



UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (SINGAPORE)

President's Report

by

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UPAAS 8th Annual General Meeting
March 27, 2011, Sunday
Courtyard Room, Marina Barrage

Objectives

- UPAAS objectives are:
- a) To provide organized alumni assistance to the University of the Philippines in the fulfilment of its mission as an academic institution;
- b) To coordinate projects and activities that benefit the University of the Philippines' students and alumni;
- c) To help strengthen the University of the Philippines to play its vital role in the development of the Philippine society and of the Filipinos nation;
- d) To promote the welfare of the Filipinos in Singapore and members of the Society; and
- e) To provide opportunities for members of the Society and graduates of other universities to meet one another and provide facilities for interaction and exchange.

Long time ago...back in 2003



Membership grew since

- From around 50 members in 2003, there are now more than 300 registered members.
- Active members about 150
- Average age is also lower, with many fresh graduates or with at least 2-3 years of working experience, come to Singapore

- Intro of membership card: UPAAS Ezlink card was launched in July 2007
- Full Name (UP registered name)
- UPAAS ID No – year of joining UPAAS and computer generated serial number
- Member since Month Year
- www.upaas.org

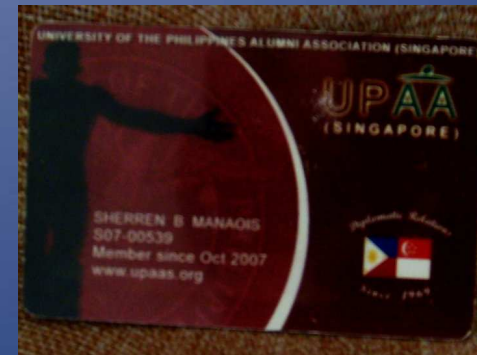
UPAAS Ezlink Membership Card

UPAAS logo was designed by Miel Pidencio



First Ezlink card (2007):
Designed by Emily Tabugadir

Latest & 2nd design (2009):
Designed by Thea Noel



Exciting start for 2010

- March 2010: A night with Lovni and Chopin and Schumann
 - Raised more than S\$13,000 for UPAAS scholarship programme
 - Core group included Loida, Ernan, Noel, Jon, Marc & Minnie

Then a pause...

- Mancom held a planning session in May
- And agreed to give more attention to members' interests

But not too long...

- **Elections** in the Philippines in May
 - no. of members assisted the embassy
- Sunday volunteers led by Erik & Thryza
- **PIDC** in June led by Michelle & Thryza
- **Usapan rated K** – forum for domestic helpers –
led by Joni & Denise
- **Tambayans** led by Ryan - barbecue at NUSS
Guild House, Fullerton, 1-Altitude
- Horror Movie night during Halloween – led by Ed

Activities

- Professional & Professional Devt, and anything that interests members
 - cooking demo by Mama Sita
 - financial literacy talk by Cielo
 - affair of the heart by Dr Ian
 - resource management in Spore by Loida

Activities cont'd...

- There is the “Walkers group”
 - monthly walk led by Ms Chi, Denise 7 Guen. The walks are usually followed by sumptuous brunch and sometimes, with very interesting discussions
 - Zoo, Bukit Timah Nature Reserve, Labrador park, city walks, etc

Activities cont'd...

- Assisted the **UP School of Statistics Alumni gathering in Singapore** in October

- UPAA Acting President

- Atty Gladys Tiongco

- UPSSAA President

- Maria Fe Ferriols



- Sent books to UP Iloilo – led by Ms Chi Ching & Susan Nerney

Activities cont'd...

- We are a health conscious group
- Badminton group LETSE. weekly games/Smashan tournaments/ inter-tournaments with other groups
- Bowling team
- Basketball team

Collaborations

- **With Philippine Embassy**
 - members assisted during the Philippine Election period. Participated in PIDC. Joined the welcome party for YOG athletes. participated in FilCom activities – visits of PNoy, VP Binay, former Pres GMA, and many others

Collaborations

- **Philippine National Bank-** a 5-year MOA was signed in 2008 providing UPAAS an annual seed money of S\$7,000 for its endowment projects.
- **Bayanihan** – worked together in the art auction in 2008. UPAAS ended donating abt S\$2,600 each to PBSS and SMU for the collaboration. Cooperation continued in the following years.

Collaborations

- **Mutya ng Pilipinas Inc**
- There were other groups interested in holding the Mutya ng Pilipinas-Singapore event, but the Philippine organisers selected UPAAS.
- The event was successfully held in June 2009 and that gave UPAAS a bigger exposure to the FilCom here and an opportunity to work with other organisations.

Collaborations

- **Manny Baldemor and Prof Bobby Mariano and Singapore Management University**

A portion of proceeds from sale of paintings went to the scholarship programme of UPAAS

UPAAS in the media

- In the Philippines, the Singapore launch of Metro Cuisine was featured in Philippine Star in 2009.
- In 2010, PP Portia & Loida were featured in local Philippine TV to promote MC
- http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s0yyzPQ-_Tc
- In Singapore, Joni, Thryza & Guen featured in an Ondoy article in local paper in 2009;
- PP Portia featured in Straits Times, promoting Filipino food and Metro Cuisine in 2010;
- Mancom contributed to Okto TV programme promoting Philippine culture in 2010.

In Singapore...

1. PP Portia featured in Straits Times promoting Filipino food and Metro Cuisine
2. UPAAS Mancom featured in OKTO TV promoting Filipino culture



Finances for 2010

- Total revenue: S\$33,975
- Total expenses: S\$14,332
- **NET REVENUE: S\$19,643**

Finances to date

- Total assets as of Dec 31, 2010:

\$77,005

- UPAAS – now a *Peso millionaire*
- Fixed Deposits at 2% pa
 - PhP100,000 @ 33.00
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 - PhP1,000,000 @ 33.75
 - PhP 500,000 @ 34.10

Thank you very much

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