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PNU rated for excellence by QS Stars

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As part of the University's commitment to quality assurance, PNU subjected itself to the Quacquarelli Symonds Stars Rating System (QS Stars). This rating system provides a means for universities to have a detailed assessment of their strengths and areas for improvement. The process involves submitting evidences of the following: teaching, education and training, academic development, employability of graduates, inclusiveness, facilities, internationalization, and social responsibility.

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ALUMNI TRAILBLAZER OF THE MONTH

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Rodolfo S. Bernardo (PNC Batch 1962)

Dr. Rodolfo S. Bernardo, a graduate of the Philippine Normal College Batch 1962, made significant contributions in basic education. As principal of Allen Classical/Traditional Academy in Dayton, Ohio, he introduced the "Changing Lives" character education program, which taught the students with basic character traits such as punctuality, honesty, and courtesy. The success of the program was remarkable as it minimized student delinquency, improved student achievement, and boosted faculty morale. The program gained international recognition and was adopted in other countries such as Russia, Canada, New Zealand, and the Virgin Islands. As president of the PNU Global Alumni Association (PNUGAA), Dr. Bernardo was instrumental in raising funds for the construction of the Torch Monument in front of the Main Building and in establishing the PNUGAA Mathematics and Science Scholarship Program (MSSP).



PNU GRANTS HONORARY DEGREE TO SEN. GATCHALIAN

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improving teacher education in the country. He embodies the PNU mandate to lead innovative, responsive, and sustainable teacher education programs for future-ready teachers and education leaders. He authored landmark laws in education including R.A. No. 11713 or the Excellence in Teacher Education Act; R.A. No. 11510 or the Alternative Learning System Act; R.A. No. 11476 or the GMRC and Values Education Act; and R.A. No. 11650 or the Inclusive Education Act, among many others. As Chair of the Committee on Basic Education, Arts and Culture of the 19th Congress, Sen. Gatchalian is instrumental in advancing the government's thrust for equitable access to quality basic and higher education.

The Philippine Normal University (PNU) conferred upon Senator Sherwin "Win" T. Gatchalian the degree Doctor of Education, honoris causa, in a fitting ceremony on Friday, February 3, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at PNU Manila.

Sen. Gatchalian is recognized for his exceptional and outstanding work towards

The conferment ceremonies highlighted the 31st University Week celebration with the theme, "Pamantasang Bukod Tangi, Kahusayan ay Ipagbunyi." The academic community from across the PNU System, along with the University stakeholders, attended the event.

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The PNU delegation to the Thailand Workshop Programme had a photo opportunity with the SECRA project leaders. (From left to right: Dr. Leah Amor S. Cortez, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Evangelia Petridou, SECRA-PNU Project Leader Dr. Darryl Roy T. Montebon, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Jörgen Sparf, SECRA-PNU Consultant and PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga, and Dr. Arlyne C. Marasigan)

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The SECRA-PNU Team, led by Dr. Darryl Roy T. Montebon, along with Dr. Bert J. Tuga, Dr. Leah Amor S. Cortez, Dr. Arlyne C. Marasigan and Mike Angel T. Renon, participated in the discussions. They reviewed the country reports, focused on a key area, and developed a coherent analysis and argument to advocate a series of recommendations.

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The PNU delegation also met with the representatives of the College of Education of Naresuan University for future teacher education programs.

The workshop ended on a high note as participants were treated to an exciting excursion on the final day. The university took the participants to three different locations, providing an opportunity to experience the diverse attractions of the region.

GCED Cooperation Centre-Philippines attends 2nd GCC Directors' Meeting in Seoul, Korea

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The GCED Cooperation Centre (GCC) Philippines recently participated in the 2nd GCC Directors' Meeting held in Seoul, South Korea on March 11-15, 2023. The meeting was organized by the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU) with the goal of bringing together representatives from all the GCCs in the Asia-Pacific Region to exchange best practices and to benchmark.



The Director of GCC Philippines, Dr. Serafin A. Arviola Jr., and its Deputy Director, Prof. Carl O. Dellomos, were present at the event. They shared the achievements of GCC Philippines in 2022 and their plans for 2023 which were formulated during a planning workshop held in February 2023. GCC Philippines was established in 2022 through a partnership between the Philippine Normal University (PNU) and APCEIU.



The 2nd GCC Directors' Meeting featured the participation of representatives from GCC Malaysia, GCC Thailand, GCC Cambodia, and GCC Philippines. The event also welcomed representatives from two prospective GCC countries, Indonesia and Lao PDR. The participants had the opportunity to have a one-on-one consultation with APCEIU on project proposals and budget plans for 2023. The meeting also provided an opportunity for the participants to share APCEIU's initiatives and GCED policy and practice in the region.

The meeting served as a platform for APCEIU to help finalize each GCC's project and budget plans for 2023 and promote exchanges and cooperation between APCEIU and the GCCs, and among GCCs. The representatives from each GCC had the opportunity to share their experiences and insights on GCED policy and practice in their respective countries.



Dr. Gladys Nivera participates as trainer in the DIES International Deans' Course Southeast Asia 2022/2023 Part III in Yogyakarta, Indonesia

Gladys C. Nivera



The German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst [DAAD]), German Rectors' Conference (Hochschulrektorenkonferenz [HRK]), Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, and Centre for Higher Education (CHE) jointly organize the International Deans' Course in Southeast Asia, Africa and Latin America. This intensive training course for middle managers of higher education is part of the DIES Programme (Dialogue on Innovative Higher Education Strategies) coordinated by DAAD and HRK. The key objective of IDC Southeast Asia is to bring together a group of 30 newly elected deans, vice-deans and heads of departments from universities in the Southeast Asian region and to prepare them for the challenges of holding a dean's position in a changing higher education landscape. Issues such as strategic faculty management, financial management, quality assurance and leadership are key parts of this course. A soft skills training and exchange with German university leaders about higher education reforms are included as well.



