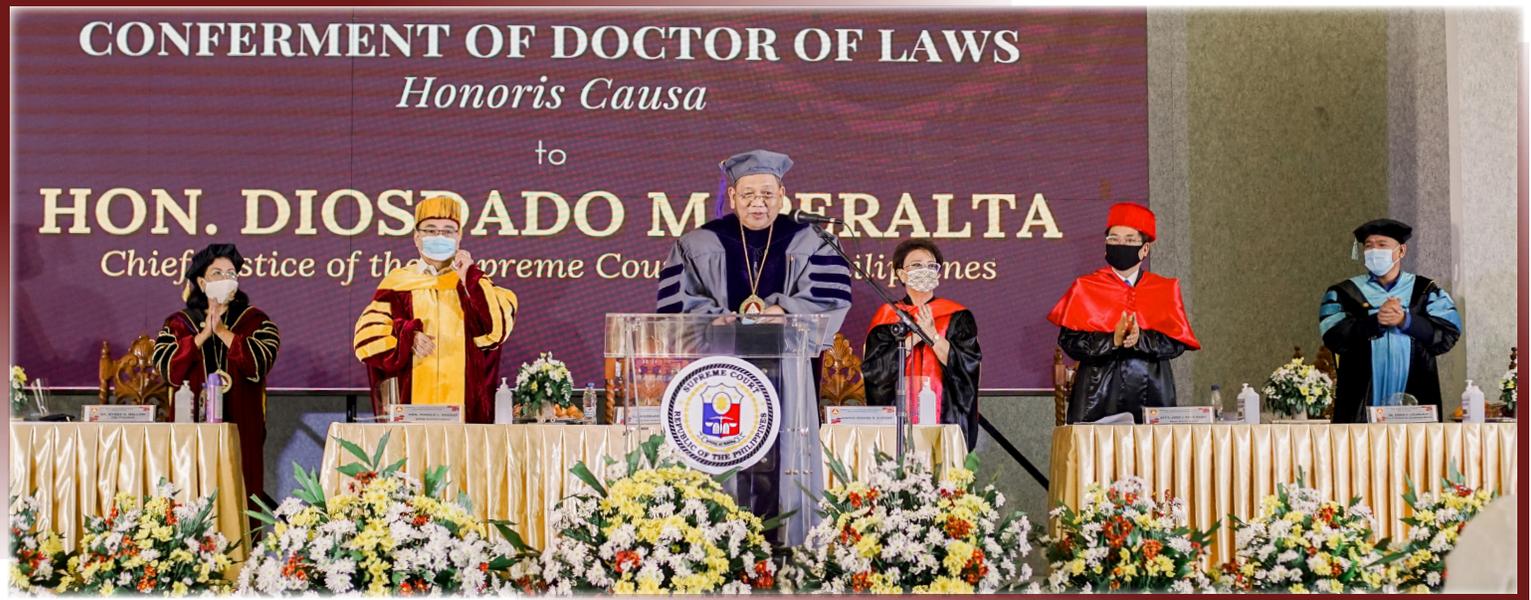




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Through the initiative of the School of Law, Tarlac State University conferred the degree Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, to Supreme Court Chief Justice Hon. Diosdado M. Peralta on February 19, 2021 at the Bulwagang Kanlahi in Tarlac City.

Hon. Peralta, the 26th Chief Justice, was conferred with this degree to honor his contributions to the justice system such as the

dedlogging of court dockets, adoption of reforms that simplifies court procedures, and the promotion of a more disciplined and responsive judiciary. He is also noted for his speedy and scholarly disposition in criminal cases.

During the conferment ceremony, Hon. Peralta was assisted by his wife, Court of Appeals Justice Fernanda Lampas Peralta

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TSU unveils Pres. Smith's marker at the 1st public HS building in PH

Tarlac State University unveiled the marker of President Jack P. Smith on February 16, 2021, which coincided with his 10th death anniversary, held in front of Smith Hall at the TSU Main Campus.

The building named after Pres. Smith was the former site of the first public high school in the Philippines.

Presently, it houses the university's College of Arts and Social Sciences.

