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Tarlac State University and the Local Government of La Paz led the inauguration of the new TSU La Paz Campus on August 8, 2022.

The LGU-funded campus, a two-storey building located near the municipal hall, has been a dream come true for La Paz Mayor Hon. Venustiano D. Jordan. In his address, he hopes that this campus will pave the way for a

better future for the youth of La Paz.

"[In] 2019 when I won [my] first term, [ang] unang ginawa ko [ay] nagpunta sa TSU to talk to Dr. Myrna Mallari. Nakiusap ako sa kanya kung pwede maglagay ng TSU Campus dito sa La Paz dahil may panaginip ako. Ang sinasabi nila, 'imposibleng mangyari 'yan.' Pumayag si Dr. Mallari. Ngayon,

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CHED awards TSU for exemplary international ranking

■ Jazzel Llaneli M. Manabat



Tarlac State University was recognized by the Commission on Higher Education for its recent milestone on the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings during the ASEAN ICONS Awards Night held on August 26, 2022 at Hilton Manila in Pasay.

Said recognition reinforces the university's efforts to increase its international presence and sustain institutional quality assurance.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco received the award on behalf of the university. In a social media comment, he emphasized the importance of cooperation to attain more institutional and international milestones.

"Congratulations and my commendation go to all distinct individuals who unselfishly contributed their share for this recognition for our university. Let us please continue working together for more international endeavors and more recognitions and awards next year with God's help," Pres. Velasco said.

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TSU welcomes new students in 2022 virtual orientation

■ Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan

For the third straight year, Tarlac State University conducted a virtual orientation for its new students, now for academic year 2022-2023, via Facebook Live last August 9, 2022.

This year's orientation is themed "Forda Future, Freshies," which refers to the trending internet slang of the phrase "for the."

Incoming first-year students, transferees, and returnees attended the first virtual student activity for this academic year as a formal way to welcome them to the university.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco welcomed the students and congratulated their parents for choosing TSU for their tertiary education. He further shared that bachelor's degree holders are "more sociable and economically productive" based on studies; therefore, their children "will be a step closer towards a brilliant future."

To inspire students, President Velasco shared his experiences and the hardships he went through with his family when he was young.

"Ang nanay ko ay grade 4 lang ang natapos, at ang tatay ko high school graduate lang po... I personally experienced po 'yung sobrang hirap – sobrang hirap po kapag hindi ka nakatapos ng college... This is the reason why I promised myself that by all means, kailangan kong makatapos sa college at mapag-aral ko din po sa college ang mga kapatid ko for us to have a decent life and better future for our family," he said.

"I hope that my humble experiences as a student before will serve as inspiration for you to continue studying po until such time po na you will graduate and have your dream – 'yung mga degrees na ina-aspirar niyo katulad ko noon na gusto kong maging electrical engineer... And I am a living testimony po na hindi hadlang, uulitin ko po, hindi hadlang ang kahirapan para makatapos ng



pag-aaral," he added.

He reassured the parents that they would not regret sending their children to TSU as the university is already recognized as a premier university in the Philippines and worldwide.

Meanwhile, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg emphasized the importance of holding such orientation so students will be ready before the academic year starts.

"[Sa] orientation po na ito ay ipapaliwanag lahat sa inyo [kung] ano dapat ang inyong malaman, ano ang dapat ninyong ipagmalaki dito sa Tarlac State University. 101% po ang sasabihin namin sa inyo na 'you are in good hands.' At Tarlac State University, we mean quality; we mean excellence; we mean the holistic formation of students," she said in her welcoming message.

Student Affairs and Services (SAS) Director Prof. Gherold C. Benitez echoed these sentiments and encouraged the students to study harder.

"The idea is kung ang tao kulang ng kapasidad, mahirap pong

magkaroon siya ng kalayaan na gawin 'yung mga bagay-bagay. Kayo po ay binigyan ng karapatan at pribilehiyo na makapasok sa Tarlac State University – kayong mga freshmen. Ang inaasahan po namin sa inyo ay mag-aral ng mabuti, dahil itong pagkakataon na 'to binigay sa inyo ng libre ng gobyerno, sana 'wag niyo pong sayangin," he said.

The key points discussed during the orientation are the university's vision, mission, goals, accomplishments, key officials, policies, and support services, activities, and units under SAS.

Aside from the presentations, the TSU Supreme Student Council also livened the program with activities for student viewers, such as online raffle draws, 'Selfie Forda Freshie' photo challenge, and an online quiz bee. Winners were awarded cash prizes during the program.

