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Palomo elected new WU-P president



Palomo, in suit, with BOT members and UMC bishops: (from left) Arch. Rodrigo Lagman, Engr. Bayani Azcarraga, Rev. Dominador Valencia, Bishop Lito Tangonan, Bishop Leo Soriano, Bishop Rudy Juan, Atty. Teodoro Pascua, Dr. Reynalda Bangunan and Dr. Edna Gatmen. Not in the photo are Usec Narciso Nieto, Ret. Judge Raymundo Annang and businessman Antonio Chua, Jr.

Prof. Manuel G. Palomo was unanimously elected as president of Wesleyan University-Philippines during a special meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) last May 26.

Present during the meeting were BOT members Atty. Teodoro Pascua, Retired Judge Raymundo Annang, Dr. Edna Gatmen, Architect Rodrigo Lagman, Engr. Bayani Azcarraga, DAR Undersecretary Narciso Nieto, Rev. Dominador Valencia, Dr. Reynalda Bangunan, Antonio Chua, Jr., Prof. Palomo and the Col-

lege of Bishops of the United Methodist Church consisting of Bishops Rudy Juan of the Baguio Episcopal Area, Lito Tangonan of the Manila Episcopal Area and Leo Soriano of the Davao Episcopal Area

In a meeting last May 15, the board adopted a resolution requesting the College of Bishops to constitute itself as a search committee and nominate the next WU-P president for the BOT's consideration.

In the May 26 meeting, the College of Bishops unanimously nominated Palomo. The BOT unanimously confirmed his nomination and formally elected him as the new WU-P president.

Palomo had served as acting university president and BOT chair since April 27 when the new board took over.

Palomo is the fifth president of Wesleyan as a
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President challenges Summer 2009 graduates: Personify the 'Wesleyan spirit'



President Manuel G. Palomo challenged the Summer 2009 graduates to personify the "Wesleyan spirit" which he described as "the mold that made you what you are now and what you will be in the near future".

Palomo was the commencement speaker during the summer graduation rites held last June 26 at the university auditorium.

He congratulated the 87 graduates for successfully going through the rigors of school-work, and saluted their parents for having been able to give their children a Wesleyan education that molded each one of them into a whole person.

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Enrollment goes up

Despite the economic crisis, WU-P's enrollment figures for the first semester of school year 2009-2010 went up, no matter how slightly, compared to last year's. This is a far cry from the decrease in enrollment experienced by other private tertiary schools.

Data obtained from the Management Information Office showed that this semester's enrollment in the various colleges, including the Graduate School, totaled 6,166 or 30 more than the figure recorded last year.

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Palomo elected...

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university and the tenth president of the institution since it was founded in 1946 as Philippine Wesleyan College. He is the second Wesleyan alumnus to be elected as university president.

With Palomo's election to the presidency, he relinquished the BOT chairmanship. The board subsequently elected Pascua as chair, Annang as vice-chair, Lagman as treasurer and Gatmen as secretary. Appointed as assistant corporate/BOT secretary was Dr. Virginia O. del Rosario. ###

Enrollment...

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Some 1,945 freshmen entered this semester compared to 1,897 in June 2008.

Though the College of Nursing continues to be the biggest academic unit with 2,675 students, it experienced a dramatic decrease in enrollment – a phenomenon also observed in other nursing schools -- from 3,255 last year to 2,675 this year. First year enrollment dropped from 783 last year to 435 this year.

The downward trend in nursing, however, was offset by an increase in the number of those taking up other courses.

The combined population of Accountancy, Business Administration and Commerce shot up to 991. A big increase was noted in Business Administration, from 261 last year to 453 this year.

Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management (HRIM) has the third biggest population, but chalked up the most dramatic jump in enrollment, from last year's total of 600 to 854 this year.

Enrollment in the College of Technology also increased, from 385 last year to 442 this year.

The other colleges that experienced increases were Computer Studies, 378 (from 366 last year); Education, 293 (from 221); Criminology, 194 (from 190); Arts and Sciences, 160 (from 152); and Graduate School, 157 (from 130).

An increase was also noted in the High School and Elementary Departments. High school enrollment rose from 755 last year to 830 this year; elementary, from 341 last year to 401 this year. ###

The 2009 Summer Commencement Exercises

June 26, 2009



President challenges ...

