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For the first time since the COVID-19 outbreak in 2020, Tarlac State University held its first major in-person celebration for its 116th founding and 33rd charter anniversary this year.

Themed “Bagong Sibol: Pagbunyi sa Bagong Henerasyon at Pagkandili sa mga Sandigan ng Institusyon,” the week-long celebration is a way to honor and celebrate the past and present of the university.

The festivities kicked off last October 13, the actual universityhood anniversary of TSU, with a Holy Mass presided by Rev. Fr. Ronald Thomas “Archie” Cortez at the Interfaith Chapel of the Lucinda Campus.

“Ang bagong pagsibol ay magdadala ng pag-asa at bagong oportunidad upang mapabuti at mahasa

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## TSU signs MOU with UPLB for research and extension activities

■ Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan



Tarlac State University signed a memorandum of understanding with the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB) at the executive conference room of UPLB’s BM Gonzalez Hall last October 21, 2022.

According to a post from UPLB’s official Facebook page, TSU is the 40th institution to join UPLB’s growing list of partner schools through the UPLB Office for Institutional Development in Higher Education.

University President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco signed the agreement together with UPLB Vice Chancellor for Administration Dr. Rolando Bello.

The partnership aims to develop academic and educational cooperation and promote mutual understanding between the two higher education institutions through collaborative activities in the academic areas of interest.

“This milestone unlocks

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# TSU sustains ISO 9001:2015 for another audit cycle

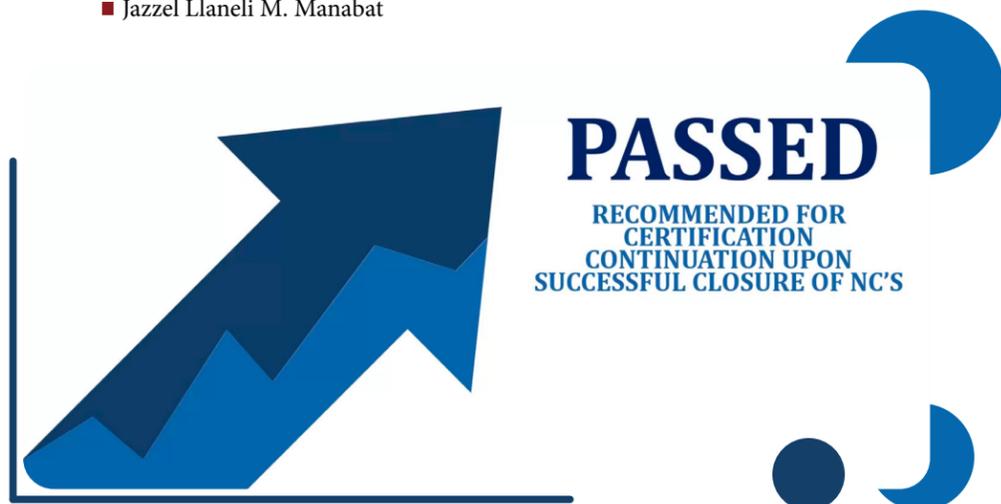
■ Jazzel Llaneli M. Manabat

The Tarlac State University Administration has its eyes fixed on maintaining institutional quality assurance as the university passed another Quality Management System (ISO 9001:2015) audit last October 7, 2022.

The two-day virtual surveillance audit was led by TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for Planning and Quality Assurance Dr. Niño B. Corpuz, and QMS Unit Head Engr. Maricar Banting, with the support of the other vice presidents, college deans, directors, and unit heads.

Meanwhile, certifying body W3 Solutionz was represented by Mr. Shahid Mushtaq, who identified the university's leadership and commitment as its strengths. According to him, the top management's continued support of the quest for improvements in quality management, despite the change in administration, is commendable.

As a testament to the university's strong leadership, President Velasco



expressed his commitment during the closing meeting urging the TSU community to continue promoting the culture of quality.

"As we close this audit, I know this would benefit the university's continual quest for improvement, delivery of quality services, and compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements," he said.

"We at Tarlac State University fervently commit with utmost sincerity to uphold all the suggestions and recommendations [handed to] us. We promise to continue the processes and

activities that we do best and address our shortcomings," he added.

