

ANOTHER EXPRESSION OF BEDAN GRATITUDE
THE LAUNCHING OF THE
GREGORIO A. CONCON-FR. BENIGNO BENABARRE, OSB
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORIAL CHAIR IN MACROECONOMICS
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The San Beda College Alumni Foundation, Inc., a Philippine Council for NGO Certification accredited donee institution, recently received another One Million Peso donation, this time for the establishment of the first-ever **Gregorio A. Concon-Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB Distinguished Professorial Chair in Macroeconomics**.

For many Bedans, who have passed the great halls of San Beda College, the name Gregorio A. Concon, Jr. is always associated with our CAS Library. After all, in the decade of the 70s, Gregorio Concon gave his first donation to San Beda for the construction of the College Library. Many decades after, it was nice to see Greg Concon, now 87 years old, visiting his beloved alma mater to assist in the institutional faculty development program by way of a professorial chair donation.

During the launch of his Professorial Chair, Rev. Fr. Aloysius A. Maranan, OSB, rector-president, lauded Mr. Concon for his untiring fund assistance to ensure that Bedan Education remains relevant in the 21st century. Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan, SBCAF president, also praised generous Bedans, like Mr. Concon for always making themselves available to San Beda even now that he has already reached his retirement years.

In attendance during the launch held at the Pamanang Bedista Heritage Center, San Beda, were officers of the SBCAF led by Dr. Jaime Galvez Tan, Mr. Ed Favila, Mr. Geoffrey Go and Mr. Butch Africa. Mr. Concon was accompanied by his son Bambit (*GS'72, HS'76*). The Economics Department led by its chairman Prof. Edilberto Viray, Jr. was in full force with the faculty members and students participating in the establishment of the first-ever Professorial Chair in Macroeconomics.

As a gesture of gratitude to his former rector, Mr. Concon preferred that his professorial chair also carry the name of Fr. Benigno Benabarre, OSB.

The entire Bedan Community extends unbounded gratitude to Greg Concon for his relentless support to Bedan Education. May your kind and generous soul only increase and grow with the years.