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Overall Philippine Ranking - 22nd



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EDURANK NAMES PNU AS TOP 1 UNIVERSITY FOR EDUCATION MAJORS IN THE PHILIPPINES

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PNU hosts AsTEN Workshop and 15th Meeting of Presidents

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Philippine Normal University (PNU) recently hosted the Workshop on the Development of Association of Southeast Asian Teacher Education Network (AsTEN) Strategic Direction on May 8-9, 2023, and 15th Meeting of Presidents on May 10-12, 2023, bringing together delegates from leading Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs) from ASEAN member countries.

AsTEN aims to address issues, challenges, and concerns relevant to teacher education programs, practices, and policies in the ASEAN region, and to foster collaboration in both academic and research endeavors within and across member institutions for the benefit of the ASEAN nations and peoples.



Dr. Bert J. Tuga, Dr. Leticia Aquino and Dr. Elvira Chua receiving the group photo of the members of CAPEU

CAPEU elects PNU as Consortium Secretary

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On March 16, 2023, the Consortium of Asia-Pacific Universities (CAPEU) held its Board of Directors' Meeting and 5th Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Tanjong Malim, Malaysia. President Bert J. Tuga represented the Philippine Normal University (PNU). Dr. Elvira V. Chua, Executive Director and Provost of PNU Mindanao and Dr. Leticia N. Aquino, Executive Director and Provost of PNU North Luzon accompanied Pres. Tuga.

During the meeting and general assembly, the CAPEU Secretariat and officers presented the status report for the period 2020-2022 which included the previous events and collaborations during the COVID-19 pandemic and the financial report of the consortium. The CAPEU's future plans and its strategies to strengthen the consortium were also discussed.

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ALUMNI TRAILBLAZER FOR MAY, 2023

Cely De Sagun-Anuran



Mrs. Cely De Sagun-Anuran, an alumna of PNC batch 1966 and a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, is currently the President of the PNU Global Alumni Association.

She has received numerous recognitions and awards, including Outstanding Educator and Leader for Excellence 2022, Gawad Amerika-Outstanding Community Leader, and Governor's Excellence Award.

Since 2017, she has helped raise funds to support the Math and Science Scholarship Program scholars. As PNUGAA president, she has also helped the association raise more funds. In addition, she has donated more than Php 1,601,000 for the Math and Science Scholarship Program.

She said that the way she has developed an easy, direct, and open communication system with the president and his staff, as well as with the Alumni Relations and Services Office, has made it possible for her to support and initiate important projects and programs for PNU and its students.

She also quoted Martin Luther King, Jr., who said, "Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love."



The delegates of the 15th Meeting of Presidents from various AsTEN member institutions

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The participants from various institutions gathered for the international conference of UPSI-UPI.

Moreover, the members elected the new Executive Board of CAPEU. PNU was elected as Secretary. PNU has been serving as a member of the Board of Directors since 2015 and its acceptance of this new leadership role signifies its continuing commitment to the Consortium.

Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris hosted the CAPEU meetings.



Dr. Bert J. Tuga signs the Consortium of Asia-Pacific Education Universities at the CAPEU Headquarters.

PRESIDENT TUGA RECEIVES THE CARRIEDO BAHAGHARI AWARD

By Janir T. Datukan



The awardees of the Carriedo Bahaghari Awards with the organizing committee of the event

Dr. Bert J. Tuga, PNU President, is the recipient of the Carriedo Bahaghari Award for Leader in Education. He received the award during the ceremony held on June 21, 2023 at the Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) Multi-Purpose Hall during the MWSS Complex Pride March '23.

President Tuga was joined by Major Rene Balmaceda, Chief, Women and Children's Section, Camp Caringal, PNP, who received the Leader in Law Enforcement Award. This is an initiative of the Department of Justice - Office of the Government Corporate Counsel (DOJ-OGCC) with support from the National Anti-Poverty Commission, Maynilad Water Services, Inc., Manila Water Company, Inc., MWSS, and Local Water Utilities Administration.

The Carriedo Bahaghari Award recognizes outstanding LGBTQIA members in government service in various categories.



Dr. Bert J. Tuga delivering his acceptance speech



Dr. Bert J. Tuga (left) holds his plaque together with Major Rene Balmaceda (right) of PNP.