The university has undergone virtual ISO audits since the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak in 2020. For 2023, the certifying body informed the university that in-person audits will be re-implemented.

This is the second audit cycle of TSU focused on ISO 9001:2015 or QMS — the most appropriate and available standard for the academe, which still includes standards on environment, health, and safety.

From 2016 to 2021, the university maintained three ISO certifications, ISO 9001:2015 (Quality Management System); ISO 14001:2015 (Environment Management System); and OHSAS 18001:2007 (Occupational Health and Safety Assessment Series). TSU is the first university in the country to achieve the Integrated Management System Certification awarded by the United States Accreditation Services.



# TSU Performing Arts Dance Troupe sustains international recognitions

■ Pamela Rose Dabe [SAS-Culture and Arts]

The Tarlac State University Performing Arts Dance Troupe was awarded three "Excellence" trophies and reaped other recognitions during the 19th Thailand International Folklore Festival held in Chantaburi, Korat, Surin Province in Thailand on October 19-26, 2022.

The group received trophies for their "Spectacular Costume during the Performance," "Manifesting Careful and Elegant Performance," and "International Leadership with Crow Spirit," corresponding to leadership in international activities beyond the pandemic.

Moreover, Culture and Arts head Prof. Marcelino Balanquit is a recipient of the Diamond of Asia Award for his achievements in international culture and arts activities and was named "World Peace Declarer" through international folklore activities.

Prof. Balanquit and the Performing Arts Dance Troupe also received the Thailand IFF pin in international folklore performances.



## EDITORIAL

### When is 'enough' enough?

Gender sensitivity has been a buzz terminology in this generation. Most youths are 'woke' when it comes to the controversial SOGIE or sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. With this, gender issues and some "traditions" do not work well together nowadays. What has been commonly practiced a year ago may not be widely accepted today – like the crossdressing pageant of men perceived as "straight" that made waves on social media.

Two colleges of the university have long practiced a tradition of straight men crossdressing in pageantry as a means of entertainment during socializations. Back then, students enjoyed it and had no complaints as to how it was conducted. It has even been an iconic and anticipated event with tarpaulins along the Main Campus pathway and social media cards as teasers. Last year, the event shifted online, and no one made a fuss out of it.

This year, the tables seemingly turned when a particular college uploaded social media teasers of the supposed candidates. The Facebook update was frowned upon and

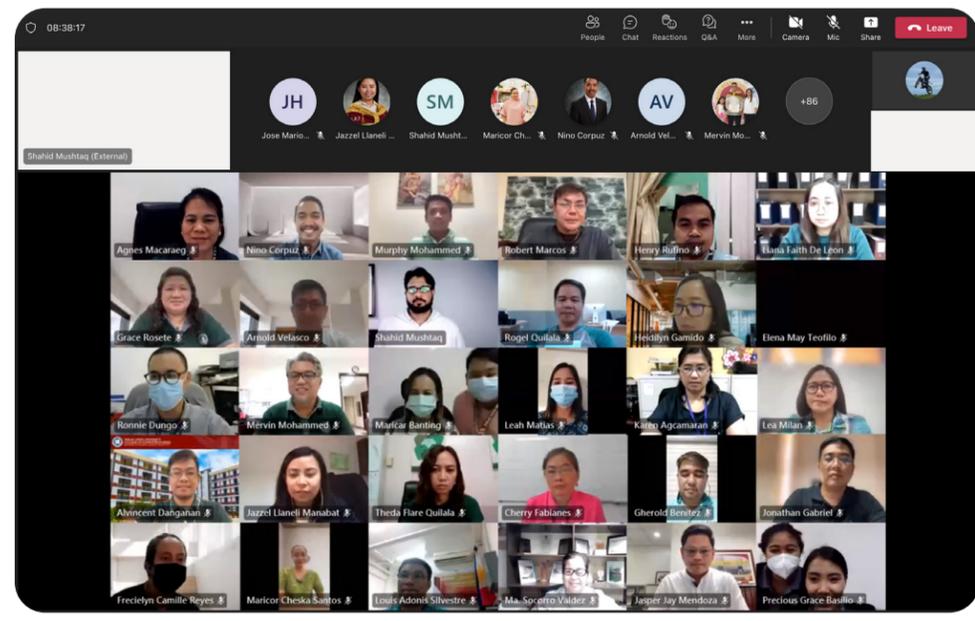
received hundreds of angry reactions from netizens within and outside the university's circle. People all over Facebook labeled both the university and the college as "insensitive" to the plight of the LGBTQIA+ members. It was also concluded that the event promotes gender discrimination and is extremely offensive. This hatred prompted the uploader, the college student council, to turn down the post after a day.