Participants and trainers of IDC SEA 2022/2023 at Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia

Central to the practice-oriented methodology of IDC is the Project Action Plan (PAP) implementation. In Part I, the participants developed a PAP that

addresses individual reform projects which they implement during various stages of the course. The milestones of the PAPs were further discussed during the intermediate workshop (Part II). Finally, Part III offered the opportunity to assess the progress of the projects and to discuss lessons learned among the group.

In addition to the PAP presentations, Part III in Yogyakarta included sessions on Sustainability, Human Resource Management, and Entrepreneurial University. To heighten the participants' understanding of higher education management, the course also provided visits to Universitas Gadjah Mada, Universitas Muhammadiyah Yogyakarta, and Universitas Kristen Duta Wacana.



IDC Southeast Asia 2022/2023 was implemented in cooperation with six regional experts, namely: Prof. Dr. Intan Ahmad of Bandung Institute of Technology (ITB), Indonesia; Prof. Dr. Maria Flordeliza Anastacio, Centro Escolar University-Malolos, Philippines; Asst. Prof. Dr. Romyen Kosaikanont, Mae Fah Luang University, Thailand; Prof. Dr. Duu Sheng Ong, Multimedia University, Malaysia; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Supra Wimbarti, Gadjah Mada University; and Prof. Dr. Gladys Nivera, Philippine Normal University, Philippines. The regional experts acted as mentors for the participants in between the contact phases of the course to support the implementation of the individual reform projects.

IDC Southeast Asia 2022/2023 was held in three parts. Part I was conducted from June 27 to July 8, 2022 in Manila, Philippines. Part II was done from November 7 to 11, 2022 (online). Part II was held from February 6 to 10, 2023 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

PNU CONSULTS VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS ON OBGTEC 3.0 FRAMEWORK

Jennie V. Jocson and Erhwin Clarin

The Philippine Normal University, through the Office of the Vice President for Academics (OVPA), conducted an online Multistakeholders' Consultative Forum on February 22, 2023 to generate feedback from

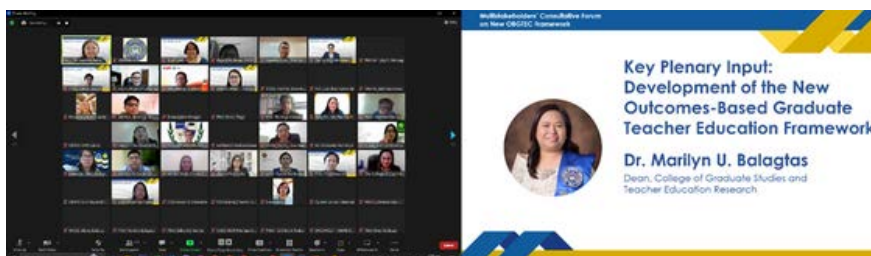
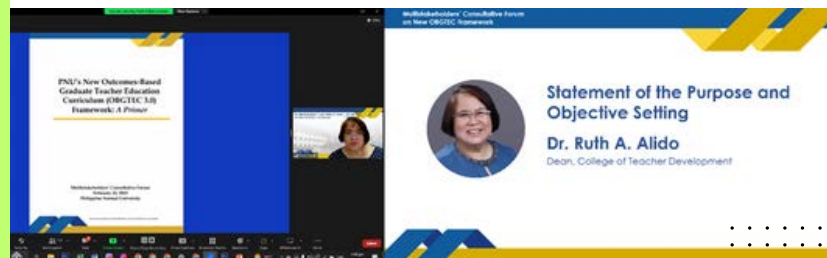


national and international education stakeholders on the proposed revision to its Outcomes-Based Graduate Teacher Education Curriculum (OBGTEC) Framework. Aligned with PNU's newly adopted Strategic Development Plan (SDP) 2022-2032, the new framework would ground the University's developments in curriculum, teaching, and school leadership in the new normal, ensuring that the various education imperatives surfaced by the rapidly changing teaching and learning landscape are addressed.



In his message, PNU President Bert J. Tuga encouraged the forum participants, who were carefully selected to provide significant input to the new framework, "to surface meaningful insights and exchange productive ideas not only to address the regulatory commitments of the university, or achieve its new directions, but ultimately to realize our noble duty as educators to positively transform the lives and champion the cause every hopeful Filipino learner in the country and beyond."

Around 120 individuals from various government agencies, developmental organizations, public and private teacher education institutions, as well as university officials from select Southeast Asian countries participated in the consultation activity. The forum was intended to be a platform for identifying key imperatives and essential components of an innovative graduate teacher education curriculum to ensure responsiveness and to allow for utmost sustainable impact. Learnings from the event would serve as critical inputs for the finalization of the revised OBGTEC framework.



Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas, Dean of the College of Graduate Studies and Teacher Education Research, and Dr. Ruth A. Alido, Dean of the College of Teacher Development, led the consultation activities, while select members of the Graduate Teacher Education Faculty (GTEF) and representatives from the University Curriculum Management and Instructional Materials Office (UCMIMO) assisted in the conduct and documentation of the entire proceedings.

PNU RATED FOR EXCELLENCE BY QS STARS

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QS Stars rated PNU with three stars in its inaugural participation. A three-star rating means the University is well-recognized nationally and has begun to establish international recognition. The institution has been considered reputable in its quality of teaching and its graduates' attractiveness to employers. PNU's journey to the QS Stars rating system started in 2021 through a series of benchmarking activities with other institutions with QS Stars Rating such as Tarlac Agricultural University (TAU) and University of Santo Tomas (UST). The PNU Top Management, together with the Technical Working Group (TWG) with the Linkages and International (LIO) as lead coordinating unit and secretariat, facilitated the planning, preparation, data gathering, and submission of all pertinent documentary requirements.

On May 16-18, 2022, the TWG and the concerned units conducted a workshop to analyze and finalize the data to be submitted to QS. Data submission was completed on August 22, 2022, and the result was released on February 10, 2023.

The specific results reveal that PNU scored high in the criteria on Teaching (4 stars), Education and Training (4 stars), Academic Development (3 stars), Employability (5 stars), Facilities (4 stars), Program Strength (4 stars), and Inclusiveness (4 stars). This means that PNU meets international standards in its program offerings and services offered to its stakeholders.

