

USI & UST, Partners in Research for the Dev't of Naga



Present during the MOA Signing Ceremony at Rector's Hall, UST are (from left/down) Rev Fr. Joaquin Valdes, OP-Regent of CRS; Prof. Maribel Nonato, PhD-Vice Rector for Research and Innovation; Sr. Lourdes Albis, Dc- USI President,; Assoc. Prof. Cheryl Peralta- Dean of CRS; Dean Salve Zuñiga of USI CHED, (left/up) Jordan Barbra Nava, Joyce Anne Ponciano, Charles Bermejo, Christopher Bien, Assoc. Prof.Georgina D. Mojica, Assox Prof. Anthony Abenir

Driven by the common belief that excellence in research can be better achieved through collaboration and interaction, Universidad de Sta. Isabel, the first and the only institution in Naga that offers Physical Therapy program and University of Sto. Tomas, also the first and the only recognized Center of Development in Physical Therapy under the Commission on Higher Education, entered into a Memorandum of Agreement on the implementation of the research-based Community Development Program last September 28, 2015 at Rector's Hall University, UST.

The two leading higher education institutions with health-related academic programs, in cooperation with the city government of Naga are collaborates to implement the research project entitled, *"The Social Well-Being of Persons with Disabilities in Naga City: from Assessment to Action Research"*. USI through its Planning, Research, Development and Publication Office as well as the College of Health Sciences will work together with the UST Center for Health Research and Movement Science, and the College of Rehabilitation Sciences in utilizing the said research to foster advocacy work and other activities centered on the development of local partner communities.

With excellence and service as ultimate ends, USI continues to expand its linkages and to seek for more possible collaboration with other organizations/institutions.