Message from the University President

The dawn of the New Year promises new beginnings, more opportunities and continued blessings. Central Philippine University had a dynamic 2013. Some of the activities we hosted in 2013 were the 52nd National Convention of the Association of Christian Schools, Colleges and Universities in May and the ILOILO PRISAA Meet (Athletics, Cultural and Academics) in November. We also celebrated the Centennial of the University Church and the University High School. Our regular activities such as the University Days Celebration, the Alumni Homecoming, Foundation Day and Christ Emphasis Week have truly been occasions of wonderful commemoration and spiritual strengthening. We also extended the Central Spirit to our brothers and sisters who were affected by typhoon Yolanda. We recognize that the one constant thing in these myriad of activities is God's guiding hand and presence. For that, we are truly humbled and grateful.

As we cap the 1st month of the new year, we continue to trust in the Lord's wisdom and love. We believe that He has greater plans for CPU. At the start of this year, we held the Christ Emphasis Week for the 2nd Semester. We were reminded, despite the disturbances sent our way, that God is a true friend who will never leave us nor forsake us. We also recognize our international students and linkages with universities abroad through the celebration of the 2014 International Day. We also rejoice with our five students who placed in the Top 10 of the Nursing Licensure Exam.

For this year, we look forward to many special activities. In June 2014, we will offer two new courses – Bachelor of Science in Digital Media and Interactive Arts and Doctor of Ministry, major in Pastoral Counseling and Clinical Supervision. The 8th Global Reunion will be held in Florida in July. The College of Education will celebrate its 75th Jubilee in September. Truly, these are more opportunities for us to excel!

But all these successes would not come to fruition if not for the men and women who make up the CPU family. Our faculty, staff and alumni have proven, time and again, their commitment and loyalty to this University. Those are treasures which can never be replaced. Most importantly, they live their lives as men and women of God. Our students, though faced with their own challenges, continue to excel in their studies and extra-curricular activities. They are invaluable assets to their families, friends and their communities. We praise God for their lives.

We do not know what the future months and years will bring. We are only confident of one thing – that the God who created this Universe is also the God of CPU. Our confidence is in Him, our Almighty Father, who is in control of everything. For that, we offer to God our utmost thanks and praise. But may we also be reminded to always uphold the CPU family and each other in prayers. To God be the glory for all He has done and all He will do for and through Central Philippine University! God bless us all.

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