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## TSU ensures quality through ISA



Tarlac State University responded to the call of quality assurance by undergoing the Institutional Sustainability Assessment (ISA) spearheaded

by the Office of Institutional Quality Assurance and Governance of the Commission on Higher Education (OIQAGCHED) last August 28 to 30,

2019 at the TSU Alumni Center of the Lucinda Extension Campus.

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## TSU Chorale Wins Gold and Silver Prizes in the 2nd Tokyo International Choir Competition



The Tarlac State University Chorale exhibited their vocal prowess once again as they win Gold Prize and Silver Prize in two categories of the 2nd Tokyo International Choir Competition held in Harumi, Tokyo, Japan on July 26-29, 2019.

Each group is only allowed to join two categories. The TSU

Chorale, led by Choirmaster Joshua Ysmael Fontanilla, won the Gold Prize (3rd Place) with 85 points in the Folk Category and Silver Prize (5th Runner-up) with 80.65 points in the Youth Category.

From the regulations of the competition, groups whose scores are 85 points or higher

will be awarded with the Gold Prize, while those with 75 points or higher are awarded with the Silver Prize, and those with points equal to 65 or higher will be awarded with the Bronze Prize. Other than these prizes, the first to third place are also announced for each category.

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# Newly Appointed Section Heads Named under Office of Student Affairs and Services



Jazzel Llaneli M. Manabat



Niña C. Garcia

Dr. Michaela Marvie P. Sagun, Vice President for Academic Affairs, appointed Jazzel Llaneli M. Manabat and Niña C. Garcia as Section Heads for Student Publication Unit and Career Education and Job Placement Services, respectively, under the Office of Student Affairs and Services (SAS) through Office Memorandum Order no. 71, dated July 26, 2019.

Manabat concurrently heads the Office of Public Affairs and Information and the SPU. Formerly, she held the positions adviser of the The Oracle, the Official Publication of the College of Arts and Social Sciences, from 2014 to 2017 and adviser of the TSU Communicators' Guild from 2017 to 2019. She was also the Chairperson of the Communication

Department from 2017 to 2019.

She graduated as Cum Laude from the University of Santo Tomas in 2011 with a degree in Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts. She finished her Master of Development Communication in 2016 at the University of the Philippines -Open University where she was awarded as Dean's Lister.

On the other hand, Garcia started in the university as Guidance Counselor of TSU-Laboratory School from 2011 to 2012 and returned in 2018 with the same position now under SAS. She is concurrently the CEJPS Section Head and a Guidance Counselor.

She finished her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology in 2005 and Master of Arts in

Education major in Guidance and Counseling in 2011 at Tarlac State University. She is now writing her dissertation for her Doctor of Education major in Guidance and Counseling at Pangasinan State University.

Their appointments will take effect on August 1, 2019.

[Maria Adelaida D. Calayag]

# TSU conducts Mid-Year Graduation



Tarlac State University completed its 30th Commencement Exercises with 703 mid-year graduates of A.Y. 2018-2019 last August 16, 2019 at the TSU Gymnasium.

Along with bachelor's, master's, and doctorate degrees, TSU also presented diplomas for the 15 international students: 9 from Vietnam, 4 from China, and 2 from Hongkong.

Listed below is the summary of graduates for August 2019 under the Baccalaureate Programs:

College of Engineering and Technology	147
College of Fine Arts and Architecture	2
College of Teacher Education	41

College of Business and Accountancy	171
College of Computer Studies	151
College of Public Administration and Governance	3
College of Science	24
College of Arts and Social Sciences	58
College of Criminal Justice Education	11

Meanwhile, a total of 80 received their diplomas under the Graduate Programs of the university. Hon. Agnes Joyce G. Bailen, the Undersecretary for the Department of Budget Management, is the guest speaker for the

event. She highlighted the importance of seeking wisdom, choosing love, and living justly- noting significant events in her life as examples.

Present also in the event are Board of Regents members Hon. Dennis Go and Hon. Reynaldo L. Catacutan.

