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The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) visited Tarlac State University on March 30, 2023 to inspect possible sites at the Main Campus for the pedestal and marker of

the first Philippine president, Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, in commemoration of the country's 125th year of independence.

The said visit, led by NHCP commissioner and retired TSU professor

Dr. Lino L. Dizon, is meant to seek the university's approval for the possible sites of the pedestal and marker installation.

One of the possible locations

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Tarlac State University and the Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS), a partner educational institution from Indonesia, conducted the first International Inbound Staff Mobility program aimed to share best practices and establish a

strong partnership between the two institutions.

Spearheaded by the International Affairs and Linkages Office (IALO), this first non-teaching mobility program welcomed the four

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Indonesian representatives at the TSU campuses from March 14 to 16, 2023.

Among the offices they visited for internship and benchlearning sessions are the Human Resource Development and Management Office; Administration Office; Office of Planning, Performance Monitoring, and Evaluation; Facilities Development and Management Office; and the Advanced Manufacturing and Training Hub of the College of Engineering and Technology.

Moreover, they also toured the three TSU campuses in Tarlac City as part of their internship and campus exposure.

The opening program took place on March 14 at the CET AVR where IALO Director Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza expressed his excitement to impart the university's best practices in the academic and administrative fields.

Meanwhile, Mr. Dony Kusuma Hadi, ITS lead representative, shared their institution's undergraduate and postgraduate scholarships and lecturer inbound programs, which will be opened to TSU educators for international teaching experience.

The program concluded



on March 16 with a "testimonial ceremony," where the ITS delegates and their "buddies" or counterparts from the university conveyed their learnings and experiences throughout the three-day immersion at TSU.

In his testimony, Mr. Hadi shared his impression of the university's systems for its stakeholders.

"The biggest experience that

I have is your adequate system. I believe that in the future, you could do more. [By] joining the program, I hope that we can achieve our personal and professional goals. Let's reach excellence in education and innovation together," he said.

Furthermore, Mr. Saijidin expressed his gratitude to TSU for the service and hospitality given by the community.

"I love it when I enter the hotel, people always greet me 'Good afternoon po,' 'Good afternoon, sir.' Thank you very much, everyone. I hope in the future, we can build more relationships," he emphasized.

Immersion with offices

On the second and third days of the program, Mr. Hadi, Ms. Novi Elyka Soundague, and Ms. Indah Michelia underwent an immersion with selected offices to learn about their operations and how they perform in the university.

Ms. Soundague, HR Development and Evaluation staff of ITS, visited the university's HRDMO, where they tackled the recruitment process, Daily Time Record (DTR)

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management, training assessment, and the employees' performance evaluation process.

Meanwhile, Ms. Michelia learned about TSU's safety and pollution control matters, material recovery facilities, and completed and proposed infrastructures with the FDMO. She also dropped by the Civil Security and Motorpool units since she handles concerns on logistics and security at ITS.

Under the RAU, Mr. Hadi learned about TSU's management of logbooks and record inventories. He also visited the Supply and Property Management and Procurement units to explore TSU's bidding and disposal planning and processes for the university's properties.

Moreover, Chief Administrative Officer Ms. Winniefe F. Gutierrez, Mr. Hadi's counterpart, discussed TSU's organizational chart along with the duties and responsibilities of employees. In return, Mr. Hadi shared their organizational chart and other applications and systems accessible on their website.

The other offices visited at the Main Campus are the Management



Information Systems Office, Office of Public Affairs, and Admission and Registration Office.

ITS delegates also showed interest in the Student Affairs Services (SAS) programs, such as scholarships, allowances, incentives, and developmental training, which was shared by SAS Director Prof. Gherold C. Benitez.

Prof. Benitez also learned from the Indonesian delegates, especially about the extra-curricular internship program, and conveyed his interest in visiting ITS for benchlearning.

Aside from SAS, the offices they visited at the Lucinda Campus are the University Research Office (URO) and the Technology Development,

Transfer, and Commercialization Office (TDTCO).

Equipment and Laboratories

On the other hand, Mr. Saijidin, a laboratory technician at the ITS Industrial Mechanical Engineering, had the chance to share learnings and best practices with TSU's Mechanical Engineering Department. He experienced using the machines at the CET laboratories guided by ME chairperson Engr. Adam Rombaoa.

Food Technology and Research Center (FTRC) Director Prof. Leah Matias also showcased the center's equipment and facilities used to produce local products such as herbal tea, smoked fish or tinapa, and chicharon liempo.