Pres. Smith served as 2nd the president of the Tarlac College of Technology (now TSU) who also founded the Center for Tarlaqueño

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Tarlac historian retires at 61

- Maria Adelaida Calayag -

Months after being appointed as commissioner of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), Center for Tarlaqueño Studies head Dr. Lino Lenon Dizon took an early retirement at age 61 and was given a virtual send-off by Tarlac State University last February 24, 2021.

Dizon, described as an ideal historian through his works, is one of the pioneering local historians to have a local study center, the then Tarlaqueno Center of Studies, in 1987. He served as the head of the center until his retirement.

Through the help of Dizon, the university was able to put up a museum in July 2019 called "Museo-Archivo Tarlaqueño."

During the virtual program, TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari said Dizon can still stay in his office at the Museo while writing the TSU history book noting that "he is still welcome in the university who embraced him all throughout his 34 years of service."

Prolific writer

In a previous interview with the Office of Public Affairs (OPA), Dizon said he fell in love with writing history way back his first year of college when he wrote about a church history.

He finished AB History as a cum laude at Jose Rizal College in 1981. Both his master's degree in Social Studies and doctorate in Philippine Studies were earned at the University of the Philippines Diliman.

One of the testimonials delivered during the virtual send-off is from another Tarlaqueño public historian, Xiao Chua. He once shared to the OPA that Dizon's books are part of his favorites especially during his youth.



His well-known Kapampangan friend, Dr. Robbie Tamingco of the Holy Angel University - Center for Kapampangan Studies (CKS), also saw his greatness since they were fellow seminarians in Mother of Good Counsel Seminary.

Tamingco said Dizon was their inspiration in establishing the Pampanga study center. Dizon serves as their history consultant

and research journal editor.

One of his friends in UP who was also present in the virtual send-off, Dr. Ricardo Jose, wrote the introductory message of Dizon's book titled *Mr. White*. He said Dizon is an ideal historian and further shared that he was surprised when he learned that Dizon was writing the history of Pampanga and Cavite.

Dizon's versatility and writing prowess led him to receive various awards and scholarship grants. He is a Fulbright scholar from 2010 to 2011 at the University of California, Berkeley. Moreover, he was recognized by the Tarlac Provincial Government in May 2000 as an Outstanding Tarlaqueño for Culture, Arts, and Letters.

Father of Tarlac Historiography

The prolific historian has documented and written the political evolution of Tarlac. His leadership in historiography inspired several institutions to put up local study centers.

He has written over 20 books in history especially on Tarlac and Pampanga's stories, roots, and traces, as well as the politics in the Tarlac province.



Prof. Jose Russell Arador, a colleague in TSU, mentioned that his love for Tarlac history was ignited because of Dizon's passion in writing. Arador recalled that Dizon's poems were published on *The Work*, official student publication of TSU, when he was the editor-in-chief.

Arador further said Dizon is a reliable source of information when authoring his articles for *Philippine Daily Inquirer* and other local newspapers. Dizon's book, *Mr. White*, was also published in PDI.

Meanwhile, TSU professor and historian Dr. Rodrigo Sicat expressed his happiness for Dizon on his retirement saying, "Kapatad, agnan tamung magretiru mu naman, ing retirement masaya ya ali ya malungkut, sundu me pa mu rin ing obra. Yaku active ku Radio Maria, ika panayan na naka ning Immaculate Conception king Concepcion bakanta balang aldo abae-abe tamu pa rin king banwa."

(Kapatid, sabay lang din tayong



magretiro. Ang pagreretiro ay masaya at hindi malungkot ituloy mo pa rin ang trabaho mo. Ako, active ako sa Radio Maria at ikaw naman ay hinihintay ng Immaculate Conception sa bayan ng Concepcion para balang-araw ay sama-sama pa rin tayo sa langit.)

Bamban museum owner and curator Mr. Rhonie Dela Cruz said the Bamban Historical Society owes Dizon for giving them a sense of endeavor and inspiration.

"Wala kami kung wala si Sir Lino Dizon," Dela Cruz said.

Another guest from Bamban town, Kapampangan Poet Laureate Sergio Calayag, recited a poem about Dizon during the send-off ceremony titled "Ing Outstanding Tarlaqueño" (The Outstanding Tarlaqueño). Calayag's piece is about Dizon's greatness and contributions in the province and in the country.

Despite his retirement from TSU, many are still looking forward to Dizon's continued work in history and culture.

