



UP MANILA'S COMMITMENT TO ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



RESEARCH

One evidence of UP Manila's expression of its tripartite function of teaching, research, and public service is its generation of knowledge on Sustainable Cities and Communities. August 2022 to July 2023 data from Acta Medica Philippina (AMP), Philippine Journal of Health Research and Development (PJHRD), and Scopus reveal that publications from UP Manila related to Sustainable Cities and Communities are viewed,

downloaded, and most important of all, cited. Total views of publications related to Sustainable Cities and Communities is 5,023 and 4,119 from AMP and PJHRD, respectively. Total downloads of publications related to Sustainable Cities and Communities is 143 from PJHRD. Between the years 2022 and 2023, there are 18 total number of publications in Scopus with 71 total citations.



PUBLIC ACCESS TO LIBRARIES AND MUSEUM

In its unwavering commitment to ensure inclusivity of UP Manila to urban citizens, beyond its faculty, students and staff, its libraries and the Museum of the History of Ideas are open to the public. UPM libraries' resources are housed in the different colleges and may be accessed by non-UP researchers with a referral letter and payment of a small fee.

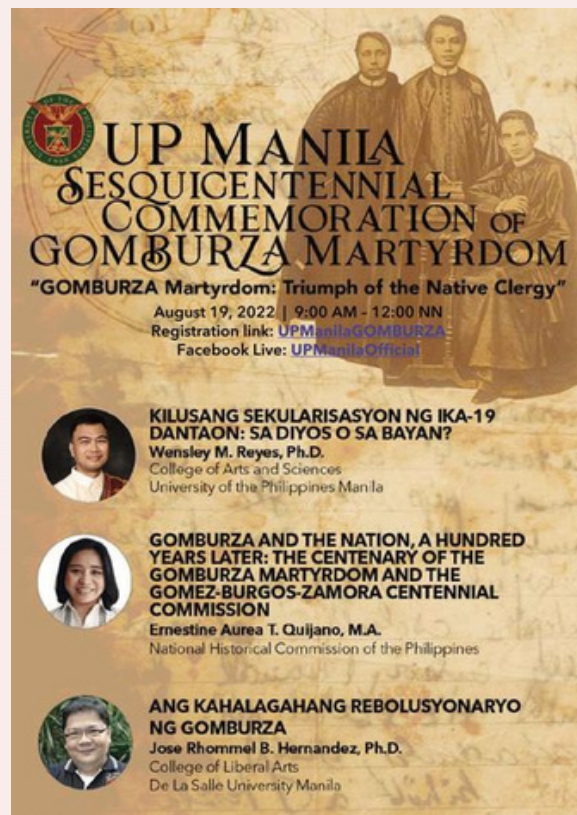
Moving beyond the traditional notion of collecting and preserving historical artifacts, the Museum of History marks the emergence and growth of critical ideas in nation-building and sovereignty, especially those that UPM has championed.



ARTS AND HERITAGE CONTRIBUTION

Committed to preserving heritage, UP Manila hosted various events. One of these was the webinar series last August to September 2022 in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the martyrdom of Mariano Gomez, Jose Burgos, and Jacinto Zamora.

The UP MedChoir is the official choir of the UP Manila College of Medicine. After the pandemic, it had two main performances — a mini-concert in celebration of Christmas on December 12, 2022, and a year-end concert last June 10, 2023.





UP Manila continues to organize activities promoting heritage and the arts through numerous programs organized by its administration, units, and student organizations.

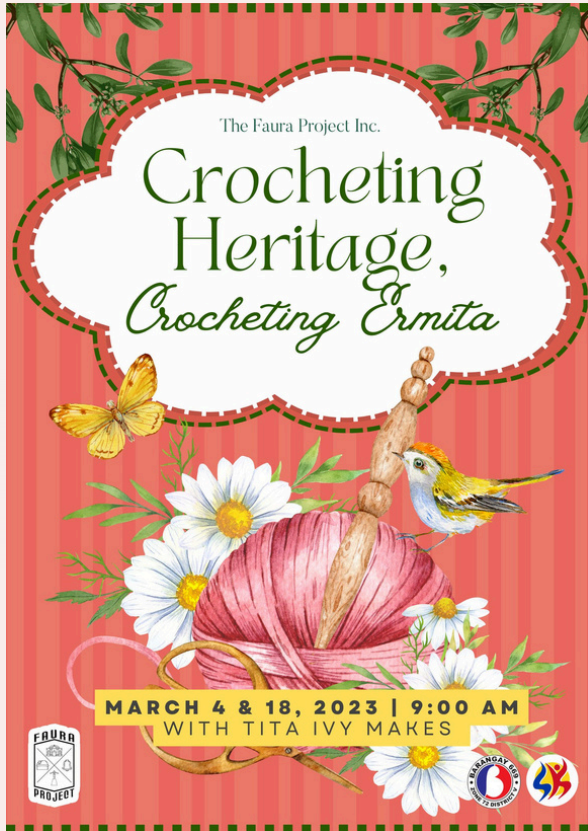
The UP Manila Belle hosted its annual Belissima concert on March 11, 2023 at the Girl Scouts of the Philippines Auditorium in celebration of its anniversary and Women's Month. The UP Manila Belle is an all-girl cultural organization of the University.