The valedictory address for this Mid-Year Commencement exercises was given by Ms. Christine Emmanuelle D. Flores, cum laude of Bachelor of Science in Computer Science under the College of Computer Studies.

The Baccalaureate Services were held the day before graduation proper, August 15, 2019, also at the TSU Gymnasium with Atty. Iris Ann R. Valencia, a certified public accountant and LGU OIC-Chief Legal Officer of Mabalacat City, as the Baccalaureate speaker. [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;
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EDITORIAL

Wikang Katutubo: Tungo sa Isang Bansang Filipino

Kaugnay ng Proklamasyon Blg. 1041, s. 1997 na nilagdaan ng dating Pangulo Fidel V. Ramos, ang Agosto ay itinakda para sa paggunita at pagbubunyi ng Buwan ng Wika taon-taon ng lahat ng ahensya ng pamahalaan at maging ng mga paaralan at kolehiyo sa buong bansa.

Taunang ipinagdiriwang ng Tarlac State University ang Buwan ng Wika sa pangunguna ng Tanggapan ng Pamantasang Sentro ng Wikang Filipino. Ang naturang pagdiriwang ngayong ika-22 ng Agosto 2019 ay ukol sa temang: "Wikang Katutubo: Tungo sa Isang Bansang Filipino."

Isang mahalagang pagkakataon na idineklara ng UNESCO ang taong 2019 bilang "International Year of Indigenous Languages." Bilang pakikiisa, inilunsad ng Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino ang isang proyekto ukol sa Pambansang Adyenda para masagip ang mga nanganganib na maglahong mga katutubong

wika ng Pilipinas.

Ayon kay G. Virgilio S. Almario, Tagapangulo ng KWF, "Ang wika ang una at pangunahing pamanang pangkultura ng sangkatauhan. Ito ay nagbibigay artikulasyon sa ating nakaraan, sa kasaysayan ng ating tagumpay at pagkabigo. Nasa wika ang yaman ng ating nakaraang hitik sa katutubong karunungan. Kung hindi ito aalagaan, manganganib ito: at kung pabayaan, maaari pang maglaho nang tuluyan. Kapag naglaho ang isang wika, tila may isang tahanan o kamalig ng ating alaala at tradisyon ang nawawala at di na mababawi kailanman."

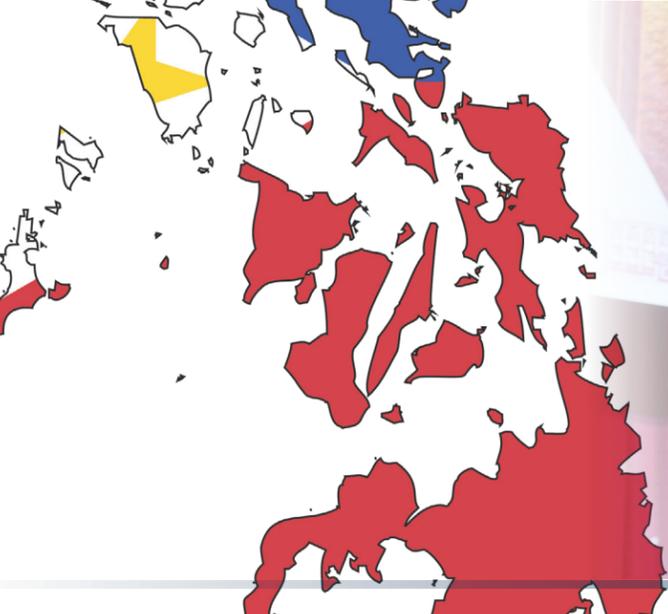
Maituturing na yaman ng bansa ang pagkakaroon ng 130 katutubong wika sa buong kapuluan. Malaki ang naging ambag ng mga ito sa paglinang at patuloy na pagyabong ng Wikang Filipino bilang lingua-franca ng Pilipinas. Di mapasubaliang wika ang lakas at tatag ng isang lahi. Ito ay nagagamit

na kasangkapan sa pagsusulong ng mga pambansang mithiin at layunin tungo sa pagbabago at kaunlaran.