The TSU virtual orientation 2022 was organized by the Guidance and Counseling Unit under the Student Welfare Services led by Dr. Grace Anne C. Hasegawa in collaboration with the TSU SSC and the Office of Public Affairs.

TSU leads collaborative CHED-funded project on its way to becoming a premier research university

■ Dick S. Tuazon [FTRC]

Tarlac State University, with two partner state universities, formally launched a research and extension project funded by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on August 29-30, 2022 at Highland Bali Villas Resort and Spa in Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija.

This is the university's first CHED-funded collaborative research and extension project as the lead institution with Central Luzon State University (CLSU) and Tarlac Agricultural University (TAU).

The three state universities conducted the project implementation strategic planning activity and ceremonial memorandum of agreement (MOA) signing on August 29-30 to launch the collaborative project.

Titled "Isolation and Microencapsulation of Starter Culture from Vegetables and its Application to Non-Dairy Probiotic Drinks," the project aims to support farmers by generating new knowledge and technologies that will create value addition to locally available vegetables in the region.

The funding is from the CHED-LAKAS (Leading the Advancement of Knowledge in Agriculture and Sciences) program, which focuses on research and development efforts in four strategic technology areas: (1) Agriculture, Environment, Forestry, and Fisheries, (2) Health and Nutrition, (3) Science of Engineering, and (4) National Quality Infrastructure. These are geared to accelerate Philippine higher education institutions' growth into top-tier institutions to boost innovation, economic development, and the country's ability to compete internationally.



Moreover, this endeavor opens an opportunity to help steer TSU toward its mission of becoming a premier research institution.

"This milestone unlocks opportunities for more of the same. The deliverables of these research projects include potentials to affect key results in uplifting TSU's status as a sustainable university," said Dr. Robert V. Marcos, University Research Director, one of the project team's members.

Vice President for Research and Extension Services Dr. Murphy P. Mohammed and Dr. Marcos attended the

two-day activity as representatives of TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco.

Meanwhile, CLSU President Dr. Edgar A. Orden and TAU President Dr. Max P. Guillermo were also present to express their support to the project team.

Dr. Lea B. Milan, Extension Services Management Office (ESMO) Director of TSU, serves as the project leader with co-leads Dr. Judith Antonino of CLSU and Ms. Christy Dianne Ramos of TAU.

The university's Food Technology and Research Center, ESMO, and URO are tasked to lead the collaborative research project implementation.

CHED awards TSU for exemplary international ranking

■ Jazzel Llanelli M. Manabat

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Last April 27, 2022, TSU was included among the world's 1,046 higher education institutions (HEIs) and 15 Philippine HEIs to qualify in the THE Impact Rankings.

In the application process in 2021, during the presidency of Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, the university identified four Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as its strengths with the mandatory SDG 17 or Partnerships for the Goals.

Of the five SDGs, the university ranked highest in SDG 11 with 38.9-53.3

points. This allowed TSU to be part of the 401-600 rank out of the 783 institutions in the category.

This is one of the many internationalization efforts entered into by TSU to advance quality higher education and boost international presence.

Aside from THE Impact Rankings, other HEIs were recognized based on their internationalization accomplishments on Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) and World's Universities with Real Impact (WURI), among others.

The ASEAN ICONS Awards, organized by the CHED International

Affairs Service, is an avenue to recognize HEIs that championed the global reputation of Philippine Higher Education through commendable performance in recognized international rankings and ratings.

This event is one of the highlights of the Commission's ASEAN month celebration.

After the awarding ceremonies, a networking function and gala dinner were held to allow HEIs to foster strategic partnerships and collaborations.

TSU was also represented by Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza, International Affairs and Linkages Office Director and College of Teacher Education Dean.

EDITORIAL**An 'assistance' that may have failed to assist**

As a country with a young population, it is a fact that a significant portion of these are students. The Department of Education has reported around 18 million enrollees for school year 2022-2023 in an August 2022 news by Inquirer. Meanwhile, the Commission on Higher Education has recorded around four million students enrolled in a January 2022 vaccination statistics update. With a poverty rate recorded at 18.1%, or almost 20 million Filipinos in 2021, and the hard-hitting impact of the pandemic, it is seemingly undeniable that a lot are in dire need of educational assistance.