Some of the comments claimed that straight men are not allowed to crossdress since they are not transgender women and they do not identify as female. This poses a question now if crossdressing is exclusively for transgender men and women. Furthermore, the crossdressing part is seen as a mockery to LGBTQIA+ members who still find it difficult to express themselves. With the emergence of SOGIE, does gender expression come with a hard and fast rule on how to dress up and express oneself? Are people more sensitive now regarding gender issues, or have they become too insensitive on the fast paced gender landscape?

Others defended the pageant, saying

it could be a form of support to the LGBTQIA+ members as to gender expression. There was even a TV show drag contest competitor who admitted he was a straight guy, but he was still allowed to continue in the show. However, the college student council lacked in rationalizing the activity's true purpose. They failed to enlighten netizens on the event's rationale. The Facebook post has a portion for caption, yet it was not efficiently utilized to lay down their purpose and objectives. Instead, they deleted the post, and took a while to come up with either an update or apology.

In this world where gender issues are hotly debated, it is inevitable to continue traditions and practices that may run over one's SOGIE. In this age where people are empowered to voice their thoughts on social media, it is easy to go viral with just one click. Yet people need not banter or fight from time to time when these gender issues arise. Educating a wider majority holds a higher place than picking fights in situations like this. In the long-standing battle for gender equality, it is undoubtedly more appropriate to gain allies than enemies.



## Retired TSU graduate school professor launches 2nd book about Santa Ignacia town

■ Jazzel Llanelli M. Manabat

Dr. Emiliano F. Dacayanan, a retired graduate school professor at Tarlac College of Technology (now TSU), officially released his second book of poetry, music, and writing about the Santa Ignacia town in Tarlac during his 97th birthday on October 12, 2022.

Dr. Dacayanan's book, "Homey Poems, Selected Articles, and Manuscripts, etc. (Santa Ignacia, Tarlac & Beyond)," is a 20-year collection of his literary pieces, articles, and manuscripts about his hometown.

Like his first book, "Santa Ignacia: Then and Now," his second book was co-published by the TSU Center for Tarlaqueño Studies last 2021 under the leadership of Dr. Lino L. Dizon, former CTS head, now a commissioner of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines.

During the launching program, Executive Assistant to the TSU President Dr. Brigido B. Corpuz and CTS head Prof. Jose Russell S. Arador formally presented the book on behalf of the university. In a speech, Dr. Corpuz mentioned that Dr. Dacayanan had contributed much to local history through his published books.



"Malaki ang kontribusyon po ni Dr. Dacayanan sa local history kasi 'yung una niyang libro ay local history ng mahal nating bayan na Santa Ignacia, 'Santa Ignacia: Then and Now'. Ang local history po ay kailangan isulat ng mga taga local mismo. Kasi dati, noong unang panahon, ang local history ay isinulat ng mga foreigner gaya nila Antonio Pigafetta na Italyano, ni Frank Russel White na Amerikano; doon na dumating 'yung mga scholar. Pero may mga katutubo tayong scholar, isa na si Dr. Dacayanan na nagsulat ng kasaysayan ng bayan nating Santa Ignacia," Dr. Corpuz said.

"Hindi man tayo makapunta sa Amerika, hindi man tayo maging kasing galing ni Dr. Dacayanan na magaling



magsulat, mag-compose ng kanta, sumayaw, magtalumpati, pero pag binasa po natin ang kanyang aklat ay mahahawig na rin tayo sa kanya na isang matalino, makabayan na Pilipino. At malalaman natin ang nangyari sa Pilipinas, sa California (USA), sa Santa Ignacia noon hanggang sa kasalukuyan," he added.

In response, Dr. Dacayanan said in a message that at 97 years old and with all his accomplishments, he is already a "fulfilled man."



