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AUP Soft Launches Research Center

AUP marked another significant milestone in its academic and research journey with the soft launching of the AUP Research Center on December 22, 2025. The event gathered administrators, faculty, staff, donors, and researchers in a spirit of gratitude for the new building.

Dr. Arceli Rosario, University president, delivered the inspirational message titled "A Guide for Adventist End-Time Researchers: Lessons from Numbers 13." Drawing from the biblical narrative of the twelve spies, Dr. Rosario emphasized that Adventist research must be collaborative, purpose-driven, methodologically sound, and most importantly, interpreted through a Bible-based lens. She underscored that while the research conducted in Numbers 13 was technically excellent, the failure lay in how the data were interpreted, contrasting fear-driven conclusions with faith-filled conviction.

meanings associated with their names—Jeimylo, meaning "Jesus is my Lord," and Kyna, which is the acronym for "keeping Yahweh's name ascending." She added, "Hopefully, when people come here, they can discover God."

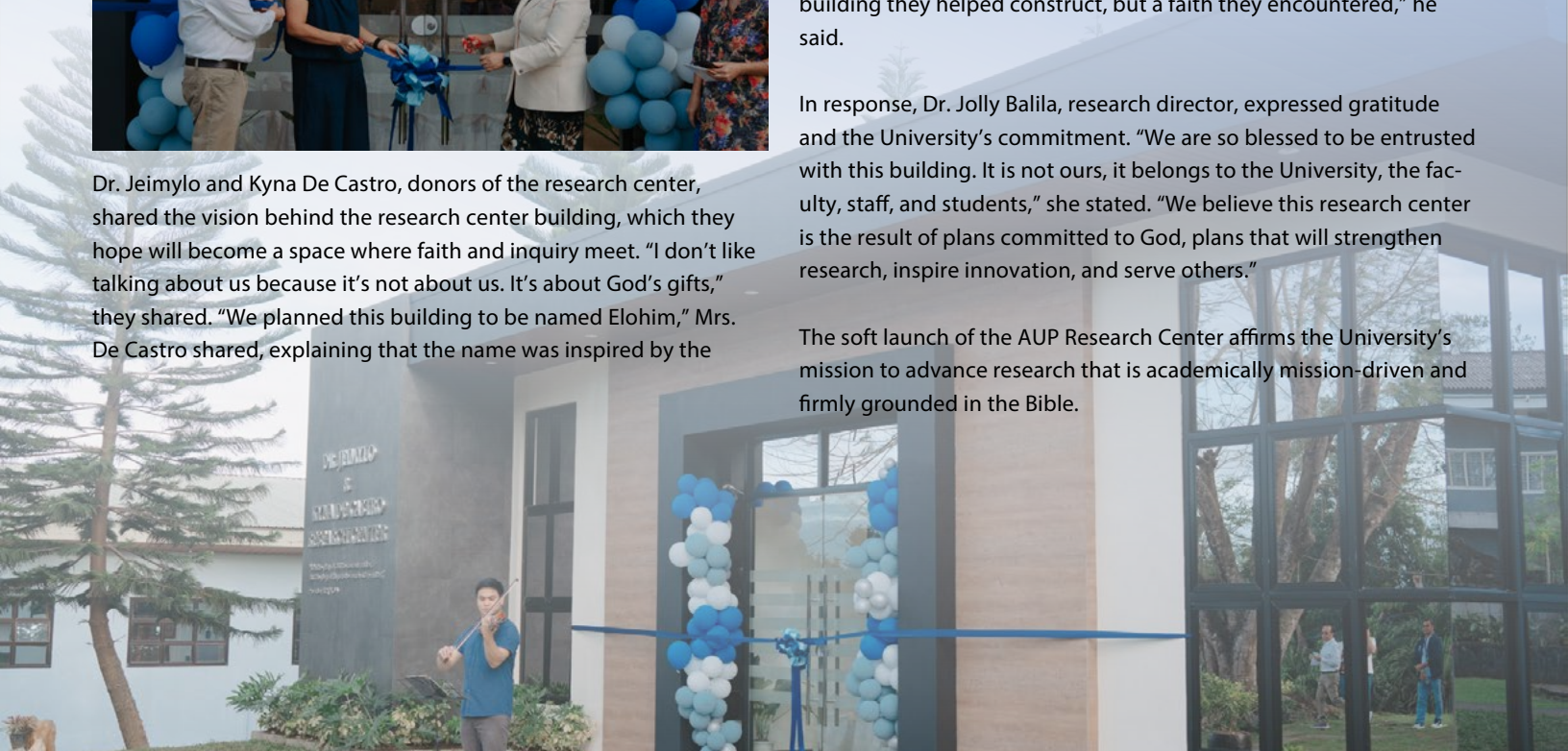


Dr. Jeimylo and Kyna De Castro, donors of the research center, shared the vision behind the research center building, which they hope will become a space where faith and inquiry meet. "I don't like talking about us because it's not about us. It's about God's gifts," they shared. "We planned this building to be named Elohim," Mrs. De Castro shared, explaining that the name was inspired by the

Dr. Jeimylo further described the project as an answer to prayer, from its planning through its construction. He also shared his ministry among the construction workers. "As construction came to an end, I found myself unexpectedly emotional... My prayer remains that, in due time, every one of them will remember not merely a building they helped construct, but a faith they encountered," he said.

In response, Dr. Jolly Balila, research director, expressed gratitude and the University's commitment. "We are so blessed to be entrusted with this building. It is not ours, it belongs to the University, the faculty, staff, and students," she stated. "We believe this research center is the result of plans committed to God, plans that will strengthen research, inspire innovation, and serve others."

The soft launch of the AUP Research Center affirms the University's mission to advance research that is academically mission-driven and firmly grounded in the Bible.



AUP Receives Multiple Honors at the 52nd PACUCOA Founding Anniversary and 36th Annual General Assembly

The Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) was recognized during the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA) 52nd Founding Anniversary and 36th Annual General Assembly at Novotel Manila, Araneta City on December 5, 2025.