The Carriedo Bahaghari Award of Dr. Bert J. Tuga for his invaluable contribution to education sector

EduRank names PNU as top 1 university for education majors in the Philippines

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The Philippine Normal University (PNU) has once again proven its excellence in the field of teacher education as it was recently named the top one university for education majors in the Philippines by the EduRank. The university received high rankings for its teacher education programs, cementing its reputation as a premier institution for teacher training in the Philippines.

EduRank is an independent organization that evaluates and ranks universities based on various factors such as academic programs and research impact. Their methodology includes analysis of research performance using Microsoft Academic database, university reputation using analytics, and alumni score and employability.



In the recent EduRank rankings, PNU scored high in the category of education majors, securing the top spot in the Philippines, and 166th in Asia. The university also ranked 5th in psychology, 4th in mathematics, 9th in social sciences, and 2nd in mathematics education. Overall, PNU ranked 22nd out of the 299 higher education institutions in the Philippines which are mostly comprehensive universities.

PNU is known for its comprehensive teacher education programs at the undergraduate level. It provides students with a solid foundation in educational theory while also giving them hands-on experience in actual classroom settings. As the country's National Center for Teacher Education, by virtue of RA 9647, PNU is mandated to provide technical support to the Department of Education (DepEd) and Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as well as aid legislators in the design and analysis of legislative proposals concerning teacher education.

With this latest recognition as the top university for education majors in the Philippines, PNU continues to set the standard for future-ready teachers and school leaders responsive to local and global development goals and directions and to inspire future generations of educators to contribute to the growth and development of the Philippines.

PNU ranked in THE Impact Rankings, 1st on Gender Equality in PH

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The Philippine Normal University has achieved a remarkable position in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings with an overall rank of 801-1000, affirming its dedication to advancing the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The THE Impact Rankings is a global assessment of universities' efforts in adopting and promoting the SDGs. PNU ranked high in two key SDGs: Gender Equality (SDG 5), where PNU ranked first in the Philippines, and Quality Education (SDG 4).

PNU submitted entries in four categories which resulted in the ranking below:

- 101-200: SDG 5 (Gender Equality)
- 301-400: SDG 4 (Quality Education)
- 401-600: SDG 1 (No Poverty)
- 801-1000: SDG 17 (Partnership for the Goals)

This is the first time that PNU joined the THE Impact Rankings. The University, through the Linkages and International Office (LIO), began its preparation in 2021 and submitted all its entries in November 2022.

The results reflect the direction of PNU, the National Center for Teacher Education (NCTE), towards providing inclusive, innovative, impactful, and sustainable, teacher



education programs that produce future-ready teachers and education leaders. Its outstanding ranking under SDG 5 (Gender Equality) shows a strong support system for gender and development (GAD) initiatives and advocacies that promote a safe and inclusive space for its stakeholders.

This most recent recognition is testament to PNU's commitment to subject itself to international quality standards to become a globally-competitive teacher education institution at par with the world's leading colleges and universities.

World Bank Philippines conducts public lecture at PNU CTD

Ruth A. Alido

The Impact of Educational Spaces to Learning Outcomes



PNU Officials, Faculty, Staff, and Students together with Professor Peter Barrett, Dr. Janssen Teixeira, and Mr. Joel Paulin Mendoza

The Impact of Educational Spaces to Learning Outcomes



(L-R) Dr. Ruth Alido, Dr. Jose M. Ocampo, Jr., Prof. Peter Barrett, Dr. Janssen Teixeira, Mr. Joel Paulin Mendoza

The Impact of Educational Spaces to Learning Outcomes



Professor Peter Barrett, sharing his research on the Impact of Educational Spaces to Learning Outcomes

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Dr. Janssen Teixeira, discussing the World Bank's contributions to educational infrastructure

Prof. Peter Barrett, Professor Emeritus of the University of Salford, United Kingdom, and Dr. Janssen Teixeira, Senior Education Specialist of World Bank, shared their research on the Impact of Educational Spaces to Learning Outcomes to the PNU community on April 27, 2023.

Using a case study on pedagogically-led change, Prof. Barrett pointed out how basic school conditions are associated with the pupils' limited opportunities to learn and the teachers' retention in the profession. His discussion covered safe and healthy schools, optimal learning spaces, and the role of teachers and space.

Dr. Teixeira, discussed the World Bank's contributions to educational infrastructure citing the problem faced by Romania in 2017 as a specific example. He highlighted how education infrastructure matters in student learning creating impact on students' learning outcomes. He further emphasized that decisions on education infrastructure investment are best informed by data and evidence.