TSU's TDTCO-ITSO receives Bronze Clustering Award

Engr. Jayriz Dungca and Engr. Yvy Clydylyn Rabara [TDTCO]

Tarlac State University, through the Technology Development, Transfer and Commercialization Office (TDTCO), an Innovation and Technology Support Office (ITSO) Franchise of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOPPL), received a bronze award for the 2022 ITSO 2.0 Clustering during the IPOPPL President's Summit on March 28, 2023.

This clustering award is a program of IPOPPL to help the ITSO network members develop their specific competencies and expertise in providing intellectual property-related services. The members or franchisees of the network are tasked to achieve a set of parameters for each cluster, namely Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum.

The award was based on the active application filings of the TDTCO for



copyright registration, trademark, utility models, and patent for 2022.

TSU, through the TDTCO, conducted four IP foundation courses, one patent search training, and one patent draft training.

Meanwhile, the office filed six utility model applications, 33 copyright registration applications, and its first-ever patent

application.

Also in 2022, TDTCO applied three marks for trademark registration and one Declaration of Actual Use (DAU) for its MSME clients.

As an ITSO Franchise, TDTCO caters to both external and internal clientele of TSU.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for Research Development and Extension Dr. Murphy P. Mohammed, and TDTCO Director Dr. Wilmark J. Ramos attended the summit and received the award.



TSU joins the 2023 National Women's Month celebration

■ Resyleen G. Salviejo [OPA Intern]

Tarlac State University participated in the 2023 National Women's Month celebration to promote gender equality and highlight the role of Filipino women in history through various activities for students and employees.

TSU kept in synch with the entire country as it held a brief kick-off program on March 7, 2023 during the flag-raising ceremony at the TSU Main Campus spearheaded by the Gender and Development Office (GAD).

In his remarks during the program, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco assured equal opportunities for all TSU employees, adding that his office will always be open for everyone.

"I am committing; and I have the strength that I'll always be objective, to be equal. Wala pong sasabihin na 'Babae ka lang.' My office is always open to you – akyat lang po kayo or you can set up a meeting with me. At kung may dapat baguhin, babaguhin po natin para sa university. Pantay-pantay po lahat," he said.

The call for equal opportunities and treatment was seconded by GAD Director Dr. Rita E. Pulmano in an interview.

"We see to it that we will give equal treatment to everyone regardless



of gender. If you have issues, if you have concerns, come to the office, go to the GAD coordinators, approach them, and then we'll talk about it," she said.

The declaration of March as "Women's Role in History Month" emphasizes the contribution of Filipino women to the social, cultural, economic, and political growth of our nation throughout history.

This year's celebration, led by



the Philippine Commission on Women, marks a juncture in advancing women's rights as it launched a new recurring theme to be used until 2028, "WE for gender equality and inclusive society."

Furthermore, the sub-theme, "DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality," calls for women's and girls' empowerment toward maximizing their benefits from innovation and technology and bridging the gender gap in ICT and connectivity.



University Activities for Women's Month

The TSU community actively participated in several activities lined up for the Women's Month celebration, such

as the "Purple Wednesdays" and some seminars for students and employees organized by offices and colleges in partnership with GAD.

"Welcome ang Gender and Development for partnership. Sama-sama tayo. Sulong tayo sa women empowerment, sa adbokasiya natin na magkaroon ng equality [with] all sorts of gender. 'Wag nating isipin na ikaw ay member ng LGBT, na ikaw ay babae, na ikaw ay lalaki. Lahat isusulong natin," Dr. Pulmano shared.

The College of Science Student Council and Red Cross Youth Council hosted a webinar titled "Bend the Curve:



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Empowering through HIV Awareness" last March 13 that aims to raise awareness and dispel misconceptions about HIV while promoting responsible sexual behavior in a safe environment.

Meanwhile, the Career Education and Job Placement Services Unit conducted a webinar on work ethics and the Safe Spaces Act on March 10 for all incoming and currently enrolled student-interns. This webinar is intended to educate students and spread awareness on protecting oneself as a preventive measure.

"We are trying to make things simple in terms of [a] celebration but [still] creating a big impact. GAD is becoming a way of life among the students, particularly these student organizations," Dr. Pulmano said.

Moreover, the "Juana Talks," a



seminar on the challenges faced by women in society, was held by the College of Arts and Social Sciences Student Council on March 31 at the Smith Hall Theater Room.

