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TSU celebrates 113th Foundation and 30th University Anniversary



Themed “TSU Collectively Moving and Achieving!”, Tarlac State University started the celebration of its 113th Foundation and 30th Universityhood Anniversary on October 13 with a Holy Mass and concluded on October 19 with the TSU Alumni Day.

The Holy Mass and other activities during the first day were all held at the TSU Lucinda Extension Campus. The opening program was held on the second day of the celebration which was highlighted by the presence of Hon. Marquez “Mark” O. Go, Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the 18th Congress and the Representative of the Lone District of Baguio.

Several performances of selected students, faculty, and the administration were also showcased during the opening program.

The street dance and float competitions, parade of TSU pageant candidates, and the 2019 International Lecture of Dr. Ru-Jer Wang of the National Taichung University of Education in Taiwan were among the activities held on the third day.

The fourth and fifth days of the week-long celebration includes various college activities held at the different campuses, A Latin dance competition, hip-hop dance battle, singing competition, and a battle of the bands were also at the TSU gymnasium.

The most awaited Service Awards 2019 and TSU Alumni Day, as well as the

deeds of usufruct signing for the TSU dormitory took place on October 18 and October 19, respectively.

Blessing of the Student Center and Environmental Activity

The Holy Mass on the first day was held at the Interfaith Chapel followed by the blessing of the new and modernized five-story TSU Student Center both presided by Rev. Fr. Jason Aguilar.

The Student Center, one of the newest buildings in the university, houses the Student Affairs and Services (SAS) Office including a satellite office of the Supreme Student Council.

After the blessing, a tree planting activity commenced at the back of the Student Center which was participated by the Administrative Council members and selected NSTP students led by University President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari.

Hon. Mark Go graces the opening celebration.

Meanwhile, the opening program of the celebration was held on Monday, October 14, where Hon. Marquez “Mark” O. Go served as the guest of honor and speaker.

He is an advocate for quality and accessible education, labor and employment, promotional tourism and preservation of cultural heritages, and environmental awareness.

“Kailangan natin ay integrity and competence, next is to build and cultivate the culture of creativity and innovation,” Go said in his speech when he reminded the students on where they should focus.

After his speech, Hon. Go further warmed up the TSU Gymnasium when he approached the crowd and asked for selfies.



Azur leads the TSU Chem Tech Board Passers

Tarlac State University College of Science graduate Kevin Michael D. Azur earned the ninth spot in the October 2019 Chemical Technician Licensure Examination with a score of 89 percent.

The twenty-year-old top-notcher, who graduated as magna cum laude in June 2019, is the former President of the TSU-Chemical Society. He was also a member of the Philippine Science Consortium from 2017 to 2019.

Azur shared in an online interview that he was inspired by his General Chemistry and Advanced Chemistry teachers in Tarlac National High School which made him take up Bachelor of Science in Chemistry. He was part of the TNHS Special Science Class Batch 2015.

His father, Pedro Azur, Jr., said he is proud of what his son had reached: graduating as magna cum laude, passing the Chemist and Chemical Technician Licensure Exams, and being a top-notcher in the Chem Tech Boards. He supported his son's education by being a tricycle driver.

The younger Azur recalled how his father was close to tears when he learned that his child's name is included in the top-notcher's list.

"Nung grumaduate [ako] as magna cum laude, tuwang-tuwa siya [kahit] 'di siya showy [sa] feelings niya sa amin pero ramdam naman yung support niya as a father. Lalo [na] nung nag-top [ako] eh naiyak na siya sa sobrang saya tapos binalita na agad niya sa mga kakilala niya. Thankful din siya na lumaki akong ganito kahit wala na si mama ko. Payo niya lang na huwag lumaki ang ulo at mas maging humble," Azur said.

Azur was a scholar of UNILAB and was recruited in one of their companies which serves as his return service. He is now a Laboratory Analyst at Univet Nutrition and Animal Health Company (UNAHCO) in San Fernando, Pampanga.