AUP was honored in three major categories:

1. First Bachelor of Music in Music Education Program in Region IV Granted Level III Reaccredited Status

AUP made history as the first institution in Region IV to receive Level III Reaccredited Status for its Bachelor of Music in Music Education program.

2. Recognition for Producing a Topnotcher in the November 2024 Dentists Licensure Examination

PACUCOA also awarded AUP for producing a graduate, Dr. Beamor Carranza, who achieved the highest rating in the November 2024 Dentists Licensure Examination.

3. Third Prize in the National Case Study Competition

AUP received the Third Prize in PACUCOA's Case Study Competition titled, "Empowered by Faith, Guided by the Standards: Enhancing Quality and Employability in AUP's Medical Laboratory Science Program through Accreditation", showcasing the University's strength in research, analysis, and academic presentation.

The AUP delegation at the general assembly included:

- Dr. Gracel Ann Saban, vice president for academics
- Dr. Ruben Carpizo, accreditation director
- Mrs. Maureen Marinas, IQA director
- Dr. Michael Naidas, College of Arts and Humanities dean
- Dr. Herminiano Subido, Jr., College of Dentistry dean
- Mrs. Sheryl De Dios, Music Department chair
- Dr. Luke Ivan Concel, College of Dentistry Levels IV-VI coordinator

These recognitions from PACUCOA affirm AUP's dedication to delivering Bible-based, mission-driven, and Adventist education for all. The University expresses its gratitude to its faculty, staff, and students whose collective efforts contribute to its growing reputation as a leading Adventist higher education institution in the Philippines.



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- ◆ For producing a graduate who obtained the highest rating (topnotcher) in the November 2024 Dentists Licensure Examination



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TEACHER
LICENSURE EXAMINATION

Elementary Education
85.71%
AUP PASSING RATE* NATIONAL PASSING RATE

Secondary Education
86.96%
AUP PASSING RATE* NATIONAL PASSING RATE



CTE Surpasses National Passing Rates in September–November 2025 LEPT

The College of Teacher Education (CTE) recorded strong results in the September–November 2025 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (LEPT), posting passing rates that exceeded national averages in both the elementary and secondary levels.

For the Elementary LEPT, AUP achieved an 85.71% passing rate among first-time takers, surpassing the 51.09% national passing rate. In the Secondary LEPT, the University posted a 86.96% passing rate for first-time takers and an 80.77% overall passing rate, surpassing the national rate of 72.63%.

