Seeing the social phenomena where children and teenagers disregard age-appropriate songs marketed to them, UPH Conservatory of Music (CoM) held a Children and Teenager Music Composing Festival with the theme Share the Life on November 18 – December 2, 2018. The closing event was held on December 2, 2018, and will feature the 10 best works submitted in the Gala Concert Shine Like Stars.

“I hope that this theme can encourage children and teenagers to familiarize themselves with age-appropriate songs. If they prefer to sing age-appropriate and educational songs, I am sure this will inspire other children and teenagers,” Antonius S. Priyanto, Dean of UPH CoM.

Yosia Revie Pongoh, the Academic Event Coordinator, explained that the participants consist of middle and high school students in Jabodetabek. Each participant is required to compose a motivational musical work about themes such as friendship, sportsmanship, love for the nation, etc.

This festival, Revie explained, is not a competition, but a place where participants can express themselves through songs. Ten works will be chosen to be performed in the ‘Shine Like Stars’ Concert held by UPH CoM. The performers will collaborate with UPH Symphony Orchestra, UPH Broadway Ensemble, UPH Concert Choir, and UPH VoxCom.

In total, there are be 450 performers in this gala concert. Participants gaining the most audience favorite votes are Athalia Alam Sutra High School, Lentera Harapan Curug, Tunas Bangsa Serpong, and SMM Perguruan Cikini. One participant with the best submitted work will be invited to record their song professionally.

The judge lineup consists of UPH CoM lecturers – Antonius S. Priyanto, M.Mus., Yosia Revie Pongoh, M.A., and Dr. Henry S. Pranoto. Judging criteria include the music composition (melody, harmony, lyrics, and style) and presentation.

This event garnered a dominantly positive feedback, and this encourages UPH CoM to make this festival an annual event, with more diverse participants.
Reflecting on God’s Grace in UPH

By: Dr. (Hon) Jonathan L. Parapak, M.Eng.Sc.

2018 teaches us to see how God’s grace for us has no boundaries. We especially got to remember how Christ came on the first Christmas, 2000 years ago. This Baby became the center of everything we do in UPH. We thank God for everything that He has done for UPH. He has been with us in the process of unifying all UPH campuses – UPH Lippo Village, Medan, Surabaya, and Pelita Harapan School of Hospitality & Tourism, which means all students graduating from UPH will be awarded UPH’s standardized certificate and will also enjoy the same quality of education in whichever campus they choose. This unification brings the UPH family to a number of over 19,000 students.

We also thank God that in the 2017-2018 academic year, we graduated 3050 students, among which there are about 300 teachers that are sent out all across Indonesia. Over the years, UPH has sent around 3000 teachers to all parts of Indonesia, up until the mountains of Papua. We thank God for the study programs that are rewarded with superior accreditation and for the extension program that has started in Jakarta. All these achievements should encourage us to keep bettering ourselves in 2019.

2019 will be a special year for us, for we will celebrate our twenty-fifth anniversary. I pray that UPH can promote professors and start several new study programs this year. I also hope that we can be ready for the 4.0 digital era. UPH will certainly continue to broaden its international partnerships to better the quality of our curriculum and lecturers.

With a faith in Christ and hard work, I pray that God will always bless our institution and that we can continue to offer the best quality of education we can. May all glory be to God only.

UPH Talent Show

UPH boasts itself on nurturing its students holistically. Students get much more than academics – in UPH, they also develop their talents and potentials. UPH provides students the opportunity to showcase their abilities on the big stage at ‘UPH Talent Show’, held on November 28, 2018, in UPH Lippo Village’s Grand Chapel. Students from 15 student-led organizations performed in front of an audience of almost 1,000, which is an exhilarating amount for most.

Students who do not showcase their talents also participated backstage, as stage managers, event organizer, etc. Dr. Curtis Taylor, Vice Rector in Student Affairs, admitted to truly enjoying this event. "UPH Talent Show shows real proof that here in UPH, we value holistic education. We show our talent in arts and we value art so highly because we are the creation of a creative God.”
UPH and OVO held a Public Lecture in Preparation for the Era of Big Data Technology

Big Data technology has become more and more useful in the past decade – it is used in a wide array of sectors, from businesses to politics. Seeing this, UPH and OVO prepared a Public Lecture with the theme ‘Big Data Implementations – Application Layer Design’ on November 15, 2018, in Building D room 501. This Public Lecture is led by Riki Pribadi, Head of Business Insights & Analytics Product OVO.

