



TSU, DOST, DepEd, Gerona town to launch ALS mobile school



Around 500 learners of the Alternative Learning System (ALS) in Gerona town are set to benefit from an old ambulance repurposed into a mobile school with a solar-powered television by August 2023.

The G-iRIDE: Gerona Innovative Roving Interactive Instructional Materials

for Diverse Educational Needs is the first mobile school in Central Luzon designed to serve ALS.

It is equipped with the Interactive Multimedia Teaching Aid (IMTA) through a 50-inch television containing the PowerPoint presentations of their lessons and other modules the teachers can use.

It features a solar-powered television, which is shockproof, waterproof, and resilient to disasters, made by Tarlac State University's Center for Solar and Emerging Technologies headed by Prof. Bryan Christopher Sico.

The project was sealed through a

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Tarlac State University officials formally welcomed the scholars under the Complementary Pathways (CPath) programme of the Philippine Government, as supported by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), with a simple program at the Office of the

Vice President for Academic Affairs on August 25, 2023.

The CPath is a safe way for refugees to be welcomed for a lawful stay in a third country and address their international protection needs.

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quadripartite memorandum of agreement with the DepEd Tarlac Province, Department of Science and Technology-Tarlac, the local government of Gerona, and TSU on August 9, 2023, at the Gerona Municipal Hall.

Dr. Helen Bose, DepEd Tarlac ALS Education Program Supervisor, reached out to DOST-Tarlac and Gerona LGU to help them in reaching out to learners from remote areas in their town. They came up with the idea of a mobile school, where they automatically tapped the expertise of TSU, which has developed several solar projects like carts and irrigation equipment.



“This will be the very first... an invention with [a] good intention,” Dr. Bose said.

She added that learners will be more interactive with the prospective mobile school.

With this project, TSU provided



the technical design and specifications of the mobile school with a cost estimate of 86,000 pesos. The university also provided the aesthetic design and logo design of G-iRIDE as well as the workforce and



fabrication of the mobile school.

According to Prof. Sico, he remodeled the old ambulance of Gerona LGU in two months. He said the machine was replaced with a new one, and the engine was fully repaired/conditioned. Two designs were presented to Gerona town Mayor Eloy Eclar that he could choose from.

He added that he only did not want to make it look nice but also to make it conducive to learning and functional.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes Macaraeg represented the university in the signing ceremony along with Office of University Research Development Director Dr. Robert Marcos, Extension Affairs and Linkages Department Head Prof. Emir Lenard Sicangco, and Prof. Sico.

VP Macaraeg delivered TSU President Dr. Arnold Velasco’s message regarding the contribution of the university’s innovation to a wide range of learners.

“This collaboration will assist in the conduct of baseline analysis as well as impact assessment concerning the mobile



school and the multimedia teaching aide; deploy faculty members and/or student teachers to assist in the implementation of the multimedia teaching aide, whenever necessary, and provide skills training courses that are not part of the ALS curriculum upon request,” VP Macaraeg read.

The mobile school will make things easier for the teachers because they will have all the records and files within the G-iRIDE. Teachers only need to focus on delivering the lessons, and they no longer need to spend time making visual aids.

Mayor Eclar said he hopes the other towns in Tarlac province would adapt their project to reach out and make education more accessible.

Also in attendance at the ceremony is DOST Provincial Science and Technology Director Ms. Karen Danez, who showed support for the new solar-based initiative.

“Ito po ay una rin sa region na naka-design ‘yung sasakyan, naka-install ‘yung TV and it’s solar powered, kaya kahit walang kuryente sa remote area, walang internet, hindi kailangan ng internet because it can run offline. Since it is data based, it can also be accessed through a router provided,” Ms. Danez said.

“Ang DOST naman po ay kaisa ninyo lalo na sa mission ng DepEd na to promote equal, quality education sa ating mga learners. And we believe naman na lahat ng ating learners [have the] equal opportunity to learn regardless of their geographic location,” she further said.

TSU La Paz Campus to expand by 2024

■ Jazzel Llaneli M. Manabat



The local government of La Paz entered into a usufruct agreement with Tarlac State University for the construction of an additional building as an expansion of the TSU La Paz Campus in Brgy. San Isidro. through a ceremonial signing.