"Magaling makipagkapwa tao si Sir Lino. Sir, kahit retirado ka na, 'di ka pa rin pwedeng magretiro. Patuloy tayong mang-iinspire sa marami na patuloy na magmamahal sa probinsya at sa history. Padayon!" Chua said.



FEATURE

FTRC welcomes new director

- Joshua Don Cuizon, OPA intern -

The COVID-19 pandemic has wreaked havoc on healthcare systems, forced the closure of schools and towns, and thrown the world into recession. Though 2020 was a difficult year, 2021 appears to be the start of the end of this long-overdue nightmare. And while everyone is in a race to vaccinate the world, Tarlac State University went to a race of boosting its development.

Through Administrative Order No. 09 dated February 9, 2021, the Food Technology and Research Center (FTRC) marked a new chapter as Dr. Lea B. Milan was named as its new director.

Through her evident dedication and contribution to the Food Technology Department since 2006 along with her outstanding record of authored materials, research projects, patented inventions, extension projects, and a long list of awards, Dr. Milan's designation is

anticipated to build up the research and innovation undertakings of the newly inaugurated center. She is planning to make the most of the available resources to take-off the center's operations.

For her 2021 roadmap, Dr. Milan has guaranteed to cover the development of infrastructure, facilities, and equipment and the innovation of procedures for pollution control and safety management. From there, she would like to see progress.

Despite her numerous achievements and contributions to the field, Dr. Milan stays grounded because of her enormous love on what she is doing. She even suggested to focus on the FTFC when she was asked about her new designation.

Alongside her leadership of the FTFC, Dr. Milan is also an Associate Professor III at the College of Science.

Her journey as a director has a

long way to go and she is taking only one step at a time to ensure her efficiency. For many, this may be a new storybook beginning about rising from the ashes brought by the pandemic, but for her, this will be a continuation of her significant contributions in food technology.



Honoring prominent contributions to society

February is known as the month of love. At Tarlac State University, the university planning sometimes falls under the said month. But in this new normal period, the month of February coincided with a series of activities which are meant to honor the greatness and contributions of honorable Filipinos to TSU and to the country.

The month started with the unveiling of Gen. Servillano Aquino's marker in Concepcion town which was participated by TSU. Thirteen days after, it was followed by another unveiling of a marker within the TSU Main Campus, specifically at the iconic Smith Hall, to honor the late President Jack P. Smith of the then Tarlac College of Technology.

But the honoring of prominent Filipinos did not end there. The chief of the Philippine judiciary was conferred

with an honorary doctor of laws degree by TSU to commend his contributions to the justice system of the Philippines especially during the pandemic.

A point to ponder for this series of events is: What will TSU gain after this? Will its SUC leveling or accreditation rank go a notch higher? Will there be additional funding? We all hope this is the case but in reality, TSU chose to honor these great Filipinos because they are worthy to be honored and remembered – because they have contributed to the society we are living in today.

Gen. Aquino, a Tarlaqueño, fought during the first world war to liberate the country from the Spaniards. He served as an instrument to the independence we are enjoying today. Pres. Smith, although a Cebuano, is a Tarlaqueño by heart who made sure

that quality education is available in the province. And Chief Justice Diosdado Peralta, an Ilocano from Laoag, Ilocos Norte, serves as a beacon of justice in these troubled times. These Filipinos have done something worth emulating.

To partake in commemorations of historical events is good way to look back and show gratitude to all contributions which made our society a little bit better day by day. After all, one of the greatest treasures we can pass on to the future generations is the richness of Philippine history and culture. And to keep historical mementos is a way to keep our history alive.

What TSU has done to honor great feats is not just a way to take part in history. Everything TSU has accomplished today will soon be a part of history.

EDITORIAL

BCYF & DOST taps TSU for Innovation Forum

- Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan -

2021 PHILIPPINE ACADEMIC INNOVATION FORUM



Tarlac State University, in collaboration with the Benita and Catalino Yap Foundation (BCYF) and the Department of Science and Technology (DOST), conducted the 2021 Philippine Academic Innovation Forum and Campus Innovative Tour last February 23, 2021 held via Zoom and livestreamed through the Office of Public Affairs Facebook page.

Among the 13 state universities and colleges in the region, TSU was chosen by DOST to host said forum.

