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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

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NEWLY LICENSED TSUIAN ENGINEERS!**
APRIL 2023 ELECTRONICS ENGINEER LICENSURE EXAMINATION AND
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATION

	ECE	ECT
FIRST TIME TAKERS	18.75%	57.14%
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE	21.74%	60.00%
NATIONAL PASSING RATE	33.49%	73.69%

TOP 2 (88.50%)
ROMMEL G. GADIA
BS ECE JULY 2022
CUM LAUDE

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Tarlac State University College of Engineering and Technology recorded a topnotcher who ranked second among the top 10 passers of the April 2023 Electronics Engineer Licensure Examination, as announced by the Professional Regulation Commission on April 26, 2023.

Rommel G. Gadia, a cum laude graduate in 2022, received an 88.50% rating in the said board exam. At present, he is a Science Research Specialist at the Office of University Research Development (OURD).

22-year-old Gadia said the Mathematics and Electronics categories,

which he answered on the first day, were challenging. According to the topnotcher, he guessed the answers to most of the items, but he was surprised to know that he scored highest in the said categories.

“During board exam, halos magbreakdown ako sa Math and

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9 OUT OF 13 TAKERS

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To celebrate the first anniversary of the new Tarlac State University charter or Republic Act No. 11695, TSU held a series of activities on April 11, 2023 at the Main Campus.

The university's officials, teaching and non-teaching personnel, along with students from different colleges gathered at the TSU Gymnasium to attend the

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Thanksgiving Mass presided by Bishop Enrique V. Macaraeg.

Moreover, a simple program was prepared during the flag-raising ceremony where the committee members who crafted the new university charter and the technical working group who polished the law's implementing rules and regulations (IRR) were awarded certificates of commendation.

In a message, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco thanked and honored the workforce behind the crafting and approval of the charter.

"Sa lahat po ng mga efforts ninyo, sa mga determinasyon na walang kupas hanggang sa matapos po ang ating new charter – maraming, maraming salamat po sa inyo," he said.

He also acknowledged former TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, who paved the way for the charter amendment and for setting the bars for the university.

"We really commend her leadership for making TSU as [what] we have now. Maraming, maraming salamat po, Ma'am Myrna Mallari," he added.

Furthermore, among the awardees present in the program is Board of Regents member Hon. Dennis Norman T. Go, representative of Hon. Mark O. Go. Regent Go is an honorary member of the



university committee for the new charter. He is also part of the technical working group for the charter's IRR.

"Sana po ay maging instrumento itong bagong charter sa lalong pagsulong ng ating pamantasan, makamit 'yung mga ipinaliwanag pong mission, vision, and roadmaps ng ating Pangulo kanina, at sana po ang ating charter ay magsilbing matibay na pundasyon para lalo pang tumatag at humusay ang ating Tarlac State University. Mabuhay po ang TSU!" Regent Go said.

In the same way, Pres. Velasco shared his high hopes for the university to confidently face new horizons with

academic competence and an empowered workforce in the coming years through the new charter.

"Magkaisa po tayo — sa damdamin, sa isip, at sa lahat ng mga hangarin for Tarlac State University. At makikita po natin, if we have that unity katulad sa ating core values — unity in diversity — lahat po ng magagawa natin sa tulong ng Diyos, Tarlac State University," he emphasized.

The new charter, which lapsed into law on April 11, 2022, governs the university on its operations and empowers the BOR with additional powers for the benefit of the TSU community, such as the disbursement of income generated for instruction, research, extension services, or other programs and projects of TSU, among others.

It also provided an additional seat in the BOR for the non-teaching staff association and expanded the university's curricular offerings, which include the re-establishment of the Laboratory School.

Other activities conducted in the whole-day celebration include the Pistang Sayaw ng Tarlac by the TSU Performing Arts Dance Troupe, Student Talent Competition by the Supreme Student Council, Palaro ng Lahi, and several performances during the TSU Gigz.



CET faculty, students stage surprise for Pres. Velasco's 1st anniversary at TSU

Arvie Joy Lomboy [OPA Intern]



In celebration of his first anniversary as university president, Dr. Arnold E. Velasco received a surprise from the College of Engineering and Technology during the flag raising ceremony at the Main Campus hosted by the Mechanical Engineering Department on April 3, 2023.

The ME Department staged a short program in front of the Administration Building with student performances.

Pres. Velasco was installed as the sixth TSU president on April 1, 2022. He succeeded Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari's eight-year term from 2014-2022.

He is also an alumnus of the electrical engineering program of then Tarlac College of Technology (now TSU).

In his message after the performances, Pres. Velasco shared a nugget of wisdom that guides him in his leadership.

"If you want to be great, learn to be the servant of all," he said.

Moreover, he mentioned that service at TSU revolves around the students who are considered the "top clientele."

"Kayo [students] ang number one na kliyenteng dapat pagsilbihan," he added.