Juana Talks' guest speaker, Ms. Carisa Balilia from the TSU School of Law, also tackled the different ways on overcoming these challenges.

"One way to empower women is

to educate them with our rights dahil nagsisimula ang pakikipag laban sa pag-alam natin ng ating mga karapatan," she said.

This seminar concluded with the "Lakad, Juana," a march from the Theater Room to the Heroes' Park together with the students and faculty members.

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selected by NHCP and TSU is the former Casa Real de Tarlac, presently the "Aguinaldo Hall," at the Engineering grounds. This building was used by Aguinaldo as his office or Presidential Palace when Tarlac became the country's revolutionary capital in 1899.

From June 12, 1898 to March 23, 1901, when Aguinaldo escaped from Kawit, Cavite to Palanan, Isabela, Tarlac was one of the significant shelters of the first Philippine Republic. It is considered the last capital of the Aguinaldo Republic.

Another targeted location for the

marker is in front of the Administration Building, which will be accessible and more visible to students, employees, and guests, especially during and after the flag raising ceremony.

According to Commissioner Dizon, the NHCP intends to lodge the marker immediately after the ongoing pedestal establishment in Kawit, Cavite and Malolos, Bulacan.

"We will mark all the places na nag-stay si Aguinaldo. Tarlac State University is special dahil ito ang naging capital ni Aguinaldo noong plight niya," Comm. Dizon said.

NHCP plans to unveil the historical marker on the pedestal in 2024.

Meanwhile, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco marveled at the thought that one of the university's buildings is an important piece of history.

"It is an honor for TSU na dito pala nag-stay si Aguinaldo," TSU President Dr. Arnold Velasco stated during the NHCP's presentation.

The NHCP representatives were led by Comm. Dizon, while their counterpart, the TSU Center for Tarlaqueño Studies, is headed by Prof. Jose Russell S. Arador.



TSU, DepEd Tarlac City and Tarlac Province, other sports coaches meet with PSC Commissioner

■ Jazzel Llanelli M. Manabat

Renowned Cebuano sportsman Edward Hayco, a commissioner of the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC), visited Tarlac Province on March 7, 2023, and initiated a meeting with sports pillars from some Tarlac educational institutions to discuss the grassroots program proposal.

Tarlac State University sports head Dr. Ligaya Gina S. Salangsang attended the said meeting at the Bulwagang Kanlahi, along with the Department of Education Tarlac City and Tarlac Province Schools Division sports coordinators Ms. Gene E. Manalo and Dr. Noel Linsao and some coaches from the Tarlac City Private Education Institutions Association (TCPEIA).

Commissioner Hayco's vision for the grassroots program, which he presented during the meeting, is anchored on the idea that sports could be a transformational tool for students, especially those from public schools.

He pitched that the PSC, in partnership with the Private Schools Athletic Association (PRISAA), can provide trainers to hone the skills and character of



public school athletes through the grassroots program. Eventually, these student-athletes could land sports scholarships in private schools.

Meanwhile, Dr. Salangsang took the opportunity to request from the Commission a training program for TSU and DepEd schools coaches that could help beef up the province's sports program and student-athletes.

Commissioner Hayco was invited by Tarlac Province Governor Susan Yap as the guest of honor in the ballroom dancing and dancesport competition of the 7th Kanlahi Festival. He is known as the "Father of Cebu Dancesport" and has served as the Cebu City Sports Commission (CCSC) chairman for more than ten years.

He was appointed as a PSC commissioner last December 2022.

TSU CBA signs MOA with DTI for MSME assistance

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

Tarlac State University's College of Business and Accountancy and Department of Trade and Industry entered a memorandum of agreement to further their commitments to the micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the

province on March 14, 2023, held at the TSU Main AVR.

According to Officer-in-Charge Provincial Director Zaida Garibay, they will ensure their utmost commitment to help more MSMEs, in partnership with



TSU, in securing their Food and Drug Administration (FDA) registration before joining trade fairs.

She said Tarlac is very lucky to have a supportive governor who sends entrepreneurs abroad like the Ambiente 2023, a trade fair held in Frankfurt, Germany, where ten Tarlaqueño MSME owners displayed their products.

Furthermore, the partnership will also help students who are trying to establish their products. The said students could also undergo mentoring with the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI).

