. “This is the chapter where the books of Daniel and Revelation meet, appear together in this chapter. From the beginning, we have been a people grounded in the Bible.” He underscored that the Church did not arise from dispute or division but from Bible study and prophetic understanding.

“We are the people of the Book, the Bible, we are the people of the Bible,” Pastor Köhler said as he reminded the congregation that the Scripture defines not only the Church’s identity but also its mission.

### An Urgent Call for the Mission

Moving through Revelation 10:6, he emphasized the phrase “there should be delay no longer,” a divine reminder that the Adventist Movement was raised in the last days with an urgent message. “We were born with a sense of urgency,” Pastor Köhler declared. “No more delay!” He called the worshippers to not wait for better times, for more leaders, nor for financial resources. “Our call is to move forward now with urgency in our hearts, accomplishing the task the Lord has entrusted to us. The best chapters of God’s Church are in front of us.”

He reminded the congregation that mission is the remedy for every kind of doubt, disappointment, or discouragement. “The mission is not what we can do for God, but what God can do through us.”

## Grounded in the Bible, Focused on the Mission

Reaching the appeal of his message, Pastor Köhler repeated the core theme: "Our goal is to be a church that is grounded in the Bible and focused on the mission. This is who we are."

He invited every listener to play an active part in fulfilling Revelation 10—to live out their prophetic calling with faith and boldness. He also shared that the message in Revelation 14 is to be preached. "Let us preach with a loud voice. Let us be bold in faith. Let us be bold in courage. Nothing is impossible with the Lord."

"Let us be bold in our projects and in all our initiatives. Let us plan beyond the ordinary. Let us do great things for God and expect great things from God," Pastor Köhler stated. He also reminded the congregation that in God's Church, "money follows the mission, not the mission following the money."

## One Voice for the Mission

In closing, Pastor Köhler introduced a global evangelistic movement

called "One Voice 27," a global evangelistic movement that will unite Adventist believers in a month of evangelism across all media platforms in September 2027.

"This is a call for AUP," he challenged. He called for every student, teacher, and leader to be part of this movement.

"Let us move forward together, grounded in the Bible and focused on the mission," he emphasized. "We are called to be God's voice, not the echo of the culture. Our call is to use everything that we have and everything that we are for the mission of the Church."

Pastor Köhler charged "to be bold in your faith, your courage, your investments, and your influence for the mission of the Church. May the Lord count on you to be grounded in the Bible and focused on the mission."

He ended with a powerful challenge: "Let us keep our eyes, our hearts, our energies, and our influence always grounded in the Bible and focus on the mission."



# AUP Promotes Adventist Education at Don Jose Integrated High School

**A**UP continues its commitment to making quality Bible-based education accessible to young people through the AdventistEducation4All campaign. The AUP team visited Don Jose Integrated High School on November 18, 2025, where they engaged and inspired 150 senior high school students through a dynamic promotion of the University's offerings.

Representing AUP were Mr. Oemer Rey Daquila, advancement director; Mr. Ron Ivan Perdido, marketing officer; Ms. Charissa Uy, communication officer; Mr. Jeruel Ibañez, History Department faculty; and Mrs. Merbeth Pedro, Biology Department faculty. Together, the team highlighted Adventist education through the ACE journey in AUP programs designed to prepare students for service and eternity.

Students from the Accountancy and Business Management, Humanities and Social Sciences, Home Economics, and Electrical and Computer strands learned about AUP's degree offerings that align with their interests, as well as scholarship opportunities, campus life,

and the University's mission of nurturing students with academic excellence, Christ-like character, and exemplary service.

The University remains grateful for opportunities to connect and make Adventist education accessible for all.



# AUP Signs MOA With MasterSoft, Marking a New Chapter in the University's Enrollment Innovation

AUP has officially entered a new chapter in its enrollment process with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement with MasterSoft-Southeast Asia on November 20, 2025, a strategic partnership that aims to enhance and modernize the University's enrollment experience.

in a modernized approach grounded in efficiency, accuracy, and convenience.