Academic officials, faculty members, and practice teachers attended the event hosted by the College of Teacher Development (CTD). The audience raised pertinent questions during the open forum, citing specific concerns and examples from experiences in the Philippine classrooms. Dr. Adonis P. David, Vice President for Research, Planning, and Quality Assurance (VPRPQA), gave the welcome remarks and Dr. Jose M. Ocampo, Jr., Vice President for Finance and Administration (VPFA), concluded the program with his closing remarks.

3NS accepts the challenge of EDCOM2 and DepEd's MATATAG Agenda

Ehrwin A. Clarin



PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga with other University Presidents and academic officials of 3NS member institutions and representatives from the National Educators Academy of the Philippines (DepEd-NEAP)

The top university officials from member institutions of the National Network of Normal Schools (3NS) convened for a two-day meeting on May 24 to 25, 2023 at the Kingsford Hotel Manila in Parañaque City. Graced by the Presidents, Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, and Deans of the leading Colleges of Education in the country, the event witnessed the continuous collaboration of the premier teacher education institutions (TEI) geared at a synergistic action toward the development of Filipino teachers and school leaders.



NEAP Dir. Jennifer E. Lopez highlighted the role of 3NS member institutions in the design and delivery of career development programs aligned with DepEd's MATATAG Agenda.

Hosted by the Philippine Normal University, the Network's Lead Convenor, the meeting furthered the partnership of the 10 universities as they came up with productive agreements on the specified set of agenda aimed at mitigating the current challenges surfaced by the pandemic. One of these items is the proposed 3NS engagement with the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II) on the conduct of commissioned research projects to shed light on issues related to teacher/pre-service education and in-service training and development.



Participants from 3NS universities were composed of University Presidents, Vice Presidents for Academic Affairs, and Deans of the College of (Teacher) Education.

Initial discussions were conducted and strategic ways forward were recommended to address identified research issues which include among others, alignment of CHED, PRC & DepEd policies and frameworks on teacher education, gaps in pre-service training, licensing for teachers, development of teachers & school heads, and teacher welfare. Data to be gathered from these commissioned projects will be utilized to inform policy making and education developments "with the end in view of making the Philippines globally competitive in both education and labor markets."



University and Board Secretary, Mr. Janir T. Datukan, served as host and moderator during the high-level meeting.

Along with providing vital big data-informed inputs to EDCOM II, 3NS also accepted the challenge presented by the Department of Education (DepEd) in its MATATAG Agenda, particularly in its critical initiatives to "Give support to teachers to teach better." DepEd, through its training arm, the National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP), represented in the meeting by the Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Director IV, Dr. Jennifer E. Lopez, has engaged 3NS member

institutions, as well as the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), in the design, development, and implementation of a high-quality professional development (PD) program for K to 3 teachers on literacy, numeracy, and socio-emotional learning.



Dir. Leah B. Apao was joined by other representatives from NEAP's Professional Development Division (PDD) in the discussion on the proposed national literacy and numeracy training program.

Anchored on identified priority strands of the Philippine Professional Standards for Teachers (PPST), the National Literacy and Numeracy Training program is concentrated on creative pedagogies, set to be delivered to more than 120,000 public school teachers during the in-service training (INSET) period in July and further cascaded via Learning Action Cell (LAC) sessions. Integral to the immediate next steps after the meeting is the convening of technical working groups (TWG) composed of representatives from each 3NS institution to harmonize the planning and implementation of the program among the member universities that DepEd-NEAP engaged for the training program.



Dr. Jennifer E. Lopez, Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Director IV of NEAP

In his message to the participants, Dr. Bert J. Tuga emphasized the still looming challenges of the education sector that require the support of 3NS. "Admittedly, we still have a great deal of work ahead of us! To work together for teacher education entails the active partnership among 3NS member universities, which will propel this Network forward in a harmonized action toward the development of teachers and school leaders, whom we educate to be inclusive, resilient, and future-ready."



