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National Level

Sen. Bam, TSU community engage in another consultative meeting

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Tarlac State University's key officials, some Board of Regents members, and students attended a consultative meeting with Sen. Paolo Benigno "Bam" Aquino IV on Tuesday afternoon (July 15) at the Main AVR, before the 36th Commencement Exercises.

Senator Aquino lauded the 88 percent employability rate of the university, as recorded last year by tracer studies.

"88 percent is a good number, so that's something we want to see across all of these schools—na lahat ng mga kabataan natin nakatanggap ng tulong mula sa kanilang kolehiyo, may trabaho pagkatapos," Senator Aquino said.

The needs and concerns of the university were laid on the table, primarily regarding facilities, subsidies, plantilla, and other resources.

He assured TSU's College of Medicine Dean, Dr. Policarpio Joves Jr., that their concerns regarding the newly established medical school, such as the 20 medical practitioners who will teach, plantilla, laboratories, and learning resources, will be addressed to ensure that the college will be equipped to serve the students better.

Moreover, Dr. Melanie Masangkay, Laboratory School principal, brought up the current situation of the TSU LS, which has neither subsidies nor vouchers from the government and only relies on the university's budget. She added that the school does not have its own building, as the students only occupy the second floor of the College of Education.

Senator Aquino served as the guest of honor and speaker during the College of Arts and Social Sciences and the College of Public Administration and Governance graduation ceremonies.

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Sen. Risa Hontiveros to TSUians: ‘Vote with integrity and conscience for the country's betterment

by Mary Joy B. Manalo



Senator Ana Theresia "Risa" Hontiveros called on the TSUian youth to become leaders for change during a consultative meeting with the Tarlac State University community held today (April 10) at the 5th floor, TSU Hotel, Lucinda Campus.

Sen. Hontiveros engaged with students, some administrative council members, teaching personnel, and non-academic staff in a dialogue focused on the youth's role in nation-building, emphasizing the importance of civic participation and responsible voting in the upcoming May 2025 elections.

“Ngayong nahaharap sa maraming hamon – sa maraming suliranin – ang ating bansa, sana ngayon tayo manindigan at makialam. Each and every one of you can do so much to change things around you for the better… You can do so much good, and all of you are more powerful than you realize," Sen. Hontiveros said, underscoring the role of youth as catalysts for positive change.

The senator also urged the youth to vote with integrity and conscience for the country's betterment.

“Hawak na ng kabataang Pilipino ang susi sa kinabukasan sa pamamagitan ng inyong mga boto. That is why I hope that on May 12, you will all step up to the challenge and make the right choices for yourselves, your families, your communities, and our shared destiny as a country," she added.

Echoing this message, TSU Board of Regents member Hon. Dennis Norman T. Go highlighted the youth's responsibility in shaping the nation's future during his welcome remarks.

“Gusto namin makita na ang susunod na henerasyon ay mas matatalino, mas lulusog, mas kapaki-pakinabang, at mas makabayan sa amin… Ang mga ito ay makakamit natin kapag ang bawat isa ay magiging responsableng mamamayan ng ating bansa. Nasa inyong kamay kung paano huhubugin ang inyong kinabukasan at ang kinabukasan ng ating bansa at kami ay magsisilbing gabay lamang,” Hon. Go said.

Meanwhile, representing TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg emphasized the importance of the consultative meeting to the youth.

"This consultative meeting significantly brings social reform within our beloved country, contributing to a more just and equitable society," VP Macaraeg said.

"Paulit-ulit na lang nating naririnig ang sinabi ni Dr. Jose Rizal na, 'the youth are the hope of the motherland.' Nevertheless, we can never be considered as the hope of our country unless we are accountable [for] all our acts," she added.

Following the meeting, the senator addressed students' questions on student red-tagging, healthcare education challenges, and the SOGIESC Equality Bill, among others.

Sen. Hontiveros concluded the meeting by sharing her thoughts on the true essence of leadership.

"Tandaan ninyo, true leadership is not really about titles or power; it is about connecting with others and helping others. When you help people, listen to others, and speak up on behalf of those who cannot yet—that is what makes you a leader," the senator said.

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Regional Level

DA-RFO III, TSU sign MOU to establish Central Luzon Agriculture and Fisheries R4DE Network

by Mary Joy B. Manalo



The Department of Agriculture – Regional Field Office III (DA-RFO III) and Tarlac State University inked a memorandum of understanding for the establishment of the Central Luzon Agriculture and Fisheries Resources, Research and Extension for Development Network (CLAFRREDN), on Friday (February 14) at the Office of the University President.

Through the partnership, TSU will serve as a voluntary Research for Development and Extension (R4DE) partner institution, working alongside other state universities and colleges (SUCs), local government units (LGUs), private institutions, and Farmers' Cooperatives and Associations (FCAs) across Central Luzon.

"Ang TSU, being a premiere university in the region, is very active and capable. Nasa inyo ang expertise sa pagdedevelop ng mga technology, tulad ng solar-powered irrigation at internet of things na nagagamit sa precision agriculture. Pwede ninyong matulungan ang DA para ma-achieve natin ang goal natin na precision agriculture in the next years," Dr. Irene M. Adion, Regional Technical Director for Research, Regulation, and Integrated Laboratory Services said.