"Through the years, many hands have worked faithfully to support our enrollment process, each contributing to the progress we see today," Mrs. Silverio expressed. "As we continue this journey of improvement, we are grateful to welcome MasterSoft as our partner," she added.



The signing ceremony brought together leaders from both institutions committed to building a more seamless and efficient enrollment system for students, faculty, and departments.

Representing AUP were Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president; Mrs. Aileenmae Silverio, vice president for finance; Dr. Julio Amurao, vice-president for student services; Mr. Ivar Bingcang, ICTS software and development supervisor.

The collaboration promises a smarter and more intuitive system that will streamline workflows and create a joyful enrollment experience across all departments. This forward-looking step reflects a shared commitment to excellence, innovation, and service, principles deeply aligned with AUP's mission of providing quality Christian education. As AUP and MasterSoft move ahead together, the University expresses confidence and optimism that this partnership moves us closer to an enrollment experience that is easier, smarter, and truly aligned with the future we envision for AUP.

MasterSoft was represented by Mr. Gaurav Somani, MasterSoft president and Engr. Reyamar Aguilar, MasterSoft-Philippines vice-president for operations; with Mr. Hulk Hogan as external project manager. For many years, AUP's enrollment process has been uplifted through the dedication of countless faculty, staff, and administrators all strengthening the systems that support student success. The partnership with MasterSoft builds upon this foundation, ushering

"It makes me emotional," Engr. Aguilar admitted, noting how deeply meaningful the moment was for him. Engr. Aguilar's passion translate into something that could help students and the University made the signing with Dr. Rosario especially memorable.



# AUP Strengthens Global Ties Through New MOU with ICEPD Thailand

AUP has established a new international partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the International Cross-Cultural Exchange and Professional Development (ICEPD) Thailand. The virtual signing held on November 5, 2025, marked a meaningful step in expanding AUP's global reach in intercultural education and academic collaboration.

The ceremony was attended by Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president; Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, vice president for academics; Dr. Michael Naidas, College of Arts and Humanities dean, and Dr. Ele Lonzaga, Development Communication Department chair.

Dr. Jervensesense Florece, Dr. Teofilo Esguerra, Jr., and Ms. Charyse Vine Unggay, faculty from the Development Communication Department were also present.

ICEPD Thailand was represented by Ajarn Anong Sookkasem, chief executive officer and Rolando Emilio Socorro, executive director, who emphasized their commitment to supporting international learning and professional development.