PNU remains strong in its teaching mandate and support to academic development of students.



Teaching



PNU was rated **Four Stars** in the Teaching Category, **Four Stars** in the Education and Training Category, and **Three Stars** in the Academic Development Category. This implies that the University provides high-quality academic services to its students as shown in the overall student satisfaction,

satisfaction with teaching, and faculty-and-student ratio. PNU was also recognized because of its high number of faculty members with doctorate degrees, faculty development programs and training, learning and development programs for students, faculty, and staff, international and regional networks, and the graduates pursuing further studies. These achievements in the said categories reflect PNU's strong academic programs and reputation in the field of education.

PNU is strong in Science Education.

PNU subjected its Bachelor in Science Education program to QS Stars under the Program Strength Category and was rated **Four Stars**. QS has seen that the program produces quality graduates, as evident in the employability rate, completion rate, overall student satisfaction, and national accreditations.

PNU graduates are highly employable.



Employability



PNU graduates are considered highly employable. The University is also reputable and attractive to employers. PNU was also recognized for its career service support offered by the Office of Student Affairs and Student Services (OSASS) such as career advising sessions, campus career fairs, career portal, career advisors, and training offered to students to boost their readiness for work. PNU was rated Five Stars in this category.

Facilities and infrastructure are improving toward sustainability and a conducive learning environment.



Facilities



PNU was rated Four Stars in its facilities that cater to the needs of its stakeholders and maximize their university experience. PNU was given recognition for its sports facilities, health support centers, and other campus facilities like the cafeteria, religious facilities, study areas, and social rooms. Library expenditure per student was also evaluated under this category.

QS recognizes PNU's efforts to inclusivity.



Inclusiveness



Under the Inclusiveness category, PNU was rated **Four Stars** because 100% of the students are under scholarship, there are access facilities for persons with disabilities (PWD), and the intake and services to students coming from low-income families are sufficient.

PNU is committed to continual improvement.



Social Responsibility



Internationalisation



The QS Stars Rating System also serves as a tool to reflect on PNU's areas for enhancement and improvement with several important considerations presented. As the University commits to the continual improvement of its services, there is a need to enhance its international faculty and student intake and diversity and social responsibility programs.

PNU is grateful for three stars rating by QS Stars. This recognition will serve as an inspiration to level up our commitment to quality teacher education aligned with national and international standards. As the National Center for Teacher Education (NCTE), it is PNU's vision to become a leading future-ready teacher education university responsive to national and global development goals and directions.

We give thanks to the hard-working and tireless University Officials, faculty members, administrative staff, stakeholders, and resource persons/consultants for this tremendous achievement. It is through the collective contributions and support by the entire PNU Community toward a common goal that this became possible.

According to President Tuga, "This QS Stars Rating is a collective feat, a testament to our unwavering commitment to quality and excellence. As NCTE, we strive to ensure that our programs and services align with both national and international benchmarks. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our officials, faculty, and administrative staff for embracing the culture of truth, excellence, and service. And to our students and alumni, this recognition is for you, as a symbol of our continuous pursuit of academic excellence."

PNU faculty members train Muslim teachers in Mindanao on Arabic Language and Islamic Values Education Faculty of Education Sciences

Maria Teresa L. Manicio



Prof. Sheila Marie Dela Peña receives her certificate of appreciation from the officials of Department of Education (DepEd) Bureau of Learning Delivery–Student Inclusion Division (BLD–SID).

The professional development training was initiated by the Department of Education (DepEd) through the Bureau of Learning Delivery–Student Inclusion Division (BLD–SID). The said activity aimed to elevate the professional competence and teaching skills of the Asatidz in order to effectively and efficiently implement the Madrasah Education Program (MEP).



Dr. Melissa Bartolome of the Faculty of Education Sciences lectures on teaching methodology.

Included in the roster of resource persons for the General Education topics were Prof. Erwin R. Callo, Dr. Niña Christina L. Zamora, Dr. Henelsie B. Mendoza, Dr. Robert D. Diaz, Dr. Brando C. Palomar, and Dr. Florisa B. Simeon. Professional Education topics were delivered by Dr. Zhanina U. Custodio, Dr. Alvin B. Barcelona, Prof. Laarni A. Urbiztondo, Prof. Shiela Marie P. dela Peña, Dr. April Ann M. Curugan, Dr. Melissa T. Bartolome, Prof. Nancy S. Ramores, and Prof. Gerry C. Areta.



Dr. Brando Palomar, Associate Dean of the Faculty of Science, Technology and Mathematics, leads the session on Science, Technology and Society.

The faculty members from the Philippine Normal University College of Teacher Development (CTD) shared their expertise during a training workshop for Asatidz or Muslim teachers in Mindanao. The workshop held at the Sunny Point Hotel in Ma-a, Davao City from January 23–27 and February 6–10, 2023 focused on improving Arabic Language and Islamic Values Education (ALIVE) classes.



Dr. Alvin Barcelona of the Faculty of Education Sciences facilitates a workshop on assessment and evaluation.

The PNU faculty members designed a comprehensive training program on the various aspects of content and pedagogical knowledge including classroom management, assessment, and teaching strategies. The training program also emphasized the importance of using interactive teaching methods to engage Muslim learners.



Prof. Gerry Areta facilitates the session on the teaching profession.

The training program for Asatidz is part of PNU's continuing commitment to optimize collaboration and partnership with public and private institutions and organizations to support the effective and efficient delivery of quality education for all.

FBESS CONDUCTS GIFT-GIVING ACTIVITY FOR ABELLING COMMUNITIES

Zyralie – Lotivio Bedural

In the spirit of the Christmas season, the Faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences (FbESS) conducted a gift-giving activity for the two Abelling Communities in San Jose, Tarlac on December 14, 2022. Around 400 families in Sitio San Pedro and Sitio Baag received grocery bags; pre-loved clothes for adults; and toys, school supplies, and reading materials for children. This huge feat was made possible through a synergized efforts and contributions of the FBESS faculty members, staff, students, and alumni. Other faculty members and staff from the rest of the PNU community also helped. This endeavor was also made possible by the generous support of the PNU officials led by the PNU President, Dr. Bert J. Tuga, Vice President for Academics Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, Dean of the College of Teacher Education Dr. Ruth A. Alido, and Associate Deans of PNU Manila. This gift-giving extension activity aimed to foster the relationship between FBESS and one of its extension partners, the Abelling community.