This annual forum is part of a month-long celebration where the BCYF, a non-government organization that advocates innovative social solutions through CSR 3.0 (Corporate Social Responsibility) and social enterprise, and DOST highlight and recognize innovations in society, earth, and education across various sectors in the country.

“Today is another milestone for TSU as we have been chosen [to be a] part of this DOST-BCYF innovation virtual campus tour. And we are proud to present to you some of the developed technologies which

are also being implemented at [TSU] under the leadership of DOST III,” TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari said in her welcoming message.

The DOST did not only work with their chosen institutions through their regional offices, but also matched them with DOST agencies. Thus, TSU has been partnered with DOST MIRDC (Metals Industry Research and Development Center) — an agency directly supporting the metals and engineering industry with services designed to enhance its competitive advantage.

Talking about the matching

system, DOST Secretary Fortunato Dela Peña hopes that there will be a network and exchange of views and mutual learning from the experiences on both sides.

“I know TSU is moving towards more and more of the hard technologies in the area of engineering and the consumer products that may be derived from this,” said Sec. Dela Peña.

“So, I hope that the short interchange has been fruitful, and I encourage you to have continued communication with each other so that we can develop programs that

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can assist you – that can help you in achieving your goals particularly in the area of R&D innovation,” he added.

Speakers' Presentations

Among the invited speakers were Mr. Rodne Galicha, Executive Director of Living Laudato Si Philippines – an interfaith movement by the Catholic lay people calling on Philippine financial institutions to divest from environmentally harmful activities; and Engr. Robert O. Dizon, Executive Director of DOST-MIRDC.

Mr. Galicha talked about sustainable technologies and the preservation of nature's balance, while Engr. Dizon introduced the DOST-MIRDC – its selected projects and their progress, the potential areas of partnerships, and their services.

“With all these, we can be one of TSU's best allies in research development and innovation, so I invite you to collaborate with us. Let us make meaningful change happen together,” Engr. Dizon said in his closing statement.

Aside from the virtual campus tour, TSU also presented its innovations particularly in two focal areas: solar technology and food technology.

TSU Research Office director

Prof. Edjie De Los Reyes talked about how the university has produced innovations through research by using solar energy in the development of generators for vehicles, agricultural equipment, and lighting.

“TSU is looking further to explore the enhancements in innovations to efficiently use the free energy supplied by the sun through research and development programs that may accelerate transformations in the food and agricultural sector to build its resilience these challenging times,” said Prof. De Los Reyes in his presentation.

Meanwhile, Food Technology and Research Center director Dr. Lea Milan showcased their newly inaugurated center highlighting the innovative strategies and approaches in the delivery of its services to the food industry sector specially the micro, small, and medium enterprises and to the communities coping with the pandemic aftermath.

“With this humble take off and futuristic goal, coupled with the commitment of the officials and the faculty members of TSU, it is hoped that the FTRC will make its significant share to the national agenda on food

security and safety in building a healthy society which is very vital specifically in dealing with the unforeseen challenges like this COVID pandemic,” said Dr. Milan.

Continued Support

In his message, BCYF Executive Vice-President Atty. Anton Yap said that despite the limitations of the pandemic, they are happy to have received numerous innovation pitches which indicates that there are still persistent innovations in sustainability.

DOST III Director Dr. Julius Caesar Sicat also expressed his delight for the opportunity given by the BCYF for the “congregation of the minds.”

“DOST Region III would be willing to provide [fund] para po madagdagan natin yung mga equipment ninyo [TSU] sa solar [innovation] and FTRC para mas makagawa tayo ng mga kapaki-pakinabang – sabi nga ni Secretary: world-class, relevant, and region-based technologies,” Dr. Sicat added.

This event marks the fifth year of collaboration between BCYF and DOST. Other hosting institutions were Mariano Marcos State University for Region I in partnership with Industrial Technology Development Institute, Isabella State University for Region II in partnership with Advanced Science and Technology Institute, and Bicol State College of Applied Sciences and Technology for Region V in partnership with the Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology Research and Development.



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during the wearing of academic gown, along with Commission on Higher Education Commissioner Dr. Ronald Adamat and Legal Education Board Chairperson Justice Zenaida N. Elepaño.

According to SOL Dean Atty. Jose Dela Rama who read the petition to the LEB and citation during the ceremony, the courts remained open and accessible during the pandemic through the leadership of Hon. Peralta.