"When the night of the results came out, I was not in the

mood to see the results for I've been doubting myself that I will not pass both board exams, so I am just resting and watching YouTube videos. But a message from my messenger popped up and one of my classmates congratulated me and I am very shocked to read that message, hurriedly searched the list of passers in the CLE, and cried out loud knowing that I passed the CLE exam," he said.

"While crying for passing the CLE, my older sister then burst in tears and shout[ed] that I belong to the top 10 of CTLE placing myself in the top 9. For almost one week of knowing the results, I can't believe that I've passed both board exams," Azur added.

Azur said that his professors in the TSU Chemistry Department molded him to who he is right now and added that without their guidance and the lessons they taught, he will not pass the examinations.

He plans to pursue either a Doctor of Medicine degree or a Master's Degree in Chemistry.

The university garnered an overall passing percentage of 75.53 in the Chemical Technician board exam against the national passing rate of 81.09 percent with 50 passers from 68 test-takers.

Meanwhile, the university received an 18.60 percent passing rate for the Chemist Licensure Examination against the 42.12 percent national passing rate.

[Maria Adelaida Calayag]

TSU signs Deeds of Usufruct for Dormitory



As the 113th Foundation and 30th Charter Anniversary Celebration of Tarlac State University closes, TSU secured a usufruct agreement with S.G. David Realty & Development CO., INC. and the David Heirs on October 19, 2019 at the Alumni Center of the Lucinda Extension Campus.

The heirs of Serafin and Lucinda David: Serafin C. David Jr., Elmina David-Fernandez, Jose Pablo C. David, and Wivinia David-Esmundo signed two deeds of usufruct together with Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, University President and Vice-Chairperson of the Board of

Regents.

The first deed allows TSU to use around 40,000 square meters of land to become a road and a right of way for the future north back gate of the campus and a drainage connecting the properties' water outfall. Part of the land is also intended for a terminal for shuttles coming from Masalasa road and 3M jeepneys should the route be extended to TSU Lucinda Extension campus.

The second one describes parcels of land approximately 2 hectares where a residence hall for female and male students will be built – the TSU

Dormitory. There will also be terminals built for shuttles across the existing gates of the TSU Lucinda Extension Campus. Both usufruct deeds will last for 30 years.

Present in the event are the vice presidents: Dr. Lolita V. Sicat, Dr. Armee N. Rosel, Dr. Glenard T. Madriaga, and Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale; members of the Administrative Council; deans and their selected chairpersons; as well as officers of the Supreme Student Council.

The event was organized and led by Ms. Winnie F. Gutierrez, Director of the Administrative Services Office.

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Seguira, Abalos designated to new posts



Fabian Seguira

Winston Abalos

TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari designated Prof. Fabian Seguira as the Dean of the Office of Students Affairs Services and Dr. Winston Abalos as the Director of the Alumni Affairs Office, both effective on October 1, 2019 until March 31, 2020, through TSU Administrative Order nos. 49 and 42 dated August 30, 2019.

Prior to his assignment at SAS, Seguira functioned as the Director of Alumni Affairs and was the President and Chairman of Board of Directors of Tarlac State University Alumni Association Inc. from 2016 to 2019. He also served the university as Director of Professional Development Consultancy Services Office from July 2014 to September 2015 and Director of the Business Center from March 2008 to February 2011.

Presently, he is in a concurrent position as Associate Dean of the College of Business and Accountancy.

Seguira earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Accountancy major in Government Accounting and Auditing at the then Tarlac College of

Technology. He finished his Master in Public Administration at Tarlac State University last April 2002. Currently, he is completing his units in Doctor of Public Administration also at Tarlac State University.

Meanwhile, Abalos also holds concurrent positions. He is also assigned at SAS as the Section Head of the Economic Enterprise Development. In addition, he stands as the adviser of the Supreme Student Council for the academic year 2019-2020. Abalos finished his bachelor's degree up to doctorate degree at the Tarlac State University. He is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Business Administration major in Information System Management in 2003, Master in Business Administration in 2007, and Doctor of Business Administration in June 2019.