In the Public Lecture, Riki explained how Big Data is able to process and analyze big bulks of data to fulfill the demands of a company. This means companies can boost their performance and fulfill its clients’ demands better.

Dr. Henri P. Uranus, the Head of Department of Electrical Engineering, explained that big data is one of the most popular topic in the industry 4.0 era. “Big data is a combination of statistics, computation, and programming. Big data enables its users to be steps ahead of its competitors, because strategic decisions can be made easily if you can visualize big amounts of data that is crucial for your decision,” Henri explained.

I Made Murwantara, Ph.D., a lecturer of SISTECH UPH, agreed with Henri and believes that the big data trend in Indonesia will be highly popular in a short amount of time, seeing that the demand of internet in Indonesia, as a whole, is extremely high. “Lately, there have been a lot of start-ups that demand the use of Big Data,” Murwantara said.

This Public Lecture aims to familiarize students with the latest trend in the digital industry. This is a collaborative event between the Electrical Engineering Department and the Industrial Engineering Department of the Faculty of Science and Technology (FaST), and the Information System Department of the School of Information System and Technology (SISTECH). UPH and OVO looks forward to more collaborations in order to synchronize the courses taught in class with its application in the industry.
UPH Electrical Engineering Donates Solar Lanterns for SLH Mamit Papua

In this age, electricity has been a crucial main commodity for everyday life. Seeing this, UPH Electrical Engineering department gave out 5 sets of solar lanterns for SLH (Sekolah Lentera Harapan) Mamit, Tolikara District, to be used in 6th grade science classes. The lanterns were given out in the YPHP (Yayasan Pendidikan Harapan Papua) office in the 1st floor of UPH building C, by Henri Uranus, Head of Department of UPH Electrical Engineering, and 3 students – Budi Khusnandar (EMP Head of Committee, Electrical Engineering 2017), Josavan Ezekhiel Taniara (Head of Committee of the project), and Hadipranowo Hartanto – to Alexandra Yasa and Ms. Nursani Dewi Lugito, YPH Papua Director, on November 29, 2018.

Henri explained about the poor electrification in Papua, where only about 50% citizens, especially those far from cities, have access to electricity. Rechargeable lamps become a solution that will contribute a lot to the communities. This is why Henri, along with the department, hope that the 3-watt solar lanterns they delivered can help the people living there.

The making of these solar lanterns undoubtedly uses skills learned in Electrical Engineering, such as Electronic Circuit Engineering. The students learn about the workings of a circuit and the design philosophy behind a circuit. The students also learn about the solar cell and really experiment with solar energy.

Not only from an academic point of view, Henri testifies that this activity trains students to use their knowledge and technology in a positive way – to help better other people’s lives and to care for our brethren in need, and also to build the spirit of teamwork in organizing a project.

This solar lantern project is hoped to not only help with the need of electricity in the region, but also as a learning aid in science classes in the 6th grade in SLH Mamit, Papua.
Every year, the LPPM Department of UPH Surabaya strives to assist lecturers on their research to boost research quality. This year, lecturers that have received funding from Kemenristekdikti gathered to share insights with fellow lecturers in a symposium entitled ‘Internal Monitoring and Evaluation of Research Grant Kemenristekdikti’. A total of 7 lecturers received funding for the 7 papers - two from the Basic Research of Higher Education, two from Applied Leading Research in Higher Education one from Beginner Lecturer Research, Research Doctoral Research, and National Strategic Research Institution.

Two reviewers are present in this symposium: Prof. Dr. Marthen Pali, M.Psi and Dr. Ronald, S.T., M.M. Their responsibility is to give feedback from a professional perspective, and this is very crucial in the process.

Through this event, participants are hoped to be able to brainstorm new ideas, theories, and concepts, as well as instilling the ideal of research as a culture among educators.

This Christmas season, UPH Medan civitas academia reflect on how “He (God) is all that I Need”, and this inspires the civitas academia of UPH to be a vessel of blessing through various events. A retreat for children from 12 orphanages was held on December 3, 2018, and it proves to be a blessing for everyone involved. This retreat is student-organized, and is integrated with the Christian Religion and Christian World View 3 courses. The children were immensely thankful for the love that they received, and students got to learn a lot from them as well. Students are taught how to integrate their Head, Heart, and Hand, as an implementation of what they have learned in class.

