



GATHERING BRILLIANT MINDS:

UST Rheumatology Crew Reconnect

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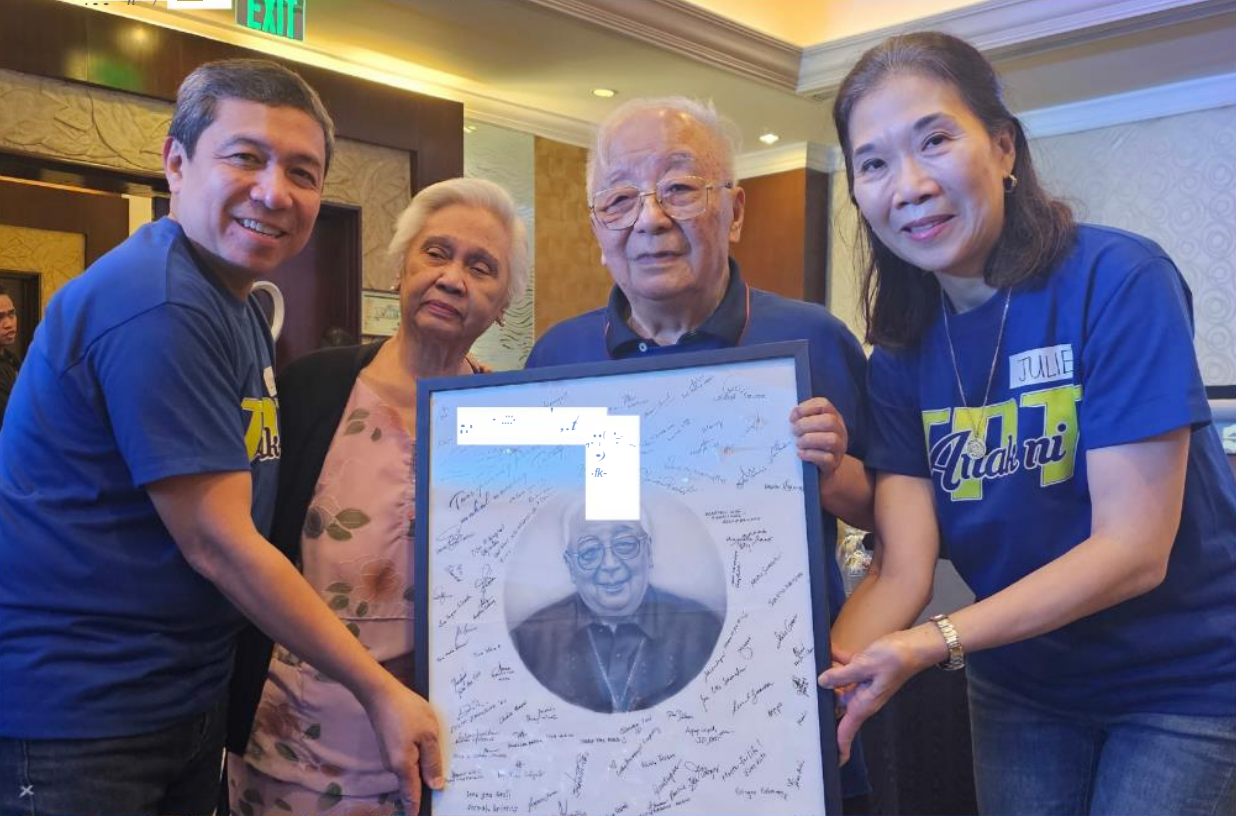
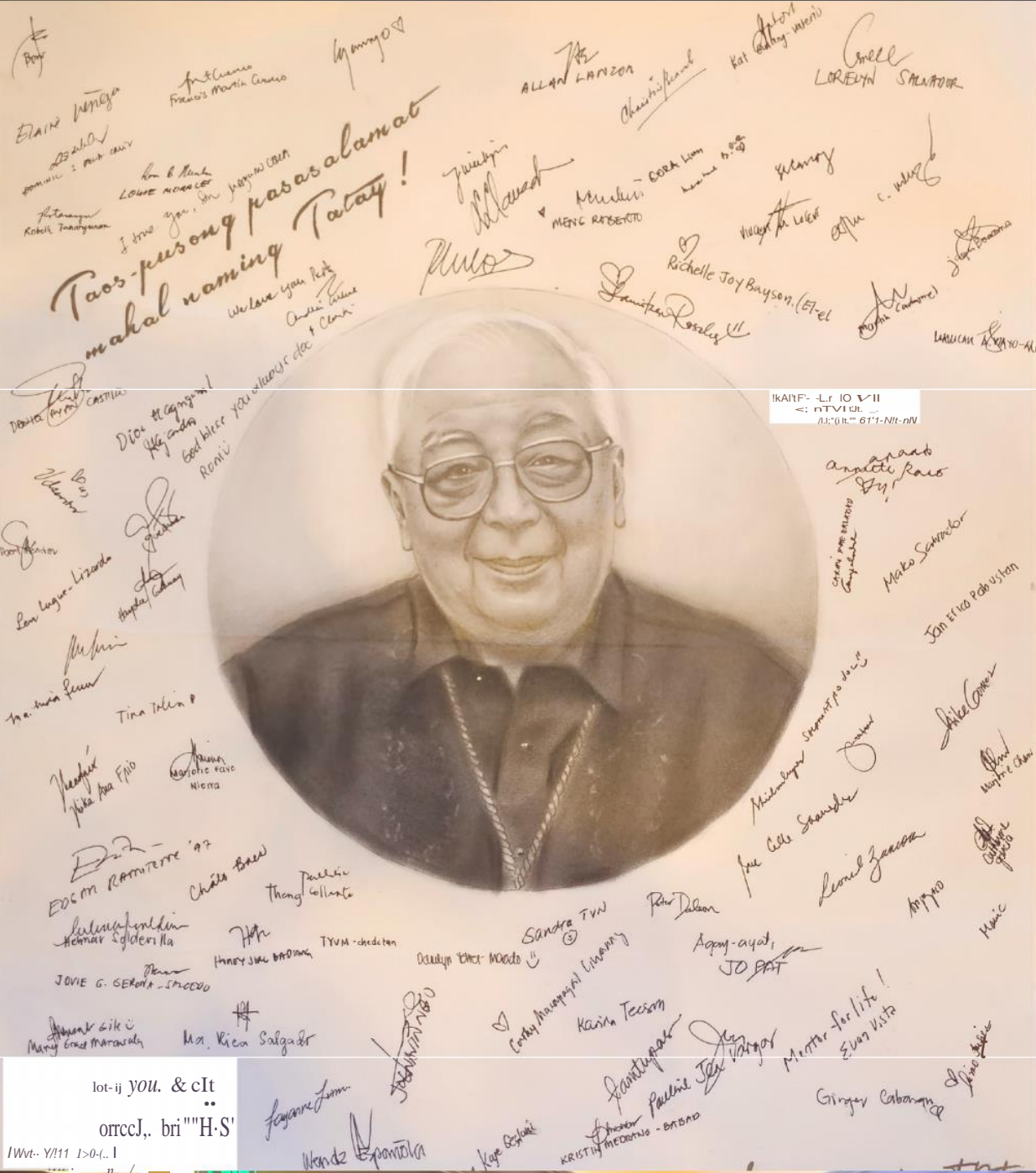


