Universitas Pelita Harapan (UPH) is an institution for higher education committed to providing excellent, holistic, transformational education, prioritizing excellent academics through true knowledge, faith in Christ, and Godly character. The vision of UPH is for its students to mature holistically during their time years of study: spiritually, intellectually, emotionally, socially, artistically, and physically, transforming themselves through the process of their education to transforming our country as a result.

Coinciding with the UPH Graduation XXVII and UPH Festival 22 on June and August 2015, the fresh graduates and new students should understand the UPH identity and how it is integrated in every aspect of campus life. Consequently, the UPH Chaplain Office has the purpose of directing, coordinating, and overseeing all Spiritual Formation and development on campus, for the faculties and students, from the new students and for the fresh graduates who are ready to plunge into the real world.

Albert Mitchell Moore as the UPH Chaplain shared with us about holistic, Christ-centered education. “UPH’s Christ-centered education focuses on the highest quality of education possible but also the most transformational education we can achieve. Why? Because faith in Christ changes everything,” explained Moore. Using the example of Zacchaeus from Luke 19, Moore demonstrated how a successful business man can have everything the world wants and he can still be left wanting. Zacchaeus was a tax collector who had everything you think you want: money, job, security, connections with the government and social elites, status in society and influence. Despite having all he wanted, the story shows us Zacchaeus, in fact, was isolated, empty and unhappy. After meeting Jesus he was transformed and rather than exploiting others through corruption, Zacchaeus paid back what he unjustly took to gain his wealth and status, even giving half of his possessions to the poor. After meeting Jesus, Zacchaeus did not leave His profession but he was a “new kind of professional. A better business man and a better citizen in Jericho.” “You see,” said Moore, “Jesus changes everything.”

Holistic education is obviously transforming and UPH establishes it as the basic fundamental of the learning system by integrating the materials and interactions in class with the Biblical worldview. Naturally, people go to universities for degrees but they also want to be the best they can be in any market they will be placed. Holistic education develops the whole person as only the Biblical Worldview offers True Knowledge, Faith in Christ, and Godly Character.

Moore encouraged UPH alumni to always remember their alma mater and advised that the degree is not the end of the journey but a vehicle to the greater end, which is to glorify God. Pointing to Jeremiah 29:7 Moore noted, “…seek the peace and prosperity of the city…Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” Moore added, “The Christian professional seeks to bear the character of God through our vocations because God has designed this world and He is ordering History towards His goals. Through the work of God in Christ the Christian professional uses their work to re-order all that is dis-ordered as we re-direct God’s good creation to once again give glory to Him.” Chaplain Moore hopes our new graduates embrace this gospel-centered purpose but also that our new students next year will joyfully explore the glory found the UPH’s Biblically integrated and holistic education. Moore concluded, “The truth is, God’s goals for you and our University are far greater than you can imagine. May we together learn to more fully trust Him.”

Rev. Albert Mitchell Moore, UPH Chaplain
“Holistic Education Changes Everything”
Praise be to the Lord Jesus Christ for His mercy and grace for allowing UPH to hold the graduation ceremony for 1036 students at UPH Karawaci and 143 students at UPH Surabaya, on June 2015. The academic year 2014-2015 at UPH, themed “Higher Calling”, inspires us to keep improving the quality of education at UPH. The theme encouraged students to achieve higher levels of excellence and be leaders who are not only smart, but also have integrity, which is the expectation for the recent UPH graduates. UPH is steadfastly committed to providing Christ-centered education that is integrated with every aspect of campus life and to consistently be socialized in every cohort. It is our hope that the information and news we offer will give more knowledge about the UPH identity and strengthen the commitment to be a blessing wherever we are. Have a pleasant reading!

RECTORATE REFLECTIONS

Christ-centered Education
Connie Rasilim - VP for Academic Affairs

As we wrap up this 2014-15 academic year, the Lord has entrusted us with so many wonderful events to be thankful for and celebrated together as a community of His truth and grace. What a great joy that is since these events hopefully mark not only our accomplishments in the society but most importantly, they serve as the true evidence of His faithfulness in enabling each of us to respond according to His will in and through our lives – both collectively as well as personally.