He went on to reiterate that students will have a mental health break from April 3 to 5, which is after the midterm examinations week.

Also, Pres. Velasco thanked the university's Board of Regents who have delegated powers to implement more programs that will be beneficial to TSU.

The implementing rules and regulations of the new TSU charter took effect on February 3, 2023, which allowed Pres. Velasco to propose the university's new vision, mission, and core values and the new organizational structure.

These were approved by the BOR on March 24 – a week before his first anniversary as TSU president.



EDITORIAL

Is security in cyberspace a myth?

A series of Facebook page hacking incidents transpired this April 2023 - ranging from lewd and obscene postings on the Tarlac State University's Office of Public Affairs page to the changing of display photos of the Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development's (DOST-PCIEERD). The height of the hacking activities was during the Holy Week or Lenten season, wherein most Filipinos are fasting, observing abstinence, and reflecting. The hackers, seemingly a conspiracy of various individuals or groups, presumably took advantage of the Catholics' week-long religious activity, a holiday to some. With these cyber attacks, it could be argued whether or not security and safety can be assured in cyberspace.

status in the country remains in limbo, and all essential data are never safe.

The rise of social networking sites prompted government institutions, companies, and other private entities, even celebrities, to shift their information dissemination and promotional tactics. Yet again, these sites became prime targets of hackers, defacing juridical persons or institutions and further proving that cybersecurity is still a myth.

Even with the passage of the Cybercrime Prevention Act of 2012 and the creation of the anti-cybercrime divisions of the Philippine National Police and the National Bureau of Investigation, hacking and cybercrimes persist. The Philippine government also instituted a new executive body in 2016, the Department of Information and Communications Technology, which promotes a secure and peaceful ICT environment as one of its mandates. In this case, how could these hackers still proliferate and bug cyberspace? Where does the problem lie?

Every time the country's information technology experts initiate a step forward as to cybersecurity, the IT experts on the other side of the web or hackers have already leaped twice or thrice. Cybersecurity threats evolve as technology advances, and hackers will always find a way to penetrate a system, whether to get data, express their activism, or simply show off their skills. As individuals and also for institutions, investing in firewalls and other cybersecurity measures would not hurt, especially in safeguarding information and preserving the public image. A more robust public education is also a must to spread awareness, especially in avoiding spam, scams, and phishing links. When IT defense cannot come to the rescue, at least individual to collective knowledge can be a safeguard in cyberspace security.

As early as the year 2000, with the advent of the world wide web in the Philippines, cybersecurity threats had already surfaced. The most popular during that time is the "ILOVEYOU" virus, the first truly global computer virus that had disrupted the operations of businesses and government agencies worldwide, according to a CNN report. At the onset, probably because of birth pains, security in cyberspace has been established as a myth.

With hacking comes the threat of phishing information that can lead to compromising national safety and security. Hackers can also use malware in doing so, posing another cybersecurity threat. Some government websites have been susceptible to hacking, with the largest issue to date involving the Philippine government portal, which happened in 2021. The Philippine Star also reported in 2016 that around 68 websites were subjected to hacking and defacement, which include the Department of National Defense. Starting from the "ILOVEYOU" virus up to the hacking incidents of today, the cybersecurity



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Electronics. During first day sobrang hirap, tapos bigla-bigla silang dalawa pala 'yung highest ko; what a twist! 'Yung sa sobrang hirap, pagbalik namin sa transient (lodging) ng mga kasama ko (who are also board passers now), wala, puro tulala and accept the [fate] na lang sa sobrang hirap," Gadia told the Office of Public Affairs in an interview.

Gadia said he placed his trust in the process and schedule of the review center. During the review, he made sure to asses the topics that he had not mastered yet. He added that mastery is also one of the factors why he did not pursue the October 2022 ECE boards.

"Na-adapt ko 'yung kay Sir Don Louie (Engr. Sanvictores) na [mag] focus sa concept as much as possible. Hanggang hindi ko kayang i-discuss 'yung topic, ibig sabihin not enough pa iyon. Kaya nga inabot ng almost a year ang review ko kasi before [graduation] pa lang, nagstart na ako magreview," Gadia said.

Moreover, Gadia is a Department of Science and Technology (DOST) scholar in college. Despite the pressure of being a scholar and struggling with the online learning setup during the pandemic, he still managed to enjoy while studying.

His father, a security officer and an electrical engineering graduate, inspired him to become an engineer. He was also motivated to pursue his dreams as he intends to follow in the footsteps of

Dr. Robert Marcos, OURD OIC Director and his immediate supervisor, and Engr. Don Louie Sanvictores, former ECE faculty member.