La Paz town mayor Venustiano Jordan and TSU President Dr. Arnold Velasco signed the 25-year agreement on August 29, 2023, at the Engineering AVR.

As the usufructuary, TSU shall implement the plans to add a building with six classrooms to accommodate more students on the said campus.

Moreover, per the agreement, the university shall maintain proper infrastructures, perimeter fences, and facilities to make the campus “sustainable and viable for use.”

Mayor Jordan and Pres. Velasco shares the same vision for the La Paz campus: bringing tertiary education closer to the town’s youth.



“When I got elected, that was 2019, one of the first thing[s] we did was talk to then [TSU] president Myrna Mallari. ‘Yun ang unang-unang ginawa

ko nang bumisita kami dito sa office niya. Ngayon, it so happened na ‘yung dream namin na magkaroon ng campus sa La Paz naging totoo na,” Mayor Jordan said.

“Kaya last time, we signed another [agreement] sa La Paz and ito, ‘yung sa extension ng campus. We guarantee, Mr. President (Dr. Velasco), our full support dito sa project na ito dahil ang gusto namin ‘yung education ng mga bata ay maibigay namin, kasama ang aming kagawad na si (Robert) Mananquil,” he added.

The town mayor also shared that the shuttle bus dedicated to ferry the TSU students and faculty members to and from the Main Campus and La Paz town proper will soon be available.

In a welcome address, Pres. Velasco highlighted that the partnership



will bring more opportunities to the La Paz town residents.

“It’s really a very significant day for us po to [have] this agreement because this will be of great help, particularly for the hope of the nation – the youth. Ang mga kabataan po ang makikinabang dito (partnership),” Pres. Velasco said.

“Napakagandang pamana po (education) that we can give to our youth, assuring them that they will be finishing their desired degrees, which will be of great help for their future, not only for them but their families,” he further said.

Moreover, La Paz Councillor Robert Mananquil also expressed his support for the project, noting that the additional infrastructure would mean more programs could be offered at the La Paz Campus.

“Kami po ni mayor, hanggang nanunungkulan kami, hindi lang po siguro two courses (Public Administration and Elementary



Education), hopefully, in the future, madagdagan dahil may mga kasamahan naman po tayo at kaibigan na willing tumulong para madagdagan din po ang infra o school building ng TSU La Paz,” he said.

The funding for the future building is a GAA insertion from Senator Sonny Angara. TSU’s Office of Facilities Development and Management eyes to complete the infrastructure in 2024.

La Paz councillor Mananquil, Office of the Mayor consultant Mr. Fernando Flaminiano, and university vice presidents Dr. Agnes Macaraeg and Dr. Grace Rosete served as witnesses in the signing ceremony.

TSU produces 7 professional food technologists in the pioneer FT boards

Jazzel Llanelli M. Manabat

TARLAC STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY LICENSED TSUIAN FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS!

AUGUST 2023 FOOD TECHNOLOGISTS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

FIRST TIME TAKERS	INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE	NATIONAL PASSING RATE
33.33%	33.33%	39.98%

Tarlac State University now has seven new professional food technologists (PFT), who are among the first batch of passers of the August 2023 Food Technologists Licensure Examination, as announced by the Professional Regulation Commission on August 16, 2023.

The FTLE held last August 10-11 is the first board examination for the food technology program since the establishment of the Philippine Regulatory Board of Food Technology (PRB FT) in July 2021.

TSU recorded a 33.33% passing rate for its first-time takers, which is also the posted institutional passing percentage.

Moreover, BS Food Technology chairperson Ms. Mary Katherine Apolonio, BS Nutrition and Food Technology graduate (2005), and Mr. Xyris Gerard Fernandez were granted the PFT license without taking the boards in line with section 20 of Republic Act 11052 or the Philippine Food Technology Act.

The law indicates that qualified applicants who are holders of a bachelor's degree in food technology or other allied programs and have been actively practicing the profession for at least five years are granted the privilege to apply for registration without taking the prescribed licensure examination.

TSU alumnus Ms. Archie Franco from BS NFT batch 2006 also received the same privilege.