Dr. Adiion further highlighted that the collaboration reflects a shared commitment to excellence in education, research, and community development.

Per the MOU, the partnership is dedicated exclusively to the network's operations in planning, prioritizing, and implementing key initiatives, including knowledge management, technology incubation, scaling of innovations, co-creation and co-design of technologies, responsive interventions, and policy development.

The establishment of CLAFRREDN is in line with Republic Act No. 8435, or the Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act (AFMA) of 1997, which seeks to modernize the sector, uplift the lives of farmers and fisherfolk, and enhance productivity and competitiveness toward a food- and nutrition-secure Philippines.

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TSU, DOST seals agreement for 1st on-site mobile food processing facility in CL

by Mary Joy B. Manalo



Aimed at empowering farmers and addressing food security concerns, Tarlac State University has partnered with the Department of Science and Technology-Tarlac to establish the first on-site mobile food processing facility in Central Luzon to help reduce post-harvest losses.

The project, dubbed HI-SAGiP: Hybrid Innovation for Sustainable Agri-Goods Mobile Food Processing in Region III, will serve as an on-call “food ambulance” which will convert oversupplied crops specifically squash, tomato, okra, and mango into marketable goods.

The partnership was formalized through the signing of memorandum of agreement held today (August 19) at the TSU Main AVR.

Funded by DOST-Tarlac through its Regional Grants-in-Aid Program, the Php 3.3-million project will be developed by the College of Industrial Technology using a repurposed old TSU coaster.

CIT, led by dean and project proponent Engr. Larry A. Suboc, will handle the vehicle reconditioning, as well as the fabrication of trailer, roofing, plumbing, and HVAC (heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning).

Moreover, to further support its food processing requirements, the Center for Solar and Emerging Technologies will integrate an 8KW hybrid solar system with flexible solar panels.

This hybrid energy system will power the food ambulance’s essential food processing operations, built-in water system, and a stainless-steel mini kitchen.

Meanwhile, the Food Technology department under the College of Science will oversee the compliance with food safety standards and the development of market-ready products such as squash and mango jam, pickled mango, okra fritters, tomato sauce, and vegetable powders, among others.

When not in use for community deployment, the food ambulance will serve as an additional education resource for Food Technology students and can also assist local micro, small, and medium enterprises in processing their produce.

Upon the completion of the project, farmers can tap TSU, DOST, and their respective local government units for the HI-SAGiP assistance.

Present during the MOA signing are TSU president Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension Atty. Wilmark J. Ramos, and DOST Provincial Science and Technology Director Ms. Karen Danez.

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Local Level

CCLGSPD Director vows to assist basic units of gov’t

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Through Project KAPABILD (Kabataan Advancement: Profiling, Consultancy, and Capacity Building Initiatives for the SK and KK in Baras-Baras, Tarlac City), the CCLGSPD and the College of Public Administration and Governance will provide assistance and consultancy for data collection and analysis in profiling the Katipunan ng Kabataan to be able to formulate and implement programs and services attuned to the issues and concerns of the barangay's youth.

Last April 13, 2024, CCLGSPD and CPAG already conducted phase I of the project, where they gathered data and information about the youth's status in the barangay.

Moreover, TSU will also conduct capacity-building activities for Sangguniang Kabataan youth leaders and the Katipunan ng Kabataan to enhance their competence and skills, focusing on the ten centers of youth formation.

Additionally, advocacy materials promoting youth empowerment and development will be developed under this initiative.

Meanwhile, Project AKAP (Aksyon Kaagapay ang Pamahalaan Project), piloted in Brgy. Sinait, aims to strengthen local governance and policy development through capacity-building activities for barangay leaders to improve their governance and leadership skills.

As part of the project, a barangay database system will be developed to streamline processing requests from barangay beneficiaries.

Brgy. Chairman Mario B. Sapad of Baras-Baras and Brgy. Chairman Catalina P. Tonelada III of Sinait thanked the TSU community for its continuous support and assistance to their barangays.

“Rest assured po na ang partnership na ito ay hindi lamang po sa ballpen dahil pagsisikapin po namin ng council, SK, at ng mga mamamayan ng Sinait na maisakatuparan ang programang ito sa pinakamataas na antas. Ipapakita po namin na ito ay magtatagumpay para po sa ikakaunlad ng aming barangay,” Hon. Tonelada said.

In a message, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco underscored the importance of being a great leader by being a good servant to all.

“Kung ang leader po natin ay competent, magiging maayos po ang ating barangay at magkakaroon ito ng magagandang programa,” he said.

He also praised the center for the two projects that would "surely create a big impact" on the community within its two-year implementation.

Meanwhile, CCLGSPD Director Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao assured the beneficiaries that the university would extend all its efforts to help the community.