"May isang review center na nagsabi sa amin during orientation [to] 'aim perfect' kasi [it's okay] kahit ma-short ka (points), mag-fall na sa next lower [rank], which is 'yung being topnotch. And sabi nila don't prepare para sa sarili; prepare para sa mga taong mahal mo at sumusuporta sa iyo. And lastly, wala namang masama mag claim and manifest. From that, na-adapt ko siguro iyon during the April [board exam]. Wala namang masama doon kasi I boosted my confidence and never ako nakaexperience ng burnout," Gadia shared in the interview.

He also mentioned that his first choice of program is Bachelor of Secondary

Education major in Mathematics. However, with the guidance and inspiration of some TSU professors who were visiting lecturers when he was in senior high school, he realized that enrolling in an engineering program would be better for him. Gadia completed his SHS at St. Rose Catholic School in Paniqui town last 2018.

Among these professors is Dr. Marcos, who was with him in his journey from SHS, BS ECE, board exam review, and up to the workplace at OURD. He also said the OURD had been supportive of his board exam review.

Gadia plans to continue working at TSU even after passing the board exam. TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco invited him to teach under the CET Electronics and Electrical Engineering Department.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY LICENSED TSUIAN ENGINEERS! APRIL 2023 ELECTRONICS ENGINEER LICENSURE EXAMINATION AND ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATION. Table with columns for ECE and ECT, rows for First Time Takers, Institutional Passing Rate, and National Passing Rate. Includes photo of Rommel G. Gadia and text 'TOP 2 (88.50%) ROMMEL G. GADIA BS ECE JULY 2022 CUM LAUDE'. Footer: THE TSU COMMUNITY IS VERY PROUD OF YOU!



CET reigns as overall champion in TSU Intramurals 2023

■ Marianne Sarmiento, Carise Joy Dacayo [OPA Interns]

Garnering 62 gold medals, the College of Engineering and Technology (CET) Maroon Sharks grabbed the highly coveted overall champion trophy of the 2023 Tarlac State University Intramurals.

This year's intramurals marks the comeback of the in-person sports celebration three years after the pandemic hit the country and affected several student events.

Following the CET Maroon Sharks in the overall medal tally is the College of Education (COEd) Golden Eagles as the first runner-up with 51 golds. The COEd Golden Eagles was the overall champion in the 2019 Intramurals.

Meanwhile, the College of Criminal Justice Education (CCJE) Gray Bulldogs trailed behind the Golden Eagles as second runner-up with 26 golds, and the College of Business and Accountancy (CBA) Green Tigers landed the third runner-up spot with 22 golds.

Aside from claiming the overall championship, the Maroon Sharks also emerged as the champion in the first-ever bench yell competition, a 4-7-minute performance accompanied by percussion instruments with around 50-75 members.

Other winners of the bench yell contest are the College of Public Administration and Governance (CPAG) Blue Jaguars, and the Golden Eagles as 1st runner-up and 2nd-runner up, respectively.

In the mascot competition, the College of Architecture and Fine Arts (CAFA)

Black Stallions proved their artistic capabilities by claiming first place, followed by the Green Tigers and the Maroon Sharks.

These were awarded in the closing ceremony on April 22, 2023 at the TSU Gymnasium.

"For all the colleges, I'm sure the journey has been an emotional roller coaster.



It's a tangle of hopes and disappointments, successes and setbacks, uncertainties, and assurance. I firmly believe that people that set out to succeed outshine others who do not even attempt. Kudos to everyone as I acknowledge the effort and several sacrifices made along the road," Sports Head Dr. Ligaya Gina Salangang said in her speech during the closing ceremony.

She also expressed her gratitude to the university administration, college sports coordinators, student-athletes, the Supreme Student Council (SSC), and the college student councils who supported the intramurals.

After the closing ceremony, the SSC

proceeded to the Mr. and Ms. Intramurals 2023 where Mr. Dann Quibuyen of the Psychology Department and Ms. Sweetline Buaquina of the English Language Studies Department, both from the College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS) Blue Dolphins, were crowned as title holders.

The intramurals, themed "META: The New Era," is participated by the nine colleges and the Laboratory School.



"Meta comes from the peak prefects and proposition META, which means after or beyond. This means letting us go further and exceed our capabilities and abilities," TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco said as he formally opened the ceremony.

"The greatest service or support that you can give to your respective colleges is not only your abilities and capabilities but most of all your availability that you are here with us supporting your respective players and your colleges," he added.

TSU, Huawei Philippines partner for ICT development

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



Tarlac State University inked a partnership with Huawei Philippines to develop practical skills for the information and communication technologies (ICT) industry through the Huawei ICT Academy on April 11, 2023 at the TSU Main AVR.

Huawei ICT Academy delivers ICT technologies training and lets students earn Huawei certifications while developing talents and skills needed in the industry.

Mr. Andrei Manuel, Talent Ecosystem Manager of Huawei Philippines, discussed the operations of the Huawei ICT Academy with some faculty members from the College of Arts and Social Sciences, College of Computer Studies, College of Science, College of Engineering and Technology, and the College of Business and Accountancy.



