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To : UPD Deans, Directors and Heads of Units

From : Dr. Sergio S. Cao
       Chancellor, UPD

Re : UP Diliman Month

It is UP Diliman Month once again this February.

The Office of the Chancellor through the Office for Initiatives in Culture and the Arts (OICA) in collaboration with the College of Music (CM) and the Center for Ethnomusicology has lined up cultural performances for the month-long festivities with the plucked string music tradition of the rondalla as a major offering.

To kick off the festivities is a dance-music concert “PercPep Combination” on February 2, 3 and 7 p.m. at the UP Theater. The concert features the UP Pep Squad, a dance company based at the College of Human Kinetics (CHK) and the UP Perc Squad/UP Percussion Ensemble of the CM. Control tickets are available at the OICA office, 2/F UP Theater.

The centerpiece of the celebration is “Kuwerdas ng Pagkakaisa” from February 21 to 24 featuring international groups from China, India, Indonesia, Iran, Israel and Russia specializing on the plucked string music tradition. Local rondalla groups have also been invited for the four Sundays of February beginning February 6, 5 p.m. for “Himigsikan sa Lagun.” All performances are in the Carillon Plaza and open to the public.

The twin exhibits of “Bozzetos” and “Arkitektura+Moda” are also open for public viewing February 1 at the Bulwagan ng Dangal, the University Heritage Museum at the Gonzalez Hall UP Main Library. The exhibits are joint undertakings with the College of Architecture and of Fine Arts.

The UP Diliman Month will be fittingly capped with another dance concert entitled “Bagong Mukha, Lumang Likha” featuring the UP Filipiniana Dance Group of the CHK, on February 28, 3 and 7 p.m. at the UP Theater.

I enjoin everyone to actively participate by watching these cultural activities especially prepared for the community.