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He advised the graduates not to fear unfamiliar grounds if this would lead them to their goals.

"Remember that you are graduates of Wesleyan University-Philippines, an institution of note known for excellence and quality of its produce. You did not leave the portals of this hallowed institution unprepared. You have been crafted to meet the demands of the industry, provided with a stock of knowledge, making you trainable graduates," Palomo said.

He shared with the graduates his personal story, where after graduating from WU-P with a degree in history and teaching in the university for 18 years, he left and found himself in a field totally alien from his range of experiences.

"This bothered me the least because I knew that despite my lack of academic training... my Wesleyan experience could carry me through... Now I can declare in all honesty that taking the risk at a time when I knew it was right to do it was the best thing that ever happened in my career," he said.

He exhorted the graduates to "always walk with God, always trust in Him, always implore His blessings in everything that you do and will do". ###

Upcoming projects bared

In several meetings with academic and administrative heads, President Manuel G. Palomo has repeatedly announced upcoming projects aimed at developing the physical plant and other aspects of the university.

What to watch out for:

- construction of a new P10 million university food court and convenience store in partnership with business groups under the build-operate-transfer scheme.
- renovation and modernization of the university auditorium.
- refurbishing of the university gymnasium, including the installation of more comfortable seats and air-conditioning units.
- upgrading of the university's water system in cooperation with the Cabanatuan City Water District.
- increasing the power system load by providing additional transformers to meet the university's present and future electricity needs, including the air-conditioning of classrooms.
- wireless Internet coverage of the entire campus
- installation of closed-circuit TV cameras for the monitoring both of facilities and personnel
- declogging of the drainage system to prevent flooding.
- setting up of shooting and driving ranges in the university's Garcia Campus in support of the laboratory requirements of the College of Criminal Justice Education.
- purchase of five vans for the use of nursing students undergoing affiliation duties.
- opening of a University Clinic extension to serve the Elementary and High School Departments and other nearby units.
- declaration of WU-P as a drug-free, alcohol-free and smoke-free campus.
- decentralization of the operations of the Wesleyan Aurora Campus with the appointment of a new head.
- renaming of the WU-P Cardiovascular and Medical Center to Wesleyan University General Hospital and Cardiovascular Center (WUGHCC).
- holding of a flag ceremony every first Monday of the month.
- adoption of a new university seal incorporating the flame and cross emblems of the United Methodist Church.

Palomo said that such projects, aside from benefitting the Wesleyan community, will also reinforce Wesleyan's image as an autonomous, world-class university. ###

Admin, acad units revamped

President Manuel G. Palomo merged and abolished several university units and appointed new academic and administrative heads to streamline operations and make them more responsive to the needs of WU-P's constituents.

The College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA) was merged with the College of Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management (HRIM) to form the new College of Management and Accountancy (CMA).

Abolished were the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Office of the Vice President for Administration.

The post of assistant dean in the College of Nursing was also abolished and in its place, year level coordinators were appointed to oversee the integration of academic and clinical instructions.

The contracts of services of selected deans which lapsed last May 31 were renewed, among them those of Dr. Virginia O. del Rosario, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Maridel V. Eslao, dean of the College of Management and Accountancy; Prof. Randy Y. Sansait, dean of the College of Computer Studies; Prof. Mario C. Rosete, dean of the College of Criminal Justice Education; and Engr. Crizaldo B. Vicencio, OIC of the College of Technology.

Prof. Emma V. Villaroman was named OIC of the College of Nursing; Prof. Gladys P. Mangiduyos, OIC of the College of Education; and Dr. Nieves A. Paguagan, coordinator of the Center for Review and Lifelong Learning.

The other new appointees were Prof. Lucille Grace C. Hilario, supervisor of the Center for Child Development; Atty. Grace P. Ignacio, director of the Human Resources Development Department; Dr. Clarafe A. Gonzales, director of the Research, Productivity and Development Office; Dr. Estrella C. Buenaventura, executive assistant for extension campuses; Prof. Susan Bustamante, Wesleyan Community Outreach Program director; Dr. Corazon T. Cleto, assistant director for literacy program and community transformation of the Wesleyan Community Outreach Program; Prof. Efraim S. Vidal, Jr., assistant director of the Office of Student Affairs; and Prof. Expectacion C. Gonzales, special assistant to the president.