Bagamat ibinaba ang asignaturang Filipino sa Senior High School, patuloy na itataguyod ng TSU ang Wikang Filipino at mga katutubong wika sa pamamagitan ng mga programa at pananaliksik ng PSWF upang manatiling buhay ang paggamit nito sa unibersidad.

Ang Wikang Filipino ang bumubuhay at nagpapakilala sa ating identidad bilang isang natatanging lahi, nagpapanatili sa ating mayamang kultura at tradisyon, maging sa ating dakilang panitikan. Mahalin at pahalagahan ang ating sariling wika bilang dakilang kaloob na biyaya ng Diyos tungo sa pagtataguyod ng pambansang pagkakaunawaan at pagkakaisa ng mamamayang Pilipino.

Mabuhay ang TSU at ang Wikang Filipino!



TSU Celebrates Wikang Katutubo

Wikang Katutubo: Tungo sa Isang Bansang Filipino is this year's theme for the celebration of Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa held on August 22, 2019 at the Tarlac State University Gymnasium with Tarlac City Mayor Maria Cristina C. Angeles as guest speaker.

In her speech, Mayor Angeles talked about the importance and the richness of the Filipino language being one of the countries bearing more than one hundred languages – mostly from Indigenous people (IP).

"Kung kaya't napakahalaga na maglaan tayo ng panahon upang kilalanin at ipagdiwang ang wikang Filipino dahil ang mga ito po ay

bumubuo sa ating pagkatao," Mayor Angeles said.

She was also the guest speaker of the Buwan ng Wika celebration last year.

The said event, organized by the Pamantasang Sentro ng Wikang Filipino (PSWF), was well attended by TSU officials led by University President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari and by students and faculty members from the College of Teacher Education, College of Arts and Social Sciences, and College of Engineering and Technology.

President Mallari ensured that TSU will continue to strengthen the use of the Filipino language through teaching and research with

the help of PSWF headed by Dr. Daisy T. Inalvez.

The program included performances from the TSU Performing Arts Dance Troupe who showcased folk dances such as Sayaw sa Bangko, Pasiguin, and Tinikling; Prof. Socrates Embesan of CTE and Prof. Gherold Benitez of CASS who serenaded the crowd with Filipino love songs; and TJ Amor, the winner of Pagbigkas ng Makabagong Tula (Spoken Poetry) from AB Communication, who delivered his piece entitled My Brother is Not a Pig which highlights the plight of the IP from the commercialization of their ancestral lands. [Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan]

# 57 Faculty Members Conferred with Appointments

A total of 57 faculty members, with 54 new Temporary Instructor I appointments and three for permanent status, had their oath-taking on August 20, 2019 at the TSU Hotel presided by University President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari.

The vice presidents of the university, deans and associate deans of the different colleges stood as witnesses to the event.

Prior to the oath-taking proper, President Mallari shared an inspirational message to the group of faculty members. She challenged them to “make a difference, recreate the culture of TSU, and to better their teaching strategies for the improved competencies of students.”

“Focus on your career while focusing on the career of your students,” said President Mallari.

Furthermore, she encouraged them to study abroad and avail the scholarship opportunities given to TSU employees.

In addition, she said that the TSU Board of Regents, through a resolution, gives faculty members holding a Temporary Instructor I item three years to complete their respective master’s degrees while those who have finished their graduate studies are given one year to be promoted to permanent status provided that they receive two consecutive very satisfactory (VS) performance ratings within the said year.

Ms. Franchete Caingat of the College of Arts and Social Sciences, Engr. Adam Rombaoa of College of Engineering and Technology, and Mr. Ferdinand Silaran of the College of Business and Accountancy were promoted from temporary to permanent Instructor I which will take effect on August 5, 2019.

