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A. Campus Visits

On March 5, 2008, I visited two universities in Manila, Philippines: 1) Mapua Institute of Technology at 10 a.m. and 2) University of the Philippines at 4 p.m.

1. Mapua Institute of Technology

My campus visit at Mapua was facilitated by Ms. Germaine Gochioco, COO of Mapua. She asked Gil Cardiel, Dean, School of Earth and Materials Science Engineering to show me around the campus and meet with other faculty members and the Geology/Geological Engineering students. Discussed with them the benefits of joining the SEG. Twelve attended the meeting (2 faculty members and 10 students). My visit lasted from 10 a.m. to around 12:45 p.m.

Contact Student Advisor at Mapua – currently awaiting acceptance by Gil Cardiel, email: gcardiel@mapua.edu.ph

2. University of the Philippines (UP)

Dr. Carla Dimalanta, Associate Professor, National Institute of Geological Sciences (NIGS), arranged my visit at UP. Per her request, I gave an informal presentation (topic of my choice) on “Relevance of the Society of Exploration Geophysicists in Today’s Global Energy Needs”. This talk was from a student and practicing geophysicist’s perspectives based on my personal experiences. About 35 attended this meeting (2 faculty members and about 33 students). My visit lasted from 4 p.m. to around 5:30 p.m.

Contact Student Advisor at UP – Dr. Carla Dimalanta, email: geofiscist@yahoo.com

B. Feedback from Campus Visits, Questions, and Suggestions

1. Free Global membership to SEG will encourage more to join.
Questions: How can new members sign up? Can this be done online?
2. Students are interested to apply for scholarships (at least 10 from both Mapua and UP).
Questions: How can students apply? What are the requirements?
3. Are there grants available for the universities?
4. Distinguished lecturer(s) visiting NIGS at UP will be of interest not only to professors and students from both universities but also to practicing professionals in the industry. Topics of interest are e.g. Malampaya field, geophysical techniques for exploration and development applications in the Philippines, etc.
5. Geoscience seminars and training courses offered by experts will be of interest to the Global members and potential members.

6. Potential sponsor companies in the Philippines: Shell, Chevron, Trans-Asia, Philippine National Oil Company (PNOC), Department of Energy (DOE)
7. Geophysical instruments are needed for instructional purposes at the universities.
Questions: Can SEG donate instruments such as magnetometer, 24 channel seismic recording, resistivity, ground probing radar (GPR), etc.? Used instruments will do.
8. What are the requirements for forming the SEG student sections in the Philippines?
9. Make the information applicable to Global members available in the GAC website for easy access by members.