"Mahirap naming isinulat ito dahil nawala na 'yung mga dating naisulat ko. Pero yung mga anak ko may naitago pa. Kaya nung sinabi ko na nagsusulat pa ako ng mga tula at poem sa Amerika, hinanap nila 'yung mga iba pang sinulat ko, at sinabi nila na ang kapal na ng libro ko," he said in Ilocano.

Copies of this book will be forwarded to the National Library of the Philippines and several university libraries, such as the TSU and Tarlac Agricultural University libraries, as well as to the University of Hawaii and Yale

University, both of which have Asian Studies and Philippine Studies, according to Dr. Corpuz.

Dr. Dacayanan also gave away complimentary copies of his book to guests at the launch.

Aside from his published books, he is also credited for composing the municipal hymn of Santa Ignacia that was approved in 2014 by former town mayor Saklulu B. Enrado and endorsed by then municipal vice president mayor Noel C. Antonio.

Dr. Dacayanan taught at TCT during the presidency of Dr. Dolores Matias. He is an educator, poet, writer, and musician. He also wrote for educational magazines and contributed to the TCT college journal.



## New university administration, LGU Capas sustain TSU Capas Campus partnership

■ Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



Tarlac State University and the local government of Capas, both under new administrations, renewed the memorandum of agreement (MOA) for the continued operations of the TSU Capas Campus.

The signing ceremony took place at the Cristo Rey covered court in Capas, Tarlac on October 26, 2022.

The TSU Capas Campus currently offers three courses, namely Bachelor of Public Administration, Bachelor of Elementary Education, and Bachelor of Science in Criminology.



In terms of campus improvement, Capas mayor Roseller "Boots" Rodriguez said that the LGU purchased and installed three 65-inch Smart television sets in the classrooms and upgraded the campus' internet connection to 150 Mbps. He added the local government's plans to refurbish the school canteen and put up a computer laboratory, library, and study hubs on the campus.

"Our national government makes education affordable kasi libre na ang college [education]. TSU is making education in Capas accessible kasi hindi niyo na kailangang pumunta ng Tarlac City para mag-aral. Accessible na kasi nandito na sa bayan natin sa Capas. Pinagbigyan tayo ng TSU na dito kayo sa Capas mag-aaral at magtatapos ng kurso na ayaw ninyo," he said.

Regarding transportation of the teaching staff, the municipal mayor will give transportation allowance to professors and lecturers assigned to this campus.

Another plan for the LGU-funded campus is the inclusion of business courses among its program offerings. However, this will depend on the arrangements with the university.

Meanwhile, according to Mayor Rodriguez, the local government unit is planning to give scholarship slots to Capas Campus students through the Capas LGU Scholarship Program amounting to 6,000 pesos per semester. Maintaining average for scholars is 82.



Moreover, Mayor Rodritguez shared that Senator Imee Marcos affirmed and allotted three million pesos for student scholarships. From this, 1,000 students from Capas and Concepcion will benefit from a 3,000-peso cash assistance on November 24.

In addition, third district representative Cong. Noel "Bong" Rivera also committed to provide 400 slots of scholarship grants to Capas students.

"Nasa inyo (students) na lang kung hindi pa kayo makakapagtapos ng pag-aaral. Kasalanan na lang ng mga kaibigan ninyo, ng mga kamag-anak ninyo na ayaw mag-aral dahil lahat ng sangkap

ng pag-aaral ay pinagtutulungan [na] ng gobyerno. Nariyan ang TSU - sa Tarlac State University maraming maraming salamat sa ibinigay ninyong extension program ng TSU," Mayor Rodriguez said in his speech.

Two students from the College of Criminal Justice Education, Rommel John Gampol from Guimba, Nueva Ecija, and Basilio Justin Diolo from San Jose, Tarlac, are grateful to learn about the scholarship grants.



"Malaking bagay 'yung cash assistance kasi malayo ang bahay namin; para 'di na rin mahiarapan ang mga magulang po namin. Lalo na malayo ang eskwelahan po namin at ang training po ay sa Lucinda pa, baka po mag apartment na lang kami o kung may dormitory po sana, mas okay," Diolo said.

Maica Ann Infante, 18, a College of Public Administration and Governance student, said she was happy and excited to study under the limited in-person setup. On the contrary, she expressed the concerns of her classmates who are still struggling with online classes. They are requesting individual pocket WiFi units to supplement their connectivity issues.