Meanwhile, the following are the newly appointed faculty members as Temporary Instructor I effective August 5, 2019 until the end of the second semester of Academic Year 2019-2020:

<b>College of Arts and Social Sciences</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Jeremiah Paul C. Silvestre</li> <li>Ms. Janice C. dela Cruz</li> <li>Mr. Jersey P. Pangilinan</li> <li>Maria Fermina Joyce C. Nucum (new)</li> </ul>	<b>College of Criminal Justice Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lian Carla C. Luzong</li> <li>Jan Vincent S. Carmen</li> <li>Lylani S. Claro- Dela Cruz (new)</li> <li>Arturo V. Panzo (new)</li> <li>Ramil M. Las-igan (new)</li> </ul>
<b>College of Science</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marnnela O. Guinto</li> <li>Mary Katherine A. Apolonio</li> <li>Kristine Mae G. Pagala- Ipan</li> </ul>	<b>College of Teacher Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark Castillo</li> <li>Chona P. Conte (new)</li> <li>Jeremy R. Canlas (new)</li> </ul>
<b>College of Computer Studies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lito Alexis M. Tolentino</li> <li>Patima Susanne P. Espinosa</li> <li>Gloria L. Prellejera</li> <li>Gilbert G. Gonzales</li> <li>James Bryan T. Roman</li> <li>Anna Cazzandra Delos Reyes</li> <li>Kwinno L. Pineda (new)</li> <li>Rojen John D. Agustin (new)</li> <li>Julius Caesar C. Ramos (new)</li> <li>Regina P. Arceo (new)</li> <li>Mel Johnson R. Aquino (new)</li> </ul>	<b>College of Engineering and Technology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aldrin M. Villanueva</li> <li>Idris Jeffrey M. Manguera</li> <li>Don Hero P. Alega</li> <li>Don Louie A. Sanvictores</li> <li>Anna May M. Angeles</li> <li>Jayriz D. Dungca</li> <li>Neil Andrew I. Meneses</li> <li>Engr. Aldrin Joar R. Taduran (new)</li> <li>Engr. Bonjoebee R. Bello (new)</li> <li>Engr. Cid Lapuz (substitute)</li> </ul>
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<b>College of Public Administration and Governance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roswald G. Fermin</li> </ul>	

[Jazzel Llanelli Manalo-Manabat]

# Corpuz, Gamido to function as directors

Tarlac State University President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari designated Dr. Niño B. Corpuz as Director of the Quality Assurance Office (QAO) and Dr. Heidilyn V. Gamido as Director of the Management Information Systems Office (MISO) stated in the TSU Administrative Order nos. 35 and 37, dated August 2019.

Corpuz is tasked to perform the functions stated in the TSU Administrative Manual, chapter 3, section 5.

He is expected to spearhead and supervise the conduct of accreditation activities of every college and monitor the accretation status of the different programs of the university. He will also act as the liaison between the university and the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines, Inc. (AACUP), Commission on Higher Education and other accrediting agencies.

Last May 2019, Corpuz was named Understudy Officer of the QAO. As full-fledged director, he will assume office on August 6, 2019.

Meanwhile, Gamido will perform the following functions stated in the TSU Code,



Heidilyn V. Gamido

book 1, title 1, chapter 20, which is to design, implement, and maintain operational data-based information systems needed for policy formulation, educational planning, project development, budgeting and decision making. She is also expected to ensure the efficient collection and management of University data and information and generation of reports.

Gamido was the MIS Director from 2014 to 2016. Upon returning from her scholarship



Niño B. Corpuz

leave this year, she was reinstated as director of the said office. Concurrently, she holds the chairmanship of the Master in Information Technology Department.

She has recently finished her Doctor in Information Technology degree at the Technological Institute of the Philippines in 2019.

Her appointment will take effect on August 5, 2019. [Maria Adelaida D. Calayag]

# TSU Welcomes Freshmen and Parents through Orientation

To formally welcome freshmen and their parents, the Tarlac State University Office of Student Affairs and Services (SAS) conducted a university-wide orientation themed “A Whole New World” on August 1 and 3, 2019 at the TSU Gymnasium.