We all witnessed the 1036 UPH graduates, officially receiving their UPH degrees on Saturday, June 13, 2015. These degrees signify the four years of relentless effort and endurance, in spiritually, emotionally, and academically rigorous expectations, not merely for the graduates but also all the faculties and staff involved. Three days prior to the UPH Graduation, we all commissioned 162 Teachers College graduates of Cohort 2011, who are now ready to serve for the cause of Christ in over 20 schools across Indonesia – from the farthest west in Nias, all the way to the farthest east of mountainous Mamit in Papua. Such a privilege to have been involved in the lives of these graduates – all made possible, only by His grace!

And as we ponder further upon what true Christ-centered education truly is, we cannot but bring it back to Christ, the Author, the Sustainer, and the Finisher of our faith. This is the faith that will keep moving us closer towards the true knowledge that will enable us to reflect godly character in our living, especially as we all commit to giving back to the society in which we live, all for His Kingdom glory.

STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

Worship Training Conference 2015

Spiritual formation for students is one of the programs managed by Maryan R. Garcia, Director of Spiritual for Student Formations (SFS), and directed by the Chaplain, Albert Mitchell Moore. This department aims to prepare students to be impactful leaders in the community and the church. One program to help realize that purpose is an annual training conference. This program was, initially offered from 22-23 May 2015, entitled “Worship Training Conference 2015”, was held at the Grand Chapel, UPH. The purpose of this event is to give Biblical training on what worship is as well as leadership practices based on Biblical Theology. The training featured two speakers, Pdt. Jimmy Setiawan, Founder and Director of the Mentoring Center for Worship Renewal, who discussed about the essence of worship, and Dr. Timothy Conkling, lecturer of World Religion at the UPH Faculty of Liberal Arts and School of Design, who taught proper, practical methods for leading worship. More than 1000 participants, students, and staff from UPH joined this training.
UPH XXVII Graduation and Commissioning of 162 TC Graduates

UPH held a XXVII Graduation ceremony to inaugurate 1036 graduates out of 1142 students who have passed the judicium on the even semester of the academic year 2014/2015 on 13 June 2015. The graduates consisted of 76 Diplomas (D4), 900 Bachelor degrees, 164 Master degrees and 2 Doctoral degrees. Among the graduates there were 162 teachers, 94 Bachelor of Medicine degrees, and 62 Bachelor of Nursing degrees. In this judicium, there were 6 Summa Cum Laude graduates, 32 Magna Cum Laude graduates and 159 Cum Laude graduates. The highest Grade Point Average (GPA) was earned by Agus Imam Santoso, Doctor of Law with GPA 3.99. In his remarks, the Rector of UPH, Dr. (Hon) Jonathan L. Parapak motivated the students to achieve at even higher levels, which is in line with the theme of “Higher Calling”. “This nation is missing leadership figures who are not only smart, but who also live with integrity. Therefore, we hope the graduates of UPH will bring changes and keep inspiring the vision of UPH,” said Dr. Parapak. Also attending this event was the Executive Secretary of Kopertis III, Putut Pojogiri, S.H., who represented the Coordinator of Kopertis III, Prof. Dr. Ilza Mayuni, MA. He reminded UPH to keep being consistent in implementing the National Standard of Higher Institution as mandated by the government, and to be ready to compete with other higher academic institutions in ASEAN. “UPH ought to be supported by strong integrity and character, thus the graduates should not have complacency and must keep learning,” was his message to the graduates.

In addition, the Teacher’s College, UPH, held the commissioning of its 162 graduates on 10 June 2015. These teachers earned three degrees at once, Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) from Corban University, Sarjana Pendidikan (S.Pd) from UPH and a certification acknowledgment from Associate of Christian Schools International (ACSI). “This was an appreciation of the graduates who have committed themselves to serve God through education. I would like to inform all of the parents here that these graduates have gone through a very strict education, and with pride UPH and Corban University send them to serve God wholeheartedly as teachers in schools all over Indonesia,” stated the Rector. These teachers will be placed in 44 schools under the Yayasan Pelita Harapan (YPH). The teachers are comprised of 18 Economic Education teachers, 73 Elementary teachers, 23 Biology teachers, and 48 Mathematics teachers.