Tao Rin Pala is an annual concert hosted by the UP Medical Students' Society. They were able to return to the live stage last on May 5, 2023 at the St. Cecilia's Hall, St. Scholastica's College for TRP 49: Wildcard.



RECORDING AND PRESERVING CULTURAL HERITAGE



“Crocheting Art, Heritage, and Livelihood” is part of the “Empowered Women, Empowered Ermita” program organized by The Faura Project with the office of Brgy. Chairperson Cynthia Lorente and Sangguniang Kabataan (Youth Council) Chairperson Marinelle Completo of Brgy. 669, Ermita, Manila on March 4 and 12, 2023. The continuing program began on October 12, 2021. The program aims to present potential livelihood opportunities for underserved women while instilling the value of local heritage in its participants.



In a March 2023 training, Ms. Irene Van Yu taught participants the craft of crocheting. Crocheting is not only a pleasurable pastime but is also a potential source of income, as seen in several start-up businesses that have been on the rise amid the pandemic. As the participants will be given patterns of flowers endemic to Manila, teaching the craft of crocheting enriches the sense of the heritage of the members of the community.





In March 2023, a webinar focusing on “kasaysayang pampook sa Maynila” or Manila studies was held. During the second day of the webinar, “kasaysayang pangkababaihan” or historical discourse on women was tackled. This was participated by Prof. Jerome Ong who gave a presentation entitled, “These Little Women” ng “PGH: Ang Ospital Bilang Entablado ng Tunggalan.”



Restorations were done on the portraits of the previous deans of the College of Medicine. The cost of the restoration amounted to Php 296,500. The first floor renovation of the Salcedo Hall, which is a heritage building, was completed on March 31, 2023 and had a total project cost of Php 13,788,934.40.



SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

The Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan (LUDIP), which was required by the Commission on Higher Education from the State Universities and Colleges, anchors the sustainable practices targets through the vision, mission, goals, and objectives of the university and colleges. These are identified in the outcomes of the infrastructure framework of the Manila Campus as well as the planning principles from the University of the Philippines System . The Infrastructure Development Matrix tabulates the technical findings on the framework and planning principles to provide implications and the policy options or recommendations that are the base for the proposed infrastructure plan.

The key priority development projects highlight the proposed management plans, audits, projects, and compliances by the target implementation period.

The University of the Philippines Manila is “accessible through Taft Avenue, Pedro Gil, and Padre Faura, served by the United Nations and Pedro Gil Stations of the LRT Line 1 through Taft Avenue. Buses, vans, and jeepneys also ply Taft Avenue.”¹ Given the availability and proximity of various options in commuting, the majority of the population uses public transport. UP Manila aims to support the local government’s Comprehensive Land Use Planning (CLUP) through the promotion of the University District and Mixed Use Community.

¹ University of the Philippines Manila. (n.d.). Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan.

The pedestrian priority is included in the University of the Philippines System planning principles under the Spatial and Virtual Connectivity and Mobility where it is encouraged to create a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly community.

UPM also aims to promote the local government's CLUP by integrating the University District and Mixed Used Community by providing residential infrastructure and connection to transportation networks to increase pedestrianization.

In the 2019 UPM Survey, 99% of the population moves within the campus by walking. While this is the majority of the population, walking is not completely pleasurable. With this, the existing conditions and proposed strategies are discussed in Movement Network under Pedestrian Mobility.

The proposed projects include the walkways to buildings and to the LRT Line 1 in the future and in the interim, the in-between buildings shall be developed as parks to provide constituents a positive experience and continue to encourage a walkable community.



The recent construction and opening of the Henry Sy, Sr. Hall, donated by the University of the Philippines Medical Alumni Foundation Inc., and the College of Dentistry's Center for Oral Health are to address the academic and research requirements of the University. The buildings answer the need to provide the environment for learning through simulation, research, and clinical activities.



To promote workers welfare and health, flexible working arrangements were adopted in UPM beginning in 2023. Personnel are allowed to work from home once a week, balanced with the need to maintain the quality of UP services to its community.



To ensure that the welfare of the UPM constituents is considered, a three-day consultative and collaborative engagement with key stakeholders in updating the UPM Comprehensive Land Use and Development Plan was conducted in May 2024. The Land Use and Development Plans set the targeted spatial and infrastructure use to promote the UPM objectives to ensure better teaching, research, and client services.