Both Seguira and Abalos will perform the functions stated in the TSU Code particularly Title III, Chapter 4 and Title II, Chapter 7, respectively.

National Taichung University of Education visits TSU



National Taichung University of Education's President Dr. Ru-Jer Wang is the guest of honor and speaker for the TSU International Lecture Series of 2019 with the topic: "Performance and Internationalization of Higher Education of Taiwan and Philippines in the International Campaign" last October 15 at the TSU Main AVR. The first half of his talk focused on the educational performance of Taiwan where the country ranked 6th in the Program for International Student Assessment (PISA) worldwide ranking. The second half of the presentation centered on the comparison of education between Taiwan and Philippines.

He also emphasized the importance of studying overseas for it fosters maturity amongst students. Dr. Wang also said that teachers themselves should consider doing research abroad, so they can share what they have learned and improve

the students' performance.

He is a graduate of Doctor of Philosophy in Manchester University in UK, he is one of the leading figures in comparative education in Taiwan.

Before he became the president of the National Taichung University of Education (NTCU), Dr. Wang has been a professor in National Chung Cheng University and National Taiwan Normal University. He also became the Executive Director of the Higher Education Evaluation and Accreditation Council of Taiwan (HEEACT), President of the Chinese Taipei Cooperative Education Society, and President of the Foundation for International Exchange and Culture Development.

MOA & MOU SIGNING

Dr. Wang, together with TSU President Myrna Q. Mallari, Vice President of Planning and Quality Assurance Dr. Lolita V. Sicat, and Executive Assistant to the President Dr. Brigido B. Corpuz, signed a

Memorandum of Agreement and a Memorandum of Understanding on the same day.

The Memorandum of Agreement for student mobility states that selected students from the colleges of Engineering and Technology, Business and Accountancy, Teacher Education, Arts and Social Sciences, and the College of Sciences will visit NTCU to join their Winter Camp around January 13-22, 2020. In return, NTCU will be sending a student to study in TSU for a semester.

The Spectacular Taiwan Culture Winter Camp 2020 is a 10-day activity of NTCU extended to its "sister" universities where students will undergo classes, activities, and field trips that will enrich their interest and knowledge of the Chinese language and culture of Taiwan.

It is a partnership that aims to benefit both universities from the knowledge and cultural exchange.

[Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan]



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, Environment, and Health and Safety (QEHS)

Tarlac State University is committed to improve continually for:

- Global competitiveness and excellence in the delivery of education, research, extension, training and consultancy services, hotel operation and administrative support services;
- safe and healthy working conditions to prevent injury and ill health of its employees, students, guests, visitors, suppliers and contractors;
- management of environmental aspects towards the prevention of pollution;
- compliant to regulatory and statutory requirements for the utmost satisfaction of its valued customers.

Lacanlale is the new VPAA, Mendoza succeeds as the new CTE Dean

Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale has been designated as the new Vice President of Academic Affairs, while Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza has been appointed as the Dean of the College of Teacher Education (CTE) by TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari effective October 1, 2019 per the TSU Administrative Order No. 56 and 45, respectively.

Dr. Lacanlale was named the understudy of former VPAA, Dr. Michaela Marvie P. Sagun, in August 2019. Prior to his stint as VP, he served as the Dean of CTE from 2018 to September 2019.

Meanwhile, Dr. Mendoza was once the Associate Dean of CTE from 2018 to May 2019. He was also appointed as the Dean of Student Affairs and Services from April to September 2019.

As Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of CTE, Dr. Lacanlale and Dr. Mendoza are to perform their functions as stated in the TSU Code and will be subjected to the benefits and privileges due to their designation.

YOUNGEST VP

At the dynamic age of 40 years old, Dr. Lacanlale is the youngest to be designated as Vice President for Academic Affairs.

He graduated as Cum Laude with a degree in AB Social Sciences Major in Behavioral Studies and finished his Master of Arts in Education Major in Guidance and Counseling and his Doctor of Education Major in Educational Management at TSU. He has also taken Professional Education Units allowing him to take the Philippine Licensure Examination for Teachers and passing it in 2005.

