



VIP CORALS focal person receives Best Paper award at the Japanese Society of Phycology



VIP CORALS focal person Dr. Jayvee A. Saco received an award for Best Paper from the Japanese Society of Phycology on March 16 for his research study entitled, "Chloroplast position and photosynthetic characteristics in two monostromatic species, *Monostroma angicava* and *Protomonostroma undulatum* (Ulvophyceae), having a shared ecological niche".

The Japanese Society of Phycology (JSP) was founded in 1952, to promote all researches that are related to algae and phycology, and to become a central hub of people who are interested in phycology. Membership is open to any individual and group who is interested in phycology. (source: <http://sourui.org/JSPEnglish/about/index.html>)

The winning research study of Dr. Saco was also featured in the Japanese Journal of Phycology.

VIP CORALS meets with Ningbo University expert, Dr. Shan He



Dr. Shan He (5th from R) shares a photo op with the VIP CORALS team after the meeting

In light of expanding networks, the VIP CORALS met with Dr. Shan He, Associate Dean of College of Food and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Ningbo University in Ningbo, China on February 11 at the CIRC bldg., Pablo Borbon Main I.

During the meeting, Dr. Shan He shared his knowledge on scientific diving training, different marine drug discovery and marine healthcare products. The expert also mentioned about future collaborations between Ningbo University and Batangas State University via collaborative agreements, students exchange and recruitment, marine drug discovery, healthy food development and exploring twilight zone resource by scientific deep diving.