Top University officials from 3NS: (Standing) Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, Dr. Hazel Jean M. Abejuela, Dr. Ma. Julieta B. Borres, Dr. Prima Fe R. Franco, Dr. Jennie V. Jocson; (Seated) Dr. Bert J. Tuga, Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis, Dr. Filomena T. Dayagbil, Dr. Evelyn B. Aguirre

Composed of universities that pledged themselves 12 years ago to the promotion of quality teacher education, the members of 3NS include Bicol University, Bukidnon State University, Cebu Normal University, Leyte Normal University, Mariano Marcos State University, Palawan State University, Pangasinan State University, Philippine Normal University, West Visayas State University, and Western Mindanao State University. Also present in the meeting were Director Leah B. Apao and representatives from NEAP's Professional Development Division (PDD) led by its OIC Ms. Anna Marie B. San Diego.

PNU, Dr. Carl Balita Foundation, and Meken Food Corp extend support to select communities and schools in Tarlac

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Personnel and officials of CBRC Foundation, Sta. Cruz Elementary School, and Philippine Normal University

In a heartwarming display of excellence and compassion to education, Dr. Bert J. Tuga, President of the Philippine Normal University (PNU), was given the Gawad Banyuhay para sa Karunungan (Tatang Felix Garcia Teacher of the Year) Award in 2022 by the esteemed Dr. Carl E. Balita Foundation. As part of this recognition, Dr. Tuga received a trophy and a prize of P 50,000 worth of food products from Meken Food Corp. for a chosen beneficiary.



Distribution of food products to the community of Abelling

To express his gratitude and ensure the impact of this recognition beyond his personal accomplishments, Dr. Tuga, having been personally involved in selecting the beneficiaries of the food products, organized a food distribution and feeding program at the Abelling Aeta Community and at Sta. Cruz Elementary School, Sitio Sta. Cruz, Brgy. Iba, San Jose, Tarlac on June 1, 2023. The said activity was supervised by the Faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences (FBESS) and Dr. Carl Balita Foundation.



Feeding program to the students of Sta. Cruz Elementary School

Under the guidance of Dr. Rodel Valdez, Head Teacher III of Sta. Cruz Elementary School, a total of 100 students from Sta. Cruz Elementary School were provided with nutritious lunch. Additionally, 100 families from the Abelling Aeta Community and Sitio Sta. Cruz received food packs from Meken.



A group of students enjoy their snack.

Leading the feeding program and food pack distribution were Dr. Zyrallie L. Bedural, Associate Dean of PNU's Faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences (FBESS) and Dr. Nikolee Marie Serfico-Reyes, FBESS Extension Coordinator. The PNU team also included Mr. Ernest Dave A. Tenorio from the Office of the President. Valuable assistance was also provided by the personnel from the Carl Balita Review Center (CBRC) led by its Tarlac Branch Manager Ms. Roxell Lugtu, together with its staff Ms. Christine Yamson and Ms. Liezel De Leo, as well as its staff from the Angeles City Branch, Ms. Kaue Ann Sales and Ms. Phoebe Love Caporal. Their collaborative efforts ensured the smooth execution of the event, bringing smiles and nourishment to those in attendance.



The students enjoy a sumptuous snack during the feeding program at Sta. Cruz Elementary School, Tarlac.

The event exemplified the power of collective action and the positive impact that educational institutions and private sector can extend to marginalized communities. It also highlighted the commitment of PNU and the Dr. Carl Balita Foundation to the betterment of the community, particularly in promoting the welfare of students and families in need.***

2023 Grand ALUMNI HOMECOMING

PNUAA HOLDS GRAND ALUMNI HOMECOMING 2023

Cathleen R. Castro & Bon Jasper V. Taligatos



Officers of PNU Alumni Association and PNU Administration



Ribbon cutting for the opening of PNU Alumni Park
PNUAA President Atty. Lutgardo Barbo, PNU President Bert Tuga, PNU Global Alumni President Mrs. Cely De Sagun-Anuran (L-R)

Alumni national awardees were also recognized during the event, with Usec. Gina O. Gonong, Department of Education, leading the honorees. Prior to the program, PNU held a formal launching of the Alumni Park, a dedicated space on campus where alumni can gather and connect. Attendees took part in the unveiling of the alumni walk and "batch for a bench" initiatives. These projects allow the alumni to adopt tiles and benches in the park for a fee. In return, donors will have the opportunity to engrave their names or their batches in the Alumni Park.