Starting his career as a faculty member after graduating from 2001 at TSU's College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS), he eventually became the chairperson of the college's General Education Department from 2015 to 2016. And in April 2018, he was appointed as the Dean of CTE through TSU Administrative Order no. 9, s. 2018.

With a lengthy service of 14 years in the university, Dr. Lacanlale has not only served as an instructor but a valuable member of the academe through his international and national research publications and presentations.

A STEADFAST EDUCATOR

Dr. Mendoza is an Associate Professor of TSU, and a licensed professional teacher with a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education Major in Physical Education, Health, and Music. He has also attained units for Bachelor of Elementary Education Major in Special Education at the Ecumenical Christian College. He earned his Master of Arts in Physical Education at the Araullo University, while his degree in Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Management is from the Holy Angel University.

And while he served as the chairperson of Bachelor of Physical Education in School Physical Education, Executive Assistant to the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Associate Dean of CTE, and Dean of the Student Affairs and Services, that didn't stop him from actively teaching beyond the four corners of the classroom. [Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan]



Erwin P. Lacanlale



Jasper Jay N. Mendoza

TSU gets 82.35% for First Timers; Mariano ranks 14TH in CPALE

Tarlac State University garnered 82.35% for its first-time takers where 14 out of 17 passed in the October 2019 Certified Public Accountant Licensure Exam (CPALE) posted by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) on October 21, 2019 via their website.

TSU scored 50% in the overall performance against the national passing rate of 14.32%.

According to news release of the CPA Review School of the Philippines, TSU BS Accountancy graduate Kent Adrian P. Mariano placed 14th on the rankings scoring 86.67.

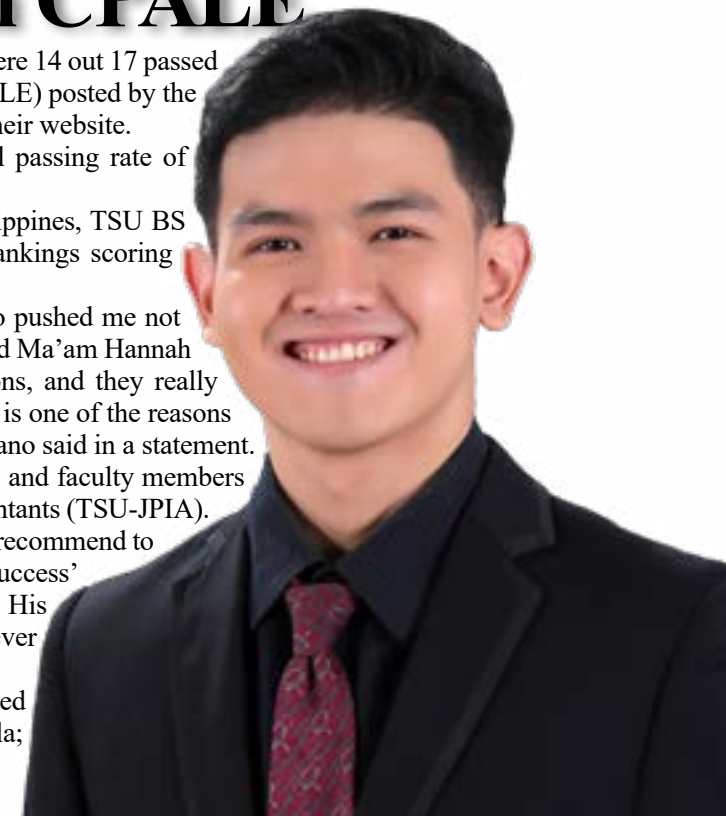
"I could not have achieved the CPA title if not for the people who pushed me not just up to my limits but even beyond my limits. Ma'am Iris Valencia and Ma'am Hannah Tadena were our mentors po noon sa mga quiz bees and competitions, and they really dedicated their time and generously shared their knowledge to us. That is one of the reasons po why I (we) passed the CPA board exams despite its difficulty," Mariano said in a statement.