At the WU-P Cardiovascular and Medical Center, Dr. Emiliano G. Perez was appointed as hospital administrator; Dr. Benedicto Joson, medical director; and Nathaniel Manaois, chief nurse. ###

Common First Year Curriculum implemented

As practiced in big universities, Wesleyan University-Philippines has placed all first year and second year students under the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS).

This is in accordance with a memorandum that then Acting President Manuel G. Palomo issued last May 16, addressed to the vice president for academic affairs, college deans, the registrar and the Management Information System (MIS) office.

Under the new arrangement, all first and second year students – regardless of the courses they intend to take – will be placed under CAS in line with the first two years of General Education in tertiary level education.

However, during the transition period this School Year 2009-2010, the implementation of the scheme will begin only with the first year students. By School Year 2010-2011, all freshmen and sophomores will be under the administration of CAS. The delivery of all professional subjects to the students, regardless of year levels, will remain the responsibility of the other colleges.

In President Palomo's memorandum, he emphasized that the arrangements for classrooms used for the teaching of General Education subjects shall remain in force until a suitable building is found that can accommodate all such classes. In his meetings with the Academic Council, Palomo announced that by the next school year, the university should have a building dedicated to the teaching of General Education subjects.

The common first year curriculum is a further refinement of the system that had been practiced at WU-P for a number of years now, where CAS handles the General Education subjects of all students regardless of their courses.

Meanwhile, last June 17 and 18, CAS supervised the holding of four orientation briefings for freshmen and transferees, each one highlighted by the presence of President Manuel G. Palomo who gave a brief talk. The activity used to be handled by the Office of Student Affairs. ###

Social Work Board Exam: 100% passing rate!

Wesleyan University-Philippines Social Work graduates achieved a 100% passing rate in board examination given by the Professional Regulation Commission last June 23 and 24.

The six successful examinees were Dennis Jon-Jon S. Ke, Jinky B. Mantile, Jasper P. Nicolas, Jireh Roger A. Taganap and Rommel S. Yango, all of Batch 2009; and Mae Jcnym M. Estacio of Batch 2006.

The national passing rate for this year's Social Work board examination was 53.98%.

The oath-taking of the new social workers will be on August 14. ###

9 Accountancy grads pass board exam

Nine WU-P Accountancy graduates passed the CPA licensure examinations administered by the Professional Regulation Commission last May.

The new accountants are Angelyn Alagano, Mark Joseph B. Bulawit, Daisy L. delos Santos, Jaisa D. Gapuz, April N. Larete, Marlito S. Macatunao, Christian Johyn L. Marcelo, Joy Caryl B. Sabandal and Marife C. Tomas.

Prof. Malbert P. del Rosario, Accountancy coordinator of the College of Management and Accountancy, said that the nine successful examinees out of a total of 34 takers gave the university a 26.47% passing rate. The national passing rate was 28.88%.

WU-P has consistently been the biggest producer of CPA board passers among Nueva Ecija schools. ###

Wesleyan gets 3 more doctors



Doctors Mones, Alfonso and Buenaventura.

The Summer 2009 commencement exercises produced three more doctors for Wesleyan University-Philippines.

Earning Doctor of Education degrees, major in Educational Management were Prof. Apolinar M. Alfonso of the College of Management and Accountancy; Prof. Estrella C. Buenaventura, executive assistant for extension campuses; and Prof. Erlinda C. Mones of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Mones' dissertation was "Towards the Development of a WU-P Human Resources Development Program".

Alfonso's dissertation was entitled "Evolving a Model Labor-Management Cooperation for Wesleyan University-Philippines Towards Institutional Development".

Buenaventura, on the other hand, wrote a dissertation on "Teacher Morale in the Workplace: A Conjoint Analysis".

The three new doctors -- all products of the WU-P Graduate School -- were advised by Dr. Elisa L. Carlos.

During School Year 2008-2009, a total of eight WU-P administrative and academic personnel obtained doctoral degrees, five of them from the WU-P Graduate School.

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CCJE seniors undergo OJT at NBI



Some 37 senior students of the College of Criminal Justice Education (CCJE) underwent on-the-job training in the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) head office at Taft Avenue, Manila this summer.

The trainees had the chance to meet several personalities and witnessed ongoing cases involving celebrities like Ted Failon and Hayden Kho.

