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Tarlac State University administration held the inauguration of its Food Technology and Research Center (FTRC) last January 29, 2021 at the TSU Lucinda Extension Campus with Commission on Higher Education (CHED) chairperson Dr. J. Prospero “Popoy” De Vera III gracing the event as the guest honor and speaker.

Chair De Vera led the ribbon cutting of the FTRC together with DOST III Regional Director Dr. Julius Caesar Sicat, CHEDRO III OIC-Director Dr. Maria Teresita Semana, UNIFAST-CHED OIC-Executive Director IV Atty. Ryan Estevez, TSU regent and provincial

board member Hon. Dennis Go, TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, and other TSU officials. Meanwhile, the blessing of the building was officiated by Most Rev. Enrique Macaraeg, D.D with Rev. Fr. Jason Aguilar.

“As we inaugurate the [FTRC] today, I am confident that TSU will be more successful and aggressive in promoting food research and development, quality assurance and safety, as well as having well-equipped research and training laboratories that will function both not just for teaching but more importantly for extension. So, I thank the DOST for this

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## TSU committee organizes public hearing for “Lab School” return

Tarlac State University launched a virtual public hearing on the reinstatement of the TSU Laboratory School, popularly “Lab School,” last January 15, 2021 through Zoom and Facebook Live via the Office of Public Affairs.

The public hearing was organized by a university committee created by TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari through Administrative

Order No. 50, dated October 7, 2020.

Hon. Dennis Norman Go, TSU regent and chair of the Lab School reinstatement committee, raised to the board that a public hearing is a requisite for its reinstatement which then served as a venue for an open forum along with testimonies from its alumni.

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The idea of the reinstatement was opened when another TSU committee studying the university’s charter suggested that the Lab School be included among the proposed charter amendments in House Bill No. 7797 to give it a stronger legal basis.

Should it reoperate, it will be placed under the supervision of the College of Teacher Education (CTEd) which absorbed its faculty members when it closed in 2015.

Laboratory schools are essential to the functions of teacher education institutions. Having such, this reinstatement can support CTEd in equipping future educators with both theory and practice.

According to Dr. Jasper Jay Mendoza, CTEd dean and Lab School alumnus, who shared the school’s history during the public hearing, all teacher education institutions should maintain a laboratory school to provide avenues for pre-service teachers to undertake their experiential learning courses as stated in the Commission on Higher Education Memorandum Order No. 74, series of 2017.

Furthermore, Lab School is known in the Tarlac province as the home of champions in academics and athletics. With its possible comeback, it promises to continue the tradition of excellence and become a teacher education research hub in Central Luzon.

It is eyed to be the center where educational innovations and advancements will be fostered and pilot tested.

“Ating tunghayan ang ‘asul na agila’ sa muli niyang paglipad,” said former Lab School director Dr. Norbina Genever Castro in her closing message.

### Alumni Testimonies

The Lab School was established in 1985 at the TSU Lucinda Extension Campus which is now the present site of the College of Criminal Justice Education. It temporarily closed its doors to Tarlaqueño youth in 2015.

This secondary school is not only a home to great educators, but also to students who later became successful with their chosen careers.



Most of the alumni who shared their testimonies during the public hearing attribute their success to Lab School experiences particularly on the academic training they received, responsibilities given through clubs and organizations, and strong profile of their educators which are mostly college professors.

The alumni who graced the public hearing are Lieutenant Commander Errol Dela Cruz (batch 2000), Engr. Jerone Jimenez (batch 2001), Dr. Krischelle de Guzman-Halili (batch 2006), Atty. Maureen Monlore Santiago (batch 2008), Ms. Marly Vea Clarisse Elli (batch 2012), and Ms. Katrina Seguira (batch 2013).

Dela Cruz is currently the Board of Director for International Affairs of the Junior Chambers International Philippines.

He is also a graduate of the Philippine Military Academy in 2006. Jimenez, on the other hand, is the president of the TSU alumni chapter in Singapore and works as an operation and maintenance staff at Abbott Nutrition Research and Development Asia Pacific. He is also a board of director of the Archistructure Inc.

Meanwhile, Elli earned her bachelor’s degree in Linguistics at the University of the Philippines Diliman as summa cum laude in 2017. At present, she is an operations analyst (Japanese) under the Institutional Shareholders Services. The youngest alumna in the roster, Seguira, is a media practitioner serving as a program researcher and segment producer of GMA Network’s News and Public Affairs.