The UPH Executive Education Center (EEC) is a distinct program for executives and professionals that offers an international curriculum, using English as a medium, and international lecturers from top-notch universities worldwide. The EEC will exclusively offer the following degrees: International Master of Management (Regular IMM and Executive IMM (EIMM), Dual Degree Master of Management/Master of Hospital Management (MM/MHM), Executive Master of Management in Maritime Logistics and Supply Chain, and a Doctor of Research in Management (DRM). To introduce these excellent programs, the UPH EEC held an Open House on 6 June 2015 at the Aryaduta Suites, Semanggi. Gracia Ugut, Ph.D., Executive Director of Lippo Education Initiatives, explained that UPH EEC programs emphasize systems thinking, where students must think critically, team thinking to train the students to work in a team with leadership skills and business thinking to expose students to different functions in business. These types of thinking are essential for students to be able think strategically in analyzing their environments and to generate competitive advantage.

During May–June, the UPH Undergraduate Programs also offered an Open House to high school students from all over Indonesia, such as SMA St. Theresia Menteng, SMAK 2 Penabur Jakarta, SMA Tunas Daud Bali and other schools.
Imagine Your Future at UPH Medan – Trial Class

As part of a series of campus life introductions, created especially for high school students in North Sumatera, UPH Medan hosted a Trial Class event for Management, Accounting, Hospitality, Information Systems and Law majors. This program was held from 25-29 May 2015. One interesting session was the workshop and sharing from well-known practitioners that represented each major. The participants also learned about careers in industry, student mentoring, student activities and various clubs. UPH Medan also launched a joint degree program with Corban University, USA on Thursday, 4 June 2015. The MoU signing between UPH Medan was completed by Dr. (Hon) Jonathan L. Parapak, UPH Rector and Dr. Matt Lucas, Provost/Executive Vice President from Corban University and Dr. Janine F. Allen, Dean of Global Initiatives, Corban University. This launching event was started by the biblical integration-based seminar entitled, ‘Positioning a Business for Success: the Jericho Principle’ for the lecturers and staffs at UPH Medan which was delivered by Mr. P. Griffith Lindell, Dean of the Hoff School of Business, Corban University, and Dr. Bryce A. Bernard, Professor of Accounting, Corban University. The students and parents also joined the seminar by Mr. P. Griffith Lindell, with the topic of ‘Ethics and a Servant-leader Attitude’. The program launching received positive feedback from both students and parents.
Leadership is the ability to guide others without force into a direction or decision that leaves them still feeling empowered and accomplished.” – Lisa Cash Hanson, CEO of Snuggwugg.

This is one of the best definitions for ‘leadership’ according to the world. As a Christian institution that is consistent in its Christ-centered education, Universitas Pelita Harapan (UPH) sees leadership from a slightly different perspective, yet that difference is quite significant. This topic was discussed at the ‘Education Leadership in Indonesia’ seminar, held by the UPH Master’s of Education department, 23 May 2015 at the MYC Multipurpose Room, UPH. The seminar presented UPH education experts Connie Rasilim, S.S., B.Ed., M.Pd., Vice Rector of Academic Affairs, Bethany Schuttinga Ph.D., Senior Academic Advisor, Gunawaty Tjioe, Ph.D., Dean of Teachers College and the moderator, Dr. Niko Sudibjo, S.Psi., MA., Head of Department for the Master’s of Education program at UPH. This event was also intended to introduce the new UPH Master’s of Education in Systemic Educational Leadership program. The program was launched as an answer to the needs of educators in the aspects of leadership that come with theology and biblical education. The program aims to generate leaders with correct, high quality leadership skills and knowledge, specifically leaders who seek follow the example of Christ. “Therefore, this program was launched to equip leaders with that calling,” added Gunawaty. The distinct and unique aspect of this program is the cooperation with Corban University, who has been accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission, granting graduates of this program two titles, a M.Pd., from UPH and a M.Ed., from Corban University. The requirements for prospective students are a Bachelor’s certificate from any major, involvement in teaching for at least 3 years, and, most importantly, having undergone spiritual rebirth and to have received Jesus as Personal Savior. The program curriculum is similar to the other UPH Master of Education degree, but it is enriched with the subjects of Biblical and Theological Knowledge. Bahasa Indonesia is the primary language, but the textbooks are mostly in English.