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Attendees of the Grand Alumni Homecoming

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Usec. Gina O. Gonong receiving her award from the PNUAA Officers

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CFlex explores lifelong learning programs in Vietnam

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The faculty members from the College of Flexible Learning and ePNU (CFlex) and College of Graduate Studies and Teacher Education Research (CGSTER) conducted Academic Visits and Collaboration Conversations on Lifelong Learning in Vietnam on May 30-June 2, 2023. The PNU delegation headed by Dr. Celia M. Ilanan, CFlex Dean, visited the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Center for Lifelong Learning (SEAMEO CELLL) and Ho Chi Minh City Open University (HCMC-OU), both in Ho Chi Minh City, and Vietnam National Institute of Educational Sciences (VNIES) in Hanoi.

Dr. Le Thi My Ha, SEAMEO CELLL Director, and Mr. Khau Huu Phuoc, Research and Training Manager, welcomed the PNU team and presented opportunities in promoting lifelong learning cooperation among educational institutions of SEAMEO member countries. The conversations included the possibility of forging a partnership focused on conducting joint efforts to further lifelong learning through research, training, materials development, and information dissemination support.



L-R) Prof. Maria Ruth M. Regalado, Dr. Aurora B. Fulgencio, Ms. Anh Tran, Dr. Maria Jhona B. Acuña, Mr. Khau Huu Phuoc, Dr. Celia M. Ilanan, Ms. Lan Huong, Prof. Dominador D. Mangao, and Dr. Rafael V. Panganiban

Prof. Dr. Nguyen Trong Hoa, Vice President of Ho Chi Minh City Open University, and Dr. Le Thai Thuong Quan, Manager of Cooperation and Science Management, met the PNU delegation for academic exchange and dialogue. The discussion focused on the curriculum and delivery of Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning at HCMC-OU, particularly on modern online management systems, designing programs and models in accordance with international quality standards, transfer of print to online teaching materials, cooperation/collaboration with PNU on research, and online training best practices.



The PNU team with Ms. Lan Huong, Vice President Prof. Dr. Le Nguyen Quoc Khang, Dr. Le Thai Thuong Quan, Vice-Director Dr. Hua Van Duc, Vice-director Nguyen Ngoc Thong, Mr. Bui Do Cong Thanh.

The PNU delegation also visited Vietnam National Institute of Educational Sciences (VNIES) where they were welcomed by Mr. Do Duc Lan, Deputy Director of the Scientific Development, Training and International Cooperation Department. Prof. Le An Vinh, Director General, explained the organizational structure of the Ministry of Education and Training (MOET) and the function of VNIES as an agency under the ministry. The two groups discussed future partnerships and collaboration, especially in the areas of teaching at the university level, training of implementers of Alternative Learning in Community Learning Centers (CLCs), training of trainers on assessment, and research projects on issues in continuing education/lifelong learning and building learning societies.



The academic visit with key institutions on lifelong learning in Vietnam resulted in considerable gains through possible collaboration and partnership in the areas of research, instruction, production, and extension, as well as enrichment of CFlex's initial conceptualization of the PNU Lifelong Learning Program.

PNU Associate Professor faculty member chosen as one of six participants from the Philippines for to participate in the Aus4ASEAN Short Course

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Dr. Leah Amor Cortez (middle) shows her certificate for her participation at Aus4ASEAN.

Dr. Leah Amor S. Cortez, faculty member and Executive Director and Provost of PNU South Luzon (PNUSL), participated in the Australia Awards Aus4ASEAN Short Course on Skills Forecasting for the Fourth Industrial Revolution on May 6-21, 2023. The course aims to foster sharing of knowledge and expertise between Australia and ASEAN countries. This was sponsored by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) and Australia Awards and facilitated by Griffith University in Queensland that is consistently ranking in the top 2% of universities worldwide.



Dr. Cortez together with the other participants of Aus4ASEAN

The short course offered a comprehensive program that consisted of full-day lectures, workshops, and an exchange of expertise and best practices between Australia and the ASEAN countries, specifically forecasting the needed skills for future jobs as well as other economic labor trends in ASEAN.



The participants of the Aus4ASEAN together with the organizers

Among a hundred interviewed applicants from the Philippines and more than 450 applicants from ASEAN, Dr. Cortez was chosen as one of the six participants representing the country. Her selection is testament to her outstanding credentials, expertise, and contributions to the field of education.

The Australia Awards Aus4ASEAN Short Course on Skills Forecasting for the Fourth Industrial Revolution brought together a total of 26 participants from seven countries, including Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines, Thailand, and Vietnam. This diverse group of educators and professionals collectively explored future job prospects, forecasted the needed skills, and delved into economic and labor trends within the ASEAN region.