In the legal profession, Santiago was admitted to the Philippine Bar in 2020 and presently practices in Tarlac and Pampanga. While in the medical field, Halili works as the Medical Director and Chief Information/Communications Officer of DNA Holdings Corp. She is also the corporate physician of Maxicare Healthcare Corp. and teaches at the Centro Escolar University School of Medicine and School of Medical Technology.

According to Halili, Lab School helped her excel academically after high school and in further studies in medical school.

She was the Editor-in-Chief of The Work Jr. During her high school days. Student journalism in Lab School opened her doors to enter the CEU student council and brought her to the senate for youth advocacies.

[Maria Adelaida D. Calayag]

## FEATURE

In line with the university’s goal for continual improvement, the Administrative Council approved the restructuring of the University Extension Services Office and its renaming to Extension Services Management Office through Resolution No. 46, s. 2020 dated October 27, 2020.

The changes in the office, along with the new university extension agenda for 2020-2022 and revised guidelines on honorarium and service credit, are made in response to the need to clarify its functions for effective and efficient performance leading to becoming a champion and community development and strengthening partnerships.

## UESO to ESMO for 2021

The now-ESMO has created four new units that will focus on the various aspects of the university extension services.

The Project Management Unit shall handle the review, evaluation, and processing of extension projects proposed by the various colleges, while the Planning and Monitoring Unit shall take charge of strategizing and monitoring the attainment of the university’s extension targets.

Meanwhile, the Extension Affairs and Training Unit shall manage the extension learning and development program for office personnel, extension service providers, and other internal and internal extension affairs.

Lastly, the Extension Studies and Publication Unit shall be responsible for managing the conduct of impact assessment and other extension-related studies as well as the production of information materials.

The renaming, restructuring, extension agenda, and guidelines are stated in UESO Memorandum with reference number TSU-ESO-064-20 dated December 22, 2020.

The office is currently updating its services guide and master list of documents and records for full implementation in January 2021.

[Jay Ann L. Pablo, ESMO]

## Traversing Improved Paths

As 2021 unfolds, new plans and perspectives emerge. Tarlac State University welcomed the new year with a new university roadmap to further strengthen and improve its performance in different national and international levelling indicators attuned to its vision of becoming a premier university in the Asia-Pacific region.

In December 2020, Vice President for Planning and Quality Assurance Dr. Niño B. Corpuz presented the enhanced university roadmap to the Administrative Council which was immediately approved as it highlights the strengthening of the research roadmap – the area which TSU intends to focus on in 2021.

Meanwhile, in January 2021, TSU held the inauguration of the Food Technology and Research Center which further realizes the path of the

university towards the attainment of one of its development goals which is to be a research institution responding to the development of science and technology. Through research undertakings, an academic institution forms a niche – TSU will eventually become known through these endeavors.

But forming this niche cannot be simply done by writing research papers. As the DOST Region III director puts it, the outputs of research must be translated through commercialization. Through this, outputs of research can be utilized by the community which then bridges the gap between existing studies and future advancements.

This is how important research is and why the university pushes its faculty to be involved in research – TSU can be widely known in the region, country, and the Asia-Pacific because

of breakthroughs. But it should also be understood that, just like other roads being travelled, going from point A to point B will be a gradual and not-so-smooth ride.

The research roadmap is just one of the five enhanced roadmaps (resource management, instructional quality and relevance, research and community service, institutional quality assurance, ICT development) which are the starting point of TSU to attain its vision, mission, and development goals. Since the presidency of Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, these roadmaps have guided the university to take the right path making the ride a little less bumpy. With constant monitoring and a dash of cooperation from the TSU community, being known in the Asia-Pacific will be one of the best destinations it has ever traversed.

## EDITORIAL

## Tarlac priest receives 1st meritissimus award in TSU January grad



Three hundred and twenty-nine graduates were conferred with their respective degrees virtually during the 32nd Commencement Exercises of Tarlac State University held last January 29, 2021 including a priest in the Diocese of Tarlac who received the first meritissimus award in Tarlac State University.

The graduation rites, streamed live via the TSU Office of Public Affairs Facebook page, featured 179 candidates from the College of Engineering and Technology, 87 from the College of Business and Accountancy, nine from the College of Computer Studies, seven from the College of Science, five

from the College of Teacher Education, one each from the colleges of Architecture and Fine Arts, Arts and Social Sciences, Public Administration and Governance, and 39 from various graduate programs.