"Huawei ICT Academy is a global program initiated by Huawei worldwide. It is a CSR (corporate social responsibility) of Huawei Technologies because it is our way of giving back to the community by developing a talent ecosystem," Mr. Manuel said.

Through this partnership, TSU is appointed as a Huawei Authorized Information Network Academy (HAINA), where the university is provided with free training materials

and is empowered to offer Huawei certification courses to students through the HAINA platform.



These certifications are important to a student's credibility and expertise in their chosen field, which can be considered an investment highlighting acquired knowledge and skills.

Meanwhile, the university shall assign one laboratory with Wi-Fi access that could accommodate at least 25 to 55 students for practical skills training.

Before offering the certification courses, selected faculty members will undergo training on the use and content of HAINA via simulator software. Huawei Philippines will shoulder the training expenses per the signed agreement.



According to CCS dean Dr. Alvincent E. Danganan, Huawei ICT Academy will play a vital role in bridging the skills gap and preparing students as the future workforce in the industry.

He added that the opportunity would further enhance the university's reputation and international recognition.

In his message of commitment, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco emphasized that the MOA signing is the beginning of an endeavor that will benefit both students and faculty members.



"I am very positive and confident that we will have more collaborations with you, Huawei Philippines, and that you will be of help in realizing our vision for TSU, particularly in making us known as a globally competitive [university] recognized for excellence and in all sciences and emerging technologies," Pres. Velasco said.



	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
Golden Eagles (CoEd)	42	35	23	100
Gray Bulldogs (CCJE)	37	35	21	93
Maroon Sharks (CET)	27	19	19	65
Green Tigers (CBA)	13	18	25	56
White Wolves (COES)	4	5	4	13
Red Hawks (CCS)	2	12	21	35
Blue Jaguars (CPAG)	2	1	9	12
Blue Dolphins (CASS)	1	0	3	3
Black Stallions (CAFA)	0	0	1	1

TSU SOL records 69.23% passing in November 2022 Bar

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

With a 69.23 percent passing, nine first-time takers from Tarlac State University School of Law (TSU SOL) passed the November 2022 Bar Examination, as announced by the Supreme Court of the Philippines' Public Information Office on April 14, 2023.

Among the passers is Atty. Bethina Jane Garcia, TSU SOL batch 2022 valedictorian. She is the fifth scholar of the Justice Jose C. Dela Rama Law Foundation who passed the Bar.

According to SOL Dean Dr. Jose I. Dela Rama, Jr., TSU Law's passing rate is still higher than other law schools in the country.

The SC reported that 3,992 out of 9,183 passed the November 2022

Bar Exams. The national passing rate is 43.47%.

In April 2022 or 2020/21 Bar, TSU SOL produced 27 new lawyers,

including one exemplary passer, Atty. Michael John Dimarucut, with a grade ranging from 85-95 percent. He is the valedictorian of TSU SOL batch 2021.

SSS partners with TSU for a hassle-free contribution remittance

■ David Ande Gene P. Pabon, Resyleen Salviejo [OPA Intern]

To ensure that employees will consistently secure their monthly contribution, Tarlac State University and Social Security System (SSS) Tarlac Branch entered a memorandum of agreement on April 19, 2023 at the Main AVR, TSU Main Campus.

The agreement stipulates that the monthly contribution of TSU employees would be directly remitted to SSS from their salary to avoid failure of contribution settlement.

In her message, SSS Tarlac Branch Head II Dr. Maria Maxima C. Macaraeg highlighted the importance of the partnership to better serve the TSU workforce.



poor. SSS commits our great service to the Tarlac State University, and we are now committing this with you today," she said.

Meanwhile, Vice President for Administration and Finance Dr. Grace N. Rosete affirmed that the partnership would help the employees maintain their contribution to experience the full benefits of the government body when the need arises.

"All employees of Tarlac State University, including the job orders, permanent, contractual, lahat na po

direct. Pwedenapotayo magpa-deduct sa payroll section and automatically mare-remit na po sa SSS and that is a big help. Ito po is a very good partnership between TSU and SSS. After this MOA, i-apply na po natin kaagad ito para po mapakinabangan na po ng karamihan," she said.

Moreover, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco expressed his gratitude to the officials of SSS and OVPAF for their efforts in making the agreement possible.

This partnership shall take effect upon the signing of the parties.



"In SSS, we have a lot of benefits to offer because SSS is an institution that promises an equitable benefit for everyone. There is no rich; there is no

TSU donates items to DepEd Tarlac schools

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

Eight public schools in the province received secondhand items from Tarlac State University during its "Disposal Thru Donation 2023" activity held at the TSU Hotel on April 19, 2023.

Among the beneficiaries are Victoria East Central School, Matindeg Elementary School, San Antonio Elementary School, Dona Felisa Y. Sawit Elementary School, Kawayan Elementary School, Tarlac National High School-Alternative Learning System, San Pablo Elementary School, and Maligaya Elementary School.