Atty. Iris Valencia and Ms. Hannah Shalom Tadena are both CPAs and faculty members who served as coaches for the TSU Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants (TSU-JPIA).

When asked about his advice for future board examinees, "I highly recommend to follow the equation 'Competence + Confidence + Faith + Happiness = Success' because if you have the knowledge, if you have the guts, if you have His guidance, and if you are happy, you are automatically successful whatever outcome might be."

The examinations were held on October 5, 6, and 12, 2019 administered by the PRC Board of Accountancy led by Chairman, Noe G. Quinanola; Vice Chairman, Marko Romeo L. Fuentes; and their members.

[Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan]



SOL declared as champs in 2nd great IP debate

Three Juris Doctor students of Tarlac State University-School of Law (SOL) won in the 2nd Great Debate on Intellectual Property held at Angeles University Foundation, Angeles City on October 11, 2019.

Jerich Ralph Lobo, Vivien Claire Coleen Yalung, and John Christopher Yu represented the university along with Atty. Jose Dela Rama, SOL Dean, Atty. Catherine Rose Diaz-Cunanan, and Atty. Marco Polo Cunanan.

The debate held is a discourse which aims to address the issues and concerns regarding IP law and how it affects the economy of Third World Countries such as the Philippines. The proposition argued by the opposing teams is on the IP law curtailing innovation and creating unjust monopolies.

The TSU team, who stood on the negative side, bested the law students

from Bulacan State University.

Yalung was also awarded as the best speaker in the said competition.

The invited adjudicators were Atty. Louie Andrew Calvario of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines, Mr. Jocel De Guzman of Globe Telecom, and Atty. Marianne Beltran-Angeles of AUF who served as the chief adjudicator.

The arbitrator was Atty. Hywel Jose Vergara of the Optical Media Board (OMB).

The debate is part of the OMB's celebration of the National Anti-Piracy Month this October themed "Focusing on Strategies that Work: Integrating Technology and Consumerism," pursuant to Proclamation No. 596 of President Rodrigo Duterte earlier published by the Philippine Information Agency.

[Jazzel Llanelli E. Manabat]





Editorial

TSU: Collectively Moving and Achieving

Being envisioned to be a premier University in the Asia Pacific Region, Tarlac State University celebrated its week-long 113th Foundation and 30th Universityhood anniversary themed “TSU Collectively Moving and Achieving” last October 13-18, 2019 led by University President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari.

TSU is indeed moving and achieving milestones, distinguishing itself as a high-quality institution with continuous academic achievements, successful accreditation visits, and ergonomic facilities.

Among the recent institutional accomplishments worthy of being celebrated include Kevin Michael D. Azur, a College of Science graduate who secured the ninth spot in the October 2019 Chemical Technician

Licensure Exam, the College of Engineering and Technology with its astounding feats of placing the name of TSU in the tenth and eighth ranks among top performing schools in the September 2019 Registered Master Electrician Licensure Examination and August 2019 Mechanical Engineering Licensure Examination, and the indefatigable College of Criminal Justice Education who made sure that TSU will not step down in the list of top performing schools in the June 2019 Criminologist Licensure Examination where we emerged as the top three.

Earlier this month, TSU just passed its third IMS surveillance visit which is tantamount to a one-year extension of the three certifications. Meanwhile, the university submitted

itself to the Institutional Sustainability Assessment in August 2019. These show that quality assurance is a way of life in TSU.

Having its own campus FM radio station, 87.5 Firefox Radio, the Museo-Archivo Tarlaqueño for the preservation of records and history of Tarlac Province, the Advance Manufacturing Training Hub for the upskilling of engineering students, Food Technology Research Center for food innovations, the newly blessed Student Center at Lucinda Extension Campus for improving services to the students, and a soon-to-rise TSU Dormitory and upgraded transport terminal through the heirs of Serafin David, are testaments to TSU’s pursuit for excellence. These are products of the collective

effort made by each one in the TSU community.

