

PRESIDENT's Message July 20, 2021, continued.....

Another first was the advocacy Anti-Asian forum held last May 21 in the face of the rising violence and hatred against Asian which we are all included in the group. This was followed by an even more momentous event – the Global Forum against racism in support of the UNESCO Global Call Against Racism, in partnership with European country leaders in Germany, Geneva and Netherlands held on June 26 & 27. There was an impressive lineup of guests, speakers, academic scholars, panelist from the United Nations, international advocacy groups, and top government officials including no less than Philippine Vice President Leni Robredo, a UP alumna herself, and UP President Danilo Concepcion in their pre-recorded messages. This is the first-ever partnership of UPAAA on the global stage. We will continue with this partnership to build a global community of UP alumni.

We should all be proud of what we have achieved as a team. The end result is a collaborative work of all of the officers and members. There are special individuals like Dr. Joy Celo who has gone above and beyond the call of duty with her involvement in just about every committee. But one individual did not just do it alone. As president, it is my duty to foster unity, energy, direction and inspiration among a group of leaders who bring with them the passion, dedication and commitment to the Alma Mater. All these things are works of love for the organization, university and country. We brought UPAAA to a higher level of excellence, honor and service - values we learned from the University. With energized members, we can do even better – the sky is the limit.

I enjoin our alumni who have not yet joined UPAAA to activate once more the UP spirit. We are all in this together under the UP banner and our slogan “The UP Spirit Lives on”!

Most sincerely,

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