The TSU Capas Campus was inaugurated in 2018 during the term of former Capas Mayor Reynaldo Catacutan. He is currently the alumni representative in the TSU Board of Regents.

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ang galing at mga kakayahan ng bawat isa. Bagong pagsibol — hindi naman tayo katulad ni Bartimaeus na bulag sapagkat bukas ang inyong mga mata sa ating paligid at ganoon rin sa ating mga karanasan. Ngunit katulad [din] kayo ni Bartimaeus na naghahangad na masilayan ang kagandahan ng buhay na ganoon din ang pagbunyi sa bagong henerasyon,” Fr. Cortez referred to the celebration’s theme in his homily.

Aside from the Holy Mass, the kickoff program also featured performances from the TRADOC Marching Band and the TSU Performing Arts Dance Troupe.

Popularly known as “Foundation Week,” the celebration continued on October 18 with face-to-face activities for students and employees, such as the Color Fun Run, Zumba, and the opening of student organizations’ booths at the Main and Lucinda campuses.

With the help of the Supreme Student Council, the university brought back the anticipated student competitions every Foundation Week, namely the street dance and float parade, Mr. and Ms. TSU 2022, Battle of the Bands, Tinig TSU, inter-college dance competition, and the “Org Olympics,” among others.

The employees also participated in a cook fest and the TSU Got Talent organized by the TSU Faculty and Personnel Union and the TSU Non-Academic Staff Association.

“Our institution celebrated its foundation and charter anniversaries virtually over the past two years. But this 2022, TSU has planned several in-person events that you are sure to enjoy and experience. I know that the whole TSU community is always excited to participate in various activities in the past, especially during the pre-pandemic. Yes, the preparations were quite tiring, yet all would enjoy [themselves] during the activities. So, now is the beginning of that feeling, the feeling of anticipation,” TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco said in his speech during the opening program.

This is Pres. Velasco’s first time to celebrate the TSU Foundation Week as the university president.

The celebration concluded on October 22 with a series of Alumni Day activities at the Lucinda Campus.

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## BAC infra chair: ‘TSU abides by the laws mandated in gov’t procurement’

■ Jazzel Llaneli M. Manabat



Aimed at equipping prospective and current suppliers regarding government procurement processes, the Tarlac State University’s Procurement Unit organized the Suppliers’ Forum last October 28, 2022, at the TSU Main AVR.

Conducted via a hybrid format, the forum is an avenue where suppliers can raise their concerns and queries regarding TSU’s implementation of the procurement law or Republic Act No. 9184. This annual activity is



conducted in accordance with the Philippine government’s governing principles and policies.

“Yung forum po na ganito, ang pinaka-aim niya ay i-ensure na mayroon pong access ang mga prospective bidders po na katulad ninyo sa TSU. It will be both beneficial po sa amin at sa inyo ‘yung mga ganitong fora dahil, basically, magkukumustahan po tayo at puwede niyo pong sabihin sa amin how could we ease things for you [when] doing business with TSU. But of course, not going beyond the ambits of what the law requires,” Prof. Gherold C. Benitez, Student Affairs and Services Director and Awards Committee (BAC)-Goods and Services Technical Working Group (TWG) member, said.

Moreover, the activity serves as a channel to assure both the university administration and suppliers that TSU “strictly follows the implementing rules and regulations” (IRR) of the law, as mentioned by Bids BAC-Infrastructure Chairperson Engr. Pedro G. Suerte-Felipe Jr., also the Business Affairs and Auxiliary Services Office Director.

“Being suppliers of the government, you are already aware of the ins and outs of

the public procurement process. Rest assured that Tarlac State University abides by the law (RA 9184) mandated in the government procurement, and we strictly follow the IRR as much as possible, as much as we can understand the rules and regulations,” he said.

The forum is also a chance for the university to improve and continuously provide excellent customer service and strengthen the agency-client relationship.

“And our BAC members, and even our TWGs and secretariat, are constantly [strengthening] their proficiencies in the procurement regulations and processes in order that they would be able to perform their functions effectively. Also, we are constantly trying to streamline the processes, but without dispensing with the prescribed rules and procedures,” he added.