The first stop was at Sitio San Pedro where around 300 families exuberantly waited for the PNU group. Here, the PNU group first had a short program, where a short introduction to the group was first made by Dr. Rodel Valdez, an Abelling IP Professional. This was followed by the opening prayer led by Prof. Portia Soriano, then some brief greetings from the FbESS Associate Dean, Dr. Zyralie Bedural and Prof. Carl Dellomos, the former FbESS Extension Coordinator.

One of the highlights of the gift-giving event was the extension service of the PNU University Health Services Unit (UHSU). University Physician Dr. Rowena B. Escoto led this part.

The USHU conducted a community orientation about proper hygiene and dental care led by Ms. Cindy Principe and Dr. Elizer Castronuevo, respectively. After the brief program, the group distributed the grocery bags to the families. Pre-loved clothes, school supplies, and toys were also handed over to the residents.



The second stop was at Sitio Baag where the team was greeted by more than 80 families. The same program in Sitio San Pedro was carried out. After the program and distribution of gifts and grocery bags, the extensionists spent time talking to the residents and community leaders to know more about their needs and how else PNU, as their extension partner, may help in giving solutions to the challenges and problems in the community.



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PNU exemplifies solidarity, kicks off Pagtitipon

John Miko R. Ofalsa

To culminate the commemoration of its 31st Universityhood Anniversary, the Philippine Normal University gathered its constituents from across the system for a weeklong celebration of diversity, camaraderie, and unity. The first-ever PNU Fair 2023, also dubbed as Pagtitipon, ran from January 28 to February 2, 2023 and bannered the theme Pamantasang Bukod Tangi, Kahusayan ay Ipagbunyi. Students, teachers, and administrative employees from the campuses flocked to the grounds of PNU Manila to take part in activities such as the University Convocation, Quality Assurance Summit, and various social and cultural events.

The Pagtitipon provided an avenue for various stakeholders of the University to exhibit their unique identities through their products, ideas, and concepts. The event likewise opened the university to the general public to promote PNU as an institution of higher learning. The first-of-its-kind fair started at the Kartilya ng Katipunan near the Manila City Hall where the PNU Community joined the city hall officials in their flag raising ceremony. In her message, Manila Mayor Maria Sheilah "Honey" Lacuna-Pangan recognized the pivotal role of PNU in honing excellent educators which in turn translates to well-equipped and enlightened learners in the country. Tokens from the various campuses were given to the officials of the City Government of Manila as a symbol of good will between the two government institutions.

With the PNU Maharlika Band giving off festive vibes through their music, sectoral representatives of the University paraded along the perimeter of PNU and eventually entered the quadrangle. There, dancing physical education majors welcomed the participants to the tune of the song Manila by Hotdog. Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, Vice President for University Relations and Advancement, acknowledged the participants as they burst into their prepared yells. Dr. Aldrin A. Darilag, Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education and Chairperson-designate of the PNU Board of Regents, joined the entire PNU Community in celebrating the milestone. He underscored that this event should inspire everyone to continue contributing to the development of relevant and responsive programs in line with higher education excellence. This was also the tone of Manila Vice Mayor John Marvin "Yul Servo" Nieto in his remarks. Vice Mayor Nieto congratulated the institution for being true to its mandate of being the National Center for Teacher Education. A flash mob dance featuring the PNU Manila delegation accentuated the grandeur of the opening ceremony of the PNU Fair. Shortly after this opening program, consequent activities were commenced particularly the trade bazaar which featured the products of the regional hubs.

In the occasion of this largest gathering of PNU constituents, PNU President, Dr. Bert J. Tuga affirmed that this fair is the manifestation of the commitment of PNU to remain at the forefront of crafting innovative and sustainable teacher education programs for the country.

THE PAGTITIPON: PNU FAIR 2023 (JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 3, 2023)

PNU Presidential Management Staff, Ma. Stephanie E. Ramos, Janina Rae A. Raymundo, Ma. Sheila M. Simat

Conducted on January 29 to February 4, 2023 at the Philippine Normal University (PNU) Manila, this year's Pagtitipon: PNU Fair centered on the theme "Pamantasang bukod tangi, kahusayan ay ipagbunyi" in celebration of PNU's 31st Universityhood Anniversary. This year, PNU celebrates its third decade as a University. For the past years, as the National Center for Teacher Education (NCTE), it became true to its mandate of providing quality teacher education which then led to the development of innovative educators not only for the country but for the world as well.

The Pagtitipon: PNU Fair 2023 featured the rich cultural traditions and talents held by various stakeholders of PNU across the system. Patterned after the recently concluded SUC Fair in June 2022, this gathering spotlighted the specialties and innovations of campuses from North Luzon, South Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, and Manila. The event likewise highlighted the talents of students from the entire PNU system through the convergence of various performing groups. More importantly, the Quality Assurance Summit this year, a follow up to the one held in Baguio in 2020, further underscored the PNU Fair..

This year's PNU Fair also provided an avenue for various stakeholders of the University to exhibit their unique identities through their products, ideas, and concepts. This event likewise opened PNU to the general public to promote its elements as an institution. It also covered the celebration of the National Arts Month that would start on February 1, 2023.

The event covered and captured different celebrations of the university into one significant, exciting and momentous event.

DAY 1

As the PNU community queued at the Bonifacio Shrine at 7:00 in the morning, the Maharlika Band from PNU South Luzon showed a glimpse of their performance by dancing and playing their instruments while on standby. The parade started after the weekly flag ceremony where the City Mayor of Manila, Dr. Honey Lacuna, gave her speech of gratitude towards the university. The PNU officials, faculty, staff, and students showed their best smiles and waved their flaglets as they walked through the streets around the campus.