Meanwhile, Ms. Kristine Mae Ipan, Mr. Jhan Ervin Marcelo, and Ms. Christine Louanne Alturas, faculty members of the university's food technology program, passed the board exams.

Other passers from the Center for Food Technology and Research are Mr. Bill Henry Ramiterre, Ms. Kyla Mae Candiente, Ms. Tehillah Louise Samson, and Ms. Abegail Feliciano.

The August 2023 FTLE national passing rate is 39.98%.

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TSU is the first state university in the country to sign a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Justice through the Refugees and Stateless Persons Protection Unit and UNHCR to participate in the program.

The CPath scholars will have the chance to better their lives at TSU as students, where they are now enrolled as first-years in their desired programs.

Moreover, TSU will provide the scholars with access to healthcare and other essential services, and the opportunity to live a normal life in an inclusive space through free accommodation within the university premises.

They will stay at TSU for four years or until they finish their bachelor's degrees and may choose to remain in the Philippines to pursue their careers.

The TSU School of Law, headed by SOL dean Dr. Jose I. Dela Rama Jr., awarded each CPath scholar a financial assistance of 10,000 pesos to help with their expenses, like transportation and food.

The scholars are also funded by philanthropists within the Asia Philanthropy Circle who hope the CPath programme will inspire other countries in the region to adopt similar initiatives for deserving refugee scholars.

One of the CPath scholars shared that he is grateful to be granted a college



scholarship, stressing that this is the first chance for someone from their tribe to enroll in a tertiary school.

He added that his father is supportive of his studies and often communicates with him.

"We also have the same situation (in our country). Something new is the college life. I've never been to college life, and the people (at TSU) are very friendly. They are very kind. They don't mind helping, especially my classmates; they don't mind lending a helping hand, so

that's already one thing I love about the Philippines," the CPath scholar said in an interview.

The second batch of CPath scholars, whose families were forcibly driven away due to violence and persecution in Myanmar in 2017, arrived in the Philippines on August 22, 2023, according to the UNHCR Philippines Facebook page.

Aside from TSU, other CPath scholars are hosted by several Philippine universities and colleges in the Philippines.

TARLAC STATE UNIVERSITY

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY LICENSED TSUIAN GUIDANCE COUNSELORS!

AUGUST 2023 GUIDANCE COUNSELOR LICENSURE EXAMINATION

FIRST TIME TAKERS	INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE	NATIONAL PASSING RATE
57.14%	50%	52.77%

TARLAC STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY LICENSED TSUIAN PSYCHOMETRICIANS!

AUGUST 2023 PSYCHOMETRICIANS LICENSURE EXAMINATION

FIRST TIME TAKERS	INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE	NATIONAL PASSING RATE
81.91%	79.25%	73.27%

TSU immerses in South Korean culture through cultural exchange program

■ Jazzel Llaneli M. Manabat (with reports from Maria Adelaida D. Calayag)

Tarlac State University engaged in a cultural exchange program and international academic collaboration with The Story Christian Education and Counseling Psychology Research Institution (TSCECPR), a South Korean organization, on August 10-11, 2023, at the Smith Hall Theater Room, Main Campus.

The two institutions inked a memorandum of understanding on August 10, signaling the beginning of a partnership geared toward promoting international academic cooperation inclusive of collaborative education programs, an English language proficiency program, cultural experience programs, and joint seminars, conferences, and meetings for education.

Relative to the MOU, the Office of International Affairs and Linkages facilitated this pioneer international extension program with a two-day activity titled “Phil-Kor Cultural Exchange: Transcending Borders, Connecting World Cultures.”

“This international extension program is the first of the many steps to make sure that, at least in the Asia-Pacific region, we all have a sense of community and our continuous goal for progress,” OIAL Academic Programs Unit Head Mr. Rolien Balisi said in his welcome remarks.

He also emphasized that the program is in consonance with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDGs 4, 5, 10, 16, and 17.

Dr. Jiyoung Lee, TSCECPR’s chief executive officer and foreign language teacher at TSU’s College of Arts and Social Sciences, was the link to the fruition of the exchange between the university and the South Korean organization.