Showing his support, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco thanked the suppliers and prospective bidders for doing business with TSU despite the intricacies of the law. Mr. Ronnie Dungo, Executive Secretary to the TSU President, read Pres. Velasco’s message.

“The law requires that government agencies issue bid proposals and solicit replies from businesses throughout this extremely formal process. The lowest bidder receives the contract after all responses have been received. It is a very delicate procedure. But with you (suppliers) being around, it is easier and more convenient for us,” Mr. Dungo read.

“To our respected and prospective bidders of Tarlac State University, we strive for effective procurement procedures, which implies a value for money, which means purchasing items that are appropriate for the task, but also taking into account the total cost that will benefit our clients — our students, employees, and other stakeholders,” he added.

Among the questions raised by suppliers during the open forum are about the bidding timeline, approval of projects, bank payments, purchase orders, and delivery schedule.

These were addressed by representatives from the Procurement Unit, Supply and Property Management Unit, and the BAC members, TWG, and secretariat.



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# TSUAAI and AAO organize hybrid 2022 Alumni Day Celebration

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(with reports from Jazzel Llanelli M. Manabat and Everly Domingo)

Tarlac State University Alumni Association, Inc. (TSUAAI) and Alumni Affairs Office (AAO) led the 2022 Alumni Homecoming with a series of activities last October 22, 2022 at the Lucinda Campus, capping off the week-long celebration of TSU's 116th founding and 33rd charter anniversary.

The day started with a Thanksgiving Mass at the Interfaith Chapel presided by Rev. Fr. Mark Ulysis B. Castro, Chaplain of the Tarlac Provincial Hospital, followed by the inauguration and blessing of the TSU Alumni Park (Phase 1) at the TSU Mini Forest.

Afterwards, a program for the alumni homecoming and awarding of the 2022 Distinguished Alumni was held at the TSU Alumni Center where TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco was named as one of the awardees.

In his message, he expressed his gratitude towards the association for considering him and his fellow awardees for the prestigious award. He also shared his life before as an engineering student of Tarlac College of Technology (now TSU) together with his classmates.

"From April 1989 up to April 2022, ako po ay plain alumni ng Tarlac State University until the time po that I was appointed as the 6th president of Tarlac State University. Parang kailan lang po na pangarap lang, but I really considered myself a dreamer. I really dreamed to



become an engineer," he said.

"Pero ang napatunayan ko lang po, wala pong imposible sa taong may pangarap. If you really have that dream, then you entrust your dreams to God, and you will be amazed how God will transform you – how God will give you

the desires of your heart. Wala pong imposible, at mangyayari po iyon," he added.

The afternoon program of the event was dedicated to the election of the new set of alumni officers for all the college alumni organizations and the TSUAAI Board of Directors that will serve from 2022-2025.

TSUAAI President Hon. Reynaldo L. Catacutan also presented a report and an audio-visual presentation summarizing the accomplishments of the TSUAAI from 2019-2022.

These included the establishment of local and international alumni chapters like the Moncada Chapter, Laboratory School Chapter, UAE International Chapter, Thailand Chapter, and USA Chapter; laptop donation for flexible learning in 2020; increase in scholarship grants from 2019; conduct of various charity events; and major projects such as the beautification of the TSU Climate Change Resilient and Ecological System Conservation Park's Islet and the TSU Alumni Park.

The Thanksgiving Mass, 2022 Distinguished Alumni Awards, and alumni homecoming are among the hybrid events streamed via the TSU Office of Public Affairs Facebook page.

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## Alumni Park inauguration

A month after its groundbreaking, the first phase of TSU's Alumni Park at the Lucinda Campus was officially opened to the TSU community as part of the activities during the 2022 Alumni Day celebration.

TSUAAI president Catacutan led the ribbon cutting along with Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg. The blessing of the grounds followed led by Rev. Fr. Castro.

The Alumni Park, located at the "mini forest" at the back of the College of Criminal Justice Education building (formerly Laboratory School), is intended as a recreational space for students, personnel, visiting alumni, and other guests.

Its first phase features initial landscaping, some benches, and the park entrance sign with a marker detailing the history of the Laboratory School Mini Forest.

"The late Prof. Armando Alamo, principal of TSU-Institute of Rural Life and Technology (previous name of the Laboratory School), required all students from the first to fourth year to plant 12 trees every year of their enrollment," the marker read.

