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## Linkages, Exhibits and Donations



University of Santo Tomas (UST) Library: Miguel de Benavides Library featured MAHLAP as one of their partners in the professional development. The exhibit is part of their month-long activity last October 1-31, 2008. ±



Book Donation: MAHLAP donated books to the Unyon ng Mga Kawani ng Kagawaran ng Kalusugang Sentral (UKKKS) for their Child Minding Center Project (CMCP) last November 6, 2008. Mr. Fernando Depano, DOH-UKKKS VP and Ms. Maylene Lazo, Board Member accepted the books in behalf of CMCP. The children's books were given by the Children International-Philippines Housing Foundation, Inc. headed by Ms. Rebecca J. Fuelos. ±

## MAHLAP Medical Mission

Joseph M. Yap



In celebration of the Library and Information Services Month, the Medical and Health Librarian's Association of the Philippines in cooperation with the Philippine Librarian's Association Inc., the National Library of the Philippines, Department of Health, Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center, UNILAB, C&E Publishing and Nestle Nesvita Pro Digestion conducted a free medical talk and mission last November 8, 2008 at the National Library, Manila. The theme for this year's LIS month was "Philippine Libraries and Librarians in the Midst of Global Competitiveness. The declaration of November as LIS month was issued by President Corazon Aquino through Proclamation no. 837 signed last November 19, 1991. The event was welcomed by Ms. Nina Fronza, Assistant Chief of the Filipiniana Division of the National Library of the Philippines. A lecture was given by Dr. Noel Sobrevega, resident physician, Department of Neurology, JRRMMC. It was directly followed by a medical consultation. The medical team was composed of Dr. Noel Sobrevega, Dr. Moh Ali Burahim, Dr. Mae Ann Saloma, Dr. Sherry Mae Siladan and Ms. Maricris Millares, RN. Around 70 participants were given free consultation and medicines during that day. MAHLAP conveys its appreciation to all companies who donated medicines and give-aways during the event. ±



## Library Spotted



Dr. Jose P. Rizal School of Medicine Medical Library  
Sarah D. Jacalan



### MEDICAL LIBRARY (4F Community Health Care Clinic)

The Medical Library supports the Dr. Jose P. Rizal School of Medicine and provides books and journals in the basic and clinical medical sciences, and public health. It maintains a Cyber Library that has internet connection, has subscriptions to various online databases such as Proquest Medical Library database, and ebrary to mention a few. It also has number of CD-ROM databases and various interactive CDs. It is also a depository of the World Health Organization.

#### Service Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tell us something about your library.

Contact us at [info@mahlap.org](mailto:info@mahlap.org) or visit [www.mahlap.org](http://www.mahlap.org).

## MAHLAP JOINS SINAG-NBP CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Rosario F. Lopez

Last December 13, 2008, MAHLAP partnered with SINAG-NBP in giving a joyful celebration of Christmas Party at the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) Hospital. The MAHLAP Board Members started their trip from DOH Manila to Muntinlupa as early as 7:00 a.m. to meet the SINAG-NBP volunteers to bring a merry gathering in the hospital. The Board had no idea of their adventure for the day for it was their first time to meet the inmates of the National Penitentiary.



There was a long queue of people entering the maximum compound and the MAHLAP Board together with the volunteers of SINAG patiently waited their turns humbly submitting and abiding to all the requirements of the guards in entering the maximum compound. All succumbed to the presentation of ID's, signing on the log book and body searching. At last, after a couple of hours, they finally reached their destination, the Hospital, where the inmates/patients were already waiting for the arrival of the guests. There were 27 volunteers including MAHLAP Board who participated in the merrymaking for the hospital patients. The Board has been the special guest of the day. They distributed gifts and foods, had raffles of gifts almost to all patients of Ward 3. MAHLAP also brought 2 boxes of medicine which were turned over to the SINAG-NBP Coordinator, Mr. Eddie Lopez.