These public schools received doors, office tables, long tables, upholstered chairs, metal filing cabinets, modular cabinets, fluorescent cages (single and double), sala set, piles of tiles, jalousies, highchair, steel beds, ladders, and others.

Meanwhile, bonus items like a 42-inch television, video camera, bass drum, mini component (karaoke player), white tiles, and 60 monoblock and stool chairs were raffled to the eight schools.

TSU's resident state auditor Ms. Judy Cayabyab suggested that the university's Disposal Committee donate condemned items to public schools instead of auctioning them. Auditor Cayabyab formerly served as the DepEd Tarlac Province and Tarlac City divisions resident auditor.

"Sana ang buong DepEd magkaroon ng pagkakataon na maging part ng donation program ninyo. Sana sa mga susunod pa you will remark also of a better program para mag-collaborate po ang TSU and all the other government agencies. Nagdidispose nga rin po one time ang ang SSS, sabi ko 'why don't you give it to the DepEd?' kaya lang medyo mahigpit po ang proseso. Kasi ang gaganda pa po ng mga tables, actually, office table na dinidispero nila at filing cabinet na dinidispero nila," Auditor Cayabyab said in her speech.

Auditor Cayabyab shared she felt bad during a visit to a remote school in Santa Ignacia town when she saw termite-infested cabinets and tables that are still being used by the teachers. She reiterated that there are Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) that must be utilized.

"Kasi kapag dinispero mo, may cost yon eh. The value ay mababa na pero kapag dinonate mo ito sa mga nangangailangan pa, sa palagay ko, it will go a long way. Kasi magiging katulong po ng mga principal," the auditor further said.



According to Mr. William Navarro, Master Teacher from Maligaya Elementary School, they only requested some jalousies to replace their dilapidated wooden windows, but they did not expect to receive old doors, filing cabinets, tables, metal chairs, swivel chairs, other metal rods, LED fluorescent lamps, and the like.

Maligaya Elementary School was picked thrice during the raffle of some items. They received bonus items like the 42-inch television, seven stool chairs, 20 monoblocks, and the mini component.

Navarro said the long table they received only needs to be repaired and repainted, which will be placed in their Science room along with the 20 monoblocks.

Meanwhile, the TV and mini component will be used to train students who will represent their school in competitions.

According to Ms. Analyn Ibañez, Supply and Property Management Unit Head, they followed Auditor Cayabyab's suggestion. She expressed how touching it is to see the teachers' delight during the donation knowing that most public schools lack tables, chairs, and other materials used

to enhance their facilities.

"Mas okay ito at mapakinabangan kesa sa iaauction tapos babaratin lang tayo tulad ng isang filing cabinet binibili lang nila for 50 pesos. We started it last year, marami pa silang pwedeng makuha sa susunod basta i-express sa letter kay president. So sana marami pa tayong matulungan," Ms. Ibañez said in an interview.

Dr. Evelyn Gamit, OIC of TNHS ALS Senior High School, said the items they won during the raffle would be useful to their 540 ALS learners in different towns, wherein 169 will be graduating in July this year.

"We thank you for all this blessing. We thank you, Tarlac State University, the different directors and persons involved, especially Maam Judy, [who gave] the idea to TSU. This is our first time, and we are so lucky to win the videocam na magagamit sa ALS," Dr. Gamit said.

Gamit added that the items they received from the university are already a big help since they just started in October 2021. TNHS is the only public school in the province that caters to ALS Senior High School learners from as far as Dueg in San Clemente and Calangitan in Capas Tarlac.



TSU signs long-term project agreement with BJMP Tarlac

■ Jazzel Llaneli M. Manabat (with report from David Ande Gene P. Pabon)



Through the College of Public Administration and Governance (CPAG), Tarlac State University sealed a three-year partnership with the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology-Tarlac (BJMP) for skills training and enhancement of capabilities on April 19, 2023 at the Tarlac City Jail Female Dormitory conference room in Baras-Baras, Tarlac City.

The project, “Hiraya: Isang Landas Pasulong,” aims to capacitate the BJMP personnel with skills and knowledge in governance that would benefit the Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) under the custody of the Tarlac City Jail Female Dormitory.

According to Mr. Jaylord Bernabe,



CPAG extension chairperson, the project intends to conduct progressive activities, such as psychological and paralegal interventions, livelihood training, and motivational activities for PDLs and strengthening dynamic governance capacity for BJMP personnel.

The college had engaged in various short-term projects with the BJMP under its extension services long before the signing of the MOA.

CPAG Dean Dr. Edwin T. Caoleng emphasized that the said partnership and their other projects with the bureau are their way of giving back to the community through knowledge sharing.