The University welcomed the alumni and outsiders as they were given free tickets to enter the campus. Different items from the booths set by the different campuses, faculty, and organizations of the institution were shown and sold.

At noon, the PNU community participated in the Eucharistic Celebration that was presided by Rev Fr. Marcelo V. Manimtim, CM, President of Adamson University.

In the afternoon, the cultural presentations of the PNU South Luzon (dubbed as "South Luzon Heritage") and PNU North Luzon (dubbed as "North Luzon Indigenous") were held. The faculty and students from these campuses showcased their region's heritage through dancing and singing. Their respective local cultures and traditions were showcased through their colorful costumes and performances.



DAY 2

In November 2022, in partnership with the Commission on Higher Education, PNU hosted the International Conference on Quality Education in the New Normal or ICQENN and brought together national and international education experts in one platform to discuss urgent concerns of the country's education sector in the post-pandemic. Through that historic gathering of influential leaders and authorities in teacher education, the University succeeded in strengthening its collective commitment to promote education as a common good and in realizing our pledge to value the teaching profession and teacher collaboration. Furthermore, commitment statements from all the ICQENN participants and guests on new policy priorities and directions were generated and conversations on the importance of teacher quality as priority education reform direction in the new normal gained traction with the world's most influential people affecting education policy. In PNU's endeavors as NCTE to reimagine both basic education and teacher preparation in the Philippines, it is imperative that we listen to the voices of educators around the globe regarding strategies for improving education practices and policies.

In January 2023, as the University celebrated its 31st Universityhood Anniversary through the system-wide convergence of all PNU faculty members, administrative staff, students, and alumni during the Pagtitipon 2023: The PNU Fair, the University once again recognized its shared mission as one PNU community, coming from different parts of the country, and from diverse spheres of experience and expertise, to realize its common vision of a resilient, future-ready Filipino education, through our continuous pursuit of truth, excellence, and service.

Integral to the week-long celebration and culminating the conversations on quality education in the new normal that was started during Part 1 of ICQENN, the conduct of the University Convocation on January 31, 2023 at the PNU Quadrangle, graced by one of the biggest names and leading international expert in education and teacher education, Dr. Linda Darling-Hammond, PNU has advanced on its collective efforts to curb the ill effects of the health crisis on both basic education and teacher development in the country. With Dr. Darling-Hammond's distinctive voice joining the discussion on the revitalized role of Filipino teacher education in addressing learning loss and sustaining education gains, the entire PNU community will carry on with its daunting duty to ensure quality within the realms of the education sector, not only to recover what the dreaded disease drastically diminished, but more importantly, to drive its redirections in the education dynamics beyond the disruptions caused by the pandemic.

As the second part of the program in Day 2, the PNU officials, together with the faculty, staff, and students from the five campuses of the university gathered at the PNU quadrangle to test their skills and abilities by playing parlor games as they conducted the PNU Wellness Day—an event that was made solely for the enjoyment of the PNU community. Eight teams were formed during the event. Each team has representatives from all the campuses to attain their goal—one PNU.

The cultural presentations of PNU Visayas and PNU Mindanao were held in the afternoon. PNU Visayas showcased its Visayan vignettes (dubbed as "Tukib Negros") through their songs and dances that were accompanied by traditional musical instruments. Furthermore, their traditional colorful costumes showed what tradition and culture they have in their region. They ended the show by giving face paints to everyone at the scene.

PNU Mindanao showcased their tapestry. The performers from PNU Mindanao showcased a one-hour show (dubbed as "Mindanao Tapestry") of their traditional dances. Traditional instruments were played during their show. Their performance showed what Mindanao has to offer. Their culture was also evident in their worn costumes.



DAY 3

Day 3 was spent for the Quality Assurance Forum at the Metropolitan Theater, Student's Day at the PNU Geronima T. Pecson Hall & ITL Bldg., Mass Oath Taking Ceremony for newly promoted faculty at the Audio-Visual Theater, Opening of National Arts Month, Cultural Show of PNU Manila, and Search for G. at Bb. Pamantasan.

In the morning, the PNU Quality Summit gathered the members of the community at the historic Metropolitan Theatre. Here, they listened to expert practitioners as they elaborate on best practices of achieving and sustaining quality. Simultaneously, the students from all PNU campuses gathered as they celebrated the Student's Day on the third day of Pagtitipon. Several booths from participating student organizations were in the area. Each booth was unique and presented a gimmick. Due to the different gimmicks of each participating student organization's booth, numerous students gathered around the area to try each of them. Some products that represent the organization were also sold in the booths.

In the afternoon, the 171 newly promoted faculty members gathered at the PNU Manila's Main Auditorium for a mass oath-taking. The Opening of National Arts Month followed at 5:30 pm. Ms. Marichu Tellano, Deputy Executive Director of the National Center for Culture and Arts, graced the occasion as guest. The cultural show of PNU Manila followed. It was dubbed as "Manila Extravaganza." Dr. Larry A. Gabao, former Artistic Director of PNUKSDT and Prof. Pacita Narzo, former Music Director of PNU Rondalla attended the event as guests. The search for G. at Bb Pamantasan (system wide) was held at 7:00-10:00 pm at the PNU Quadrangle. The PNU officials, faculty, staff, students, and visitors from different universities around the area witnessed the presentations of the candidates and the crowning of G. at Bb. Pamantasan 2023. The candidates from PNU Manila won the crowns.



DAY 4

It is only fitting that the Pagtitipon be capped off with an endeavor of glamor that will coalesce the best of what Normal has to offer. A showcase of flair and grandeur dominated the humble quadrangle and filled the sights of the PNU community with a one-of-a-kind extravaganza. The PNU officials, faculty, staff, and admin flaunted their glorious attires that symbolize the culture and tradition of their respective regions. The celebration ended with a vigorous live band wherein everyone was able to celebrate the success of the said event.

It was indeed a celebration of culture, capacities, and camaraderie – all for one night only.



DAY 5

As the whole morning was free, some of the faculty members from the campuses outside Manila conducted an educational tour at the Intramuros, Manila Cathedral, San Agustin Church, the National Museum, and others.