In response to the results, Dr. Jeremiah Fameronag, CTE dean, stated that the "AUP-CTE joyfully gives all glory and honor to the Master Teacher for this remarkable achievement! Your success is a testament to God's faithfulness, your perseverance, and your commitment to your calling as educators." Dr. Fameronag further prayed that the new license holders would "continue to serve faithfully in the Lord's vineyard, building character, and reflecting

His love through the ministry of teaching."

The LEPT covered competencies in General Education, Professional Education, and Specialization. This examination cycle was particularly significant as it marked the first implementation of new specializations under the Bachelor of Special Needs Education, Bachelor of Early Childhood Education, and Bachelor of Physical Education programs. Despite the adjustments and added challenges, AUP examinees successfully secured their professional licenses.

Following the release of the results, the CTE held a thanksgiving midweek worship service highlighted by testimonies from newly licensed teachers. Erika Zoleta, one of the passers, shared, "There were times when I vacillated whether I would take the board exam or not. I found it very challenging since I also had to prepare lesson plans and PowerPoint presentations while reviewing. But God was faithful. I witnessed how He inspired me to brace the challenge and take the exam."

Jerlyn Paguntalan also echoed a similar experience, stating, "Being a full-time teacher and a reviewee at the same time posed great disadvantages, but I am a witness to how faithful God is. I was actually surprised with the rating because I had lots of erasures, but God has really blessed me!"

Abbygale Mabituin shared a testimony of perseverance, recalling, "I took my first LET in 2018, but I did not pass. I remember how painful it was. I cried, and I felt so disappointed with myself." She encouraged others by affirming that "God never wastes a season. If He can do it for me, He can do it for you, too."

Dr. Fameronag encouraged the recent board passers to respond to the call to serve in Adventist schools.

AUP recognizes this achievement as a reflection of its commitment to academic excellence and the preparation of character builders dedicated to service and mission.



AUP Faculty and Staff Celebrate Year-End Christmas Fellowship

AUP faculty and staff celebrated its year-end fellowship, themed “Around the World in AUP” on December 18, 2025. The fellowship centered on gratitude and the enduring bond between the University and its global alumni community.

One of the highlights of the celebration was a holiday video montage featuring warm Christmas greetings from AUP alumni across the world. Messages were shared by Ian and Almira Cervantes (Canada), Mr. Buhia (Poland), Nestor Zamora (Switzerland), Michelle Stevens (Tennessee, USA), Rester Solis (Finland), Bryce and Dawn Tantia (New Zealand), Jess and Beth Role (Riverside, California), Julie Amurao Panghulan (Australia), AUP–PUC Alumni (London), Jacqui Jimenez (Michigan/California), Alvin Ritchil (Bangladesh), Dubai-based alumni group, Thailand-based alumni group, Benjamin and Pride Lynn Francisco (Loma Linda, California), Palau alumni group, McAllen, Texas alumni, Shirley Wayne Botros (Illinois, USA), and Drs. Uriel and Angeline Zarsaga (Philippines). Their greetings reflected gratitude for their alma mater and continued support for its mission.

Adding to the festive spirit was the Global Icon Contest, where AUP Academy emerged as the grand winner, followed by the Student Services Office as first runner-up, and the Maintenance Department as second runner-up.

The celebration was made possible through the generosity of alumni and friends:

Mr & Mrs Joel Delos Santos
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 Ms Sheila Elma Selodio
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 Dr & Mrs Benjamin Francisco
 Ms Shirley Juayno Boutross
 Mrs Jasmin Costanos

And institutional partners whose sponsorships supported the event’s activities and fellowship.

IMG Continues Service to Zambales Communities

The Indigenous Mission Group (IMG) conducted a mission trip in Barangay Buhawen and Barangay Aglao, San Marcelino, Zambales, on December 19-28, 2025. The outreach covered eight villages—Aglao, Navan, Faustina, Camalca, Sayasay, Tikes, Bayarong, Lumibao—across two barangays and aimed to provide holistic ministry addressing spiritual, physical, and social needs of indigenous communities.



