

## UNAI MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT 2017/2018

### Emilio Aguinaldo College

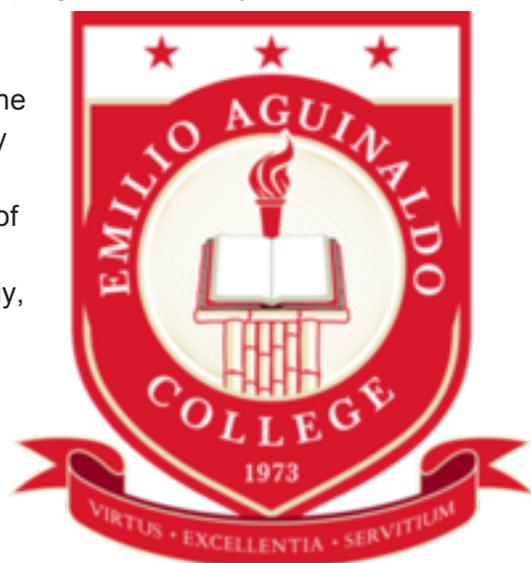
#### Philippines

During the 2017/2018 reporting period, Emilio Aguinaldo College undertook a number of activities that underscore its commitment to UNAI and its principles. The following examples stand out as particularly noteworthy:

#### **International Mother Language Day in Music, Dance and Food.**

One of the main activities that brought almost all international/foreign students, professors, and staff together at Emilio Aguinaldo College was the celebration of the International Students Day 2018. It was held on February 6 and was one of the main programs for this year's EAC 45th Foundation Week, which was from February 5-10, 2018. It was a Three-in-One event. First, it was to highlight the importance of one's identity and cultural heritage under the theme: "International Mother Language Day" on February 21, 2018 as proposed by UNESCO. Second, it was to emphasize the role international students play in the life of the college, by giving them one whole day to show case their giftedness through music, dance and food. And lastly, it was to have this activity as an annual event for Emilio Aguinaldo College International Students by tradition.

Program wise, the event had three parts. First, it was the parade, where students and all those who joined went around the vicinity of the college, dressed in their national costumes while carrying own country flags. The message of the parade was simply to let the nearby institutions become aware of the multi-diversity and internationality of the college. Second, it was the main program itself of music and dance in students' own style. Students show-cased their uniqueness in their cultural heritage that no verbal language can capture but only through various body movements. Third, it was culmination of the day, that came in form of food and drink feast (festival). Everyone had a chance to taste more than four delicacies from various parts of the world (Middle East, Asia and Africa).



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It was a great opportunity for them to demonstrate their high-level knowledge of competence, which if tested in their daily classroom setting, most of them would fail or score very low. They would not even utter a word of agreement or disagreement with their fellow classmates and professors because of language limitation. Everyone became passionate to bring out the best in them and positively challenging everyone else to do the same in the spirit of “Together as One in our Otherness” for a common goal.

The overall message lesson of this year’s event was to highlight the aspect of Intercultural Sensitivity, living and Studying in a multi-diverse Institution of Learning as always, a challenge for everyone, and that in many cases, it may lead instances misunderstandings and miscommunications that eventually lead to unavoidable tensions of conflicts. Providing avenues such as this will help in the promotion of harmonious relationships among persons and finally build peaceful communities. International learning institutions like EAC and many others have the mandate to provide a learning environment that fosters common human values and global citizenship. Such universal values such as love for music, dance and fellowship surpass even one’s mother language and cultural confines. It is simply a matter of good tune and one’s craving!

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