At 4:30 pm, all the faculty members donned their academic regalia as they witnessed the Conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Education, honoris causa, to Sen. Sherwin "Win" T. Gatchalian. The guests included Hon. Commissioner Aldrin Darilag, Chair of the PNU Board of Regents; Dr. J. Prospero "Popoy" de Vera III (CHED), Chairman of the Unified Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST), and Commissioner of UNESCO; PNU Board of Regents; selected stakeholders; and family of Sen. Gatchalian.

As stated in the invitation program, Sen. Gatchalian was described as: "As Chair of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts, and Culture of the 18th and 19th Congress, Senator Gatchalian has been showcasing his exemplary qualities that are instrumental to the advancement of both basic and higher education in the country. His authored and sponsored bills in the Senate reflect the alignment of his continuing legislative agenda with the national government's thrust toward equitable access to quality education. Through his strong Committee leadership and staunch support for the continuous pursuit of excellence in the education sector, several landmark laws were enacted specifically on teacher education, values education, and inclusive education. These include R.A. No. 11713 or the Excellence in Teacher Education Act; R.A. No. 11510 or the Alternative Learning System Act; R.A. No. 11476 or the GMRC and Values Education Act; and R.A. No. 11650 or the Inclusive Education Act, among many others."



PARADA NG SINING

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On February 15, 2023, the PNU Faculty of Arts and Languages (FAL) officially spearheaded the Parada ng Sining (Parade of the Arts) during the celebration of the PNU's University Arts Month. The different faculties and institutes of PNU-Manila participated in this parade and showed their different interpretation and unique creativity on the "Panagbenga Festival" concept and the Arts Month theme "Ani ng Sining, Bunga ng Galing". During the parade's opening celebration, Dr. Jennie Jocson, the Vice President for Academics and Dr. Ruth Alido, the Dean of the College of Teacher Development (CTD) both delivered inspirational messages to students. Then, Marco Fidel, the President of the Faculty of Arts and Languages Students' Association (FALSA) and Mr. Romeo Rioflorido, the Head of the Center for Culture and Sports Development announced the Calendar of Activities for the University Arts Month celebration.

Subsequently, the students from the Kapisanang Diwa at Panitik (KADIPAN) performed an intermission number. Afterwards, awarding of winners for the parade was held. FAL won the "Most Participative Unit" and the "Best Props" whilst the Faculty of Education Sciences (FES) won the "Best Festival Concept". Lastly, Dr. Voltaire Villanueva, the Associate Dean of FAL, delivered the closing remarks. His message focused on the role of the arts as a perfect springboard for molding holistic, empowered, and well-rounded learners.



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On 15 February 2023, the English Department of the PNU Faculty of Arts and Languages officially launched the English Majors Alumni Scholarship Program, Inc. (EMASPI) during the celebration of PNU's University Arts Month. The launching was hosted by Prof. Maria Fatima Nolasco and the PNU Chorale led the Doxology and the singing of the Philippine National Anthem. Subsequently, opening remarks were delivered by Dr. Voltaire Villanueva, the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Languages. His message focused on service, bayanihan of the PNU community, and his vision that this culture will continue. The remarks were immediately followed by an Inspirational Message spoken by Dr. Jennie Jocson, the Vice President for Academics, who graduated from batch 1998. Her message, meanwhile, focused on the love of the university and country, the importance of supporting the university in improving the quality of education, and the hope to the students to instill pride as "anak ni Inang Pamantasan". Then, Dr. Teresita Rungduin, the Dean of the Office of Student Affairs and Student Services (OSASS) presented a report related to the scholarships of PNU.

Afterward, Mr. Leonardo T. Santos, the President of the PNU EMASPI presented the background of the program, then an intermission number from the PNU Chorale consequently followed after his speech. Then, it is followed by the Awarding and Contract Signing of the PNU EMASPI to the 2022 Recipients. The signing is witnessed by EMASPI Officials, CTD Dean Dr. Ruth Alido, and FAL Associate Dean Dr. Voltaire Villanueva. Krylle Caraga, Ezra Danielle Dulce, Fatima Guinto, and Charlize Shane Rivera are this year's recipients and took oath immediately to Mr. Santos following the receiving of grants. Next to the awarding is the playing of the pre-recorded challenge speech from Ms. Aylin Doloricon Zabski, an EMASPI Donor from BSE Batch 1990. Consequently, a message of acknowledgement and thanksgiving was delivered by Krylle Caraga on behalf of the beneficiaries. She assured the stakeholders that the assistance they received would be utilized efficiently. Lastly, Dr. Maria Glenda C. De Lara, the ARSO Director delivered her Closing Remarks. She emphasized the importance of educational assistance like scholarship grants in helping to promote quality pre-service education and asked the beneficiaries to take the challenge after obtaining the blessings.



'Living Legends: Lunsad-Aklat ng mga Natatanging Retiradong Propesor ng PNU' is an event organized by the PNU Faculty of Arts and Languages with the help of The English Club. This event aims to showcase the recent publications made by PNU's retired professors, Prof. Pat Villafuerte and Prof. Venancio Mendiola.

The event was held last February 15, 2023 at the AV Theater. The event started at exactly 1:30 in the afternoon and was attended by FAL students. It was graced by the soulful singing of the PNU Chorale for the National Anthem and Doxology which is then followed by a message from the Dean of the College of Teacher Development, Dr. Ruth Alido. Dr. Alido also introduced Prof. Venancio Mendiola then Dr. Joel Malabanan introduced Prof. Patrocinio Villafuerte.

Both Prof. Mendiola and Prof. Villafuerte introduced the recent books that they have written. It was well received by the audience (students, faculty members, and guests).

The presentation was followed by an intermission number from the PNU Chorale and closing remarks from the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Languages, Dr. Voltaire M. Villanueva.