Dr. Agustin Teras Narang, Governor of Central Kalimantan now holds the title of Doctor of Law after successfully defending his dissertation entitled “The Focus of Regional Autonomy at the Provincial Level in the Frame of Negara Kesatuan Republik Indonesia”. Teras Narang stated that his dissertation research aimed to find the focus of ideal regional autonomy in order to gradually realize the national objectives contained in the Preamble of UUD 1945 and the purpose of regional autonomy in the frame of NKRI. “The concept of focusing the regional autonomy to the provinces constitutionally does not contradict with UUD 1945,” said Teras. According to him, the local governments of regencies and cities should be on the front lines of implementing regional autonomy, specifically in delivering services for the people in its region. Therefore, local governments can get support in terms of guiding, monitoring and controlling, as well as evaluating effectively and efficiently from the provincial government. It is hoped that his dissertation can contribute to education as future study material for students at the Law School.
UPH Students’ Artworks at the National Gallery

UPH School of Design (SOD) once again earned national recognition. Three UPH Architecture students from cohort 2014, Melody Christy, Yohana Widjaja and Natasha, were selected to join ‘Pameran Seni Rupa Karya Mahasiswa Indonesia 2015: Nalar | Sensasi | Seni’ on 9-23 April 2015 held by the Indonesian National Gallery. The comprehensive concept and impressive presentation were the keys for their artwork to be selected. “We were the only Architecture major students who joined, whereas the other students came from an art major,” expressed Natasha. Melody also stated this exhibition could add more to their portfolios. “Being chosen to exhibit my own piece at the National Gallery made my parents proud,” said Yohana. Andreas Yanuar, lecturer at UPH Architecture Design, served as their mentor and reported that to be selected to showcase an artwork at the National Gallery is one of the highest achievements in art because it is the most prestigious art space in Indonesia.

UPH Alumni Business Talk: “Business Start Up”

The UPH Alumni Center held an Alumni Business Talk that was attended by 33 alumni on 12 June 2015, at the Hongkong Café, Central Jakarta. The talk featured Vanessa Ariesca Setiawan (Managing Director Sunny Side Up Resto, Alumni of International Relation 2007), Andy Djjo Budiman (Co-founder of PT. Sterling Tulus Cemerlang, Alumni of Master of Management 2004), Yossa Setiadi (Owner of www.BawangSoy.com, Alumni of Communication 2003), and Budi Legowo (VP for Marketing, External Relations and Business Development UPH) and was hosted by Marvin Joseph Kolibonso (Startup Leader & Distribution Center Manager, Alumni of Industrial Engineering 2002). The talkshow discussed the importance of seeing market potential in order to determine the right strategy for market penetration. The speakers agreed that products or services must provide added value to the target market. In addition to product, people are also important for startup. “Chemistry with partners is more important than complementary skills,” explained Budi. An attendee, Petrus, (Hospitality Management 2009) was particularly interested in that session. “This matches my expectations. The speakers are both practitioners and entrepreneurs who gave helpful tips and tricks for startup. I will surely join the next session,” said Petrus.

“Don’t Stop Learning!”
Continuous improvement must begin from ourselves

Willingness to learn is one of the characters that Ernest possesses, as the alumni of Industrial Engineering UPH 2003 and owner of online shop kukuruyuk.com. He started his career in Management Training (MT) at two leading retail companies with latest position as Merchandising Manager. His willingness to learn brought him to the company which develops digital marketing business, Lazada.com, where he became the Vice President. Ernest shared that social environment is one of influencing factors in learning process. Continuous improvement must begin from ourselves.

He experienced this during studying at university and working. “UPH has a great social environment. The relation we built with friends plays the role in shaping our character. Excellent grade is not the main purpose,” shared Ernest. “To be ready for joining the working life, it takes more than good knowledge and grades but a mature character,” he added.

His willingness to keep learning motivates him in mastering the digital marketing business at HULT International Business School, Boston, United States. Eventually, he encouraged himself to develop his own business, kukuruyuk.com. This willingness comes from his passion in human development. From previous experience, he learned that one thing that determines business’ succession is strong culture and vision. “A good company culture involves in appreciating the human resources”, said Ernest.