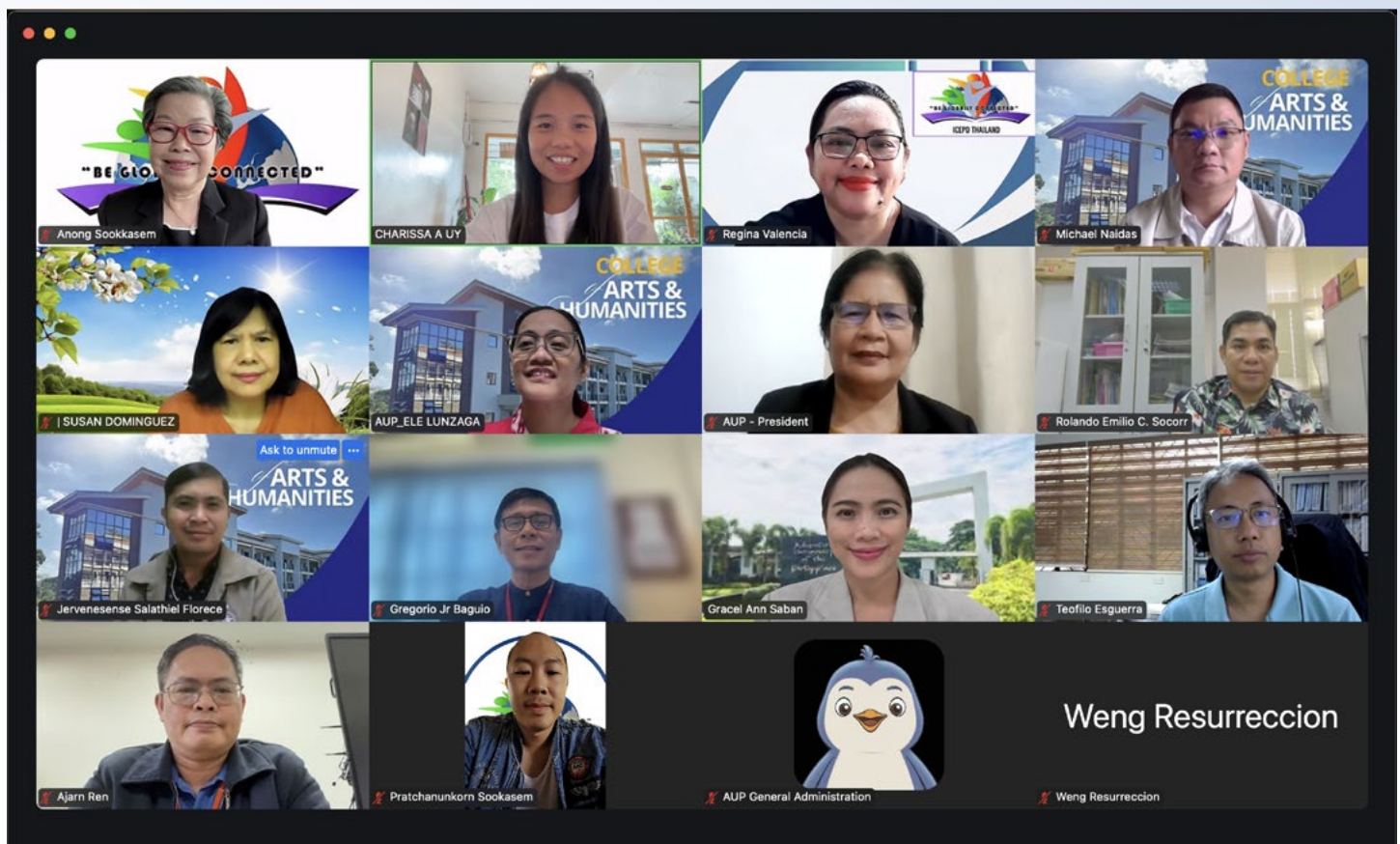
In her message, Sookkasem emphasized ICEPD's commitment to fostering meaningful global partnerships, stating that the MOU "defines our shared vision of promoting collaboration, innovation, and

academic excellence across borders." She added that this agreement strengthens their mission to connect educators and institutions in creating lasting global impact, noting that both parties now move forward "with unity and purpose, building a strong foundation for growth and shared success."

Dr. Rosario highlighted the alignment of values between the two institutions. She expressed that the partnership reflects AUP's mission "to prepare young people for a life of service here on Earth and also service on the Earth to come," further stressing the university's commitment to developing graduates who are globally competent, ethically grounded, and spiritually inspired. "We at AUP are very grateful to ICEPD for initiating this collaboration and for taking us as your partner," she added.

The MOU establishes a five-year cooperation focused on student, faculty, and researcher exchanges, collaborative research and community development, academic resource sharing, and joint international conferences and developmental programs. Through this partnership, both AUP and ICEPD Thailand aim to enhance intercultural learning and expand opportunities for academic and professional growth.

This new collaboration signifies a shared commitment to advancing global education and fostering meaningful cross-cultural engagement for the years ahead.





## AUP Holds Seniors' Presentation 2025

**W**hy do we hold the Seniors' Presentation?" Dr. Arceli Rosario, AUP president, asked. "It is to inspire aspiring graduates and to remind you that the main reason you are here is that the Lord has been good. Without God guiding you from Day 1 of your college life, you would not be here today. You chose Adventist education for a reason, and today we remember that purpose." Dr. Rosario opened the program with a heartfelt message, reminding the seniors' why this tradition matters.