The program featured a round of interchanges centered on culture and traditions, such as songs, dances, national sports, greetings, cuisine, and art.

“Today is a special day for everybody; today is a gift, a challenge, of course, but most importantly, an opportunity to share the culture of two nations: South Korea and the Philippines. Not only that we will be sharing our cultures and traditions, [but] this is also an opportunity for everybody to show respect [for] our cultural differences,” OIAL Special Programs Unit Head Dr. Ninez Tulo said.

The Korean visitors, composed of professionals, students, and children, taught the TSU students, mainly from the League of Prospective English Educators organization, how to do the Korean traditional greeting, “where we bow to show respect to elderly people,” as explained by Jeongwon Cha.

They also demonstrated the traditional Korean fan dance called “Buchaechum,” the “Taekwondance,” and their traditional musical instrument called “Sogo,” a double-headed hand-



held drum played with a beater.

Moreover, the TSCECPR delegates lent their “Hanbok,” traditional Korean clothing, and Taekwondo uniforms to the TSU students so they could fully experience the Korean culture.

Meanwhile, the TSU Chorale sang their rendition of “Atin Cu Pung Singsing” from the Luzon region, “Padayon” from the Visayan region, and “Sumayaw, Sumunod,” a modern song accompanied by bamboo sticks as percussion.

The TSU Performing Arts Dance Troupe also showcased the TSUian talent with their dances. The group performed “Tinikling,” “Pasiguin,” and “La Jota.” On the other hand, the TSU Armis Team exhibited the Philippines’ national sport.

John Yves Bolanga, LPEE student, shared the importance of transcending boundaries and exploring the richness of global heritage through a cultural exchange program when asked about his insights and experience.

Ji-Ae Lee of TSCECPR expressed interest in the cultural differences between the two nations.

“It was so impressive of all of you guys that performed. First, I felt something interesting because the Filipino culture is different from the Korean one. But it [became] really interesting, and it felt really good,” she said.

Shortly after the program ended on the first day, the TSU students and Korean visitors had a small group discussion to learn more about each other’s culture and traditions.

During the cultural exchange program’s second day, Hospitality Management students prepared Filipino delicacies, such as Adobo, Sisig, and the Halo-Halo, for the Korean visitors.

Meanwhile, the TSCECPR cooked and presented the So-tteok, a South Korean street food.

Aside from food heritage, students from the College of Architecture and Fine Arts showcased their talents in visual arts through the pop-up gallery featuring the works of the two Fine Arts students who represented the university and won awards in recent national and international painting competitions.

Ira Jho Cacanog, a third-year Fine Arts student, showcased her Apo Whang-od acrylic

painting, while Alvin Taclad displayed his piece titled “Bayanihan,” which portrays the community pantry started by Ana Patreng Non during the pandemic.

Both TSU and TSCECPR representatives readied more cultural presentations to entertain both races. Yu Chan Ho sang ‘The Southern Vill’ while wearing a hanbok. At the same time, a member from the TSU Chorale performed “Dahil Sa’yo.”

Korean student Steve Lee lauded the Filipino song and dance presentations from day one. “[It is] very shocking [surprising/amazing]. Thank you for showing us interesting things,” Lee said.



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Pres. Velasco, Prof. Balanquit receive recognitions from Thailand Int’l Folklore Fest

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Photo credits: Prof. Marcelito P. Balanquit

Tarlac State University President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco and Office of Culture, Arts, and Languages Director Prof. Marcelino P. Balanquit were awarded the “World Diamond Leader Award” by the Thailand International Folklore Festival on August 24, 2023.

The organizing institutions acknowledged Pres. Velasco for his “significant” support in promoting culture and arts in the Philippines. In the previous years, TSU has been joining and reaping awards in various international, national, and local culture and arts competitions.

Likewise, Prof. Balanquit received the same award for his international culture and arts achievements as the OCAL director. For 40 years, he has steered the university’s TSU Performing Arts Dance Troupe, culture, and arts endeavors towards local and global recognition.

The university officials, along with the presidents and cultural directors of CAASUC III, participated in the “Soft Power Network Supporting Thailand and Philippines,” a Thailand-Philippines Dual Conference, from August 22-26, 2023, in Bangkok, Nakhon Ratchasima, Surin and Barram, Thailand.