“Kami po kasi sa TSU, hindi lamang po mga LGU ang aming gustong matulungan kundi pati na rin ang basic unit ng ating gobyerno. Naniniwala po kami na kung successful po ang ating mga barangay ay magiging successful din po ang ating bayan,” Dr. Quiambao said in Kapampangan.

“Asahan niyo po na ibibigay namin ang lahat ng aming makakaya at kahusayan dahil lahat po ng mga barangay ay malapit sa puso ng aming unibersidad,” she added.

Also present during the MOA signing are Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale and Presidential Assistant Dr. Brigido B. Corpuz.

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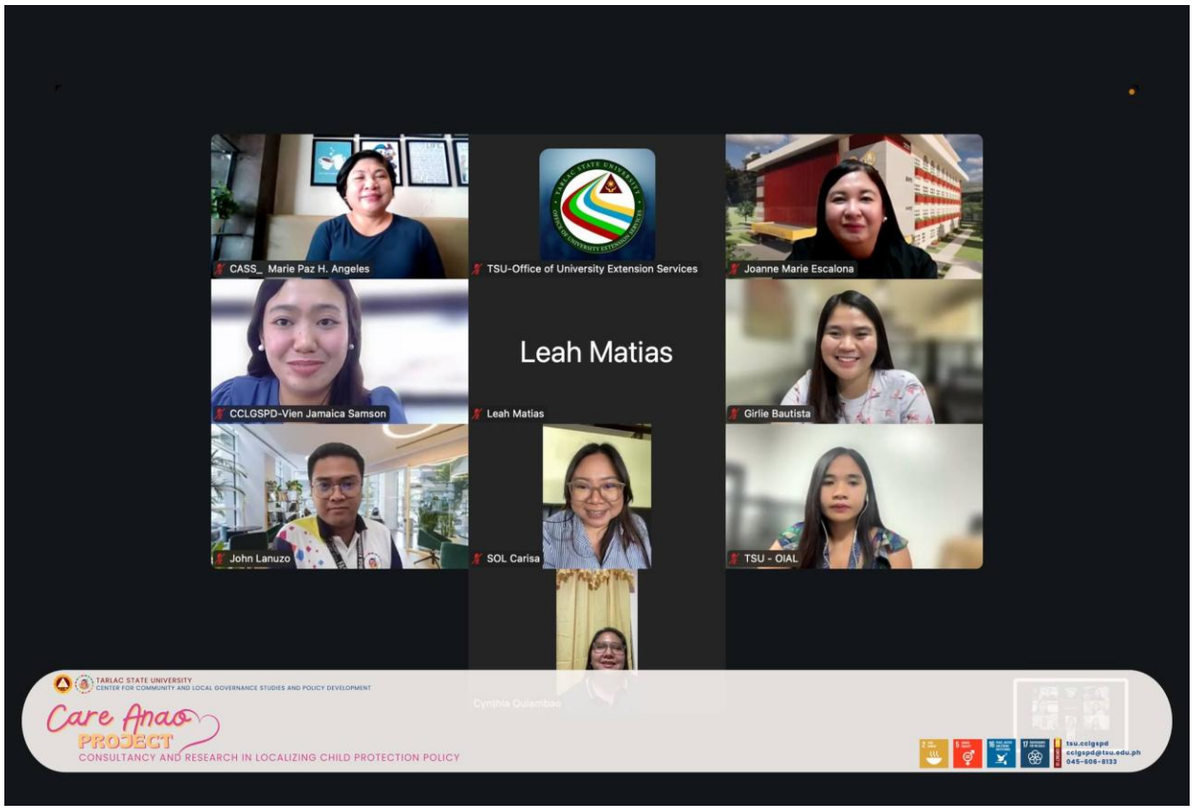
Child Protection Advancements Highlighted in TSU Zoom Meeting



The TSU Child Protection Policy Committee held a virtual meeting via Zoom on July 8, 2025, to discuss the ongoing CARE-Anao Project—a consultancy and research initiative focused on localizing child protection policies in the Municipality of Anao.

Project Head Ms. Vien Jamaica D. Samson presented the latest project updates, highlighting recent accomplishments and progress.

The committee also discussed upcoming capacity-building activities for both children and the LGU of Anao, aimed at strengthening local efforts to promote child rights and protection.

This meeting reaffirmed TSU's commitment to supporting child-centered governance through research and community engagement.

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Academic-Government Partnership Drives Community Assessment in Sinait



The Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development led a triangulation and focus group discussion (FGD) with the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Council of Barangay Sinait. The activity was held on May 14, 2025, at the Barangay Hall and aimed to support the “Aksyon Kaagapay ang Pamahalaan” (AKAP) Project.

The main goal of the discussion was to identify and assess the priority development needs of Barangay Sinait. The insights gathered from the activity will help guide future programs and projects that address the needs of the community.

The event was attended by the College Extension Department Head and faculty members from Tarlac State University (TSU), particularly from the College of Public Administration and Governance, College of Business and Accountancy, College of Education, College of Science, and College of Computer Studies. Their participation provided valuable academic and technical input during the session.

The activity highlighted the importance of collaboration between the university and local government units. By working together, both parties aim to create meaningful and sustainable development initiatives for the barangay.

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