He added that the Chief Justice spearheaded the implementation of the 2019 guidelines on the use of videoconferencing technology for remote court appearance for testimonies of persons deprived of liberty in jails which was pilot tested in Davao City. This

action enabled the judiciary to continuously enforce the justice system in the country despite the pandemic.

In a magazine of

the Supreme Court, Court Administrator Jose Midas P. Marquez shared that the Chief Justice caused the distribution of Philippine Judiciary 365 accounts to the courts to enable the conduct of videoconferencing hearings after a month and half of lockdown and with the concurrence of all the members of the Court.

“The fact that I am here, being acknowledged for my judicial career and service to the public from the time I was a public prosecutor in Laoag, Ilocos Norte up to now, the final weeks of my term as 26th Chief Justice of the Republic of Philippines, is, for me, a recognition not of my achievements, but of my passion and dedication to my work,” Hon. Peralta said in his acceptance speech.

Upon his appointment as chief justice, he immediately



presented his Ten-Point Program composed of judicial reforms in the core areas of efficiency, integrity, security, and service.

His Ten-Point Program focuses on the elimination of backlog in the Supreme Court and other courts; automation of court proceedings and applying technology in hearings and court trials; 24/7 help desk in the Office of the Chief Justice; and strengthening and improving the security of justices, judges, halls of justice and others.

Also, Hon. Peralta further reaffirmed the judiciary's commitment to innovate reforms to guarantee that justice will continue to be served faster and without delay.

The 69-year-old Chief Justice is set to retire in March this year – a year earlier than the mandatory retirement – saying



that he will retire without regrets. He also plans to return to the academe to teach remedial law, criminal procedure, special rules,

and civil procedures.

“I will retire without regrets knowing that I did all that I could for the law, for the courts, and for the nation. I look forward to the world outside the Supreme Court with the thought that, at my age, life is still full of possibilities,” Hon. Peralta said.

The hardworking Ilocano Chief Justice followed the footsteps of his father, Elviro Lazo Peralta, who was a judge in Davao, and his uncle, Rufino, a judge in based in Manila.

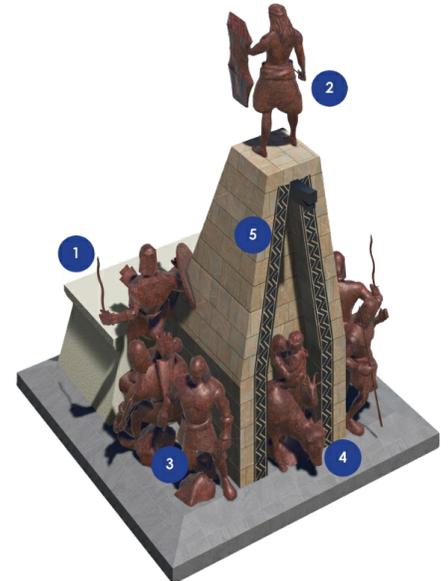
Hon. Peralta is a law graduate of the University of Santo Tomas. He obtained his bachelor's degree in economics at the Colegio de San Juan de Letran in 1974.

He was appointed as chief justice in October 2019.



TSU grad wins Lapulapu monument design

- Maria Adelaida Calayag -



A BS Architecture graduate of Tarlac State University was hailed as champion in the Lapulapu National Monument Design Competition of the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines.

Rex Sicat Jr.'s winning design called "The Watch of Mactan" is envisioned to serve as the basis of the Lapulapu National Monument to be installed at the proposed Lapulapu Memorial Shrine and Museum in Mactan, Cebu as per the National Quincentennial Committee.

His design depicts the pre-battle wherein Lapulapu stands atop a pedestal preparing for Magellan's arrival. Sicat said the trapezoidal pedestal symbolizes the territory he protects, while the white podium at the base of the monument represents the white rocky shores of Mactan — a reminder of the deathbed of Ferdinand Magellan and a

site of victory to Lapulapu's people.

"Kalmado si Lapulapu sa pagkakadiseno, hindi 'yung katulad ng ibang bayani na nakikita natin na parang akmang pasugod. Kumbaga nakatayo siya doon, tinatanaw, inaabangan yung pagdating nila Magellan nang may tiwala sa mga tao o kasamahan niya," Sicat said when asked to describe his work.

