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Pathways Pilipinas Joins Forces with WUSC to Strengthen Refugee Education Pathways in PH

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Makati, Philippines - Tarlac State University (TSU), represented by Dr. Grace N. Rosete, Director of the Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL), and Prof. Maria Tiara Fatima F. Galang, Linkages Department Head, attended the 3-day co-design workshop organized by the World University Service of Canada - Entraide universitaire mondiale du Canada (WUSC-EUMC) last April 28-30, 2025, at the Canadian Embassy in the Philippines.
The workshop aimed to maximize the potential of the Complementary Pathways (CPath) program in the Philippines through strengthening the Pathways Pilipinas, a newly formed consortium of CPath-participating higher education institutions (HEIs). Leading the sessions, Mr. Warsame J. Warsame, Program Manager of Complementary Pathways, helped the HEIs through a series of workshops, leading to crafting an action plan towards ensuring sustainability of the CPath program to help more refugee-scholars in the future in the country.

Key representatives from the Department of Justice (DOJ), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and CPath coordinators from the seven founding academic institutions of Pathways Pilipinas, namely Columban College Inc. (CCI), De La Salle Brothers Inc. (DLSBI), De La Salle Araneta University (DLSAU), San Beda University (SBU), Saint Louis University (SLU), and University of St. La Salle (USLS), also attended the workshop.

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TSU Joins in Establishing Pathway Pilipinas

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Tarlac State University (TSU) formalized its commitment to refugee education by signing a Memorandum of Agreement alongside six other universities to establish Pathway Pilipinas, a non-profit alliance dedicated to providing educational access to refugees and stateless persons. The signing ceremony took place at De La Salle Philippines on March 25, 2025.

The founding members of Pathway Pilipinas include Columban College Inc. (CCI), De La Salle Brothers Inc. (DLSBI), De La Salle Araneta University (DLSAU), San Beda University (SBU), Saint Louis University (SLU), University of St. La Salle (USLS), and TSU—the only state university in the alliance.

The agreement outlines the commitment of member institutions to work collaboratively in offering scholarship grants and other essential resources that support the academic success of Rohingya refugees and stateless individuals. This initiative is part of the Complementary Pathways Program of the Department of Justice-Refugees and Stateless Persons Protection Unit (DOJ-RSPPU) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

During the event, Atty. Maria Ermina Valdeavilla-Gallardo, Head of UNHCR Philippines, personally expressed her gratitude to what she called the Magic 7—the founding institutions of Pathway Pilipinas—for taking on the challenge of supporting refugee education. She commended the alliance, stating, “I am truly amazed that the Filipino tradition of bayanihan is still alive, extending beyond borders and reaching those in need, regardless of nationality.”

Representing TSU at the event were Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL) Director Dr. Grace N. Rosete, along with OIAL department heads, staff, and three TSU Rohingya scholars.

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Regional

TSU Participates in the Validation Workshop of the Central Luzon Regional Planning Committee on Infrastructure Development



Tarlac State University participated in the first Validation Workshop of the Regional Planning Committee on Infrastructure Development of the Central Luzon Regional Development Council held on July 9, 2025 at the Department of Economy, Planning and Development Regional Office III in San Fernando, Pampanga.

The activity aimed to validate development issues and challenges affecting the sector, firm up the targets, as well as identify key strategies and necessary reforms to achieve the sector's desired outcomes and goals.

Representing TSU was Dr. Jay R. Pabustan, Director of the Office of Planning and Co-Chairperson of the Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan Committee of the University. Dr. Pabustan presented the University's infrastructure development plans that could contribute to the development of Central Luzon region.

TSU is a member of the Regional Planning Committee on Infrastructure Development in Central Luzon.

Local

CCLGSPD Presents Child Protection Policy Research Findings to Three Municipalities



On September 5, 2025, the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development (CCLGSPD) convened a meeting via Zoom with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officers (MSWDOs) of Anao, Ramos, and Pura to present the research findings of the CARE Project, or Consultancy and Research in Localizing Child Protection Policy.

The session was led by Ms. Vien Jamaica D. Samson, Project Head of the CARE Project, and focused on validating the gathered data and analyzing the results of the study. The CARE Project aims to strengthen child protection initiatives at the local level by aligning national policies with the unique needs and contexts of the municipalities. The dialogue provided an opportunity for the MSWDOs to share their insights, ensuring that the study reflects ground realities and supports evidence-based policymaking in safeguarding children's rights and welfare.