Last August 17, 2022, Department of Social Welfare and Development Secretary Erwin T. Tulfo announced the guidelines for the provision of educational cash assistance for "students in crisis" under the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) program. The guidelines were relayed in Filipino through a four-minute video released on the DSWD Facebook page, a platform and language familiar to Filipinos. Despite the familiarity, the announcement wreaked havoc. It prompted most of the abovementioned student statistics to frantically line up at their respective schools to request the required documents since these are up

for submission to field offices in three days. The panic eventually resulted in a "stampede" and further confusion among the hopeful students and parents. Some were not entertained due to the influx of requestors, while others were excluded because of their existing scholarships or just by being a recipient of the Free Higher Education program of the national government.

As a form of assistance, its primary purpose is, of course, to assist. However, this monetary assistance does not automatically come with instructions. Human intervention is essential in this kind of situation. DSWD's video with instructions efficiently disseminated the information. Still, it seemed insufficient to let the public understand the intricacies of receiving the said financial assistance.

The reality in the first two weeks of DSWD's educational cash assistance application and distribution was piecemeal information dissemination. On the ground, like the situation of tertiary students in the Tarlac Field Office, the qualifications are fluid – they keep changing from time to time. It even reached a point where state university students were excluded from the supposed beneficiaries, which angered the students. With this anger,

they even had to blame the university.

For the record, this is not DSWD's first time handing out aid or implementing social amelioration measures. Long before the COVID-19 outbreak, social amelioration is distributed for social welfare – the core of the DSWD. Isn't it high time to level the playing field and provide the Filipinos with the kind of service they deserve?

Proper communication and information dissemination are central to any project, whether a government initiative or a private undertaking. No one will ever know about a project if it is not made available to the public, especially if clear and comprehensive instructions are not given. Even game shows have mechanics, so the contestants are guided as they battle it out for the grand prize.

As a developing country with numerous individuals in crisis due to rising poverty rates, any form of aid from the government is essential as it helps people fulfill their potential. This is part and parcel of the first Sustainable Development Goal of the United Nations – No Poverty. Likewise, it is equally important to receive pertinent data, which Filipinos can use to make informed decisions and better their life situation, even just for a bit.

URO conducts seminar-workshop on research initiatives, visits BSU for benchmarking

■ Remar Salvador [URO]

Tarlac State University's Research Office (URO) held a seminar-workshop on research initiatives for college research chairpersons, college representatives, and other prospective directors under the Office of the Vice President for Research and Extension Services (VPRES) on August 10-12, 2022 at Venus Parkview Hotel in Baguio City.

Themed "TSU Seizing Research Opportunities for 2023 and Beyond" the three-day activity is organized to guide colleges in attaining the university's mission to become a champion in research.

Furthermore, it is aimed to recalibrate the colleges' research agenda and launch URO-initiated research proposals that will be farmed out to the different colleges.

The launching of proposals, considered as the seminar-workshop's

highlight, was participated virtually by TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, who discussed his plans for the university and the research area.

The URO delegates also visited Benguet State University on August 12 for a benchmarking activity where the university learned about the best practices in research management and publication.

VPRES Dr. Murphy P. Mohammed led the TSU delegation along with URO director Dr. Robert V. Marcos. They were welcomed by BSU's officials headed by its president, Dr. Felipe Salas Comila.

"Only those who dare to fail make great success," Pres. Comila told the TSU delegation during his inspirational and welcome message.

Joining Pres. Comila is BSU Vice President for Research and Extension Dr. Romeo A. Gomez Jr., who shared

some insights about their operations. He was supported by Office of Research Services (ORS) Director Ms. Gretchen Gaye Ablaza and Research and Extension Publication Office Director Ms. Cherry Launio.

In the question-and-answer session, Ms. Launio shared about the BSU Research Journal, its review process, and the editorial board. Ms. Ablaza further mentioned that "passion motivates the faculty members to engage in research endeavors."

The university's delegates visited BSU's R&D centers which manage to work harmoniously to support their university's vision despite having distinct operations.

Through these initiatives and learnings, Dr. Marcos shared that he envisions TSU as a "research university" aside from being a "teaching university."

TSU enters partnership with SM Supermalls for students' career development

■ Jazzel Llaneli M. Manabat

Tarlac State University and SM Shopping Center Management Corp. formally established a partnership for the university's students and alumni through a memorandum of agreement (MOA) signed on August 5, 2022 (Friday) at the VIP Lounge of the Main Campus.

This is the first time the university has sealed an agreement with SM, an accredited industry partner of TSU.

With this partnership, TSU can further help its students in recruitment and job placement, internship, and career development, according to Career Education and Job Placement Services Head Ms. Niña Garcia.

TSU students would be allowed upon request to participate in the industry partner's internship program to develop knowledge, skills, and attitude in preparation for their future careers.

SM will also provide subject matter experts during the university's career development activities and will continue participating in its career fair for graduating students.