He also included the *Mangatang* or warriors positioned as if preparing for an attack. The three *mangatang* on each side of the monument represent the divisions of the 1,500 warriors of Lapulapu.

At the back of the monument, a mother and child representing the natives are placed inside the *balay* where the mother is kissing her child as an assurance that they are under Lapulapu's protection.

Sicat added that the ladder or zigzag pattern that outlines the *balay* represents Lapulapu's achievements. At the pinnacle is a hornbill or *kalaw* which is recognized as a spiritual symbol or guide to the afterlife.

Meanwhile, the goat and carabao signifies abundant resources.

Sicat said that the monument

design is a collective effort like the Battle of Mactan where he sought the help of four TSU Fine Arts graduates, namely Ace Navarro, Lymuel Bautista, Jayme Lucas, and Kadi Santos, to complete the design of the two-foot maquette.

The young architect graduated from TSU in 2015. He was hired as a building inspector and designer at the same university from April 2015 to June 2016.

Sicat passed the licensure exams for master plumbers in 2016 and for architects in 2017.

Through the National Quincentennial Committee, the country will commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Victory at Mactan, the first circumnavigation in the world, and other related events on April 27, 2021. These events are collectively known as the 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines.

The 2021 Quincentennial Commemorations in the Philippines aims to promote local and national tourism and intensify social awareness to foster Filipino creativity and innovation for socio-economic growth.

NHCP, TSU unveils Gen. Aquino's marker in Concepcion town

- Maria Adelaida Calayag -

The National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) led the unveiling of the marker for Tarlac revolutionary general Servillano Aquino at the BS Aquino Sr. Memorial Plaza on February 3, 2021 during his 62nd death anniversary.

This is the first marker to be publicly displayed in the historic town of Concepcion according to Dr. Lino Dizon, NHCP Commissioner and Head of Tarlac State University's Center for Tarlaqueño Studies.

NHCP Executive Director Restituto Aguilar and Commissioner Dizon attended the ceremony along with TSU Vice President for Research and Extension Services Dr. Armee Rosel, TSU Executive Assistant to the President Dr. Brigido Corpuz, Concepcion town mayor Hon. Andres Lacson, and former congressman Herminiano Aquino as a representative of the Aquino family.

General Aquino, often called "Apung Mianong" by Concepcion natives, has been so popular and familiar to Tarlaqueños when the Northern Luzon Command of the Armed Forces of the Philippines took his name in honor of his greatness and service to the province.

He served as the *municipal presidente* of the former town of



Murcia in the 1890s. During that time, he was married to Guadalupe Quiambao who bore their children Gonzalo, Amando, and Benigno, father of the late senator Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino and grandfather of former president Benigno "Noynoy" Aquino.

The revolutionary governor became a mason member in 1896 and later joined the Katipunan serving under General Francisco Macabulos, "Liberator of Tarlac," where he organized the Filipino revolutionary forces against the Spaniards.

He is one of the signatories of the Biak-na-Bato Constitution, yet due to disagreements with Gen. Macabulos, he went into exile in Hong Kong with President Emilio Aguinaldo due to the provisions of the said constitution.

Aquino later rejoined Macabulos on the resumption of the fight against Spaniards in liberating Tarlac Province on July 19, 1898 when he was the military governor.

It was then that the *guardia-de-honor* members attacked towns in Tarlac including Murcia where his wife, Guadalupe, and his father-in-law, Don Pablo Quiambao, were assassinated.

He later married his sister-in-law, Petronila, and had a child named Fortunata.

During the Philippine-American war, he was promoted as general and was noted for his valiant defense of Caloocan together with Gen. Antonio Luna.

"After the fall of the Philippine government in Tarlac on 12 November 1899, and two days after he engaged in one of the last battles of the First Republic of President Emilio Aguinaldo against the Americans in the Bamban-Concepcion road with





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about 1,200 men, General Servillano Aquino followed the 1897 footsteps of his comrade, General Makabulos, in choosing the Sinukuan territory in continuing his struggle against the Americans; this time through guerilla warfare,” Dr. Dizon said in his write

up on his Facebook account.

After settling in Sitio Pader, Kamansi of Balitucan, Aquino was court-martialed and jailed in Bilibid Prison and was sentenced to be hanged. It was said that his counsel, Gen. Thomas Harigan, appealed to then US President Theodore Roosevelt for a life sentence. Yet, an absolute

pardon from Roosevelt freed Aquino after serving two years and eight months in prison.