"The succeeding administration of the newly renamed Laboratory School, headed by Prof. Crisanto B. Mendoza (TSU Laboratory School Director), continued the practice of tree planting even after the decree was enacted," the marker further read.

The marker also states that the alumni park construction is a means to "nurture" the mini forest, which is a fitting tribute to the university's alumni.

The TSU Alumni Park is a concept of the TSU Alumni Affairs Office led by Dr. Winston F. Abalos as early as 2019. This is in collaboration with the university for the landscaping design and the TSUAAI for the financing.

According to the AAO, the second phase is targeted to be completed by November 2022.

## New TSUAAI officers

A new set of TSUAAI executives and college alumni officers, who will serve the association for three years (2022-2025), were elected during the afternoon session of the alumni homecoming.

Presided by the TSUAAI-Comelec (Commission on Elections) and spearheaded by Dr. Derick S. Figueroa, the election for the college alumni officers was conducted at the TSU Academic Building. After the college alumni officers were ascertained, executive officers were elected at the TSU Alumni Conference Room.

Hon. Catacutan, former Capas mayor and TSU graduate of MA in Public Administration, will once again lead the association. He will be working with his new vice president, CBA graduate Mr. Fidel S. Feliciano.

The list of the newly elected TSUAAI Executive Officers are as follows:

Position	Name
President	Reynaldo L. Catacutan
Vice President	Fidel S. Feliciano
Secretary	Karen Cayetano-Tinoyan
Treasurer	Jasper Jay N. Mendoza
Auditor	Renato A. Galvez
Public Relation Officer	Christian Aaron T. Bondoc
Business Manager	Laarni T. Capinding
CPAG President	Myrna Q. Mallari
CBA President	Rhene G. Payabyab
SOL President	Gherold C. Benitez
CTE President	Douglas C. Ferrer
CET President	Arnold Guerrero
CAFA President	Jessie Tadeo, Jr.
CASS President	Michael John R. Hipolito
CCS President	Gilbert Gonzales
COS President	Claire C. Lagrana
CCJE President	Maria Fe F. Buscayano
President, International Chapter	Heide C. Matanguihan
President, Local Chapter	Richard C. Hipolito

The TSU 2022 Distinguished Alumni awardees are as follows:

College	NAME
CAFA	Michelle S. Carlos
CAFA	Marvin Ryan M. Tejada
CASS	Alvin C. Garcia
CASS	Niña Marie Ysais-Magcalas
CBA	Lady Jessorine F. Pastidio
CCS	Joel T. Bautista
CCJE	Nicole De Lara Lansangan
CCJE	Neil Edison P. Dueñas
CET	Arnold E. Velasco
CET	Alma Villapaña-Gulapa
CET	Jose Feliciano Bognot Jr.
CET	Donald B. Villones
CET	Erwin M. Mabuti
CET	Maria Vida V. Ora'a
CPAG	Edward Benrick D. Salonga
CPAG	Rolando Z. Carreon
COS	Honorio Reyes Ani
COS	Karen Y. Dañez
COS	Rodel T. Botio
COS	Brian Von M. Dayrit
CTE	Grand P. Pacheco
CTE	Rosauro M. Perez
CTE	Ruth D. Jimenez
SOL	Philjoy T. Lopez - Baluyut



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opportunities [and] undertakings to bring beneficence to both our institutions. We anticipate deliverables from research projects and programs to include potentials affecting key results in propelling TSU as a top sustainable university," University Research Office OIC Director Dr. Marcos said in a statement.

Some activities include student, faculty, and researcher exchange; collaborative research and extension projects; lectures, symposia, and capacity-building programs; academic information and materials exchange; mentor-mentee collaboration; and laboratory and training services availment.

The MOU is valid for five years and may be renewed subject to review and renegotiation.

According to Dir. Matias, it was TSU who sought assistance from UPLB. She said the partnership talk started during the FTRC's Chicharon Camiling project, where the proponents availed their training for chemical analysis.

"Starting there, somehow, nakapag-benchmark kami sa kanila regarding sa kanilang services. Knowing that UPLB is a top university and well-known for food science and technology, they were very willing to collaborate," she said.