The mission was carried out by a team of 86 missionaries composed of AUP students, faculty, staff, alumni, and partner volunteers. This initiative reflects AUP's commitment to Christ-centered service, community engagement, and the integration of faith and action in addressing the needs of underserved communities.



The mission activities included house-to-house visitation, children's ministry, health education lectures, worship services, nightly evangelistic meetings, and community fellowship activities. Essential services such as feeding programs, clothes distribution, and gift-giving were also provided to families in need. Through these efforts, the mission reached 491 families and engaged 240 children in values-based and faith-oriented programs. A total of 53 individuals accepted Jesus Christ during the concluding evangelistic meetings.





AUP and Avondale University Strengthen Global Academic Partnership Through MOU

The Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP) and Avondale University of Australia have formalized a strategic academic partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), on December 1, 2025, reinforcing their shared commitment to mission-driven, quality Adventist education and research collaboration.

methodologies, faculty mobility, internship and apprenticeship opportunities, and collaborative scholarly outputs, including publications and peer review of research articles

As an initial step toward operationalizing the agreement, an AUP delegation is scheduled to visit Avondale University from April 5 to 12, 2026. The visit aims to benchmark best practices across selected academic and administrative units and to explore program-specific collaborations that may be formalized through subsequent Memoranda of Agreement. These engagements are intended to identify mutually beneficial areas that strengthen instructional quality, research productivity, and internationalization efforts.



The MOU outlines a five-year framework for cooperation in academic, research, and institutional development initiatives. The agreement provides avenues for faculty and student research engagement, sharing of learning resources and curricula, exchange of teaching



AUP Opens Bidding for Medical Center Phase 1 Project

A AUP, through its Special Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC), has formally announced the Invitation to Bid for the AUP Medical Center (Phase 1) Project, marking a significant step in the University's continuing development of health and medical infrastructure.

The project is located at the AUP campus in Puting Kahoy, Silang, Cavite, and is open to qualified contractors classified under Category "AAA" – General Building, with proven experience in projects of similar size, scope, and value.

As part of the bidding process, a mandatory pre-bid conference was conducted on December 17, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., at the AUP Administrative Offices. The conference included an ocular inspection of the construction site, presentation of the scope of works, and distribution of bidding documents. A complete set of bid documents could be obtained starting December 17, 2025, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 50,000.00.

Bids are scheduled to be submitted on January 19, 2026, at the University's Administrative Offices. Bidding will follow competitive procedures, and the SBAC reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, or to annul the bidding process, in accordance with institutional policies.



Adventist University of the Philippines
Putting Kahoy, Silang, Cavite

INVITATION TO BID

ADVENTIST UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES MEDICAL CENTER (PHASE 1)

The Special Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC) hereby invites interested and qualified contractors to participate in the bidding for the Adventist University of the Philippines Medical Center (Phase 1) at AUP Campus, Puting Kahoy, Silang, Cavite.

A **Pre-Bid Conference**, which will include an ocular inspection of the construction site, presentation of the scope of works, and distribution of bid documents will be conducted on December 17, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. at the AUP Administrative Offices.

Bidders must have completed contracts similar in size, nature, and value to this project. Only contractors classified under Category "AAA" General Building, with a proven track record and excellent reputation in the construction industry, will be considered.

Bidding shall follow competitive procedures, and the SBAC shall exercise full discretion in selecting the bidder offering the most advantageous proposal.

A complete set of bidding documents may be acquired beginning December 17, 2025, upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php50,000.00. Participation in the Pre-Bid Conference is mandatory.

Submission of Bids shall be on January 19, 2026 at the Administrative Offices, Adventist University of the Philippines.

The SBAC reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, annul the bidding process, or reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

This initiative underscores AUP's commitment to strengthening its healthcare services and academic support for health-related programs by establishing the AUP Medical Center.

University Administration Honors Exceptional Achievers

The administration hosted its quarterly presidential dinner at the AUP Manna Dining Hall on December 16, 2025. This quarterly event is designed to recognize and celebrate the exceptional achievements of AUP students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders who shine in their respective fields. The event underscores the University administration's recognition of their dedication, excellence, and contribution to the institution's mission.