After his imprisonment as a revolutionary general, he chose to live as an ordinary citizen and a consultant to some political affairs. He married Belen Sanchez of Concepcion town and had a son, Cong. Herminio Aquino.

The general died at the age of 84.

Dr. Dizon, the pride of TSU in terms of history, continues to serve while keeping his promise to raise public consciousness about the rich history of Tarlac Province like recognizing Tarlac as the last capital of the Aguinaldo Republic along with the Casa Real de Tarlac (now TSU College of Engineering and Technology grounds) where President Aguinaldo signed significant decrees, and the sesquicentennial or the 150th birth anniversary of Gen. Macabulos this 2021.

This article includes historical facts from Dr. Lino Dizon.

TSU holds consultative meeting for Laboratory School reinstatement

- Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan -

Tarlac State University held a consultative meeting with the local government of Tarlac City, Department of Education-Tarlac City, and Tarlac City Private Educational Institutions Association (TCPEIA) for the reinstatement of the TSU-Laboratory School on February 22, 2021.

The said reinstatement is aimed to cater to senior high school students taking the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics strand.

The representatives for the event were Dr. Ewrin P. Lacanlale, Dr. Nino B. Corpuz, Dr. Armeem N. Rosel, Dr. Marlon V. Gamido, Dr. Jasper N. Mendoza, Dr. Brigido B. Corpuz, and Dr. Fabian P. Seguirra for TSU; Dr. Leonida Garcia, Dr. Robert Osongco, and Dr. Sunshine Castro for DepEd; Dr. Corazon Samson for TCPEIA; Hon. Dennis Go for the TSU Board of Regents; Hon. Ana Aguas for Tarlac City Committee on Education; and Mr. Manuel Mendoza and Mr. Jerry Hernandez representing Mayor Cristy Angeles and Vice Mayor Genaro Mendoza, respectively.



TSU unveils Pres. Smith's marker at the 1st public HS building in PH

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Studies with Dr. Enrico Tañedo in 1984 which became a repository of the history and studies about Tarlac.

He started his service in the academe as superintendent or dean of the College of Arts from 1968 to 1974 and eventually became the TCT president from April 7, 1976 to 1984.

During the unveiling ceremony, TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari shared that Pres. Smith was remarkable for being particular with time. Because of this, employees were conditioned to be punctual.

He also made sure that the educators back then maximize the required class hours, and no one would dismiss early. Pres. Smith visits classrooms and starts teaching if the lecturer is late for class.

Furthermore, he memorized the employees' faces by heart and when one fails to attend the flag raising ceremony, he would ask them to write an explanation why they should not be charged with administrative cases.

Pres. Smith's exceptional leadership paved the way to the

expansion of TCT to a 10-hectare land on August 29, 1973 gifted by Mr. Serafin G. David. The new campus was named by Pres. Smith as Barrio Sampu which is now known as the Lucinda Extension Campus located at Brgy. Binauganan in Tarlac City.

Although he was not a Tarlaqueño by blood, he dedicated himself in loving the culture and history of the province. He was highly active when he prepared for the Tarlac centennial in 1974 according to Dr. Lino L. Dizon, Center for Tarlaqueño Studies Head and National Historical Commission of the Philippines Commissioner.



This Cebuano has also written several poems, essays, and scientific papers and documents.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by Pres. Smith's relatives,

Gloria and Samuel Estrada. Meanwhile, his children who are in United States witnessed the ceremony via Facebook Live and imparted their messages and memories about their father through a video.

Pres. Smith was married to Lucena and were gifted with ten children.

"My father would have loved the idea of having a building named after him at Tarlac State University and the university to remember him," said Claude, seventh child of Pres. Smith.

"It is a symbolic immortalization of my father remembered now and hopefully for [the] generations to come. Tarlac College of Technology was our father's life, his legacy, pouring out his energy to make this school what it is today on his tenth death anniversary," said Siveria, the third child.

"We want to believe that our father is with us watching this memorable event, all smiles and super proud for the seed he planted, a tree has grown," Silveria added.

Pres. Smith spent his productive and fruitful years in TCT until his retirement in 1985.


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