One group of students was rotated in various NBI technical units like the Dactyloscopy, Classification, Polygraphy and Photography Divisions, and the Master Name Index and Record Evidence Sections.

Another group was assigned to various divisions of the Investigative and Intelligence Services like Background Investigation, Research Analysis, Intelligence Security Operation, Counter Intelligence, Field Operation Division, Violence Against Women and their Children, Anti-Human Trafficking, Anti-Graft, Anti-Fraud, Computer Crime and other offices such as the Special Action Unit and Office of the Deputy Director for Regional Offices.

In their dormitory after their duty hours, the students held discussions and shared their experiences. This was designed to refresh their minds and have a mastery of subjects in law enforcement administration and criminalistics. ###

WUPFSA holds thanksgiving service



Pres. Palomo speaks before WUPFSA members.

The Wesleyan University-Philippines Faculty and Staff Association (WUPFSA) led by its president, Prof. Corazon Gonzales, held a thanksgiving service at the University Chapel last May 7 with then Acting Pres. Manuel G. Palomo as special guest.



The university president hands over to WUPFSA Pres. Gonzales her reinstatement document as other union officials look on.

A highlight of the program was Palomo's announcement of the reinstatement of Gonzales to her former position as faculty member without loss of rank, seniority or privileges, effective May 1. This was based on the recommendation of the Executive Committee last May 29 and confirmed by the Board of Trustees in a meeting last May 5, aimed at achieving industrial peace and goodwill. The move was also meant to comply with the orders of pertinent authorities after Gonzales challenged the previous administration's move to terminate her services.

In his remarks, Palomo assured that WUPFSA would be the sole recognized labor union in the university. He said that his administration was ready to work hand-in-hand with the union for the welfare of the university personnel, guided by truth, justice and righteousness. He also said that all withheld benefits of union members would be settled after the completion of an auditing of the university's finances.

During the program, WUPFSA officers took turns in recounting their personal experiences in fighting for the rights of union members during the previous administration. The speakers included Prof. Mel Guevarra, vice president; Rodrigo Habiling, secretary; Prof. Eufemia Ayro, treasurer; Liza Arcilla, PRO; and Prof. Gonzales; and directors Jun Bonotan, Grace Abad, Nelson del Rosario and Herminia Arcibal.

Tomas E. Semana, the union's legal adviser, and Prof. Gladys Manduyos, spiritual adviser, also gave messages during the occasion.

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MGP reports to UMC-MIDPAC

Then Acting President Manuel G. Palomo delivered the annual report on the operations of Wesleyan University-Philippines before the United Methodist Church Middle Philippines Annual Conference (UMC-MIDPAC) headed by Bishop Lito Tangonan last May 23.

WU-P served as the venue for the four-day MIDPAC hosted by the United Methodist Church of Macatbong, Cabanatuan City.

Wesleyan and other Methodist-related institutions such as Harris Memorial College, Philippine Christian University and Mary Johnston Hospital report to three UMC annual conferences – the legislative bodies of the Manila, Baguio and Davao Episcopal Areas.

Palomo announced that the first resolution approved by the new WU-P Board of Trustees was to reassert the United Methodist Church's ownership of the university.

"You can now expect that Wesleyan, as the only Methodist university in the country, will play a greater role in passing on the positive values taught by our Church's founding fathers led by Rev. John Wesley," Palomo said.

He gave an overview of the state of WU-P's human, material and financial resources when he and the new BOT took over last April 27, and said that despite the shortcomings of the past leadership, the university still managed to stand out in many aspects, including academic affairs and student and faculty achievements.

"The new Wesleyan administration will be known for transparency, justice and equality," Palomo told the conference.

"Our vision is to restore Wesleyan to its former glory during its Golden Age in the 1970s," he added.

He said that the new administration would build upon the university's autonomous status and transform Wesleyan University-Philippines into a world-class Methodist center of education in this part of the world.

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WUFSA goes on air



The Wesleyan University-Philippines Faculty and Staff Association airs the program "Usapang WUPFSA" over the university radio station DWUP-FM every Thursday from 2:00 to 3:00 PM, hosted by the union president, Prof. Corazon C. Gonzales and alternately co-hosted by union officers.

J.V. Bautista named general legal counsel



WU-P's new general legal counsel is Atty. Jose Virgilio L. Bautista — better known by his initials J.V. — a prominent human rights lawyer and a staunch advocate of social reforms.