At least ten trainings are planned to be conducted in DTI's 18 Negosyo Centers this year, according to Dir. Garibay, through their

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Young Entrepreneurs Project (YEP) with the tagline "Harnessing Our Own Resources for the Advancement of the Youth (HOORAY)."

The three-year partnership will be supervised by the Extension Services



Management Office (ESMO). Through the ESMO, the university will provide informal education or knowledge transfer to MSMEs through seminars and training services.

The university's pool of experts will extend services to the partner community

towards human resource development. Selected faculty members, based on expertise, will serve as resource speakers for every training or seminar in April for agrarian reform beneficiaries.

According to Prof. Christine Janelle Santiago, CBA Extension Chairperson, DTI tapped their college to help them conduct 14 seminars with the business sectors, including those who are agrarian reform beneficiaries.

In a message during the signing ceremony, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco expressed his full support for this endeavor with DTI that would benefit the immediate community.

"TSU anticipates that more significant, purposeful, and impactful programs and activities will prosper through this partnership. With the various projects and initiatives we intend to undertake jointly, we can keep making a difference in



our respective communities," Pres. Velasco said.

Vice President for Research and Extension Services Dr. Murphy P. Mohammed echoed the same sentiments in his closing remarks, emphasizing the essence of creating a "ripple effect."

"We want to give [an] impact [on] the lives of the people that we are training. We need to be innovative, create a ripple effect, and make a change in the community," VP Mohammed said.

SSC, GAD Office push Mx. Warrior 2023; CASS candidates dominate said pageant

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

Tarlac State University's Supreme Student Council (SSC), in partnership with the Gender and Development Office (GAD), pursued their campaign for inclusivity and empowerment in line with the National Women's Month by holding the Mx. Warrior 2023 pageant that features transwomen students.

The annual event, themed "Aequoreal: Waterborne Warriors for Aquatic Environment Preservation," is anchored on the sixth Sustainable Development Goal, which ensures sustainable availability and management of water and sanitation for all.

Out of 11 candidates from the different colleges, College of Arts and Social Sciences student Jazz Rodriguez was crowned Mx. Warrior 2023 on March 17, 2023 at the TSU Gymnasium.

"Transwomen [are] part of the LGBTQIA++ community, and as we all know, we cannot deny the fact that we are part of the LGBT. We are the center of what we call 'discrimination,' but as a transgender standing in front of you, with my brave heart and innovative mind and limitless desire, I am here to say that I



deserve to be respected, to be loved, and to be accepted because even though I am a transwoman, I am also a human and a woman," Rodriguez said when asked to explain the hashtag "Transwomen Are Women."

Another CASS student, Ashlynn Manio, claimed the first runner-up spot or Mx. Warrior Air.

Meanwhile, Eric Soriano from the

College of Business and Accountancy was named Mx. Warrior Water, Jhersie Tablano from the College of Computer Studies is Mx. Warrior Fire, while Kim Louis Galvan from the College of Architecture and Fine Arts is Mx. Warrior Land.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco showed his full support to the

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Retired TSU professor, now NHCP Commissioner Dizon launches latest book at UST

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

Dr. Lino L. Dizon, National Historical Commission of the Philippines Commissioner and retired Tarlac State University professor, released his latest book, “Imprenta de Ramírez y Giraudier: A Story of Late Nineteenth Century Filipino Intellectuality,” at the Miguel de Benavides Library of the University of Santo Tomas in España, Manila on March 29, 2023.

His newly published book is about the history of print and publishing in the 19th-century Philippines.

Imprenta de Ramirez y Giraudier (IRG) is a publishing firm founded by Don Manuel Ramirez y Carvajal, typographer, and Baltasar Giraudier y Ortega, a lithographer-artist in the 19th century.

Vibal Foundation partnered with UST’s Miguel de Benavides Library, where a number of the publishing firm’s works are on display.

Commissioner Dizon said he did not know that UST has a collection of IRG’s works, citing that the printing press “has been much associated” with UST.

According to the Vibal group, the book is an important primary source in understanding the role of the press in a democracy. It also embarks a sense of nationalism during Spanish colonization.

The book also features a list of the publishing firm’s founders, publications, editors, and writers, including Jose



Felipe del Pan, and their contributions during the intellectual enlightenment of colonization that led to the Propaganda and the Philippine Revolution.

“Jose Felipe del Pan’s book is a significant reference particularly to understand the history of the printing press in the country; particularly his vital role in the era where most of the printing was controlled,” NHCP Chairperson Dr. Emmanuel Calairo said in his speech.