A graduate of the degree Doctor of Education major in Educational Management, Rev. Fr. Jun-jun Jonatas, is the recipient of the meritissimus award – an academic excellence award given to students of the graduate programs who obtained a grade of high pass in their comprehensive exam, thesis, or dissertation oral defense, and outstanding performance in all academic subjects.

As per the Graduate School Manual, the meritissimus award is given to students whose general weighted average ranges from 1.0 to 1.08.

Fr. Jonatas, the parish priest of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Barangay Nipaco in Paniqui town, obtained a general weighted average of 1.04. He is also the first priest to have a doctorate degree in the Diocese of Tarlac.

In his valedictory speech, Jonatas emphasized his battle cry

during his presbyteral ordination 12 years ago, *omnia mea tua sunt* (all that I have is Yours), a Latin dictum he quoted from the prayer book written by St. Louis de Monfort.

“Everything comes from God, even the success that we have today comes from Him. Hence since everything comes from God, it is fitting to offer it back to Him in gratitude,” Fr. Jonatas said.

According to him, the concrete ways to help us live up to the said Latin dictum is to follow the TSU acronym he shared in his speech: True, Share, Uphold the ideals.

“Always be true to the mission of our Alma Mater. Always share the learnings we receive[d] from our Alma Mater. Uphold the ideals of our Alma Mater. Always live the fundamentals of our institution regardless of the path we take after this ceremony. And remember the TSU core values: Excellence and Enhanced competence; Quality: Unity; Integrity and Involvement; Trust in God, Transparency, and True Commitment; and Yearning for Global Competitiveness,” Fr. Jonatas added.

He said he prayed to Mother Teresa to give her 1.0 grade on his final defense, which eventually happened. Fr. Jonatas said he usually prays to the loving and compassionate saint.

Fr. Jonatas is a holder of two master’s degrees; one in theology in 2008 at San Carlos Seminary where he graduated as magna cum laude and the other at TSU. Both his thesis and dissertation at TSU were completed in a span of two weeks.

He plans to pursue another doctoral degree this year.

[Maria Adelaida Calayag]

## TSU envisions future through annual institutional performance review and strategic planning

As the new year rolls out, Tarlac State University continues to improve the quality of its operations by conducting the annual institutional performance review and strategic planning last January 21-22, 2021 via Zoom.

The aim of this activity is to persistently improve the university development plan with the help of invited experts from allied agencies such as the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Department of Science and Technology (DOST).

The four divisions of the university (academic, research and extension, planning and quality assurance, administration and finance), led by their respective vice presidents and the Management Information Systems Office, presented their accomplishments for the past year, status of SUC Levelling indicators, PREXC (Program Expenditure Classification) and PBB (Performance Based Bonus) contributions, and their planned targets for 2021.

CHEDRO III Chief Education Program Specialist Ms. Lora L. Yusi and DOST III

Regional Director Dr. Julius Caesar V. Sicat provided valuable inputs and feedback especially for the Academic Affairs and Research and Extension Services, respectively.

Ms. Yusi encouraged a “disruptive discussion” emphasizing that TSU should not only comply with the minimum requirements of CHED, but also to be more innovative and bolder in terms of recalibrating curricula, improving internationalization programs, and maximizing online LMS (Learning Management System). She also promoted scholarship programs for both students and faculty.

Afterwards, she applauded the university for not only trying to survive but striving to achieve excellence – showing optimism that TSU will reach SUC Level 5.

On the other hand, Dr. Sicat stressed the importance of commercialization and revisiting the research agenda to ensure research outputs that are “world-class, relevant, and province-based.”

Other important inputs include developing comprehensive plans for

infrastructure and faculty development, improving SUC levelling indicators, moving internal accreditation one year prior to the actual visit, aggressively promoting TSU to international employers, standardizing filing systems, and organizing a unit/office responsible for producing standard multimedia courseware/instructional materials among others.

In her opening remarks, TSU President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari thanked CHEDRO III and DOST III for their unceasing support and guidance to the university. Meanwhile, Dr. Jay R. Pabustan, Director of the Office of Planning, Performance Monitoring, and Evaluation, thanked everyone for their active participation.

In a document (TSU-PME-002-21) accessed via the university’s eDMS, Dr. Pabustan congratulated everyone for the “accomplishments and highly commended strategic plan, given by resource persons from the Department of Science and Technology and the Commission on Higher Education RO III.”

[Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan]

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initiative. It's important to have this facility because it strengthens the [curricular] programs for food tech, livelihood programs, HRM, tourism, which is a very weak area in many parts of the country," Chair De Vera said in his message.

Headed by the center's director Prof. Leah Matias, the FTRC is focused on food research and development, quality assurance and safety, production, and marketing.

"We believe that [with] the inauguration of the Food Technology and Research Center, we will be able to create [an] impact to the community and help our local government to assist our small-medium enterprises (SMEs) in the province of Tarlac," Pres. Mallari said in her opening remarks.

Other honorable guests who attended and shared their enthusiasm for this event are Tarlac province governor Hon. Susan Yap, Rep. Mark



said in her message.

During the afternoon program, Dr. De Vera, RD Sicat, and TSU officials proceeded to the turnover of the five DOST-funded solar-powered vehicles to TSU. Afterwards, CHED and TSU parties visited Brgy. Balanti to check on the integrated solar-powered generator and water/irrigation pump and other research and extension projects of the university.

### Historical Milestone

Chair De Vera's visit marks the first time a CHED chairperson visited Tarlac State University.

"It's very rare in the history of Tarlac State University that we are visited by the leader of the Commission on Higher Education. And if my memory serves me right, the last person who visited us was the secretary of the then Department of Education, Culture and Sports - Dr. Ricardo Gloria. That was the last person who visited us," President Mallari stated.

Dr. Gloria served the then department from 1994 to 1997.

In response, Chair De Vera said that he was both proud and apologetic to be the first CHED chairperson to visit

the university since its establishment and continued to thank the officials for a warm welcome.

"I hope I can see more things, and it's not going to be the last time that I will come because meron kaming napag-usapan na mga projects," he added.



According to Chair De Vera, one of the first things he said during his first board meeting as chair was to visit the 112 state universities and colleges (SUCs) and their extension campuses.

"I promised that I will be the first CHED chair to go to all the 112 SUCs. So, isa-sa kong pinupuntahan - to see what is happening, to see the



developments. Because, only when you go there and when you discuss, then you know what the university really is [sic] doing and what it plans to do. Madaming hindi ko malalaman unless I sit down with the president, with the officials," Chair De Vera said.

The highest CHED official continued to congratulate TSU under the leadership of Pres. Mallari saying, "Congratulations TSU for being one of the top ranking SUCs. I think you have the 100% compliance of your Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC). So 'pag naka-100% compliance ka na, ibig sabihin your whole university is quality assured as far as degree programs is concerned. Hindi ho lahat ng SUCs ay 100% compliant, so I'm happy that TSU is part of that."

The COPC is a recognition that specific degree programs being offered by SUCs are fully compliant with the policies, standards, and guidelines of CHED.

Meanwhile, Gov. Yap also expressed her delight upon the CHED Chair's visit saying, "I share the elation, joy, happiness ni Pres. Myrna Mallari kasama ng lahat ng mga faculty dito sa TSU kasi talaga naman ngayon lang po kami binisita [ng] CHED. It's really a joyful and blessed day. So, thank you Doc Poy for coming, Atty. Ryan to be here, and all- lahat po ng CHED family who visited TSU."

### Sports and Wellness Program

Initial talks of a joint project about a sports and wellness program

was made between CHED, Rep. Sambar, the Provincial Government of Tarlac, and TSU.

This was announced by Chair De Vera at the end of his keynote speech during the inauguration of the FTRC.

Officially a proposed project of Rep. Sambar, the project aims to strengthen the sports program in the country by producing graduates that specialize in sports related degrees such as sports management and nutrition.

"I've been to so many provinces, and it would be a crime for me not to say that Tarlac has one of the most advanced and most supportive programs for sports in terms of infrastructure, in terms of education, even in terms of participation of the community. These are the programs that we'd like to support," Rep. Sambar said in a statement.

Echoing her support, Gov. Yap said, "And we are more excited na, yes please make us a part of the NSA (National Sports Academy) program because dito sa Tarlac what we're trying to promote really is the quality of life [sic] for the next generation. We're glad that the partnership with DOST, CHED, and SUCs here onboard lahat po-ang aking sangguniang panlalawigan members are always supportive of all our programs. Don't worry kung ano po yung counterpart niyo po we're always here."

[Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan]



Aeron H. Sambar of the Pwersa ng Bayan ng Atleta (PBA) Party-list, Capas town mayor and TSU Alumni president Hon. Reynaldo Catacutan, and CHED International Affairs Staff OIC-Deputy Executive Director IV Atty. Lily Freida Milla.