On November 28, 2025, as nearly 600 graduating candidates were formally presented during the annual Seniors' Presentation, a cherished tradition that affirms the students' journey and dedicates them to God's purpose.



The keynote message was delivered by Dr. Faye Patterson, director of Education of the Inter-American Division of Seventh-day Adventists. Her charge to the seniors was deeply spiritual and mission-centered. "You are not here by chance," she emphasized. "God has been molding you through your classes: shaping, guiding, preparing you. Soon, He will send you out as professionals, leaders, thinkers, servants, and disciples of Jesus."

She reminded the seniors that their ultimate purpose is "to serve the Lord wherever He sends you, so that others may know Him." She then dedicated the entire batch: "May your minds remain anchored in truth, your hearts rooted in Scripture, your hands committed to serve, and your lives focused on mission."

After the keynote message, the deans of each college presented their candidates for graduation:

- College of Arts and Humanities (CAH): 82 candidates
- College of Business (COB): 114
- College of Dentistry (COD)
- College of Health (COH): 102
- College of Medicine (COM): 28
- College of Nursing (CON) :186
- College of Science, Engineering, and Technology (CSET): 29
- College of Teacher Education (CTE): 26
- College of Theology (COT): 16



The event also presented the officers of 2026:

- Jimcy Ibañez (COH): class president
- Kyra Cleodel Dolotallas (CAH): class vice president
- Evan Johannes Kaloh (CAH): class secretary
- Chessie Aplod (COD): class associate secretary
- Reiven Arrogante (COB): class treasurer
- Shekinah Kaye Lamorin (COB): class associate treasurer
- Earon Austria (COH): class auditor
- Annika Denise Balbin (CON): class public information officer
- Angela Christine Catalan (CSET): class public information officer
- Zyllyn Pearl Dayo (CTE): class public information officer
- Gracelyn Dale Galvo (CON): class public information officer
- Rainiel Mandaing (COT): class pastor
- Xyter Saddul (COB): class artist
- Janemhel Esoy (CON): class artist
- Rapunzel Anne Dadula (CON): class artist

The batch also introduced their class advisers and sponsors:

- Dr. Ma. Julita Sibayan, CON faculty
- Mrs. Raiza Angela Almocera, controller
- Mr. Jonathan Perdido, History Department faculty
- Mrs. Merbeth Christine Pedro, Biology Department faculty

The main highlight of the event took place when Class President Jimcy Ibañez unveiled the official batch name: Celestia 2026.

Derived from the Latin word for “heavenly,” Celestia reflects a calling refined by faith, endurance, and God’s promise. The name speaks of rising above trials, anchoring hope in the eternal, and living in alignment with God’s perfect design.

“It reminds us that our calling is not limited by what we see here on earth but refined by what God has prepared for us above. This is who we are. This is who Celestia 2026 is. Celestia—skyward hope, grounded in faith,” Ibañez shared.

## CTE Batch Herald Commissioned in Pinning and Dedication Ceremony

by Marjorie Capilitan

The College of Teacher Education (CTE) held its Pinning and Dedication Ceremony at the Philippine International Church on November 19, 2025, for Herald, marking the start of their internship journey with a message of purpose, faith, and commitment.

Guest speaker Dr. Levy Fajanilan, guidance counselor, began her message by sharing her own experience as an intern. “When my department chair told me that I would soon begin my internship, I was so excited, because I know that I would be graduating soon after that,” Fajanilan said.

Inspired by the biblical story of Ahimaaz, her message highlighted how Ahimaaz, a messenger, ran quickly with great enthusiasm yet had no important message to deliver, reminding interns that passion must be paired with clarity and purpose. “We must first listen before we speak, receive the message before we deliver it, and know the truth before we share it,” Fajanilan further expounded.

In an interview, Julie Ann Kierstine Calixtro, one of the interns, shared that her passion for teaching was inspired by her desire to serve others. “One of my core values is to do missionary work. I’ve been on mission trips to remote areas and I want to reach out to the unreachable,” Calixtro said. This inspired her to pursue Bachelor of Special Needs Education, with the goal of helping students who have special needs.

