

FROM THE EDITOR

On the aspect of scientific productivity, it is delightful to know that UP Diliman is the leading contributor to the Thompson Reuters' Web of Science among the autonomous campuses of the University of the Philippines, during the period of 2008 to 2013 (www.webofknowledge.com). The data illustrate how the UP Diliman campus has improved in terms of research. We also would like to congratulate *Humanities Diliman* for being listed in the Scopus coverage. With the mutualistic synergy between the parties involved, we hope that *Science Diliman* would also be included in the said database soon, as well as in the Web of Science. Considering the number of faculty and students in the colleges that offer science and technology graduate courses, a greater number of scientific papers should be expected to be published in both local and international categories. Nevertheless, the Diliman campus' feat in scientific productivity leadership among the UP campuses is something to be distinguished.

We proudly present this issue of *Science Diliman*, which has been reformatted in sync with other current journals of the OVCRD-UP Diliman. To celebrate the University's continued endeavor for scientific productivity, we highlight articles traversing both life and physical sciences. One article features the use of advanced instrumentation to quantitatively measure levels of lead and cadmium in commercial beverages and condiments. Another article discusses the fabrication of porous silicon for use in photonic applications. The third article reports on a survey and taxonomy of an ecologically and economically important brown seaweed. The last article updates readers on the status and mariculture of abalone fishery in Pangasinan. This set of articles emphasizes the impact of research in our University on macro to micro systems.

We commend the authors and reviewers of the articles for their invaluable contributions to this journal.


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