

Qualifications and Achievements of Chancellor Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr.

Dr. Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr. is a Professor of Landscape Horticulture at the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB), horticulturist/planner/arborist, and current Chancellor of UPLB.

For almost 30 years, Dr. Sanchez has been shaping the minds of UPLB agriculture students. As senior faculty member of the College of Agriculture and Food Science (CAFS) and affiliate faculty of the School of Environmental Science and Management (SESAM), he is recognized as one of the pioneers of the landscape horticulture profession in the Philippines. He graduated with a BS in Agriculture in 1987 and an MS in Environmental Science in 1994, both degrees earned from UPLB. Dr. Sanchez also holds the distinction of being the first in the Philippines to graduate with a PhD in Landscape Architecture, which he obtained on full scholarship at the Tokyo University of Agriculture in 1998.

Prior to being elected UPLB's chief academic and executive officer, Dr. Sanchez was the Vice-Chancellor for Planning and Development from 2011 to 2014, yet his involvement in the university's planning and development dates as far back as 2005 when he was appointed Assistant to the same office. His professional experience as licensed agriculturist (Reg. No.: 1933), certified arborist (MW-4447A), horticulturist, and planner has served UPLB well. He has spearheaded numerous efforts in campus site development, land use planning, and major university events.

Dr. Sanchez has also built a strong portfolio of site development work outside UPLB. Some of his notable engagements include drafting the campus master plan of UP Mindanao, rehabilitating and developing units and buildings under the UP System (for one, the Philippine General Hospital), overseeing the stage design of the 2010 Presidential Inauguration of Benigno Simeon C. Aquino III, and designing the Dr. Jose Rizal Centennial Marker in Hibiya Park, Tokyo, Japan. As a testament to his expertise in and significant contributions to the landscape arts, the University awarded Dr. Sanchez Outstanding Creative Artist for two consecutive years: 2008 and 2009.

His involvement in the research and technology promotion of edible landscaping and flowering trees has earned overwhelming interest among individuals representing various sectors. Dr. Sanchez has completed a number of research projects that have borne out technical publications in refereed journals and conference proceedings. He is a regular paper and poster presenter in premier academic forums, such as those organized by the International Society for Southeast Asian Agricultural Sciences and the International Federation of Landscape Architects.

The ninth UPLB Chancellor, Dr. Sanchez reaffirms UPLB's commitment to uphold One UP's pursuit to be a great university. Specifically, in treading UPLB's path to greatness, the current administration's vision for UPLB is "to be a globally competitive graduate and research university contributing to national development."