"I'm very glad that finally we have a Food Technology Research Center because Tarlac is what [sic] - 80% of its revenue comes from agriculture. And, it's about time that we really did upgrade it and provide more for our citizens. We've been helping our SMEs pero kulang pa din sa technology and research," Gov. Yap



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## Pres. Mallari appoints new college executives



Tarlac State University President Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari has appointed a new officer-in-charge for the College of Computer Studies Dean's Office and three new associate deans to serve the university starting December 2020 and January 2021.

In the College of Computer Studies, Dr. Alvincent Danganan was designated as officer-in-charge of the college dean from December 15 to March 31, 2021 as stated in TSU Administrative Order no. 62, s. 2020 dated December 10, 2020.

Dr. Danganan, a CCS faculty member from 2003 to 2020, also served as the chairperson of Computer Science in 2019. He was also the college extension chairperson from 2013 to 2015.

He finished his bachelor's degree in computer science in 2001 and master's degree in information technology in 2010 both at TSU.

For his doctorate, he studied Doctor in Information Technology at the Technological Institute of the Philippines and graduated in 2019.

To serve CCS alongside OIC Dean Danganan, Prof. Jerome Legaspi was appointed as officer-in-charge associate dean starting December 15, 2020 until March 31, 2021.

Prof. Legaspi started his career in TSU as clerk of the Graduate School in 1998. He was later transferred to the Institute of Computer Studies (now CCS) as a lecturer under former dean Prof. Wilson Fallorin. He also served as chairperson to

different departments in the college and as its dean from 2009 to 2014.

He finished his bachelor's degree in electrical engineering at TSU in 1995 and pursued Master of Science in Information Technology at Hannam University as CHED scholar in 2003.

At present, he has completed 24 units of his doctoral degree in educational management.

Meanwhile, the College of Criminal Justice Education now has an associate dean in the person of Dr. Roel Alviar which took effect on January 11, 2021 until March 31, 2022 as stated in TSU Administrative Order no. 1, dated January 6, 2021.

Dr. Alviar studied at the United School of Science

and Technology (USST) and earned his bachelor's degree in criminology in 2008. He continued with his graduate studies at the PanPacific University of Northern Philippines and completed his Master of Science in Criminology in 2013.

He is also a holder of a Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology from the Philippine College of Criminology since 2020.

He started his work in TSU as a security personnel while preparing for his licensure examination. He also served as clerk of the College of Architecture and Fine Arts from 2009 to 2012.

As a licensed criminologist, Dr. Alviar then worked as a lecturer under the Criminology Department of the College of Arts and Social Sciences from 2013 to 2014. He became the program chairperson of the

said department in 2014 and held the same position until the department became an independent college in 2017.

Dr. Alviar is also a pastor at the Fundamental Independent Baptist Church of Tarlac-Filomena.

The youngest among the college executives is Mr. Derick Figueroa who is now the associate dean of the College of Business and Accountancy as stated in TSU Administrative Order no. 64, s. 2020 dated December 10, 2020.

Mr. Figueroa will assist CBA dean Dr. Jhonel Panlilio in discharging duties and performing the functions under the new TSU Code, Book 1, Title III, Chapter 3, Art. 31, s. 3.

He completed his bachelor's degree in accountancy at Tarlac State University as an academic excellence awardee in 2012.

He pursued his master's in business administration in



the same university in 2016 and is currently working on completing his doctoral degree in business administration also in TSU.

While working as associate dean of CBA, he is also the college research chairperson and chair for curriculum, instruction, and retention policy for the Accountancy Department.

He was the Administration and Finance Manager of the TSU Hotel from June 2017 to December 2019 and served as the faculty adviser of the TSU Junior Philippine Institute of Public Accountants from 2015 to 2018.

He started working in TSU as a full-time lecturer in 2012 and passed the Certified Public Accountant Licensure Examination in October of the same year with a general average of 90.29%.

[Maria Adelaida D. Calayag]





## TSU visits CJ Peralta for courtesy call

To learn about how the judiciary thrived during the pandemic, Tarlac State University president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari and School of Law dean Atty. Jose I. Dela Rama, Jr. led the courtesy call to Chief Justice Diosdado M. Peralta on January 8, 2021 at the Supreme Court of the Philippines.

Chief Justice Peralta has successfully pursued the efficient delivery of the Philippine justice system amid COVID-19 situation in the country through continued court hearings and trials via videoconferencing.