Commissioner Dizon, former head

of TSU’s Center for Tarlaqueño Studies, said it took him and the Vibal group some ten years before they finalized and completed all the details in his latest book.

TSU, represented by College of Arts and Social Sciences Dean Dr. Aloysius Madriaga and the Office of Public Affairs, attended the event and celebrated the latest publication of Commissioner Dizon, a seasoned TSU professor and Tarlac historian known for cultivating history.

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with a transport system that is safe, reliable, convenient, and environmentally sustainable.” In essence, the vision and objectives of this project are foolproof as these are for progress and improvement.

In totality, jeepney modernization is good for the country. This project hits two birds with one stone: it entails an efficient mass transport system declogging Metro Manila’s traffic problems while reducing harmful emissions. However, several issues arise, especially with jeepney drivers and operators who cannot afford modernized units without the government’s support. With the jeepney drivers’ meager and the operators’ small-scale reach, the full-blown modernization plan would be out of the equation, given that a modern jeepney unit costs around 2.8 million pesos as of this year.

To the defense of the government, structured loan programs through the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) and the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and corresponding subsidies will be available to the drivers and operators. Based on a policy brief from the University of the Philippines, subsidies can only cover around five percent of the unit cost and loan programs are accessible only by cooperatives with franchises from the LTRFB. This kind of setup shows the government could do better in helping the common man or the group of common men keep their primary source of income alive. After battling the harsh impact of the pandemic and oil price hikes, they are, again, facing an obstacle in the guise of modernization.

To reiterate, the government could do better, or at least propose gradual adjustments leading to the public utility vehicles holistic modernization. The hardships are not the sole burden of the drivers and operators; commuters also felt the drastic effects of modernization with the staged transport strike of certain groups this month. The call for modernization has been equated with the phasing out of old jeepney units. And when the strike commenced, everyone felt the immense need for this mass public transport. Although Central Luzonn transport groups

opted out of this strike, still, citizens were baffled and alarmed at the possibility of phasing out units and modernizing PUVs without considering the plea and plight of every Juan and Juana who rides jeepneys daily.

Aside from financial constraints and concerns, another point to be considered in this jeepney modernization is the preservation of culture. If the suppliers of modernized units will come from foreign corporations, how could the iconic jeepney design be preserved? Kidlat Tahimik’s film “Perfumed Nightmare” revealed that the “iconic jeepney” is part of American influences. Setting aside colonization, the Filipinos’ aesthetic minds added color and story to the “iconic jeepney” the country boasts. Foreign companies can offer the needed modernized units, but cultural preservation may have been stripped from the Filipinos. If only local companies could be allowed to work on modernization, the rich part of the country’s heritage can be kept alive.

Drivers and operators could also be part of the government workforce if the Philippine government eyes to make the public transport system efficient. The government can buy modern units and hire drivers and operators, providing them with fixed income. The “meager income” dilemma can be solved, and the cost of units is not a problem anymore. But these are part of the utopian society the country is aspiring.

PUV modernization and efficient public transport system have a nice ring to the ears. It is even a sight to behold once successfully implemented. In hindsight, this vision is not yet applicable due to countless considerations. If the project emanated from 2017, why did the government fail to lay down the transition period and plans for the drivers, operators, and commuters? The desired outcome is at par with neighboring countries, but the means of attaining the end could be reviewed. A practical and feasible society is much more apt compared to a utopian one. Sustainability considers all facets. Leaving one part behind is not a manifestation of a sustainable and modernized community.

EDITORIAL

Modernization and sustainability in a utopian society

In this day and age of the fourth industrial revolution, modernization is imperative as it is linked to efficiency in the delivery of services. Resorting to the more efficient means in increasing productivity sometimes equates to the obsolescence of old ways. Often, this kind of change is frowned upon in society. Yet other forms of change, coupled with the right intentions and motives, could lead to having a sustainable community.

The call for jeepney modernization, which sprung in mid-2017, is a move seemingly connected towards meeting the targets of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 7, 9, and 11. Such is also part of the “Matatag, Maginhawa, at Panatag na Buhay” of the National Economic and Development Authority’s AmBisyon Natin 2040. Furthermore, this modernization is an initiative under the Department of Transportation (DOTr) through the

Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP) aimed at addressing transport-related problems and meeting the demands of advancements. As reported by the Philippine Information Agency in 2023, “The DOTr under the leadership of former President Rodrigo Duterte sees the program as a kick-start in making the Philippine public transport aligned with global standards by providing Filipinos

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BS Food Technology, BS Environmental Science receive Level II accreditation results from AACCUP thru QAO

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The programs BS Food Technology and BS Environmental Science from the College of Science (COS) formally received their certificates as Level II Re-Accredited programs from the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines, Inc. (AACCUP) on March 23, 2023 at the TSU Alumni Center in Lucinda Campus.