He was elected as party-list representative of Sanlakas

in 2003.

Prior to this, he was the commissioner of bar discipline in the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP). He was the national spokesperson of the IBP House of Delegates from 1997 to 1999, serving concurrently as president of the IBP Nueva Ecija Chapter.

He was the chief legal counsel of the Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP) and Lila Filipina (Task Force Filipino Comfort Women), director of the Public Interest Law Center, and a member of the Free Legal Assistance Group (FLAG). He used to serve as senior legislative staff officer at the office of Senator Wigberto E. Tañada. He was chair of the People's Law Enforcement Board (PLEB) of his hometown of Guimba, Nueva Ecija.

Bautista finished Bachelor of Arts major in Journalism at the University of the Philippines Institute of Mass Communications, and Bachelor of Laws at the UP College of Law.

While a student, Bautista was a prominent student leader, having served as national president of the College Editors Guild of the Philippines (CEGP), secretary-general of the League of Filipino Students (LFS), and managing editor of the Philippine Collegian, official student organ of the University of the Philippines. ###



WU-P officials Pres. Manuel G. Palomo; BOT vice chair, retired Judge Raymundo Annang; and board treasurer, Architect Rodrigo Lagman pay a courtesy call on Sr. Supt. Ricardo C. Marquez, Nueva Ecija provincial police director.

18 HRM students back from US



Wesleyan HRM students take a break from their jobs in a US hotel for souvenir shots.



A total of 18 Hotel and Restaurant Management students who participated in the Summer Work and Travel program in the United States returned to the Philippines last June 22.

Due to the recent concern with the swine flu virus, the students were advised to stay home for 10 days for self quarantine.

Dr. Maridel V. Eslao, College of Management and Accountancy dean, said that the students related their experiences while working in hotels and restaurants in different locations. They were able to find second jobs though the US is still experiencing economic crisis, and experienced traveling to several cities like San Francisco, Los Angeles and Boston. Some of the students were treated by US-based Filipinos who acted as their tourist guides and provided them with a few days of accommodation in their homes. They expressed gladness

that Wesleyan students were given the rare opportunity to travel and work in the US.

The students who were assigned to Texas were commended by their hotel manager who offered them employment should they decide to return to the US after graduation.

Eslao said that with the merging of the former College of Business Administration and Accountancy (CBAA) and the College of Hotel, Restaurant and Institution Management (CHRIM) into the new College of Management and Accountancy (CMA), the US Summer Work and Travel program will also be offered to interested business students.

Through this linkage, students and graduates will be helped in finding employment opportunities in the global market, she said.

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Training on Critical Thinking and Technology in Pedagogy goes beyond WU-P

The Instructional Resources Center (IRC) offered a free three half-day training-workshop entitled "Reach Out To Teach" to 14 public school teachers from the Department of Education Division of Cabanatuan City from May 18 to 20, 2009 at the Computer Center 204, College of Computer Studies.

The venture was a collaboration of the College of Education (CoE) and its outreach program and the College of Computer Studies (CCS).

The training-workshop aimed to introduce participants to 21st century skills, concepts of critical thinking and technology in pedagogy and some updates on information technology concepts like wikis and blogs. Discussions centered on the approaches to education as well as the tools to enhance critical thinking skills among teachers and learners.

The participants prepared a closing program that highlighted their impressions of the training, including an Oath to Achieve

Teaching Excellence and a thank you song. President Manuel G. Palomo, who graced the awarding of certificates to the participants, even joined the singing of the song that the participants composed.

The evaluation results revealed the training needs of teachers from the Division of Cabanatuan City. CoE, as a Center of Training, together with the IRC, CCS and the Division Office will come up with a training design to address those needs.

A team composed of CoE Dean Gladys P. Mangiduyos, CCS Dean Randy Y. Sansait, and Alfredo M. Esteban Jr., had offered a similar training-workshop in June and October 2008 to the WU-P community. The team had also trained a total of 31 clergies and deaconesses in Maria Aurora District last May 14 through the WUP-Aurora Extension program led by Dr. Corazon T. Cleto and 40 faculty members of the Divine Word College in Legazpi City from June 4 to 6 through Dr. Mutya Paulino. ###

ALUMNI WATCH

Alumni Dinner with the President

President Manuel G. Palomo, hosted a simple dinner for some 80 select alumni from various academic units at Rustica Restaurant in Sta. Arcadia, Cabanatuan City last May 29.

