

Sharon Ma. S. Esposito-Betan, Philippines

Short Biography

Prof. Sharon Ma. S. Esposito-Betan is the Head Librarian of the University of the Philippines - College of Engineering Libraries. UP is the Philippines' premier state university with 8 constituent universities spread across 15 campuses all over the country. The flagship campus is located in Diliman, Quezon City and is composed of almost 50 percent of the entire UP System student population. The *College of Engineering* of the University of the Philippines *Diliman* is the largest degree-granting unit in the whole UP System in terms of student-faculty population.

Her more than 15 years in the field of librarianship and information service ushered her to teaching in the UP School of Library and Information Studies as a Senior Lecturer where she handles graduate courses on information science, information technology, collection development and management and information systems planning and management.

Prof. Esposito-Betan is always on the lookout for better ways of doing things. "Innovate. Re-Create, Collaborate" - 3 big words she considers as her mantra. She has been instrumental in the success of many innovative library modernization projects, including joint projects with other agencies/organization, most notably:

- Development of the iLib Integrated Library System, the library management system of the whole University of the Philippines;
- Establishment and modernization of the UP College of Engineering Library II from the ground up;
- Spearheaded the "I Need. I Value. I Love My Library" campaign nationwide, a library awareness program that promotes responsibility in the care, upkeep and maintenance of the library;
- Publication of the "Greening the Library" a Filipiniana material that advocates adaption of environment-friendly practices in the library;
- Lead the organization of the Consortium of Engineering Libraries in the Philippines, or CEL.ph to address how libraries can cope with the continuing rising costs of electronic resources.

With her innovations and contribution to the University of the Philippines, Prof. Esposito-Betan has been awarded the UP Gawad Chancellor Award, the most prestigious award given to a UP professional staff for excellence and exemplary performance.

With her expertise in IT applications in Libraries, she has been a well sought resource person and a speaker in various seminars, workshops, and conferences for different professional library associations and organizations in the Philippines. Currently, she is the President of the Philippine Association of Academic and Research Librarians in the Philippines or PAARL. PAARL is an association of librarians working in academic and research libraries that support scholarly research and formal education in the tertiary level, and uphold the profession of librarianship in the country.

Ms. Esposito-Betan earned her Bachelor and Master degrees in Library and Information Science from the University of the Philippines Diliman.