The college and university presidents also delivered a three-minute speech on world peace.

Aside from the awards, the 13 state universities and colleges that are members of CAASUC III signed a memorandum of agreement and memorandum of understanding with five Thai educational institutions and five Thai government and non-government agencies.

Moreover, in a separate ceremony, the World Artistic Dance Federation appointed Prof. Balanquit as an ambassador representing the Philippines and Southeast Asia. The WADF is a non-profit, non-political, and democratic worldwide dance organization.



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BS Nursing students land 2nd place in regional quiz competition

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Out of 10 participating Central Luzon colleges and universities, three BS Nursing students led Tarlac State University to win second place overall in the first Regional Battle of the Nightingales, an inter-school nursing quiz bowl, held at SM City San Fernando, Pampanga last August 25, 2023.

Lean Gelomy Raiz, Bryan Gopez, and Andrea Gelle Gemicah Turay, who are in their third-year level, represented TSU and competed in a two-part quiz bee, preliminary and finals, composed of easy, moderate, and hard questions.

“Coming into the competition po, we weren’t really expecting much since most of the participants are in their fourth year already, yet kaming tatlo third-year students

pa lang. And during the quiz bowl proper, more than half ng mga tanong are derived from the subjects na hindi pa rin namin na-take. Gratefully, we were mentored sufficiently during the review period kaya still, we had a background knowledge sa ibang questions,” Raiz said.

TSU advanced to the final round after garnering 43 points in the prelims, the second-highest among the top five scorers.

As the final round concluded, TSU and Centro Escolar University-Malolos ended with a tie. They had to undergo a “sudden death” match composed of five questions. TSU was declared the second placer after being the first school to get the correct answer on the third question.

“We were truly ecstatic (and

suprised) nung nakapasok kami sa final round, then finally winning the clincher round against CEU - Malolos,” Raiz further said.

As second placers, the group received a 12,000-peso cash prize.

“Above all, we are truly grateful to have this kind of experience and opportunity to represent our university,” she added.

Ms. Reggie Jimenez, Nursing Department chairperson, was the group’s coach. They were also mentored by the department’s faculty members, including College of Science dean Prof. Mary Jane Rigor, a licensed nurse.

The inaugural quiz competition was held to highlight the importance of nursing in the community and test the knowledge of BS Nursing students, according to Mr. Paolo Vincent Torres, Sacred Heart Hospital of Malolos Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

“This quiz bee for this afternoon is a testament [to] the importance of the knowledge that you have and (your) understanding of the nursing skills,” Torres said.

The Sacred Heart Hospital of Malolos, Inc. and Central Luzon Doctors’ Hospital of Tarlac City organized the inaugural quiz competition.

TSU, Polish university seal MOU for academic, cultural interchange

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Tarlac State University and Powiślanski University of Poland forged a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to strengthen ties in developing academic and cultural interchange via Zoom meeting on August 29, 2023.

The MOU seeks to promote and enhance international academic

programs, namely the English Language Proficiency Program, credit-transfer program, laboratory/research facilities sharing, faculty and student exchange, student field experience or internship, cultural experience programs, joint seminars, conferences and meetings for education, exchange of scientific and

instructional information, research and extension publication, and the like.

“We are excitedly looking forward to this new chapter in our academic-related undertakings and the possibilities it will bring. Together, we can achieve greatness, create a lasting impact, and establish active international linkages between TSU and other institutions,” TSU President Dr. Arnold Velasco said in his message of commitment.

Dr. Katarzyna Strzla-Osuch, Rector of Powiślanski University, said she looks forward to working with TSU and agreed to undertake all stipulated activities.

AACCUP awards Level III re-accreditation to MAEd Filipino, MAEd ECE

Mary Joy B. Manalo



Two of Tarlac State University’s graduate programs, Master of Arts in Education major in Filipino and Early Childhood Education, both from the College of Education (COEd), received their Level III Re-Accreditation certificates from the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP) on August 31, 2023, at the TSU Hotel Function Room in Lucinda Campus.

development, and linkages, scored 4.0 ratings.