KAMPUSAPANG SINING: TEACHING AND PUPPETRY

PNU Faculty of Arts and Language Student Association

The program started with singing the national anthem and then prayer. It then proceeded to "Kamustahan" to ask the participants how they are doing in their academics. After the "Kamustahan" Opening remarks was led by Dr. Joel Malabanan he left a message to the participants to use ventriloquism to get the attention of the students. After the opening remarks they called the speaker, Mr. Ruther Urquia a ventriloquist. He is a grand finalist in Pilipinas Got Talent Season 1. Before he proceed in sharing his experiences and lesson to the participants he called first his friend Kuya Jojo. Kuya Jojo shared that he wanted a puppet but he does not know how to use talking puppet so he bought a puppet that is baby so that he won't have to worry about making the puppet talk since babies cannot talk. After years he already learned how to use a puppet that is talking through some workshops in PICC. Before ending his speech he left a message, and that is to share good learnings to students through puppet.

Mr. Urquia shared his experiences to the participants about his journey in ventriloquism. There are messages from Mr. Urquia that for sure left an impact on the participants. Firstly is to consider your audience. Mr. Urquia said that as a future educator you must know the interest of your students for you to be able to come up with a strategy, so that they will learn. In addition, to be an influence to kids do not forget the days when you were still a kid, meaning put your feet in the shoes of your students so that you'll be able to understand them. Furthermore, teach with humor because when kids laugh more, they learn more. In conclusion of the speech of Mr. Urquia, he wanted to tell the future educators of arts that arts is not just an art. Art is everything, art is useful. And we must not underestimate its ability.

After the speech an open forum was held to enable the participants to ask questions to Mr. Urquia. After that there's an awarding ceremony to appreciate Mr. Joel Malabanan and Mr. Ruther Urquia. And the last part of the seminar is the closing remarks of the President of ACES.



MERYENDAHAN AT SINING SA ILALIM NG MANGGAHAN

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Bahagi na ng tradisyon ng FALmilya ang paggunita sa buwan ng Pebrero bilang Buwan ng mga Sining. Ito ay pormal na binuksan sa pamamagitan ng parada. Bilang pagpupugay sa mga gurong masining, magagaling, at magigiting, maraming kapanapanabik na gawain ang inihanda upang maging makulay at buhay ang Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas sa tulong na rin ng iba't ibang disiplinaryang bumubuo sa FAL; ang BFE, BEE, at BCAED.

Ang spoken word poetry na pinamagatang "Meryendahan at Sining sa Ilalim ng Manggagahan" ay isa sa mga patimpalak na inihanda ng FALSA na pinangunahan ng Sangay Bigkasan upang masaksihan ang galing ng bawat PNUan sa pagbigkas at pagiging malikhain. Ang Sangay Bigkasan ay nagkaroon ng pulong na dinaluhan ng mga aktibong kasapi upang planuhin ang nasabing patimpalak. Ang Sangay ay hinati sa limang grupo - programa, teknikal, dokumentasyon, pag-aanyo, at glam team para sa entablado na magsisilbing lakas sa paggaod bago, habang, at pagkatapos ng gawain. Napagpasyahan din ang pag-angkla ng tema nang bibigkasin, mga kakailanganing gamit, at mga magsisilbing hurado. Kasama rin sa naging pulong ay ang ilang paalala ng petsa kung kailan magsisimula na ihanda ang mga kakailanganin at ilan pang paunang kahingian.

Noong Pebrero 15, sa ganap na alas-dos ng tanghali ay simula ng tinanggap ang mga PNUan sa ilalim ng manggahan. Nagsimula na ring maging makulay ang grasslandia dahil sa iba't ibang kulay ng malong at/o panapin na ginamit ng mga bisita. Dahil sa pamagat na meryendahan, tunay na mayroong meryendang inihanda para sa mga dumalo. Mayroong kape, ilang biskwit, at kutkuting chichirya. Sa hinaba-haba man ng proseso, darating pa rin sa pinakamahalagang oras, at iyon ay ang pagsisimula ng patimpalak. Opisyal na sinimulan ang programa sa ganap na ika- 3 ng hapon. Naging bahagi ng programa ay ang mga tanyag,

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masining, at magiging na guro na sina Dr. Voltaire Villanueva, Dr. Joel Malabanan, at Prop. Jasper Lomtung. Buong-buo rin ang suportang ipinabatid ni Prop. Andrew Pena. Sa kabuuan, apat na mag-aaral ang naglaban at nagpakitang-gilas. Ang dalawang mag-aaral ay mula sa NLEC, isa na mula sa Medyor, at isa na mula sa Ingles. Dahil Buwan ng mga Sining, hindi rin mawawala ang pagtatanghal mula sa mga piling mag-aaral ng Medyor sa pangunguna ni Dr. Joel Malabanan.

Dahil sa kolektibong paggaod at partisipasyon ng bawat isa, matagumpay na natapos ang nasabing patimpalak. Opisyal na isinara ang gawain sa ganap na ika-4 ng hapon sa pamamagitan ng paghahayag sa mga nanalong mag-aaral.

Ang mga ganitong uri ng gawain ang tiyak mananatili sa isipan at puso dahil sa kakaibang danas sa FAL. Iba't iba man ng paniniwala, pero iisa lamang ang tiyak- pinagbuklod tayo ng wika, panitikan, sining, at kultura. Buwan ng mga Sining, tiyak tagumpay.



FALAKASTALAS SA PNU 2023

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Sa pangunguna ng Faculty of Arts and Languages Students' Association (FALSA), idinaos ang pagbabalik sa harapang moda ng FALAKASTALAS 2023 na may temang "Talino at Talento sa Sining at Literatura, Kulturang Nagbibigay ng Bagong Pag-asa," noong Pebrero 23 at Marso 1, 2023.