4,217 freshmen students attended the August 1 orientation which aims to familiarize the students about the university’s history, milestones, policies, vision, and mission; to inform them about their rights as bona fide students of the university; and to introduce the key officials and personnel along with their functions.

The new structure of the SAS, in accordance with CHED Memorandum Order No. 9 s. 2013, was also presented to guide the students on the available programs and services.

“This orientation also aims to help our students on their adjustment to a whole new world of the collegiate academe,” said Mr. Oliver G. Cura, concurrent Head of the Student Welfare Services and the Guidance and Counseling Unit, when he introduced the personnel from the Student Welfare Services.

In addition, Dr. Jasper Jay Mendoza, SAS Dean, wished the freshmen a good journey at TSU. “Don’t waste the opportunity given to you. Move, think and foresee the possible output.”

Meanwhile, around 3,000 attended a separate orientation for parents and guardians on August 3 which also aims to present the key officials and personnel, policies, services, and curricular programs of the university.

After the presentation, an open

forum commenced where Dr. Mendoza explained the Institutionalized Parent-Teacher Council (PTC) Fee to be collected from the parents or guardians which will be used for the various activities concerning students’ welfare and development. This additional fee is based on the scope and limitation of the R.A. 10687 or the UniFAST law.

A resolution for the PTC fee was approved by the parents where they agreed to pay ₱300.00 per semester.

This annual activity, spearheaded by the Guidance and Counseling Unit, aims to present the underlying principle of the academic and course selection that will support students in their educational and personal goals, as stated in Office Memorandum Order No. 15, series of 2019.

[Dianne Kristel M. Flores]

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# TSU Chorale Wins Gold and Silver Prizes in the 2nd Tokyo International Choir Competition

Being the smallest group, with only 20 members, among the 80 participating choirs from almost 25 countries in the competition, the TSU Chorale outshined its competitors. “At least kahit papano may nakuha kami,” Fontanilla said.

Along with the TSU Chorale, Koro ng Unibersidad ng Pilipinas Manila from the University of the Philippines Manila won first place in the Contemporary Music Category and second place in the Mixed Chorus Section.

When asked for their fiercest opponent

from the competition, “Filipino din... automatic kapag may Filipino kang kalaban mahihirapan ka,” Fontanilla answered adding, “kasi iba yung tunog ng Filipino eh...kumbaga [compared] sa European countries, Filipinos [are] very active kasi sa choir singing so very competitive.”

The group is accompanied by Dr. Glenard T. Madriaga, Vice President for Administration and Finance, and Dr. Leodivina P. Tagama, TSU Chorale Adviser.

They are currently training for the CAASUC-III Regional Culture and the Arts

Festival 2019 and are also hoping to defend their title next year in the Taipei International Choral Competition in Taiwan.

The Tokyo International Choir Competition is one of the four Grand Prix competitions leading to the World Choral Championship. It is also in alliance with Taipei International Choral Competition forming the TICC Network that encourages choirs from around the world to take the chance of visiting two of Asia’s most celebrated cities.

[Jodie Andrea Pangilinan]

## Success Story

From being a security guard for 19 years, Arturo Panzo took an oath as a full time temporary Instructor I in the College of Criminal Justice Education last August 20, 2019 at the TSU Hotel.

44-year-old Panzo first served Tarlac State University as a security guard in October 2006. But even when he worked as a security guard, Panzo was already a registered criminologist roughly three years after completing his Bachelor of Science in Criminology in 1996 at the University of Manila. This made the other security personnel crack jokes and tease him of why he bears being a security personnel when he is more than a college graduate.

