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Dean Vistan obtained his Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology from the University of the Philippines Diliman in 1998, graduating *cum laude* and as an Oblation Scholar. As an undergraduate student, he was elected to the position of Representative of the College of Science in the University Student Council. During his term as College of Science Representative, he spearheaded the successful revival of the College of Science Student Council.

Dean Vistan was then admitted to the Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) program of the U.P. College of Law, graduating *cum laude* and class valedictorian in 2003. While in law school, he worked at Branch 227 of the Regional Trial Court of Quezon City as a Court Legal Researcher and later on as Acting Branch Clerk of Court. Dean Vistan took the bar examinations in September 2003 and was admitted to the bar in May 5, 2004.

Two years after his admission to the bar, Dean Vistan started teaching law in 2006 as one of the pioneer members of the faculty of the Angeles University Foundation School of Law. In 2015, he was invited to and joined the ranks of the regular faculty of the U.P. College of Law.

After joining the U.P. College of Law, Dean Vistan went on study leave in 2016 to study in the Master of Laws (LL.M.) program of Yale Law School. He graduated from the LL.M. program in 2017 and was thereafter admitted into its Doctor of the Science of Law (J.S.D.) program. He is currently completing his doctoral candidacy with Yale.

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# **VISION PAPER FOR U.P. DILIMAN**

by

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A constituent university that leads in the holistic formation of individuals and communities through quality and accessible education, relevant research, and engagement with others this is my vision for U.P. Diliman.

Animated by its dedication to academic freedom, public service and academic excellence, U.P. Diliman will strive to realize its mandate and be an institution of learning and research that:

provides an environment where students acquire knowledge, perspectives and experiences that help them become competent, resilient and civic-minded individuals capable of leading and transforming society in a constantly evolving world;

elevates the quality and relevance of its research activities through multidisciplinary approaches, and makes the research output accessible to others;

pursues the improvement of education and governance through active engagement with concerned institutions and stakeholders;

nurtures the arts and, in general, creative capacities;

provides life-long learning opportunities in various fields;

works with its stakeholders in creating and maintaining a work environment that promotes personal development, sustainable careers, and institutional adaptability;

capitalizes on innovations in teaching and learning to make quality education accessible to more people; and

leads in adherence to relevant standards and in pursuing sustainability.

The Office of the Chancellor of U.P. Diliman will accomplish this through active and consultative leadership that engages with its various units and the community. At the outset, roles and expectations will be defined with the various units and community stakeholders at the same time that we identify aspirations, needs and opportunities for capacity building. Constant exchanges with and among each of the U.P. Diliman units will be promoted so that the Office of the Chancellor could guide and help them in setting and achieving their goals. These exchanges, in turn, will help shape the specific

Other constituent universities of the U.P. System will also be consulted for possible coordination and collaboration on programs and projects. Linkages with other institutions will be created, activated and expanded consistent with the capacities and goals of the University and U.P. Diliman in particular.

To realize the above vision, programs with the following objectives will be prioritized:

the promotion of the holistic formation and welfare of students

the development of our faculty and staff

resource generation and maximization

administrative capacity building.

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