In a heartwarming reunion filled with nostalgia and camaraderie, alumni and previous fellows of the University of Santo Tomas - Rheumatology gathered from various corners of the Philippines to celebrate their shared experiences and the enduring legacy of their mentor, **Dr. Tito Toralba** and **Dr. Sandra Navarra**.

The evening began with an air of excitement as familiar faces trickled into the venue, each one carrying with them a treasure trove of memories from their time spent at UST. Laughter and animated conversations filled the room as old friends embraced and newcomers were warmly welcomed into the fold.

As the event unfolded, stories of triumphs and challenges echoed through the halls, serving as a testament to the resilience and dedication of the UST Rheumatology community. From late-night study sessions to unforgettable patient encounters, each tale served as a reminder of the bonds forged within the walls of the department.

Amidst the buzz of conversation, a moment of anticipation swept through the crowd as the 1st year fellows who are all from Southern Mindanao, were introduced. Their faces, a mix of nervousness and excitement, reflected the beginning of their journey into the world of rheumatology. As they mingled with seasoned alumni, exchanging stories and aspirations, it was evident that they were welcomed with open arms into the UST Rheumatology family.



All eyes then turned to the guest of honor, Dr. Tito Toralba, whose presence illuminated the room. Widely regarded as a beacon of knowledge and mentorship, Dr. Toralba's guidance has left an indelible mark on countless lives, shaping the future of rheumatology in the Philippines and beyond.

In a heartfelt tribute, alumni took turns expressing their gratitude to Dr. Toralba for his unwavering support and guidance. As a token of their appreciation, a personalized drawing of Dr. Toralba was presented. Each alumni present signed through the artwork, symbolizing their collective appreciation and admiration for their mentor.

Clusters of conversation formed around the room, with groups animatedly discussing everything from recent advancements in rheumatology to personal milestones and achievements. The bond of shared experiences at UST Rheumatology acted as a bridge, connecting individuals from diverse backgrounds in a common thread of camaraderie and mutual respect.

As the evening wore on, friendships were rekindled, and new connections were forged, embodying the spirit of unity and fellowship that defined the UST Rheumatology community. It was a night to remember—a celebration of the past, a toast to the future.

