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MOST OUTSTANDING STUDENT ORGANIZATION BEST IN COMMUNITY & HEALTH

SMOCCSOP 2016



HONOR AND GLORY

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The Order of Asclepius once again bagged the **Most Outstanding Student Organization Award** in the recently concluded *Search for Most Outstanding College Council, Student Organization and Publication* (SMOCCSOP) announced last Thursday, March 17.

SMOCCSOP is an annual event organized by the University Student Council to honor and recognize outstanding student organizations that have excelled in leadership and have made positive contributions to the university.

For many years now, the order has always been part of the prestigious roll of awardees which manifests the organization's commitment in inspiring students and its dedication in serving our indigent fellowmen through its humanitarian services.

The order was also recognized as the Best Organization in Community &

Health category. The order is joined by the following student organizations that also made it to the list:

Most Outstanding Student Organizations

- 1st Order of Asclepius
- 2nd Asian Medical Students Association- WVSU
- 3rd Student Nurses Association of the Philippines- WVSU

Special Awards

Order of Asclepius

Best in Community & Health

Nursing Student Council

Best in University Participation

Student Nurses Association of the Philippines- WVSU

Best in Social Awareness & Reform

Asian Medical Students Association- WVSU

Best in Student Advocacy & Development

MADE FOR SERVICE

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March 18, the Order of Asclepius officially started its yearlong medical and surgical caravan with today's **Linis Tenga** and **Circumcision Drive** held simultaneously at Iloilo City and Passi City respectively.

Linis Tenga

Free ear cleaning and check-up services were rendered not only to grade school pupils of Assumption Socio-Educational Center, but also to children and some adults living in Bo. Obrero. This half day event was sponsored by Quota International of Iloilo in cooperation with the Western Visayas Medical Center - EENT Department.

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The program started with an opening remark delivered by Quota International- Iloilo President, Mrs. Ann Parcon. According to Mrs. Parcon, this activity is in lieu with the Quota International's aim to render services to the disadvantaged women and children who have hearing impairment. The said activity is also a part of the organization's celebration of Quota Cares Month and Women's International Month.

Apart from the services given, the event also highlighted lecturesses on proper ear care and prevention of

deafness. A symposium on anti-smoking campaign was also conducted by the Iloilo City Anti-Smoking Taskforce (ICAST) which was attended by grade 6 pupils.

Quota International of Iloilo has been a partner of the WVMC- EENT Department for many years now in providing free ear cleaning services to various communities in Iloilo. Moreover, this activity has been an annual event since its conception in July 2010.

The team was invited by Dr. Luzsil Catedral (Batch 31). Resident members Anne Lorreine Daulat,

Kevin Andre Dela Llana (Batch 36), Marielle Karina Barredo, Errel Vin Arboleda, Peterson Chang, Charles Jebb Juanitas (Batch 38) and Jeline Encarnacion (Batch 39) were among the volunteers of the said event.

Circumcision Drive

The Order of Asclepius also took part in a Dental and Surgical Mission at Agdahon Elementary School in Passi City which was sponsored by the Assumption School of Passi.

The said event is conducted annually which caters to underprivileged communities adopted by the school.

A total of 47 individuals were circumcised most of them are grade school pupils. According to Mr Ismael Tolentino, one of its organizers, the order has been consistently helping them in their cause for more than a decade now. Volunteers were given certificates and tokens of appreciation as a gratitude for their commitment and support.

The volunteers who attended the said event were: Jeshier Arsenio, Roger Astrolabio, Carl Bernabe, Mark Catan, John Diño, John Lucas, and Demi Oto from Batch 39; Abigail Alonzo, Therese Benite, Chelo Comia, Louise del Rosario, Lourdes Galacan, and John Tagsa from Batch 38; Aljeirou Alcachupas, Mark Balag, Elly Eluna, Megan Lamprea, and Celine Villo from Batch 37; Mark Iwag from Batch 36 and senior member Dr. Lester Dimzon from Batch 28.#