The program highlighted The Philippine Meistersingers, winners of the Grand Prix at the Rimini International Choral Competition

2025 in Rimini, Italy; Evan Johanes Kaloh, 2025 Most Outstanding International Student in the Philippines, PIFUA Community Leadership Awardee, and the International Friendship Awardee; Danielle Elinore Ardeza, Top 5 in the September 2025 Psychologists Licensure Examination; Dr. Rhalf Jayson Guanaco, 2025 APA Award; and Dr. Isabelo Susada, READ awardee during the 26th AIAS International Research Conference.

The highlights of the dinner included testimonies of gratitude, highlight performances, award presentations, and remarks by Dr. Arceli Rosario, the AUP president.



Shining Together in Love: TSSS Celebrates Anniversary with Benefit Concert

by Rowena Imelda Ramos

The Singing Sunbeams Society (TSSS) marked another meaningful year of music and ministry with an anniversary benefit concert titled “Shining Together in Love,” held at the Philippine International Church on December 12, 2025. The event brought together children, parents, alumni, church members, and friends of the ministry for an evening of praise, reflection, and service.

The anniversary program featured a rich selection of hymns and sacred music performed by the TSSS Choir, Ukulele Ensemble, Strings Ensemble, parents, and alumni, alongside a special collaboration with Soli Deo Gloria. The concert concluded with a joyful rendition of Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam, reflecting Christ’s love through kindness, obedience, and joyful service in everyday life at home, at school, and in the community. More than a song, it is a call to live out

faith by shining God’s light to others, a message that continues to guide the ministry’s mission of serving together in love.

More than a celebration, the concert served as a benefit event supporting a Mission Trip to the Mangyan community of Gloria, Oriental Mindoro. Through this outreach, TSSS seeks to extend its ministry beyond its stage, sharing hope, compassion, and God’s love with underserved communities.

As the melodies echoed through the sanctuary, the message of the evening was clear: shining is not meant to be done alone. Through unity, service, and love, the Singing Sunbeams Society continues to inspire young hearts to use music as a gift for God and a blessing to others, truly shining together in love.



AUP Engages Senior High Learners at Tagaytay Science National High School Career Day

AUP participated in the Career Day of Tagaytay Science National High School under the theme “Graduation Today, Career Tomorrow” on December 10, 2025. The event provided a platform for senior high school students to learn about Adventist education, explore academic pathways, and future career opportunities as they prepare for higher education.

Approximately 700 students were reached during the activity, which brought together representatives from several higher education institutions, including Olivarez College, Emilio Aguinaldo College, De La Salle University, Far Eastern University, Mapúa University, the Philippine Army-affiliated institution, and the University of Santo Tomas. The gathering fostered meaningful engagement between students and academic institutions through career-oriented discussions and information sharing.

AUP’s participation focused on promoting Adventist education through its academic programs, values-based education, and commitment to holistic student development grounded in academic excellence, Christ-like character, and exemplary service. Through interactive conversations, AUP representatives encouraged students



to consider educational choices that align with both professional goals and personal values.

De Guzman Earns Top Honors at International Research Conference in Vietnam

Yvon Fernel Deniz De Guzman, a Development Communication student, garnered First Place in the Cultural Category for the research paper titled “Cultural Spaces on Tiny Pages: Multiculturalism through Philippine Children’s Picturebooks” at the 15th Multidisciplinary International Research Conference, held in Da Nang, Vietnam, on December 18–22, 2025.

Under the mentorship of Dr. Teofilo Esguerra Jr., the study earned multiple distinctions, including Best Research Paper, Best Presenter, and Best Abstract.

Presented under the conference theme “Functional Literacy in the 21st Century: Innovations for Inclusive and Lifelong Learning,” the research highlights the role of children’s literature in promoting multicultural understanding and inclusive education. The paper was recognized for its scholarly rigor, cultural sensitivity, and clarity of research communication.

Organized by the International Cross-Cultural Exchange and Professional Development (ICEPD), based in Thailand, the conference brought together researchers and educators from various disciplines to engage in global academic discourse.



Reflecting on the significance of the work, De Guzman shared, “I write for classrooms without walls—supporting stories that move education closer to inclusivity.” This perspective underscores the study’s contribution to advancing functional literacy and inclusive learning beyond traditional educational settings.

This achievement affirms AUP’s commitment to research excellence and its advocacy for advancing cultural understanding and educational equity on a global scale.



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