Standing true to its core values, TSU never stops yearning for further achievements and never fails the very reason it exists which are the students and the community. Having enumerated our beloved TSU’s recent milestones, this year’s foundation and universityhood anniversary is indeed worth celebrating with the great supervision of the university administration headed by President Myrna Q. Mallari.

These evident developments once again proved that with collective effort, TSU will move forward and achieve its vision. As American author Helen Keller once said, “Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”



TSU maintains IMS Certification



To ensure Tarlac State University's compliance to the provisions of the three standards of its Integrated Management System certification, the university successfully underwent and passed its third surveillance audit on October 1-2, 2019 with IMS Auditor Mr. Gene Gile.

The said audit is intended for the one-year extension of the university's IMS certification.

The day commenced with a meeting between the auditor and the IMS Office headed by Dr. Julieta Lagasca, IMS Director.

Among the offices and units visited

for the audit are the Administrative Office, Accounting Unit, Human Resource Development Management Office, Procurement Unit, Supply Property and Management Unit, Records and Archives Unit, Cashiering Unit, Budget Management Unit, and the Business Affairs and Auxiliary Office.

The University Safety Officer and Pollution Control Officers were also subjected to audit for environment, health, and safety concerns along with the Facilities Development and Management Office and

the Civil Security Unit.

During the closing meeting, Gile presented five minor non-conformities and eventually granting TSU a passing remark.

TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari said during her statement of commitment that she is both humbled and proud because the auditor recognized the quality assurance efforts of the university.

TSU has been IMS certified since 2016 and is set to migrate its OHSAS 18001:2007 to ISO 45001:2018 in November 2019.

[Jazzel Llanelli E. Manabat]

1st National Research Conference held at TSU



Adhering to university's mission to become a premier research institution and to strengthen collaboration with various institutions, Tarlac State University organized its 1st National Research Conference themed "Embracing Research Culture in HEIs through Collaboration" on October 3-5, 2019 at the TSU Alumni Center, Villa Lucinda Campus.

The three-day conference was attended by a total of 29 research paper presenters and 35 participants from Bulacan State University, Catanduanes State University, Central Luzon State University, Palawan State University, Central Bicol State University of Agriculture, Bicol University, Don Honorio Ventura State University, Bukidnon State University, Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), University of Santo Tomas, and Tarlac State University.

This conference was a vow to the previous Regional Director of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Dr. Caridad Abuan, who pointed out the importance of research conference in the regional and national

spectrum. The conference was pivotal in bringing together diverse communities of researchers, academicians, and practitioners to recognize the importance of collaboration and transform the quality of research in our country.

Dr. Custer Deocaris, one of the plenary speakers, discussed the process of collaboration and its importance in embracing research productivity. He is the Head of the Research and Management Division of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

"We can't catch up with the speed of knowledge generation and the complexity of our world if we do not work together," said Dr. Deocaris.

Together with Dr. Deocaris, esteemed plenary speakers from the Department of Science and Technology (DoST) were also invited, namely the Undersecretary for Research and Development, Dr. Rowena Cristina Guevara, and the Regional Director of DOST, Dr. Julius Caesar Sicut.

Dr. Guevarra's discussion focused on the Harmonized National R&D Agenda (HNRDA) 2017-2022 which will promote

cohesiveness among research outcomes and ensure that DOST researches are geared towards improving the social and economic value of our country.

Meanwhile, the opening program of the NRC was graced by Hon. Maria Cristina C. Angeles, Tarlac City Mayor. She expressed her pride particularly for Tarlac State University's effort in spearheading the hosting of the NRC 2019.

"Tarlac City is truly honored and blessed to be the venue of this very important event and to be in the company of bright minds who came together and highlight the importance of research," said Mayor Angeles.

In her speech, TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari said the university will continually strive to improve the production of high-impact researches and that research must create a social and economic impact.

The National Research Conference 2019 was a follow up on the successful conduct of the 2018 Regional Research Conference last October held also at TSU. [Jeanina Lorraine Z. Calimlim, VPRES]

Tarlac SMEs taps TSU for Halal Certification



The Department of Science and Technology and Provincial Government of Tarlac tapped the Tarlac State University particularly the Food Technology Department of the College of Science to provide technical assistance in Halal Certification Audit and Compliance to the seven (7) small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in the Province of Tarlac.