In a welcome message through Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco recognized the efforts and determination of the college.

Likewise, he expressed his gratitude



The Office of Quality Assurance, headed by Dr. Nino B. Corpuz, spearheaded the awarding ceremony, where Dr. Corpuz discussed the two programs’ accreditation results and the accreditors’ recommendations.

Based on the summary of ratings, the MAEd ECE program scored a perfect 5.0 in instruction. The program garnered 3.50, 4.0, and 3.75 in research, faculty development, and linkages, respectively, resulting in a 4.06 grand mean.

On the other hand, MAEd Filipino obtained a grand mean of 4.0. All four areas, consisting of instruction, research, faculty



congratulated the people behind the re-accreditation of the two programs for their collaborative efforts.

“With your dedication, with your commitment to serve, where Tarlac State University is, it’s because of everyone’s effort,” she said.

VP Macaraeg, Dr. Corpuz, and Dr. Mendoza awarded certificates of commendation to the faculty members of COEd.

Dr. Mendoza commended the COEd faculty members for their hard work, dedication, and love for the college.

“Quality assurance is embedded in our system already. Every day is an accreditation day,” Dr. Mendoza added.

The validity of the accreditation for the two programs is effective for four years, from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2027. Afterward, the programs will be subjected to Level IV accreditation, the highest level to be conferred to a curricular program.

The MAEd Filipino and ECE underwent the Level III accreditation survey visit last April 27-28, 2023, and May 17-29, 2023.

towards COEd Dean Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza, as well as to the chairpersons of the accredited programs and the college’s local accreditation task force.

Pres. Velasco also shared the importance of accreditations to the university to uphold excellence and quality standards towards improving the university’s programs.

“Let us work together to promote a culture of quality and performance through recognition and accreditation... The result of the AACCUP will help us advance to achieve our vision to be a globally competitive university recognized for excellence in sciences and emerging technologies,” VP Macaraeg further read.

Meanwhile, VP Macaraeg



Fine Arts student bags 3rd place in NHED on-the-spot painting; other two land as finalists

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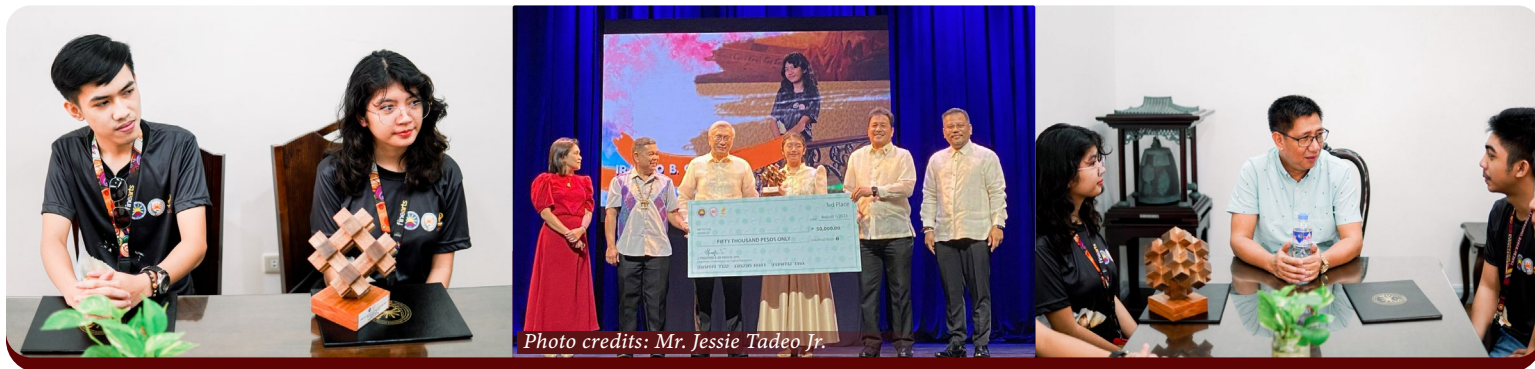


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One Fine Arts student emerged as the third placer, with two other Fine Arts students as finalists, in the 2023 National Higher Education Day (NHED) On-the-Spot Painting Competition of the Commission on Higher Education held last July 31 to August 1, 2023, at the Metropolitan Theater in Manila City.