The Volunteers were amazed of the inmates' attitude in life, in spite of their lonely routine life inside the prison they can still interact with people of the outside world as if life is just the same for all. The inmates presented their numbers in the program. They sang Christmas carols and danced in their festive mood. All were happy and the feeling of giving the Baby Jesus to all was felt in the atmosphere of mutual love for all people present in the occasion.

We thank our corporate partners who gave medicines for this cause. Our sincere thanks to DOH, UNILAB and New Marketlink. ±

### Interested to Contribute?

If you participated in any local or international conference, congress or seminar, received a scholarship or study grant, promoted or received an award, please send your articles to us and we will publish them for you. Articles could also be reviews of software packages, journal publications or commentary regarding the state of health practices in general. We are also calling all medical and health libraries to feature the four corners of their institution. We are also seeking focal persons in all provinces.

This is open to all medical and health librarians in the Philippines. For more inquiries email us at [info@mahlap.org](mailto:info@mahlap.org)

### Want to become a MAHLAP member?

Just contact any of our officers nearest you. Membership forms are also available online.

[www.mahlap.org](http://www.mahlap.org)

### MAHLAP Reaches Out to Paaralang Pantao (School for Humanity)

Maylene Grace Batol

The most awaited medical mission for our Paaralang Pantao children and their families was held last December 14, 2008. Our school is very much grateful to the kind assistance of MAHLAP, which generously provided medicines and support to our beneficiaries. Books, DOH posters and CD compilations of educational/instructional materials and lectures about good sanitation and prevention for all types of infectious diseases common to all children were distributed.

The project was graced by three doctors who were themselves volunteers for the school's humanitarian projects for more than 10 years. (Dra. Christine Carbon, Dra. Marichelle Perete and Dra. Nice).

Barangay health workers from Payatas 3, "Kuya June" and "Kuya Brian" also gave a lively orientation about tuberculosis, its causes, prevention and treatment. This has been a well-attended event and we hope to stage more health awareness program and campaign in the upcoming months.

The medical mission team was able to provide a PPD test for free and among the 60 kids tested, 15 has been confirmed positive with primary complex. Paaralang Pantao now has been working with the Barangay Health Center, sending the children for referrals, additional examinations and assisting them in getting their free medications.

Cheers to all of you from MAHLAP!!! Together truly we can make a difference by reaching out to our less fortunate brothers and sisters! In behalf of Mrs. Leticia B. Reyes, our Principal and Founder of Paaralang Pantao, we thank you all once again and we hope we can continually support one another in the upcoming mission projects. More power!!!

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MAHLAP wishes to thank DOH, UNILAB and PHAREX for providing the medicines for this medical mission.



**Post Script:** Boxes of medicines from DOH, UNILAB, PHAREX and New Marketlink were also distributed to the Church of Fr. Justine Ma. Torres, Oblate Apostles of the Two Hearts, in Calauan, Laguna. ±



### *Announcements and Latest Events*

UP Manila Day Awards: MAHLAP congratulates Ms. Gina Canceran, Ms. Gensela Lacambacal, Ms. Ma. Corazon Brito, Ms. Theresa Dugenia and Ms. Guillermina Panizales for receiving the UPM and PGH Manila Day Awards for their professional service. The recognition was held at College of Dentistry Auditorium last October 24, 2008, UP Manila. ±



The University Library, UP Manila conducted a seminar-workshop on “Gender Sensitivity and Building Relationships in the Workplace” last October 28, 2008. The first lecture was given by Dr. Anthony Geronimo H. Cordero, Director, Center for Gender and Women Studies, UP Manila and the second lecture was provided by Professor Gina S. Salazar, Chair, Dept. of Arts and Communication, CAS, UP Manila. ±



### MAHLAP: 21st National Congress and Seminar-Workshop Invitation

You are all invited to attend MAHLAP's 21st National Congress and Seminar-Workshop with the theme: ***“The challenge of change: partnership and development towards globalization”*** on February 25 to 27, 2009 at Tagaytay Country Hotel, Tagaytay City. The seminar fee is Php 4,500.00 inclusive of 3 days 2 nights accommodation, certificate, program materials, and meals. Participants who will pay by January 31, 2009 will receive a 10% rebate upon on-site registration.

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