Send your success story as an alumni to e-mail: alumni.relations@uph.edu
UPH Law School Students Win National and International Achievement

UPH Law School students once again earned stellar achievement at the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition in the international round held in Washington DC, USA, on 5-11 April 2015. This competition came following a win at the national round in Indonesia. The UPH Jessup Team was comprised of Roselyn, Astrid, Sabrina, Nadya and Bernice. The team had already broken another record when they won the Alona E. Evans Award, First Place in Combined Memorials, edging 116 teams from more than 80 countries. The team also ranked in the Top 7 after winning all of their preliminary rounds against John Hopkins University (US), Université de Strasbourg (France), Waseda University (Japan) and University of Colombo (Sri Lanka). During the national round, the students also won Second Place in the National Debate Competition Padjajaran Law Fair 2015, represented by Cindy, Christian and Hanyen. Previously, the team won First Place at the UKSW Constitutional Debate Competition University Round in Java Region, represented by Rosari, Rachella and Adella.

UPH Achieves 2 Medals at ON MIPA PT

For five consecutive years, UPH has been the champion of the National Olympiad of Mathematics and Natural Sciences for University (ON-MIPA-PT). This year, UPH successfully achieved two medals and one honorable mention: a gold medal in Biology by Rosaria (Biotechnology 2011), a bronze medal for Mathematics by Evan Kurnia Alim (Mathematics 2013), and an honorable mention in Biology by Joan Christie Wijaya (Biotechnology 2012). UPH also made their way into the ‘Top 8 Universities’ who received medals at the ON MIPA PT 2015 competition. There were only two Private Universities (PTS) that managed to obtain medals this time—UPH and Universitas Surabaya (UBAYA), while the other winners come from Public Universities (PTN) such as ITB, UI, UGM, IPB and ITS. This achievement demonstrates the consistency of UPH Biotechnology and Mathematics majors and the internal Faculty of Science and Technology (FaST), in maintaining and improving their academic qualifications as well as students’ knowledge in their respective fields.

So far, UPH has the friendliest people I have ever met. I also just learned that there is a major in International Relations with many students enrolled. This was new for me since our Texas A&M University students mostly come from engineering, technology, and pre-med. I learned a lot from my friends here.

Astia Sanjaya, S.Si
Alumni of UPH Biotechnology 2008, Assistant Lecturer at UPH Biotechnology, Fulbright USAID Post Graduate scholar

Studying Biotech at UPH truly enriched me not only in the aspect of knowledge but also in character building. I was trained to love the knowledge that I’ve learned and to apply it not only for academic purposes, but also to contribute to the environment and community. I was encouraged to never give up and was taught the lab-skills, knowledge, and experiences that enabled me to receive the Fulbright scholarship. My occupation as assistant lecturer at UPH Biotechnology definitely played an important role in facilitating the scholarship application process.

Mark Elias
Class of 2015, Engineering Technology major, Executive Officer of Company in the Corps of Cadets, Texas A&M University, USA on a visit to UPH, 20 May 2015
UPH Food Technology held a Studium Generale to 69 students of Food Technology International Streamline and 7 lecturers on 13 May 2015 with the topic of “Food Safety, Salmonella, and Poultry”. In his lecture, the speaker, Associate Professor in Food Microbiology, Julian Cox who is also the Associate Dean (International) of the Faculty of Engineering, UNSW Australia emphasized the importance of food security since everyone is entitled to consume safe and nutritious foods. He also proposed some new methods of rapid analysis for food industries. According to Julia Ratna Wijaya, MAppSc, Head Department of UPH Food Technology, this program is aimed to equip the students and young lecturers to gain more knowledge and update with the latest findings. This program is regularly held in UPH Food Technology for it is very important in enriching the knowledge of the students, not only for the International streamline, but for all Food Technology students.

Corps of Cadet Texas A&M University Exchanges Idea with UPH

UPH International Relations Department and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies-Indonesia organized and co-hosted the event with approximately 30 members of Corps of Cadet (The Corps) from Texas A&M University, USA along with a number of faculty member came to visit UPH on Wednesday May 20, 2015. They came as part of their international excursion programs for their cadets in order to have experience visiting an important country and also to have the opportunity to exchange ideas on cultures, politics, economics, foreign policy and media in Indonesia. According to Susy Tekunan, MBA., MA., Head Department of UPH International Relations, it was a wonderful opportunity for UPH to share about its identity as a Christ-centered university in the largest Moslem population country. “It is an organic way to plant the seed of people-to-people relations as the best way to develop countries’ relations, in this case for Indonesia and the U.S,” stated Susy. Meanwhile, A/Prof Randolph Kluver, Executive Director of Global Partnership & Projects Texas A&M University said that the international excursion program helped The Corps to better understand the world who someday will be the leaders in various fields.