All UPH staff and lecturers were also whisked away to a retreat on December 1-2, 2018, led by Junius Hardy, a Faculty of Liberal Arts lecturers in UPH Lippo Village, and Rev. Sonny E Cornelius. Both speakers remind participants to bear fruit in all aspects of their lives, whether it is their personal life, their professional life, or their family.

UPH Staff then also celebrated Christmas together on December 8, 2018, at Wesley Methodist Church Medan. Vic. Harly Erikson Tambunan reminds all staff to seek God always, so that people who believe in Him may be saved.
Cinematography Students Should Support the Indonesian Film Industry

On ‘Pop Talk’ held in November 27, 2018, Mike Lewis, Oka Antara, and Verdie Solaiman, the actors of Foxtrot Six, shared their aspirations to UPH Cinematography students – that Indonesia’s film industry should continue to improve its quality towards producing international-standard films.

Mike, Oka, and Verdie believe that as people that will be influential in Indonesia’s film scene, the students should start appreciating Indonesian films more, namely those that fulfill international standards. One of the indicators is films that utilize VFX (Visual Effect) and CGI (Computer Generated Imagery).

Indonesia’s film scene is widely open for quality personnel to contribute to its success. One of the best ways to start in the film industry, Oka explains, is to persuade parents that working in films, especially in this country, is a promising career and is an influential position, seeing as Indonesia is moving quickly towards quality film producing.

Foxtrot Six airs all across Indonesia on February 2019.

PwC Recruits UPH Students Through OCR

On-campus Recruitment (OCR) on Friday, October 19, 2018. Tens of UPH students flock down to the fourth floor of the C building to attend an explanation on company profile and join an on-the-spot a written test.

Because PwC has a large number of clients, the number of employers needed increases as well. In 2018, PwC held two recruitments in UPH – in October 2018 and April 2018. In April, PwC filtered 10-15 students for its company.
There are a lot of reasons why I go to UPH. UPH gives me space to still go to college but also to explore my hobbies and potentials in other fields. I joined UPH's basketball team, and I’m also so thankful for the superb facilities – the gym and the TC & radio laboratories, where I can put what I learned in entertainment into practice. In addition, UPH is also accessible from Jakarta, and this means I can still work with my production house. However, I did cut back on a lot of my jobs to focus on my studies.

Vania Valencia

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As an effort by UPH to enhance international cooperation with leading global universities, UPH welcomed the opportunity to collaborate with Lumina College, a Christian education institution based in Hong Kong, and Seoul National University of Science and Technology.

It is represented by the visit of Lumina College representatives; President and Head of Lumina Academic Programs, Dr. Leung Wing-Tai, with Prof. Mak King-Tong, Head of Lumina’s Academic Program. Their first visit was aimed to explore the educational cooperation with UPH in online learning study programs with degrees accredited by Christian universities in America, such as Wheaton College, Calvin College, Cairn College, and Asbury College.

Lumina College is committed to build an intellectual community through a collaboration with other leading global Christian universities. With that commitment, Lumina and UPH want to collaborate further to produce a quality education in preparing the future leaders who are ready to serve the country and society.

While the collaboration with Seoultech is already at the signing stage of the MoU for cooperation in student exchanges for approximately one semester which will be attended by the third year students. This collaboration is expected to improve the global network of each university.

TIPS: TAKE THAT ‘SWEET’ SOCIAL MEDIA PHOTO!

1. Choose a picture that speaks a thousand words. Be sincere, choose a photo that communicates with viewers, and refer to SWAG (Subject, Where, When, How, and Why).

2. Practice, practice, practice! Be on the ball of your feet, all the time. This is good training for your speed and instincts. Find different and unusual objects, compositions, lighting, and angles.

3. You need to have SPEED. Candid moments are hard to capture, and you have to find a way to keep up. In a football game, for example, you have to always be ready to capture the players running, turning, and scoring goals. If you want to take pictures of food, pictures of the process, and not just the end product, will increase its appeal. You can and should too.

4. Collect your photos and evaluate them. Take note the things that you can do better next time. Look up the work of famous photographers for reference.

5. Now’s the time to post your photo! Don’t worry if it’s not the best quality – as long as you are telling a story with your object, your photo is acceptable. You can also take advantage of citizen journalism, where your photos can provide insightful information for the viewers. Because of this, you don’t want your photos to have elements of cultural discrimination, violence, or pornography.

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