Organized by the Quality Assurance Office (QAO), the event is not only an awarding ceremony but also a discussion of their accreditation results, especially the recommendations of the accreditors.

From the AACCUP report, the BS Food Technology program garnered the highest mean in the areas of library, faculty, and physical plant and facilities with ratings of 3.95, 3.82, and 3.70, respectively. The program's grand mean is 3.61, equivalent to a very satisfactory descriptive rating.

Likewise, the BS Environmental Science program recorded a very satisfactory overall descriptive rating with a 3.74 grand mean. The program scored highest in the instruction, faculty, and library areas with 4.11, 4.07, and 3.95 ratings.

The Level II Re-Accredited status of the two programs is valid from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2026.

In the awarding ceremony, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco



congratulated the accredited programs and expressed his gratitude towards COS Dean Prof. Mary Jane N. Rigor, the BS Food Technology and BS Environmental Science chairpersons, and the faculty members and non-academic staff involved in the survey visit.

"Makakaasa po kayo na 100% -- kung pwede pa dagdagan ng 101% -- ang support to all the endeavors of the university... Makakaasa po kayo. 'Wag kayong mahiya at wala naman pong mawawala kung napapagusapan. If we really united, then wala pong mahirap sa nagkakaisang Tarlac State University," Pres. Velasco said.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg also congratulated the two programs for their efforts and determination. She showed aspiration to go beyond the AACCUP's minimum standards.

"Here at TSU, we [always consider] accreditation as our way of life already,"

she added.

Meanwhile, Dean Rigor acknowledged the workforce behind this achievement during her closing remarks.

"Everything happens for a purpose and for a reason. Every day is accreditation. We will not stop there na kampante po tayo. So, in order to achieve higher accreditation, this [is] for us to prepare ourselves with all the recommendations," she said.

Certificates of commendation for the accredited programs were awarded by Pres. Velasco and VP Macaraeg.

Moreover, QAO Director Dr. Niño B. Corpuz discussed the accreditation results and recommendations emphasizing the areas for improvement, namely research, support to students, and laboratories for BS Food Technology and extension and community involvement, support to students, laboratories, and administration for BS Environmental Science.

"If the recommendations are difficult to achieve, then we have to find an alternative solution to improve these areas," Dr. Corpuz said.

The said programs underwent the Level II Phase 3 survey visit last September 12-15, 2022. These were the last to be accredited by the AACCUP in 2022.



TSU receives SEC SuperVision 2025 recognition

■ Ma. Teresa D. Madriaga

Tarlac State University was awarded a plaque of recognition by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for its support given to the SEC SuperVision 2025.

The SEC SuperVision 2025 is a seven-year development plan to transform the Commission into a premier investor champion and catalyst of a deep, broad and



informed investor-based capital market and more empowered business sector considered among the best in the Southeast Asian region.

SEC Tarlac Extension Office (TEO) Director Atty. Richard Laus handed the plaque to TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco on March 14, 2023.

According to SEC Information Officer Mr. Mark Catacutan, TSU was granted this recognition because of its active partnership in the SEC internship program. The university has been sending student interns from the colleges of

Business and Accountancy (CBA) and Public Administration and Governance (CPAG) to SEC every year.



Moreover, TSU works hand-in-hand with the Commission to promote financial literacy and raise awareness regarding business and capital market among students and the local enterprise sector. Last December 2022, CBA tapped the Commission as its partner in a financial literacy seminar for students at the TSU Gymnasium.

Meanwhile, under extension services, CPAG collaborated with SEC in October 2022 to assist micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), particularly event suppliers in Tarlac, as reported by the Philippine Information Agency-Tarlac.

In a virtual interview with Mr. Catacutan, he added that TSU and SEC are already working on a formal partnership through a memorandum of agreement.

"A MOA is already in the works po to formalize this partnership with TSU under the SEC Communication, Advocacy and Network (SEC-CAN) Project," he said.

