

## Update on Disaster and LGBT Psychology by Leading Filipino Psychologists at PAU by Lynn Waelde, Ph.D.

Thank you Palo Alto University for your support of the visit of our colleagues from the Philippines, Professors Maria Regina Hechanova, Pia Ramos, and Pierce Docena in October 2014. It was a whirlwind week of talks at PAU and Stanford School of Medicine, and research presentations at the annual meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, in addition to constant meetings to plan their future disaster and post-conflict intervention work. I think it fair to say that the PAU community benefited tremendously from learning about their work and numerous accomplishments in the areas of disaster, conflict, and LGBT psychology and social policy.

All these activities flow from Dr. Allen Calvin's initiative to provide support to the Philippines following Super typhoon Haiyan. As they reported to the PAU community, the work we have done in partnership with these faculty has resulted in the development of two manualized and modularized post-disaster interventions, one for immediate post-disaster and the other for more specialized needs in the longer term aftermath.

These disaster intervention manuals have integrated mindfulness and meditation practice to address the stress component of disaster work. A collaborative manuscript describing the manual development has already been submitted for journal publication.

Hundreds of disaster responders have been trained in the interventions which are now impacting the lives of thousands of disaster survivors. A generation of Filipino psychology students has been inspired by these efforts to consider clinical psychology as a career option, though training resources are not commonplace there.

I continue our collaborative efforts with Professors Hechanova, Ramos, and Docena and am very gratified by the opportunity to do this work.



From left: Pia Ramos, Ph.D., Ateneo de Manila University; Gina Hechanova, Ph.D., Chair, Psychology Department, Ateneo de Manila University, President, Psychological Assoc. of the Philippines; Professor Pierce Docena, University of the Philippines, Visayas

## “Unfolding Human Potential in the Context of Family, School and Organizations: Psychological, Relational and Cultural Perspectives” talk at PAU

by Dr. Uichol Kim, January 2015



**Dr. Uichol Kim**

Uichol Kim, Ph.D., distinguished research professor at College of Business Administration Inha University, Korea visited PAU in January 2015. He has previously taught at the Department of Psychology, Chung-Ang University, Department of Social Psychology, University of Tokyo, Japan and University of Hawaii at Manoa, USA. Dr. Kim was recognized as Outstanding Research Professor at Inha University and Chung-Ang University. He has conducted research in indigenous and cultural psychology focusing on family and parent-child relationship, education attainment and school violence, health and quality of life, democracy, human rights and political culture. In business and management, his research and teaching focus on strategic and knowledge management, emphasizing on creativity, innovation, entrepreneurship and sustainable development. He has been

published over 200 articles and 15 books and monographs. One of the founding executives of Asian Association of Social Psychology, Dr. Kim served as the president and the founding editor of the flagship journal, Asian Journal of Social Psychology. He is the founder and president-elect of Asian Association of Indigenous and Cultural Psychology, has taught at universities in Asia, and Europe, and provided lectures at leading institutions in the USA, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia, as well as to executives of global companies and has even provided consulting services for governmental agencies and global companies headquartered in the USA, Canada, France, Germany and Korea.