Calixtro also shared that her education prepared her well for this milestone, highlighting the guidance and support she received from mentors, professors, and her department chair, which helped equip her with the skills needed for the internship.

Following the message, testimonies were shared by Batch 2024 interns Felicity Duane Licayan and Daneika Miraflor, with Miraflor speaking about her struggles with self-doubt and comparing herself with others during the internship journey.

The Pinning and Donning segment was held afterward, during which each candidate was pinned and robed by faculty members and parents, marking their transition into the role of teaching interns.

The ceremony concluded with a candle lighting signifying the light of Christ they are called to carry into their future classrooms.

As they step into their internships, the 14 Herald interns are entrusted not only with the task of educating students but also with inspiring hope, faith, and positive change in the communities they will serve.



# AUP Celebrates 91st National Book Week

by Roi Matthew Buhia

The John Lawrence Detwiler Memorial (JLDM) Library held its 11th Book Week Celebration with the theme “Tulay ang Pagbasa sa Bukas na Puno ng Pag-ibig” in commemoration of the 91st National Book Week, on November 17-21, 2025.

Various activities took place throughout the week, including open microphone sessions, board games, book hunting, book displays, library amnesty, celebration photos, and video presentations. The program promoted literacy and the enjoyment of reading among University students as well as served as a platform to encourage and strengthen a culture of reading within the campus community.



# AUP Promotes SAD-Free Advocacy During Student Convocation

by Evhanna Therese Remolar

The Central Student Council (CSC) gathered students for a convocation focused on promoting and strengthening a SAD-free lifestyle (with SAD representing Smoking, Alcohol, and Drugs) at the Philippine International Church (PIC) on November 21, 2025.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Jezamine De Leon, faculty of Philippine National Police Academy and an AUP alumna, introduced the topic “My Body, God’s Temple,” grounded in Psalm 139:14 and 1 Corinthians 6:19.

Dr. De Leon encouraged students to make right choices and reminded them that the human body is a sanctuary where God dwells especially at a time when unhealthy coping mechanisms such as dependence on substances are prevalent

She also introduced the “I Choose Free” framework, a guide for young people in making decisions about their lifestyle and coping mechanisms. The framework focused on finding purpose, rooting oneself in the community, practicing self-mastery, and engaging in spiritual disciplines.

Throughout her message, she reminded students that taking care of one’s body is a form of worship and an act of honoring God. She ended with an impactful reminder: “Your body is not ordinary, we are all important in our own ways. Everyday, we are given that gift, the choice to pick . . . Whenever you choose to honor and take care of your body, you are choosing to honor God.”

In an interview, Dr. De Leon said that many young people turn to smoking, alcohol, and drugs to suppress pressure, academic expectations, family issues, or mental health struggles. She said that strengthening SAD-Free education involves teaching healthier alternatives: “The youth should understand that if they are facing challenges in any way or form, they have to remember that SAD are not the way to cope well.”

She also shared the important role of families and the University, noting that “if we do not correct harmful behaviors, it becomes a norm.”



The program continued with a panel discussion featuring Dr. De Leon; Pastor Chester Labrador, PIC associate pastor; and Carmelitte Rioveros, CSC vice president, where they talked about self-care, being intentional with decisions, and lifestyle choices as expressions of worship that are often taken for granted.

They also addressed topics such as peer pressure and the influence of social media, highlighting the need to value strong support systems and to ground oneself in spirituality, alongside practicing practical habits like self-control and continuous prayer.

Following this, an Oath of Commitment to SAD-Free Movement and Environment was led by Hans Wilhelm Federico, CSC president, encouraging students to pledge toward healthier habits and a life led in purpose.

In another interview, Florence Chloe Sagoinit, a student, shared that she was most moved by the speaker’s personal testimony about battling depression and discovering healthy ways to cope. Sagoinit reflected on her own journey during the pandemic saying, “I tried to redirect myself by finding out more about myself, just like Dr. De Leon with tennis. I managed to get through each day by drawing better and continuing art.”