“To serve is a privilege, and indeed po, kami po ay nagpapasalamat sa



inyo for giving us this opportunity to be of service to you... This is a blessing to the college [and] to Tarlac State University to be of service to BJMP,” Dean Caoleng said in his opening remarks.



In addition, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco noted that extension services delivery or serving the community is one of the university’s mandates alongside instruction, research, and production.

“Ang extension program dapat na binibigay ng university ay may impact. Hindi naman natin kailangan ng napakaraming extension services to the community kung wala naman impact. Kahit iisa, dapat mayroong kabutihang naidudulot... We are here to really share with your our services na may impact talaga that after three years, mararamdaman nila [na may pagbabago],” Pres. Velasco said.

He further highlighted that long-term extension projects would be a potential research endeavor.

Moreover, as a licensed electrical engineer, Pres. Velasco even committed his services to CPAG in teaching the basics of electricity and electronics to the BJMP personnel and PDLs which would be helpful in emergencies.

Meanwhile, JSupt. Emily E. Bueno, BJMP Tarlac’s Chief Operation Division and Provincial Administrator, thanked the university for having chosen their facility as the project beneficiary.

“Napakapalad po ng aming facility po dahil first time po ito na long-term program. Sabi nga po ng ating president sa TSU, ang rehabilitation po kasi mostly po hindi lang nakukuha sa short period; kailangan po long-term ‘yan. So, makikita po natin talaga ‘yung goal natin na ma-achieve natin with TSU, which is to reduce the reoffending rate at isa po dun ay pagbalik nila sa community. ‘Pag sa community po matatanggap po sila ng tao, no discrimination, no stigma, and tatanggapin po sila [sa] trabaho,” JSupt. Bueno said on behalf of Jail Bureau Regional Director Rebecca B. Pawid.

Alongside the MOA signing, the college’s graduate students facilitated a hygiene seminar and haircutting training for the BJMP personnel and PDLs.

This partnership was officially launched on April 20 together with the long-term extension projects of the other eight colleges and offices.



TSU launches 1st batch of long-term extension projects

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

Thirteen long-term pilot community development projects of the nine colleges and the Office of the University Extension Services were officially launched by Tarlac State University last April 20, 2023 at the Alumni Center, Lucinda Campus.

A ceremonial memorandum of agreement signing was held to formalize the partnership between the university and the target beneficiaries from the towns of Pura, Ramos, Anaao, Capas, Gerona, Camiling, Tarlac City, and other institutions, along with the project proponents.

This first batch of sustainable and gender-responsive projects foresees long-term extension programs that directly impact the community. Such programs were carefully studied and crafted by the colleges’ project proponents, taking into consideration the municipalities and remote areas that the university has not yet reached.

In his message, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco stressed the need to



have extension services with an impact.

“We really want to have an impact on the projects that we will be implementing for the next three years. Seryoso po kaming magkakaroon ng impact because this is three years, which is not just ‘pabalat-bunga’ lang. Kaya kailangan namin ng impact [because] this is not just an easy job for the proponents,” Pres. Velasco said.

He also assured the partner beneficiaries that the university would be hands-on in implementing the projects and addressing concerns.

“In every project, there will always be challenges and problems. Expect po natin ‘yan. Sa tatlong taon na ‘yan, we will be expecting problems, minor and major, as part of any project. But we have this monitoring and evaluation, mangungulit po kami palagi sa inyong mga lugar. Meron po tayong mga officials who will be going to your places to monitor the progress po.



At sabihin niyo po among problema so that, as soon as possible, we can address these problems,” he further said.

In addition, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg affirmed that the initial steps in building the partnership and creating the MOA already made an impact on the community.



“Watching the AVP earlier, we had heard the testimony of our partners. So, with that alone, it already shows that we, at Tarlac State University, already created an impact [on] the community within the province of Tarlac,” VP Macaraeg said in her closing remarks.

She also said the university does not only work in the province and the country but also globally since the projects are anchored on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

“At Tarlac State University, we are working very hard to attain by 2030 the mantra of the UN SDGs that no one will be left behind,” VP Macaraeg added.

Moreover, the College Extension Chairpersons (CECs), who are primarily

in charge of these projects, underwent training with the University of the Philippines National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP NCPAG) to do baseline analyses in creating research-based extension programs.

“Others are sustained partnerships, from the small projects before to the holistic projects to be adopted in the next three years. Nag-undergo po sila (CECs) ng trainings. Kinuha po natin ang UP NCPAG to help the university in developing the projects,



doing social preparations, and conducting baseline analysis para matukoy ano ba ‘yung kailangan ninyo (beneficiaries),” Dr. Lea B. Milan, Office of the University Extension Services OIC Director, said in her speech.

In the first quarter of 2023, the colleges had served 103 projects compared to the 200 projects conducted in 2022.