Bea's Homemade Peanut Butter, RP Corpus Sales Enterprises, Potter's Hand

Processed Food, La Paz Prime Foods Corporations, JSJ Goat Farm, Urdu Restaurant and Bakeshop, and Upventures Corporation-Eat Special Cuisine received their certifications from the Muslim Mindanao Halal Certification Board (MMHCB), a non-government and non-profit organization assuring Halalness of food and nonfood products, on October 25, 2019 in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga.

The certification guarantees that their

products are compliant with the Islamic Dietary Laws. Moreover, the facilities are assured of cleanliness, safety, and strict compliance to the guidelines of Islamic Law which was attested by the Halal Assurance Officers.

The abovementioned SMEs could now showcase and market their products in the upcoming South East Asian Games at the New Clark City. [Jay Ann L. Pablo]

TSU-ESO celebrates IP month



The 1st Indigenous Peoples Photo Exhibit themed “Buklod Lahi, Isang Mithi: Tungo sa Pag-unlad ng mga Katutubong Lahi” was formally launched on October 17, 2019 at the Research, Extension, and Development Building of the Tarlac State University Villa Lucinda Extension Campus.

The said exhibit is a project of the TSU Extension Services Office through its Regional Center on Resources and Development of Indigenous Peoples (RCRDIP) headed by Mr. Aljon N. Lusong. It will run from October 17 to November 15, 2019 at the RED Building lobby.

The activity stepped up efforts to promote the culture and arts of the indigenous peoples by displaying visual stories from photographs, and impressive valuable crafts and artifacts of the Aetas.

During the opening ceremony, several TSU key officials gave their messages including Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, the University President.

Dr. Armee N. Rosel, Vice President for Research and Extension Services, welcomed and thanked the important

guests and personnel who have attended, while Prof. Redemptor G. Toledano, Director of University Extension Services Office, briefly discussed the rationale of the activity.

Prof. Toledano shared that the activity is in line with the goals and ambitions of the 2040 Central Luzon Regional Development Plan which supports Republic Act No. 8371 and Presidential Decree No. 1906, also known as the act to recognize, protect, and promote the rights of indigenous cultural communities.

Meanwhile, President Mallari inspired the audience with her experiences with the Aeta communities and IP students of the university which was delivered in Kapampangan.

The guests present in the activity are the esteemed Aeta tribe members of Tarlac, composed of the Aeta Hungey of Capas headed by Chairman Casamira Maniego, and Aeta Magantsi headed by Chieftain Robert Sanchez. Both showcased unique performances of their tribes.

The Aeta Hungey performed their traditional dance which was participated by President Mallari with the staff and

students of the university. Subsequently, the Aeta Magantsi performed the courtship dance ritual. Their performances were applauded by the crowd. After which, the ribbon cutting ceremony commenced presided by President Mallari and Chieftain Sanchez. .

Also present in the event are Mr. Diogenes L. Simbol of the Provincial Government of Tarlac; Ms. Valarie D. Simbol of the College of Computer Studies; Mr. Judeo R. Herrera of the College of Architecture and Fine Arts; Ms. Dina Purita Antonio-Jufri of Jakarta, Indonesia; Mr. Manuel C. Marcon and Ms. Maria Agnes Y. Marcon of Alay Ko Foundation; Mr. Jeremiah Paul C. Silvestre and Ms. Janice C. Dela Cruz of the College of Arts and Social Sciences; Mr. Jan Vincent Carmen of the College of Criminal Justice Education; Director Jazzel Llanelli M. Manabat and Mr. Alexrael Y. Caculitan of the Office of Public Affairs; TSU Hotel Manager Mr. Von Rex M. Reyes; and Director Leo P. Piao, Dr. Daisy T. Inalvez, Dr. Lino T. Dizon, and Dr. Lucila O. Sunga of the Research and Extension Services Office. [Jay Ann L. Pablo]