Third placer Ira Jho Cacanog received a 50,000-peso cash prize and a trophy while the two finalists, namely Lauren Jascha Tolentino, who graduated cum laude last July 2023, and John Michael Ramos, third-year Fine Arts student, each received a 10,000-peso cash prize.

The three representatives from Tarlac State University are among the 15 contenders from different Philippine higher

this would be his last art competition as a representative of the university. His piece titled “Bring Light to Our Future” is a contemporary work

finishing a degree like most students want. She said this was her first time joining a national contest and was thankful to land in the top three. Meanwhile, Ramos, another



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portraying two people passing the candle's flame that symbolizes CHED's support to students through UniFAST.

“The painting was inspired by the Kapampangan phrase 'Salangi ko pu!' (to give light to our home) every time they welcome visitors into their house. This portrays that CHED and UniFAST continuously give light to the future of the youth, to give support and encourage the youth to achieve their dreams,” Tolentino said in Kapampangan.

TSUian finalist, explained his painting titled “Puno ng Pag-asa, Pangarap, at Tagumpay.”

“Ito po ‘yung larawan ng pinagsamang pangarap na mayroong eroplano na marami, since double meaning po siya, para rin pong puno na puno po ng pag-asa at pangarap. Kasi ang goal po ng CHED is magbigay ng excellence sa mga estudyante na gustong makamit ‘yung mga gusto nilang mithiin at mga pangarap. Kaya kapag nagpapalipad ka ng eroplano towards one perspective lang,” Ramos said.



education institutions. Their artworks will be displayed at the CHED Central Office.

Themed “PINTAgumpay: A Celebration of the Success of Philippine Higher Education,” the event was launched by the CHED Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) with the help of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA).

The student artists were given ten hours to finish their paintings on a 36”x48” canvas, wherein CHED provided the materials.

According to Tolentino,



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Cacanog, who secured the third spot with her painting titled “Kaya ng Isa, Kaya ng Lahat,” said she opted to portray herself, who paints her achievements and dreams, such as



Pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa sa TSU

Agosto 29, 2023 | TSU Gymnasium

Nakiisa ang Tarlac State University sa pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wikang Pambansa 2023 na may temang, “Filipino at mga Katutubong Wika: Wika ng Kapayapaan, Seguridad, at Ingklusibong Pagpapatupad ng Katarungang Panlipunan,” na ginanap noong ika-29 ng Agosto sa himnasyo ng unibersidad.

Naimbitahang pangunahing tagapagsalita si Dr. Rolando M. Rivera, dating komisyoner ng NCIP Rehiyon III at kasalukuyang tribal governor.

Ang naturang programa ay pinangunahan ng Opisina ng Kultura, Sining, at mga Wika sa pamumuno ni Propesor Marcelino P. Balanquit kung saan ang TSU Performing Arts Dance Troupe ay nagsagawa rin ng isang “Cultural Show.”



A sip of power, could it be too much?



This month, ex-police officer Wilfredo Gonzales made it to the headlines on print and internet news for an infamous reason – a road rage incident involving a cyclist along the bicycle lane of Welcome Rotonda in Quezon City. Given that Gonzales is already a dismissed uniformed personnel, what gave him the courage to threaten the cyclist with a loaded gun? As an ordinary and unarmed citizen, how could the cyclist impose his rights in this situation? Powerplay or abuse of authority is common nowadays, not just in this case.

He throws a fit on the streets because he knows he has the power. Despite being a former cop driving a red sedan with a private plate number, Gonzales is "confidently arrogant" in dealing with the scenario, portraying that he is on the right side of the argument. Little did we know that his arrogance could be rooted in his present job at the Supreme Court under Associate Justice Ricardo Rosario, which ended in a snap of a finger when the fiasco went viral. Wherever this inherent power stems, a little rationalizing could have tempered the rage. It could have led to the most

plausible and humane solution – to talk things out.