The university allotted 23.8 million pesos for these projects for the next three years, where 11 million pesos

TSU CAFA students win medals in an international painting competition in India

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

Five students from the College of Architecture and Fine Arts received awards in the 2022 India “Sanskriti Ke Rang” International Painting Competition last April 27, 2023.

This competition aims to promote India’s rich culture, heritage, art, and religion. Charu Castle Foundation, as the organizer, launched the international painting competition with Uttar Pradesh Tourism’s support.

It seeks to show the world the beauty of India’s monuments, festivals, and tourist sites to further educate students and tourists on the importance of Indian monuments and their heritage.

Participants are from a wide range of countries, such as India, Philippines, Latvia, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Thailand, Cambodia, Russia, Kyrgyzstan, Dubai (UAE), Malaysia, Romania, Korea, Taiwan, and Poland.

Prof. Marcelino P. Balanquit, Office of Culture, Arts, and Languages Director, linked TSU and the organizer regarding the contest.

The winners who received a “big medal” plus merit are Alvin Latoga, 21, first-year Fine Arts student, in his watercolor entry titled “The Holi Festival,” and Lauren Jascha Tolentino, 21, fourth-year Fine Arts student, in his oil on canvas work called “Life in Colors.”

Moreover, other winners who won a “big medal” are Mica Ann Morte, a second-year Architecture student in



her watercolor entry “Beauty of India”; John Kennedy Manio, 20, first-year Architecture student, in his mixed medium entry “Treasure of Indian Land”; and Alvin Tacliad, 21, Fine Arts student, in his watercolor entry “Sanchi Stupa.”

In an interview with the Office of Public Affairs, Morte said they were challenged to finish their entries since they were only given five days before the deadline. She also shared their struggle on shipping the entries because of the needed clearance from the Bureau of Customs.

“Siguro po when it comes to conceptualizing sa national competition, medyo pamilyar na po kami sa national kung paano sila magpa-compete. Kahit si Sir Jessie (Tadeo) po, nangapa rin po siya nung kinausap niya kami about doon, kung

paano po ‘yung magiging way ng pag-judge. Kaya kung ano po ‘yung nafi-feel namin na strength namin, ‘yun po ‘yung ginamit naming panlaban. Ako po, nag-focus po ako sa realism tsaka sa scenery kaya ganoon po ‘yung akin; more on landscape,” Tacliad said.

Mr. Jessie Tadeo Jr., Fine Arts Department Chairperson and the student artists’ coach, said some of these students have also represented the university in the painting and charcoal categories of the 2022 Culture and the Arts Festival organized by the Culture and the Arts Association of State Universities and Colleges Region III (CAASUC III).

In addition, Mr. Tadeo said it is good for the students to explore and join various international competitions to hone further their talents and strengths in their respective crafts.



2 CAFA students named runners-up in Vision Petron National Student Art Competition 2022

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

Two students from the College of Architecture and Fine Arts (CAFA) landed as runners-up in the Vision Petron National Student Art Competition 2022 on April 28, 2023, as announced via Vision Petron’s Facebook page.

Shane Nicole De Leon, second-year Fine Arts student, and Francis Adrienne Bayudan, first-year Fine Arts student, are among the nine runners-up in the digital art and oil/acrylic painting categories.

De Leon and Bayudan are set to receive 30,000 pesos cash prize from Petron’s art competition themed “Pangarap Para sa Kinabukasan.”

Bayudan, with his acrylic on canvas entry titled “Liwang ng Pag-asa,” portrays an innocent child doing her craft in a dim place lit by a single candle.

“Liwang ng Pag-asa” – kahit na mag-isa ka sa buhay, meron pa ring pag-asa na nagbibigay sa atin ng gabay. Nakalagay po doon ‘yung kandila na nagsisilbing gabay nung bata na magsumikap sa buhay kahit na madilim po ‘yung paligid. Pangarap na para sa sarili at ang liwanag para sa kinabukasan,” Bayudan said in an interview with the Office of Public Affairs.

Bayudan said he did not expect



to be a runner-up since the size of the canvas he used is much smaller than those of the other contenders. He also said that he is a rookie and a first-timer in a national painting contest.

Meanwhile, De Leon’s digital art entry, “Tomorrow’s Dream Today,” encourages viewers to embrace their dreams and work while heading toward a brighter tomorrow. The young woman with a determined expression depicted in her artwork represents the potential

for change and progress in the future.

“Yung young lady po sa gawa ko, parang siya po ‘yung vision na nagkaroon na po ng progress sa side, unexpected,” De Leon said.

Mr. Jessie Tadeo Jr., Fine Arts Department Chairperson, vouched for the student artists’ talent and skills.

“Promising si Bayudan. First year pa lang siya [pero] ang expect namin ng coach nya, si Sir Judeo Herrera, magga-grand prize sana, pero maliit ‘yung entry niya. Kasi ang gusto ng Petron, every time na may nag-ga-grand [prize], isinasali sa calendar,” Mr. Tadeo Jr. said in an interview.