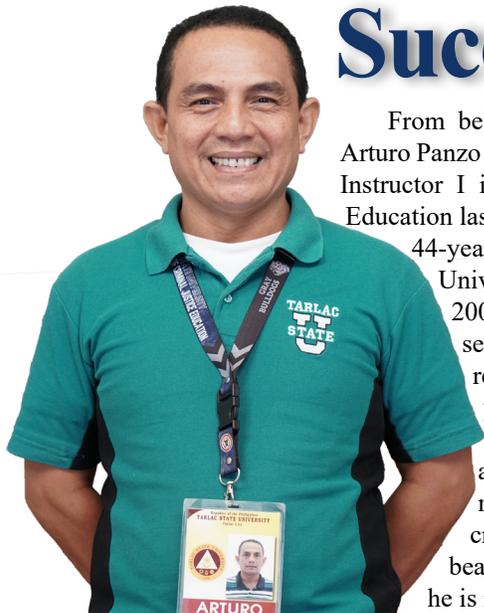
His five-feet-three-inches height hindered him from his parents' dream to be a policeman. He is one inch short of the minimum height qualification for admission in the Philippine National Police which is 1.62 meters (5'4").

His life as a security personnel changed when he decided to study and finish his master's degree. He recalled how he used to work as a security guard during the day and managed to attend graduate school classes in the evening. He graduated with a degree in Master of Public Administration in 2013.

In 2015, he took a shot in the field of education when he was accepted as a lecturer in the Criminology Department which was then part of the College of Arts and Social Sciences. Eager to do more, Panzo completed his units in Professional Education in 2016 in Tarlac State University.

Among Panzo's subject specializations are Self Defense Tactics, especially in using Arnis, as well as Marksmanship. He is currently enrolled in Universidad de Manila where he pursues the degree Master of Science in Criminal Justice.

**[Maria Adelaida D. Calayag]**



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## TSU ensures quality through ISA



assurance process that assesses the institutional sustainability of an HEI in five key result areas which are KRA 1 – Governance and Management, KRA 2 – Quality of Teaching and Learning, KRA 3 – Quality of Professional Exposure, Research, and Creative Work, and KRA 5 – Relations with Community.

This 3-day assessment includes perusal of documents, interviews with members and stakeholders of the university, and site visits to verify the self-evaluation done by the TSU area heads and to ensure quality in the five KRAs.

The assessors are from higher education institutions in regions I, II, and IV composed of Dr. Lea L. De Guzman, Dr. Conrado I. Dotong, Dr. Olivia M. Legaspi, Dr. Nerissa P. Batoon, Dr. Eva U. Cammayo, and Dr. Esmenia R. Javier.

Representatives from CHED Regional Office III were also present during the ISA to provide assistance to the needs of the assessors and to assist TSU in the needed supporting

documents.

“The ISA is a means to fortify and strengthen quality assurance measures in the university,” as told by Dr. Javier, the team leader of the assessors, during the interview with deans, directors, and program chairpersons.

It is seen by the university as a means to improve its Internal Quality Management System and as an avenue to possibly receive points for vertical typology (Autonomous and Deregulated for Private HEIs and SUC Levelling for SUCs) under the Institutional Sustainability and Enhancement Criteria.

In addition, University President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari expressed her gratitude to the assessors and the conduct of the ISA during the exit meeting for it enabled members of the TSU community to learn and appreciate the achievements, milestones, and present status of the institution through the preparations done and questions asked.

She added, “This [ISA] is actually doing us a favor because we learned our strengths and we will learn also for our earnest improvement.”

Also during the exit meeting, Dr. Javier commended the hard work of the institution, particularly the Quality Assurance Office headed by Dr. Niño B. Corpuz. “The work is a bit harder because of time constraints but it became very light because of the full support of everyone,” said Dr. Javier.

TSU will receive the ISA results from CHED after the technical working group reviewed the reports submitted by the assessors.

TSU is the fourth state university in Region III who underwent assessment. Among the state universities and colleges in Region III who have accomplished the ISA are Tarlac Agricultural University, Pampanga State Agricultural University, and Nueva Ecija University of Science and Technology.

**[Jazzel Llaneli Manalo-Manabat]**