Moreover, Dir. Matias hopes that through this partnership, UPLB can help



FTRC in addressing their target SDGs (UN Sustainable Development Goals) like Zero Hunger (SDG 2) and Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure (SDG 9).

"FTRC is one of the research centers of TSU. We should widen our perspective in terms of possible collaborations with other HEIs (higher education institutions) and opportunities so that we can explore more, especially on our research targets under all levels - be it at the [undergraduate] student level, graduate students, or faculty," she added.

Other members of the UPLB delegation who witnessed the signing are College of Agriculture and Food Science Dean Dr. Elpidio M. Agbisit, Jr. and Office for Institutional Development in Higher Education Director Dr. Greg T. Pawilen.

Meanwhile, Pres. Velasco is joined by Vice President for Research and Extension Services Dr. Murphy P. Mohammed, URO Director Dr. Marcos, and Food Technology and Research Center (FTRC) Director Prof. Leah T. Matias.

## TSU-TBI's TALAHIB successful in its 1st defense

■ Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan

Tarlac State University's team for Technology Business Incubator (TBI) passed its first proposal defense last October 14, 2022 via Zoom.

The proposal titled "HEIRIT: Establishment of TALAHIB (Technological Advancement for Livelihood and Holistic Innovation for Food Business)" was presented to a technical panel as part of the screening process for possible funding under the Higher Education Institution Readiness for Innovation and Technopreneurship (HEIRIT) program of DOST-PCIEERD (Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development).

TSU-TBI Manager Mr. Aldrex G. Laxama delivered a 15-minute presentation to the panel explaining the project's objectives, services, work and sustainability plans, and expected outputs, among others.

He also shared the university's potential startups or "incubatees" that will be enrolled in the program, which are: 1) Fresh find, which focuses on the production of healthy snacks made from vegetables; 2) Luscious Co., a business that specializes in producing matcha (Japanese green tea) spreads; 3) Marange delights, a business that creates products using superfoods like pumpkin seeds sourced from local Kapampangan farmers; 4) Nine "N21 Food Products", a homemade pastry business using whole grain, local crops, and fruits; 5) Kapelipino, which offers alternative coffee beverage made from locally produced corn, peanuts, and rice; 6) Tanaman, which aims to use lagundi leaves to produce Pinoy pan de sal; and 7) Corrganic, which aims to produce herbal tea by brewing corn silk.

After the presentation, the technical panel raised their questions and offered advice to further improve the proposal.

Some of these include advising the team to consider looking for food-related business incubators in Indonesia and Thailand, focusing on food safety, and establishing guidelines for the seed funding mechanism that covers the selection of incubatees up to the utilization of funds.

The technical panel consists of Engr. Albertson Amante, head of Batangas State University's Center for Technopreneurship and Innovation, and Ms. Diane Eustaquio, Executive Director of IdeaSpace Foundation - a non-profit pre-accelerator organization in the country.

The second part of the TBI proposal defense will happen in November.

Last June 23, 2022, TSU-TBI placed 7th out of 43 Philippine universities and colleges in the HEIRIT Preparatory program during its kick-off ceremony at the World Palace Hotel in Davao City. This is the university's first time participating in this endeavor.


**CONGRATULATIONS**

to the newly licensed TSUian ECEs and ECTs!

**OCTOBER 2022 ELECTRONICS ENGINEER AND  
ELECTRONICS TECHNICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATION**

	ECE	ECT
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE	<b>13.89%</b>	<b>78.26%</b>
NATIONAL PASSING RATE	<b>29.69%</b>	<b>77.11%</b>

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newly licensed TSUian Chemists!**
**OCTOBER 2022  
CHEMIST LICENSURE EXAMINATION  
CHEMICAL TECHNICIAN LICENSURE EXAMINATION**

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FIRST TIME TAKERS	<b>81.82%</b>	<b>89.19%</b>
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE	<b>52.63%</b>	<b>84.09%</b>
NATIONAL PASSING RATE	<b>38.85%</b>	<b>85.16%</b>

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TSUian Accountants!**
**OCTOBER 2022 CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT  
LICENSURE EXAMINATION (CPALE)**

FIRST TIME TAKERS	<b>55.17</b>
INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE	<b>50.00%</b>
NATIONAL PASSING RATE	<b>25.84%</b>

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