Mr. Tadeo said they continuously groom students to hone their skills and be more equipped in other national painting contests.

According to him, “the more entries and our number of winners, the higher the points to earn from Vision Petron” since Petron also awards computers, video cameras, printers, and other learning devices to the schools of the top winners.

Vision Petron was first organized in 2001. The competition aims to discover the works of talented young individuals in painting, photography, and other art forms.

Vision Petron also holds virtual workshops and masterclasses from professionals for students who are interested in improving their crafts and techniques in painting.



TSU, LGU Camiling, DOST-3 completes "Chicharon Camiling Project"

■ Engr. Dick S. Tuazon [CFTR]

Tarlac State University marked the completion of its two-year "Chicharon Camiling Project" with a culminating activity on April 28, 2023 at the municipal hall of Camiling town.

The said project, titled "Standardization of Process, Product Specification, and Packaging of Artisanal Chicharon Camiling of Tarlac," aims to come up with the minimum recommended guidelines in the production of the artisanal Chicharon Camiling that serves as a reference in sustaining the livelihood of the community while addressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal on eliminating hunger, ensuring economic growth, and having sustainable communities.

Its primary beneficiaries are the Chicharon Camiling food business operators and processors in Camiling, Tarlac.

During the culminating activity, Office of the University Extension Services (OUES) Director Dr. Lea B. Milan presented the project outputs, such as the food testing result, standardized processes, and procedures. Dr. Milan, as the former Center for Food Technology and Research (CFTR) director, led the Chicharon Camiling project.



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analyst Mr. Joshua Bon Ibarra conducted an orientation before the program proper. The orientation tackled the following: (1) Chicharon Camiling production documentation and recording of process, (2) recommended production layout compliant with food safety for adoption, (3) food analyses results, (4) standardized procedure and recommended packaging for pork chicharon, (5) preliminary output of the Chicharon - Philippines



National Standard (PNS), and (6) vacuum packaging of Chicharon Camiling. In his closing remarks, Vice President for Research Development and Extension Dr. Murphy P. Mohammed emphasized the project's benefit to the recipients as to productivity and livelihood. He encouraged the beneficiaries to continue sharing the knowledge they gained from the Chicharon Camiling project through the LGU's support.

The activity was graced by Camiling town mayor Hon. Erlon C. Agustin, DOST PSTO Director Ms. Karen Y. Danes, DOST PSTC Tarlac Head Ms. Dhina T. Cañero, and the project beneficiaries.

This collaborative project was funded through the DOST Regional Office III Grants-In-Aid (GIA) program and spearheaded by the CFTR in collaboration with the College of Science's (COS) Food Technology and Chemistry departments. Under the leadership of Dr. Milan, the Chicharon Camiling project commenced with a memorandum of agreement signed in 2021 with TSU, DOST-PSTC Tarlac, and LGU Camiling.

The project ran from July 2s021 to April 2023.



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will be appropriated for the first year of implementation.

Some of the projects are the College of Arts and Social Sciences' "Aytalakad Ing Lahi: Building the Capacity of the Magan-tzi Community to Achieve Cultural Preservation" for Siito Manibayukan of Capas town and the DepEd Capas and Bamban and the College of Teacher Education's "Kasudlong: Extending Quality Service for Maruglo Elementary School and Residents."

Meanwhile, Dr. Agnes P. Ladia, as the representative of the project proponents, committed the university's "talents, time, and treasure" to the partner beneficiaries.

"We believe in extending our letter T for TSU - our talents. We commit our talents to all the communities and all

the organizations who are in partnership with us. We also commit another T which is our time; and despite our busy schedule, we will include in our schedule the time



to be with you to help you out in all of the commitments we have had with you; especially since we conducted the baseline conversation with you, so we know your

needs. We have prepared some activities to help you out. And hopefully, that's going to help you. And of course, we'll also commit another T which is our treasure. When we say treasures, the treasures of TSU which is 11M (million) - for this one alone is 11M," Dr. Ladia said.

Dr. Ladia is the project proponent of CTEd's "Lugud 2.0: Lead, Uplift, Generate, Uncover, Deepen their Professional Development" for the Tarlac City Schools Division-Tarlac South A District.

Last April 19, during the separate MOA signing with the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology-Tarlac, the partner beneficiary of the College of Public Administration and Governance, Pres. Velasco volunteered to teach the basics of troubleshooting electrical problems as a licensed electrical engineer.

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CFTR Production Services Unit Head Engr. Dick S. Tuazon also discussed the proposed standardized chicharon production layout that will be adopted by the project beneficiaries and will serve as the basis for future funding of projects by the Department of Science and Technology-Provincial Science and Technology Office and the local government of Camiling.

Moreover, OUES Unit Head Mr. Aljon N. Lusong, CFTR Research and Development Unit Head Ms. Abigail Feliciano, and CFTR science research

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