Before the plaque turnover, the SEC-TEO representatives met with Pres. Velasco and discussed future partnerships for the Commission's campaigns and advocacies.

Initially, SEC bestowed the recognition to the awardees in a formal awarding ceremony on November 29, 2022 at the SEC Headquarters in Makati City during the Commission's 86th anniversary celebration.

They also recognized individuals and organizations from public and



private sectors who have promoted the Commission's mission to improve ease of doing business, capital market development, investor protection, good governance, and organizational development

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event alongside GAD director Dr. Rita E. Pulmano.

"We no longer watch pageants as beauty contests. Nowadays, this serves as a platform to highlight inspiration, diversity, and empowerment. Individuals who participate in pageants have used this stand to inspire," Pres. Velasco said.

"Sa ating mga candidates po, always remember that win or lose, memorable opportunities to gain skills will last a lifetime. Respect, teamwork, confidence, and empowerment are the things that you will gain from this opportunity given to you," he added.



2023 National Women's Month Celebration of Tarlac State University



CHED Institutional Development and Innovation Grants (IDIG) visit to the TSU College of Engineering and Technology



The Commission on Higher Education (CHED) visited Tarlac State University's College of Engineering and Technology (CET) on March 8, 2023 to evaluate the equipment funded by the CHED Institutional Development and Innovation Grants (IDIG) housed at the CET - Advanced Manufacturing Training Hub.

The equipment is used by engineering students to support the emerging technology for an improved and innovative learning setup and to equip them with industry level skills.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes Macaraeg, together with the CET faculty led by OIC-Dean Dr. Marie Wendy Frany and former CET dean Dr. Miriam Galvez, spearheaded the visit.



Congratulations!



DR. ARNOLD E. VELASCO
UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT
OUTSTANDING STA. IGNACIA CITIZEN AWARD

Awarded during the 109th Founding Anniversary of the Municipality of Sta. Ignacia, Tarlac.

Greetings from your TSU family!



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY LICENSED TSUIAN ENGINEERS!

FEBRUARY 2023

MECHANICAL ENGINEERS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

FIRST TIME TAKERS INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE NATIONAL PASSING RATE

86.67%

62.50%

62.18%

THE TSU COMMUNITY IS VERY PROUD OF YOU!

CONGRATULATIONS!

DELEGATES FROM

TARLAC STATE UNIVERSITY

STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES FACULTY ASSOCIATION - REGION 3

- BASKETBALL 3X3 - GOLD (5)
- VOLLEYBALL WOMEN - BRONZE (13)
- BADMINTON WOMEN - GOLD (2)
- BASKETBALL MEN 44 BELOW - BRONZE (12)
- DARTS MEN - GOLD (1)
- CHESS MEN - BRONZE (4)
- ATHLETICS MEN 200M - GOLD (1)
- BADMINTON WOMEN 51 ABOVE - BRONZE (2)
- BASKETBALL MEN 45 ABOVE - SILVER (13)
- TABLE TENNIS WOMEN 41-50 - BRONZE (2)
- BILLIARDS MEN - SILVER (2)
- TABLE TENNIS MEN 31-40 - BRONZE (2)
- BILLIARDS WOMEN - SILVER (2)
- VOCAL SOLO - BRONZE
- TABLE TENNIS MIXED 51 ABOVE - SILVER (2)
- FINDING THINGS IN THE LIST - 1ST PLACE
- TABLE TENNIS MEN 30 BELOW - SILVER (2)
- PAPER CHAIN - 2ND PLACE
- ATHLETICS MEN 100M - SILVER (1)
- THREAD AND MIDDLE - 2ND PLACE
- DARTS WOMEN - SILVER (1)
- DRAWING - 2ND PLACE
- VOLLEYBALL MEN - SILVER
- PAPER TOWER - 2ND PLACE



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Vision

A globally competitive university recognized for excellence in sciences and emerging technologies.

Mission

TSU shall develop highly competitive and empowered human resources fostering responsive global education, future-proof research culture, inclusive and relevant extension programs, and sustainable production projects.

Core Values

T-ruth in words, action and character

S-ervice with excellence and compassion

U-nity in diversity

Quality Policy

Tarlac State University is committed to continuously strive for global competitiveness and excellence in the delivery of instruction, research, extension (training and consultancy), and administrative support services, compliant to regulatory and statutory requirements for the utmost satisfaction of its valued customers while ensuring safe and healthy working conditions for its students, employees, clientele and reducing environmental impact of its operations.