Sa unang araw nito noong Huwebes, Pebrero 23, pinasinayaan ang programa sa isang parada na dinaluhan ng fakulti at mga mag-aaral ng Fakulti ng mga Sining at Wika (FAL) na nakapailalim sa walong team ng FALAKASTALAS 2023 na Abel, Babaylan, Burnay, Kudyapi, Miag-ao, Payyao, Tabios, at Ummaluhukan. Matapos nito ay inawit ang Pambansang Awit ng Pilipinas at Panalangin sa pangunguna ng Koro ng Kapisanang Diwa at Panitik (KADIPAN). Nagbigay naman ng Pambungad na Pananalita ang Katuwang na Dekano ng FAL, Dr. Voltaire M. Villanueva, at Inspirasyonal na Mensahe ang Dekana ng Kolehiyo ng Pagpapaunlad Pangguro, Dr. Ruth A. Alido. Pinangunahan din nina Dr. Alido at Dr. Villanueva ang Torch Lighting ceremony, tanda ng pagsisimula ng FALAKASTALAS 2023, kasama ang mga pinuno ng bawat pangkat. Napaindak naman ang mga dumalo sa isang pampasiglang sayaw sa pangunguna ng Arts and Culture Educators' Society (ACES). Mas umingay pa ang programa nang simulan ang Hiyaw-Sayaw-Galaw: Team Yell Competition. Nagsilbing guro ng palatuntunan ng paunang programa sina Kirk Cyril Ramos at Arriane Jhane Talana.

Bukod dito, higit na inabangan din ang Lakan at Lakambini ng FAL 2023 kung saan nagsilbing tagapagpadaloy sina Annalyn Santos at Wesley Anne Villarosa. May tig-isang kinatawan ang bawat pangkat na magtatagisan ng husay at gilasa sa pagpapakilala, pagrampa, at pagsagot. Matapos ang pambungad na programa ay binigyan ng 30 minuto ang mga pangkat upang lumikha ng kani-kaniyang Educational Booth na may kaugnayan sa pangalan ng pangkat. Nagsimula naman sa Karera ng Sako at Kadang-Kadang ang mga patimpalak sa ilalim ng Lakas ng Katawan o Recreational Competitions. Makaraan ang pananghalian ay isinagawa ang Hilahang Lubid sa pagitan ng walong magkakatanggaling pangkat. Inabangan din ang diskarte ng bawat pangkat sa pakikipag-umaham sa Amazing Race na may walong istasyong naglalaman ng iba't ibang pagsubok.

Sa ikalawang araw ng FALAKASTALAS 2023, Marso 1, 2023, ay ginanap ang mga paligsahan sa ilalim ng kategoryang Talas ng Isipan o Academic Competitions na iniugnay sa FAL Capstone Project na 3Ps: Pagtuturo, Pananaliksik, at Portfolio. Nagkaroon ng mga patimpalak gaya ng Demo Fest: Demo Teaching, From Nothing to Something: Traditional Instructional Materials Making, at Techy Teacher: Digital Instructional Materials Making para sa mga mag-aaral sa ikalawang taon. Nagpatalasan naman ng isip ang mga mag-aaral sa ikatlong taon

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sa APA Formatting, Synthesis Writing, at Paraphrasing. Samantala, ipinakita naman ng mga mag-aaral sa ikaapat na taon ang kahusayan sa FALMates Portfolio at FALSaliksik.

Sa parehong araw, idinaos ang Paggawad ng Parangal sa mga nagwagi sa mga di-akademiko at akademikong patimpalak sa buong FALAKASTALAS 2023. Nakatanggap ng medalya at sertipiko ang mga nagwagi sa akademikong patimpalak. Samantala, itinanghal naman bilang 2nd runner-up ang Pangkat Miagao, 1st runner-up ang Pangkat Abel, at Overall Champion ang Pangkat Payyao. Naging tagapagpadaloy naman ng awarding ceremony sina Ricky Reantaso at Roselle Grace Mendova.



GABI NG SINING

PNU Faculty of Arts and Language Student Association

Sa pangunguna ng Fakulti ng mga Sining at Wika (FAL), maging ng mga Faculty of Arts and Languages Student's Association (FALSA) kasama ang mga mag-aaral mula sa iba't ibang majorship ay naisagawa ang Gabi ng Sining sa PNU quadrangle bilang pagtatapos sa tatlong araw na magkakasunod-sunod na ganap sa buwan ng pebrero.

Bago pa man ang mismong gabi ng sining ay nagtanong-tanong na ang mga tagapamahala sa mga nais magtanghal mula sa iba't ibang majorship. Nakakuha ng mga kinatawan sa mga ito, na siyang naging bahagi ng listahan ng mga magtatanghal sa mismong araw ng programa.

Inumpisahan ang programa sa pag-awit ng Lupang Hinirang at Panalangin mula sa PNU ACES at KADIPAN. Pagkatapos, agad namang nagbigay ng pambungad na pananalita si Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, Pangalawang Pangulong Pang-akademiko. Sinundan naman ito ng mapanghikayat na mensahe mula kina Dr. Ruth A. Alido, Dekana ng Fakulti ng mga Sining at Wika, at Dr. Rosanna A. Diana, IPHERDs direktor. Dagdag pa, nagtanghal ang PNU Balinsasayaw pagkatapos ng mga mensahe ng administrador.

Pagkatapos nito, ipinakilala ni sir Romeo R. Rioflorido ang mga cultural groups sa pamantasan. Mula rito, nagpakita ng masining at makabuluhang pagtatanghal ang PNU Chorale, PNU Kislap Sining, PNU Balinsasayaw, at PNU Rondalla.

Kasunod ng mga pagtatanghal ng cultural groups, pinakilala ni Dr. James V. Bailon ang susunod na grupo ng mga magtatanghal na mula sa iba't ibang majorship. Inumpisahan ito ng mga kinatawan mula sa Faculty of Arts and Languages, sinundan naman ng kinatawan mula sa Faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences; Faculty of Educational Sciences; Faculty of Science; Technology and Mathematics, Institute of Knowledge Management; Institute of Physical Education, Health, Recreational, Dance, and Sports; Institute of Teaching and Learning. Dagdag pa, nagpakitang-gilas din ang bandang MAMULAT, Samusika, at Hello Ceasar band. Napuno ng aliw ang buong pamantasan dulot ng programang ito.

Nagtapos ang programa sa pampinid na pananalita ni Dr. Voltaire M. Villanueva, katuwang na dekanong Fakulti ng mga Sining at Wika. Kung saan pinasalamatan niya ang mga naging tagapanguna at mga PNuan na tumutok at sumuporta sa kabuuang programa.