It may not be that evident given the circumstances, but the cyclist possesses the right amount of power in the mishap. Because, as we all know, everyone is a holder of the right power in the right situations. Believing that he stands on the right side of the coin, the cyclist could have explained his side well, knowing that they were along the bicycle lane. Yet, intimidation comes in handy for those who abuse their power. Gonzales did not just show that he had a gun to frighten the man; he haphazardly cocked and pointed the firearm without batting an eyelash, exhibiting the probability that Gonzales has done this several times. Responding guardians of peace and order event brought the cyclist to the Quezon City Police District, a "haven" for Gonzales, adding to the duress. The cyclist has the power, but his mouth is sewn shut, and his body is mobilized like a robot because of the perceived coercion, as the news reports say.

The altercation between Gonzales and Allan Bandiola, the cyclist, is among the many examples

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of abuse of power not just in the Philippines but elsewhere in the world. In a Development Communication textbook, such abuse could be as basic as police officers stealing chickens from rural folks simply because they are in uniform, guaranteeing their power. In the workplace, a rare breed of rank-and-file employees would stand up to middle- and top-level managers because they fear losing their jobs due to powerplay. The improper use of power has already silenced many and has placed as many people in positions. And they do not often deserve such posts with how they treat their fellows.

Like a broken record, the Spiderman quote, "With great power comes great responsibility," still holds. Remember, as an individual steps onto a higher rank, the position he gets entails power, which further demands greater expectations on where he puts that power. The fact that Gonzales is of a higher social status than the cyclist, given the red sedan, uniform, and government pin status symbols, cannot be removed. However, Gonzales' presumed keen mind and proper values could have earned our respect because we know he has the power.

Whether it is a sip in a glass of power or a legitimate handing over of a bottle filled with the same, it has always been in our hands on how we can responsibly use it. Excessive use of such could burn our brains and make our hearts cold. Revolution or devolution could help save the inequalities of this harsh world with an equally cruel social stratification. More than that, solidifying our character and morals could save us from damnation and even make us less viral for the wrong reasons.

Support public education for IP students

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In education, passionate and dedicated people can create ripples that extend far beyond the confines of a classroom. Dr. Maria Elena D. David, Director of the Center for Peace, Indigenous People's Resources and Development, and Mr. Howard Aries V. Ronquillo, Unit Head of Learning and Resources Management, Center for Peace, alongside its vision to strive and be a leading force in promoting peace, inclusivity, and the preservation of indigenous knowledge and culture, embarked on a remarkable journey to enhance the educational experience of Indigenous Peoples (IP) students of Dueg High School.

Last August 29, 2023, an extension activity was spearheaded by Dr. David in collaboration with various groups and organizations, such as the College of Arts and Social Sciences, Masonic District R-III Tarlac, Tarlac Kaunlaran Lodge No. 360, Alpha Kappa Rho-Tarlac State University, and Triskelion De Tarlac Alumni Association, which aimed to provide essential school materials, bags, and shoes

to 131 IP students of Dueg High School on their first day of class. The extension activity seeks to catalyze positive change in educational systems, ensuring that all IP students, regardless of their backgrounds, have equal access to educational resources and opportunities. One of the key aspects of this activity was its emphasis on IP community involvement. The partnership between the CPIPRD and these various groups and organizations highlighted the importance of collective efforts in addressing educational disparities.

Providing school materials, bags, and shoes on the first day of class eliminated the initial hurdle many IP students faced due to financial constraints. This boosted IP students' self-esteem and fostered a positive attitude toward learning. The activity's emphasis on inclusivity ensured that every IP student felt valued, reinforcing the belief that education is a right, not a privilege. The extension activity was not merely a short-term intervention but a step toward long-term sustainability. By working closely



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with the IP community and establishing robust partnerships, the program laid the groundwork for continued support and growth.

The initiative's success exceeded its immediate scope within a classroom; it had a far-reaching influence. The activity could inspire other similar projects or efforts, encouraging people to undertake comparable ventures. It also demonstrated a model or template for how educators, organizations, and community members can collaborate effectively.

By working together, they brought enduring and beneficial transformations within the realm of education. They may lead to future endeavors for improving IP education, such as providing support on specific training requested by the teachers to enhance their curriculum and for the wellness of the IP communities. In essence, the initiative became a shining example of how collective efforts can lead to meaningful and long-lasting improvements in education.

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