The videoconferencing rules and guidelines of the judiciary were already approved en banc and published even before the pronouncement of the enhanced community quarantine.

“[Because of this pandemic]

ang damping affected – liberty, lahat affected, mga humihingi ng hustisya; eh napagana po niya ‘yan [justice system],” Dean Dela Rama shared referring to how the high court and the chief justice endeavored to make the justice system work in the “new normal.”

Aside from his accomplishments on revision of the rules of court to accommodate the



paradigm shift in the judiciary, he also shared how he values hard work mentioning that he “came from the ranks.”

“[The] only qualification that I have [as Chief Justice] – I am not a bar topper; I am not an honor student – is the work that I performed since I joined the government. I know the value of hard work and I will continue to be that way,” the chief justice said.

“If you know the value of hard work, [you] came from the lowest and became the head of office, you will always carry the value of hard work when you started,” he added.

Since his appointment as the



26th Chief Justice of the Philippines on October 23, 2019, he has already accomplished 90% of his Ten-Point Program centered on judicial reforms for efficiency, integrity, security, and service.

The chief justice is known for his “speedy and scholarly disposition of cases,” particularly criminal cases;

case management information system for efficient case-monitoring; and deciding cases within the reglementary periods.

He is currently juggling judicial work, administrative duties, and his advocacy on teaching – now at the Philippine Judicial Academy President Mallari and Dean

Dela Rama were accompanied Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale, Vice President for Research and Extension Services Dr. Armee N. Rosel, and selected members of the university administration.

[Jazzel Llanelli M. Manabat]

## TSU relays internationalization plans to CHED

Tarlac State University, through the Office of International Affairs, presented its internationalization framework and project proposals to a panel of experts on internationalization for higher education institutions (HEI) last January 29, 2021 at the Alumni Center, TSU Lucinda Extension Campus.

As warranted by the demands of integration and globalization, this strategy aims to enhance students’ learning environment, diversify their experiences, and sharpen their competencies so they can participate meaningfully in regional and global labor markets.

The panel is composed of Commission on Higher Education (CHED) OIC-Deputy Executive Director and International Affairs Staff (IAS) Atty. Lily Freida M. Milla, CHEDRO III OIC-Director Dr. Maria Teresita M. Semana, and Tarlac Agricultural University’s Director for External Linkages and External Affairs Dr. Christine N. Ferrer.

Atty. Milla is one of the primary propagators of the CHED IAS Internationalization Roadmap 2020 of the commission.

The panelists agreed on a major critique that the university should continuously try to improve in the areas that they are lacking.

“You’re probably one of the

best public universities that we’ve visited. You have the right elements of people, talents, resources, and energy. But you need to know what you have, eh. You need to harness that one. Tsaka dapat laging may iyayabang – may isang flagship program. Is it technology? Is it business? Because reputation indeed is important,” Atty. Milla added.

There were also discussions on seizing opportunities to qualify for international metric programs like the AUN-QA (ASEAN University Network-Quality Assurance) and the QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World University Rankings.

Talking about the university’s vision, Atty. Milla commented, “Hindi ko kasi nakita doon yung ‘What is the international metric for you?’ to say that you are premier – that is something that is not determined by just the university, by your partners. It has to be also validated [sic] on an international metric, something that is recognized.”

She also emphasized the importance of internationalization and its integration into research, extension, instruction, community engagement endeavors of the university.

The presentation of the internationalization framework consisted of the university’s strategic

objectives, key outcomes, key actions and projects, and measures of success with the overarching objective to develop TSU into a strong internationally engaged HEI.

All of these are anchored towards the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals, Ambisyon Natin 2040, and CHED goals.

Afterwards, two project proposals were introduced as a response to CHED’s call for StudyPH-EduTourism Program which seeks to establish the Philippines as a center of quality higher education in identified programs of excellence in ASEAN.

TSU proposed the establishment of a community-based tourism center towards Transforming and Revitalizing Local Arts & Culture (TARLAC) which will serve as a hub of material and human resources, training, and education; and the establishment of the university as an English as a Second Language Learning Center (ESLLC).

“We are lucky and blessed po because we are in good hands and are properly guided by our CHEDRO III director. And now, we have a close relationship [with] our deputy director na we need po together with our CHEDRO director na i-assist tayo. So, thank you very much po ma’am,” Vice President for Academic Affairs and International Affairs director Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale said as a response to the panel.

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**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.