AUP continues to promote the holistic growth of its students, not just in terms of academics but also in the physical, mental, and spiritual aspects by advocating for a healthy environment grounded in Christ.



## The Philippine Meistersingers Proclaimed Grand Prix Winner at the Rimini International Choral Competition

The Philippine Meistersingers (TPM)—composed of students, alumni, and faculty members of the Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP)—achieved a monumental victory after being declared grand prix winner at the 18th Rimini International Choral Competition 2025. More than an international triumph, this achievement stands as a living testimony to AUP’s commitment to providing quality Bible-based education and nurturing talents for the glory to God.

In Rimini, TPM captivated audiences and adjudicators with disciplined artistry, musical depth, and heartfelt worship expressed through song.

For the ensemble, the grand prix distinction represents not merely the outcome of technical mastery, but an offering of praise. The group uphold the admonition in 1 Corinthians 10:31: “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” Each performance becomes an act of worship, acknowledging God as the Source of all wisdom, talent, and excellence.

Their intergenerational membership )—students learning alongside alumni and guided by faculty )—reflects the strength of AUP’s Christ-centered academic community. Echoing Psalm 33:3, “Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy,” TPM unite musical skill with joyful devotion.

This grand prix victory not only elevates Filipino choral artistry on the global stage but also highlights AUP’s deeper mission: shaping individuals to excel academically and artistically while remaining rooted in Scripture. This achievement demonstrates that excellence grounded in faith becomes a powerful testimony to God’s goodness..

The ensemble is led by Dr. Ramon “Bojo” Molina Lijauco Jr., a distinguished choral conductor, composer, and educator who has directed the group since 1998. Dr. Lijauco recently made headlines as he was

elected president of the Philippine Choral Directors Association (PCDA) for the 2026–2028 cycle. His leadership extends beyond AUP, contributing to the growth of Philippine choral artistry and beyond.

He earned his Doctor of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting (magna cum laude) and holds multiple degrees in music and nursing. Dr. Lijauco has received international recognition, including the Jayne Davies Prize for Most Outstanding Conductor at the 2019 Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod in Wales. His artistic vision and spiritual grounding have shaped the Meistersingers into a choir known for excellence guided by faith.

As they return home, TPM bring more than international honor; they carry a reminder that God blesses those who honor Him. Their triumph at the Rimini International Choral Competition 2025 stands as a song of gratitude, a witness of faith, and a living affirmation of Romans 11:36: “For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.”



# Kaloh Receives 2025 Most Outstanding International Student From PIFUA

**E**van Johannes Kaloh, president of the AUP International Student Association, was awarded the title “Most Outstanding International Student in the Philippines” by the Philippine International Friendship and Understanding Association, Inc. (PIFUA) during the 52nd Annual Search for the Most Outstanding International Students in the Philippines held at the Baguio Crown Legacy Hotel on November 20, 2025.

The proclamation rites were conducted as part of the 6th International Conference-Training for International Students, Student Leaders, and Advisers (ICTISSLA), held on November 19–21, 2025. The event gathered delegates and finalists from top universities nationwide: Silliman University, St. Louis University, De La Salle-Health and Medical Sciences Institute, Ateneo de Davao University, Centro Escolar University, University of Baguio, University of Cebu, Lyceum of the Philippines University-Batangas, among others, to celebrate global citizenship, leadership, and cross-cultural understanding.

Kaloh also received two additional recognitions: the Community Leadership Award and the International Friendship Award. These awards honor his contributions to service, collaboration, and multicultural engagement.

Representing AUP’s International Student Association, Kaloh shared that this milestone deepened his commitment to serve as

an example and source of inspiration for fellow international students, especially Indonesians.

“We hope to continue building meaningful connections with other international students in good faith,” Kaloh stated, expressing gratitude for the opportunity to represent his community and University through connections with other international students from different universities.



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