"As requested, this partnership plans to take part in the [industry] partner's internship program.



Additionally, [it] assists its hiring and placement efforts. I am thankful that our graduates will benefit greatly from the increased recruitment efforts and career fair programs brought about by this partnership," TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco said in his message during the event.

The agreement also stipulates the university's continued advertisement of SM's job vacancies for broader dissemination to TSU students and alumni.

SM Supermalls was represented

by Vice President for Human Resource Ms. Cheryl Ruth Aagsaoay with Regional Operations Manager Mr. Conrado M. Garcia, Jr. and SM City Tarlac Human Resource Manager Ms. Lesleyan Paguio.

Meanwhile, TSU executives and heads present during the event are Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg, Vice President for Administration and Finance Dr. Grace N. Rosete, and Student Welfare Services Head Dr. Grace Anne C. Hasegawa.

NHCP renews TSU-CTS' LHCN affiliation

■ Prof. Jose Russell S. Arador [TSU-CTS]

The Tarlac State University's Center for Tarlaqueño Studies (TSU-CTS) continues to be recognized as a "fully accredited member-affiliate" of the Local Historical Committee Network (LHCN), a body established under Section 21 of Republic Act No. 10086, for another term of three years.

This was attested by Dr. Rene R. Escalante, chair of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, in a certificate issued by NHCP during the 9th General Assembly of LHCN on August 3-4, 2022 in Cebu City.

CTS head Prof. Jose Russell Arador represented TSU-CTS during

the LHCN general assembly.

Section 21 of RA 10086, otherwise known as Strengthening People's Nationalism Through History Act, states that the LHCN shall "monitor, coordinate, support and, upon approval of the Board, affiliate various local historical bodies engaged in the collection, documentation, popularization, conservation, restoration and preservation of extant historical materials found in different parts of the Philippines."

It shall also "record the oral histories of towns, cities, provinces, regions, and peoples."

This is the second time TSU-



CTS has been named to the LHCN as a member-affiliate, the first one being three years ago during the directorship of Dr. Lino L. Dizon, who is now a commissioner of NHCP.

The recognition was made possible through the support of TSU President Arnold E. Velasco and Commissioner Dizon.

Civil engineering OIC dean is the first CE Ph.D. degree holder

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

Dr. Marie Wendy Frany of the College of Engineering and Technology is the first Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering degree holder in the said college after receiving her degree at the University of the Philippines-Diliman on August 5, 2022.

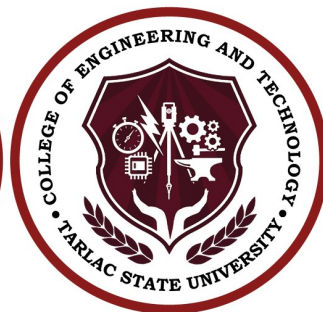
In a Facebook post, the UP Institute of Civil Engineering recognized Dr. Frany as one of their two Ph.D. graduates.

“The event was also special because we celebrated the graduation of our two Ph.D. graduates, Dr. Marie Wendy Frany and Dr. John Arvin Manaloto,” the post read.

She completed her degree during the second semester of academic year 2020-2021. The conferment of degrees was held this year at the University Theater of UP Diliman.

According to Dr. Frany, earning this degree is not a bragging right since she considers it a contribution to furthering her teaching profession and conducting research.

“Yung degree hindi ko naman talaga siya parang pinag-ba-brag o parang wala naman talaga sa akin ‘yun. Siyempre masaya rin ako pero ‘di lang naman doon nasusukat ‘yun, ‘di ba? Pero grateful ako dahil iba talaga ‘yung



natutunan ko doon. I can use it in my teaching, research, and so on,” she said in an interview.

“Kapag ‘yun talaga ‘yung passion mo sa course mo, kahit anong hirap talaga hindi mo mapapabaya. At kung academically prepared kayo, hindi ka naman gaanong mahihirapan. Although iba ‘yung culture doon pero kung ano, kaya na man. Nag-set sila ng standard [that] you must follow [and] hindi sila mag-aadjust [like] maintaning [a] 1.75 average within the year,” she added.

Days after her graduation, Tarlac State University president Dr. Arnold E. Velasco appointed Dr. Frany as officer-in-charge of the CET Dean’s Office through TSU Administrative Order No. 66 dated August 11, 2022.

Before assuming the OIC dean position, she was the civil engineering

department chairperson of the college.

Dr. Frany started her teaching stint at Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology, her alma mater, in 1985. She transferred to TSU in 1991 and became the college secretary during the term of former dean Engr. Renato Galvez.

