Editorial

Message from the EDITORIAL DIRECTORS

We wish to congratulate UPNAAI on its Coral Jubilee, after 35 years of unrelenting commitment by its leaders and loyalty of the members to form and establish a strong and solid foundation upon which the organization stands today. Every facet of the organization made giant steps to arrive at this significant milestone. In this collective effort “The UPNAAI Nursing Journal” played a meaningful role. The Journal made big strides from its modest beginnings to become one of the eminent publications of nursing research and evidence-based studies. It has published many notable articles by very qualified academicians and professionals who distinguished themselves in their specific fields. Their work reached schools and universities in many parts of the world.

In this 10th edition of “The UPNAAI Nursing Journal” we especially recognize our 2014 Julita V. Sotejo Medallion of Honor awardee, Dr. Dula Fara-on Pacquiao, EdD, RN, CTN-A, TNS, for her commitment to the nursing profession that is focused on excellence. The attainments, achievements and contributions of Dr. Pacquiao to nursing education, research and the community are undoubtedly the qualities and characteristics that exemplify a J.V. Sotejo Medallion of Honor awardee. The Medallion of Honor is UPNAAI’s highest and most coveted award to recognize UP nursing alumni who embody the ideals espoused by Julita V. Sotejo, Principal, UP-PGHSN, founder and first dean of the UP College of Nursing whose spirit and example inspire us all.

Dr. Dula Pacquiao has conducted over 40 research studies on various topics in health care. In each of these research studies, she has taken up and handled many responsibilities including her services as principal investigator, co-principal investigator, consultant, co-editor or project director. A number of her articles were published in the UPNAAI Nursing Journal. She is the co-author of the book “Core Curriculum for Transcultural Nursing and Health Care, Fundamentals of Nursing.” Ms. Pacquiao is also eloquent and excellent speaker and has given over a hundred presentations on various topics in nursing and health care. We are honored that she is a member of UPNAAI and of the UPNAAI Nursing Journal Editorial Board.

In the same manner, we acknowledge the research contributions of the group of Farleigh Dickinson professors led by Dr. Minerva Guttman, EdD, RN, APN as well as the researchers from Rutgers University School of Nursing. We likewise recognize the contributions of Dr. Phoebe Williams of the university Of Kansas School Of Nursing. Dr. Williams is a mentor of our Nurse Scientist Program and is a member of the advisory board of The UPNAAI Nursing Journal Editorial Board.

As we carry on this noble task we look forward to getting more studies, research manuscripts and other articles from our UP nursing alumni. Rest assured that with the encouragement and support of our writers, contributors, advisors, consultants, sponsors, donors, and advertisers, we will maintain the quality of our journal, sustain our international publication and reach more nurses and students abroad.

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