

## **International Observe the Moon Night (InOMN)**

September 6, 2014

In celebrating the event "International Observe the Moon Night", the Department of Earth and Space Sciences and BS-Astronomy Technology students conducted a lunar observation at RTU - Boni Campus quadrangle. The observation team was headed by Ms. Pauline Pearl Divinagracia and Mr. Miguel Artificio, who were assisted by the 5th year OJT students, Jhoana Marie Tabios and Andrew Bayot. Other astronomy students were also there to help in conducting the public observation.

We started the observation by 6:00 PM PST. The sky condition was perfect by the time we started, with 0% cloud cover. We used 3 telescopes for this observation. The 10-inch newtonian reflector telescope, a 6-inch newtonian reflector telescope on a german equatorial mount and a 3-inch refracting telescope.

The lunar observation was attended by BS Astronomy students, and College of Arts and Science students and other students from various courses. A Natural Science instructor Ms. Rubelyn Narra invited her class to also participate the observation. While observing the moon, the observation team also showed the planets Mars and Saturn to the students which amazed them on how beautiful these planets are. The night sky has been perfect for moon observation until the clouds started forming at around 8:00 PM. We took advantage of the remaining hour for further discussions regarding the moon and night sky observations. The troupe started packing up at 9 PM.



*Above are photos of Miss Rubelyn Narra and her NatSci students*



*Top pictures: astronomy students assisting Miss Narra's Natural Science class students with 10 inch newtonian reflector telescope.*

*Mid Left: freshmen astronomy student navigating the night sky with starmap mobile application.*

*Mid Right: 3<sup>rd</sup> year astronomy student doing moon photography using camera phone.*

*Bottom left: 2<sup>nd</sup> year astronomy student using 3-inch refracting telescope.*