Her bachelor’s degree in civil engineering and master’s degree in engineering education are from NEUST.

As to her plans for the college, she shared that they would focus on the current practice of inviting guest lecturers for the in-house review to prepare the board exam takers. She also intends to improve the existing laboratories of the college.

Dr. Frany is expected to perform the functions under the new TSU Code (Book I, Title III, Chapter I, Articles 44-46, 52, pp 12-15).

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■ Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan

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nandito na tayong. Ginawa nating posible ang imposible,” he said.

The memorandum of agreement for this campus was signed on March 24, 2022 under the term of former TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari.

On behalf of TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg extended her felicitation and read the president’s message.

“I am honored that our caliber professors and instructors will be teaching and coaching in this campus

for the students to acquire the skills, techniques, information, and knowledge necessary to recognize, comprehend, and appreciate the responsibilities we have to our communities, families, and country through education,” the letter read.

Moreover, VP Macaraeg expressed the university administration’s support for the campus.

“On our part, this time, we assure you that your dream is no longer a dream; but your dream becomes a reality... We assure you of our 101% commitment. The only challenge to both of us this time is the sustainability

of the program,” she said.

She also said that this campus came into fruition because of TSU and LGU La Paz’s commitment to serve the studentry.

The TSU La Paz Campus is the third LGU-sponsored campus, following Capas and Concepcion campuses. It will operate this academic year 2022-2023.

Said campus offers Bachelor of Elementary Education under the College of Teacher Education and Bachelor of Public Administration under the College of Public Administration and Governance.

TSU LS opens junior high school program, accepts 41 grade 7 students

■ Jhayvi C. Dizon [IALO]

With Tarlac State University’s new charter (Republic Act No. 11695), the Laboratory School (LS) of the College of Teacher Education (CTED) admitted 41 grade 7 students this school year 2022-2023, following the CTED admission policies under Memorandum Order No. 39, s. 2022.

The university applied for a “permit to operate basic education” that was granted by the Department of Education Regional Office III last August 8, 2022 (Government Permit [PHS] No. JHS Pu-[N]-004, s. 2022).

Prior to the junior high school program’s operation, education program specialists and supervisors from DepEd Regional Office III and DepEd Tarlac City Schools Division Office (TCSD) conducted a school monitoring on August 4, 2022, spearheaded by Chief Education Supervisor Dr. Edwin T. Marcos of the DepEd RO III Quality Assurance Division.

The said inspection validated the submitted requirements of LS for its junior high school program as specified in the “Application for Establishment of Public Elementary and Secondary Schools.”

During the meeting, the TSU key officials were asked how the administration would sustain the operation and maintenance of LS.

“The Laboratory School is expected not to face the same fate as it was closed back then. This is because the program offering on basic education of the Tarlac State University is now mandated by the Republic Act 11695,” Hon. Dennis Norman T. Go, TSU regent and chairperson of the 2020 Committee on the Reinstitution of the TSU-Laboratory School, explained in a meeting after the inspection.

“The Laboratory School will pave the way for the College of Teacher Education to be a Center of Excellence,” he added.

Mr. Alvin P. Hulipas, DepEd RO III QAD Education Program Supervisor, inquired about TSU’s readiness to open face-to-face classes, such as the class programs and facilities. This was then certified by the TCSD that the university’s facilities had passed the inspection and were ready for operation.

Meanwhile, CTED dean Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza mentioned that “soon enough, slowly but surely, the LS will be able to offer all grade levels starting from kindergarten to senior high school.”

RA 11695 states that the TSU LS shall offer early childhood, primary, junior, and senior high school, which shall be supervised by CTED.

According to Hon. Go, the revised charter aims to provide quality education not just for the Basic Education students but also for CTED’s pre-service teachers.

Last school year, the LS admitted grade 11 students, prompting the full operations of the senior high school level.



TARLAC STATE UNIVERSITY

Vision

Tarlac State University is envisioned to be a premier University in the Asia Pacific Region.

Mission

Tarlac State University commits to promote and sustain the offering of quality and relevant programs in higher and advanced education ensuring equitable access to education for people empowerment, professional development, and global competitiveness.

Towards this end, TSU shall:

- 1.) Provide high quality instruction through qualified, competent and adequately trained faculty members and support staff.
- 2.) Be a premier research institution by enhancing research undertakings in the fields of technology and sciences and strengthening collaboration with local and international institutions.
- 3.) Be a champion in community development by strengthening partnership with public and private organizations and individuals

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.