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**FOREWORD**

This concluding issue of the University of the East Research Bulletin contains two articles on the philosophy of education and student works from the College of Dentistry namely a report on the trial of oregano essential oil in lozenge against tonsillar microbiota and the College of Business Administration of UE Manila namely a study on the level of awareness of the UE Manila CBA students about student loans. In the first article “Must There Be Fundamental Aim of Education?” John Israel U. Cunanan from the University of the East and his co -authors Michael Arthur G. Muega and Maricris B. Acido from the University of the Philippines Diliman used philosophical justification in answering the above metaquestion and further proposed that a clear fundamental aim of education is critical in guiding teachers in their pedagogy thus reaping benefits for the students. The second article also from the same authors entitled “Fundamental Aim of Education: Locating Its Criteria via Philosophical Inquiry” presents a more foundational issue such as what set of criteria must be used to determine whether something is a tenable fundamental aim of education in which the team used philosophical reconstruction of the works of selected philosophers of education. The study hopes to assist teachers by providing them with criteria that they can use to determine whether what their “school administrators, local experts, or certain politicians are claiming to be the fundamental aims of education are actually so.”

The work of Obias *et al.* from the College of Dentistry entitled “Inactive Inhibitory Activity of 0.025% Oregano (*Plectranthus amboinicus*) Essential Oil Lozenge Against Tonsillar Microbiota” evaluated the effect of 0.025% oregano lozenges on inhibiting tonsillar microbial growth. The tedious process of lozenge production was described including the procedure for evaluation and recommendations for improving future studies. Dumandan *et al.* from the College of Business Administration of UE Manila reported that CBA students are only fairly knowledgeable

about student loans and information on these loans were mostly gathered through social media. The study recommends that promotional efforts be intensified to enable students to be more aware of the availability of such loans especially the university's partnership with lending institutions.

This 25<sup>th</sup> issue of the UE Research Bulletin concludes its long history of providing a forum for dissemination of research results of the faculty, students and other constituents of the University of the East. The maiden issue of the journal came out in 1999 and since then regular issues have been released which were also submitted to the Philippine e-Journal for wider dissemination.

In 2024, the UERB assumed a new name as University of the East Research Journal with the first issue coming out in May 2024 as a special issue showcasing the thesis and dissertations of students from the UE Graduate School. The new journal will henceforth be published biannually with the same international editorial board at the helm.



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