In his address, Palomo said that upon assuming office, one of the first things he did was to make known his intention to host a fellowship with his former classmates and teachers and other alumni to form a solid alliance beneficial to the university and its constituents.

He recalled his graduation from the College of Arts and Sciences in 1969 and his 18-year stint as a professor and later dean of the College of Commerce.

"I have always dreamed of an ideal alumni association which will be a real partner of the institution in its mission of developing people who are intellectually enhanced, brought up in true Christian faith and highly committed to serve their fellowmen," he said.

Palomo noted that the alumni have proven the quality of Wesleyan

graduates, recognized as authorities in their own fields and disciplines.

He said that the greatest immediate concern was to review and amend the constitution and by-laws of the WU-P Alumni Association and set an election for a new set of officers to encourage a wider and more meaningful participation of its members. He pointed out that two representatives of the alumni association would be appointed members of the university's Board of Incorporators and one would sit in the Board of Trustees.

He assured that the university's new management team came with a firm resolve to restore the old glory of the university where academic excellence, moral ascendancy, transparency, fairness, and justice is a way of life and subscribed to by everyone.

During the program, Alumni Affairs Office Head Expectacion C. Gonzales introduced the alumni to Palomo and gave them the opportunity to greet the university president. ###



BARE THOUGHTS

by Pres. Manuel G. Palomo

In taking on the job of the presidency of Wesleyan University-Philippines, I have vowed to myself that my administration is one that will be remembered as the restorer of the University to its rightful owner—the United Methodist Church. Truly, we cannot discount the significant role of the Church in the evolvement of this hallowed institution to become what it is today—known as one of the best institutions of higher learning in the region in particular, and the country in general.

In gratitude and in acknowledgment of the vital role of the ministry in the institution's life of building the whole individual, it is my fervent desire to create a kind of Wesleyan education built upon the social responsibility of the Methodist Church towards accessing opportunities to quality and excellence.

Wesleyan University, by its very nature, should evolve a kind of education honed in the Methodist traditions and teachings. It should distinctly distinguish itself as an institution whose base education is historically demonstrated, readily recognizable and anchored on sound biblical and theological foundations subscribed by the Church.

We make it part of the University mission to reintroduce, reinforce and integrate the philosophies of the Church into the daily lives of the people comprising the academic community, without necessarily infringing on the right of every individual to their choice of religion. We shall keep and respect the non-sectarian character of the University as wished for by our founding fathers and visionaries.

At the end, we would like to see a perfected schema of a system that can be repeated anywhere else in the country bearing that stamp of Wesleyan, taking the traditions so revered and the lofty ideals of John Wesley to a higher plane. ###

WUPCMC now a general hospital



The Wesleyan University-Philippines Cardiovascular and Medical Center (WUPCMC) is being renamed Wesleyan University General Hospital and Cardiovascular Center (WUGHCC) by the Board of Trustees, as recommended by President Manuel G. Palomo.

The president sees the need to reorient the hospital's thrusts and programs toward a general hospital setup with expanded medical services. He clarified that it still maintains its cardiovascular capability as it is primarily and highly equipped to attend to heart cases.

Palomo, who is also chief executive officer of the facility, added that he has suggested to the hospital administrator, Dr. Emiliano G. Perez, a review of the price range of the hospital's various services, and the lowering of fees to be more competitive. This, according to him, is consistent with the non-profit, non-stock status of the university of which the hospital is a part.

Likewise, he said that the putting up of a generic pharmacy is being considered to address the problem of high cost of medi-

cines, adding that generic medicines are as good as branded ones. The medical team of the hospital supports the plan.

WUP-CMC is slowly spinning off from the reins of the university with minimum supervision by CEO Palomo. He said that the decision to continue with the operation of the hospital was brought about by the need to have a base hospital for WU-P's College of Nursing and eventually, its College of Medicine.

Bigger plans for the hospital are now on the drawing board including staffing it with highly qualified medical practitioners, networking with prominent medical teams from known and specialist hospitals in the country, wider marketing scheme, and the putting up of a new medical complex at the Quimson Street campus where the old Wesleyan main building stands. ###

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