Dr. Cortez shares with the participants how to create better managers and leaders.

In the fast-changing landscape of education, Dr. Leah's newfound knowledge and skills will help contribute to the advancement and preparedness of PNU and its various stakeholders and partners.

ITL faculty members undergo training on Global Citizenship Education in UNESCO APCEIU

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The Philippine Normal University sent 12 faculty members of the Institute of Teaching and Learning (ITL) to the Global Citizenship Education (GCED) Capacity-Building Training for the Second Cluster of GCED Cooperation Centres (GCC) at the Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (APCEIU), under the auspices of UNESCO, on May 22-25, 2023 in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The goal is to equip the participants with the knowledge and skills for integrating GCED in schools and teacher education institutions (TEI). The training was programmed to hold a variety of sessions, presentations, and visits to schools and universities, providing valuable insights and promoting collaboration among the participants.



The faculty members of PNU ITL holding their certificate of completion with the organizers of GCED Capacity-Building Training



Dr. Montebon (right), Prof. Delos Santos (middle), and Prof. Anapi (left) discussing the enrichment of Science and Math Curriculum with GCED

Dr. Hyun Mook Lim, APCEIU Director, welcomed the delegates and reiterated support for GCED initiatives in the region. Ms. Yangsook Lee, Deputy Head of the Institute of GCED, provided an overview of the program. The participants shared concepts and principles related to GCED to deepen their understanding. The delegates from the National Institute of Education (NIE) and ITL presented the status of GCED implementation in Cambodia and the Philippines, respectively, followed by feedback sharing.



The faculty members of the PNU ITL during their capacity-building training

The training program, led by GCED experts and educators, was designed to be interactive in order to maximize interaction among the participants. They explored transformative pedagogy for GCED, discussed curriculum integration, and worked with their colleagues to map the curriculum using GCED concepts and principles. Visits to the GCED Museum, UNESCO Simulation Room, and Seoul Munsung Elementary School provided first-hand exposure to GCED practices in schools.

The delegates also had the opportunity to learn about GCED in Teacher Education through a presentation by Dr. Sung-Sang Yoo of Seoul National University. The NIE and ITL delegates presented action plans for GCED integration that focus on training, curriculum, pedagogy, and physical structures.



The participants of the 2023 GCED Capacity-Building Training for the Second Cluster of GCC's

The training equipped the PNU faculty members with the necessary skills and understanding to further integrate GCED and transform ITL into a model school. The training concluded with a visit to Seoul Munsung Elementary School where delegates observed classes and learned about the school's Global Munsung Education initiative. The session ended with a sharing of reflections on GCED and a cultural showcase of the dance "Subli" by select ITL faculty members.

NATIONAL MUSEUM NAMES PNU BUILDINGS AS NATIONAL CULTURAL TREASURES AND IMPORTANT CULTURAL PROPERTIES

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Three heritage buildings of the Philippine Normal University, namely the Normal Hall, the Geronima T. Pecson Hall (Main Building), and the Faculty Center (former Training Department Building) were recognized as National Cultural Treasures and Important Cultural Properties by the National Museum of the Philippines by virtue of Republic Act No. 10066.

The decision was made on December 5, 2018 through a deliberation conducted by the Panel of Experts, affirmed by the Director-General of the National Museum, Jeremy R. Barns, CESO III, and approved via Museum Resolution No. 1-2018.

The building marker given by the National Museum of the Philippines is a symbol of historical and cultural significance and signifies that the buildings have been recognized as an important part of the country's heritage.

The panel, under Presidential Decree (PD) No. 374, is tasked to conduct a "careful study and deliberation, decide which among the cultural properties in their field of specialization shall be designated as National Cultural Treasures or Important Cultural Properties."

Article II, Sec. 3(bb) defined National Cultural Treasures as "unique cultural property found locally, possessing outstanding historical, cultural, artistic and/or scientific value which is highly significant and important to the country and nation, and officially declared as such by pertinent cultural agency."

The facade of the Geronima T. Pecson Hall of PNU reflects the University's commitment to truth, excellence, and service.



The Philippine Normal University, the National Center for Teacher Education, is known for its teacher education programs. The university's main building, the Geronima T. Pecson Hall, was built in 1912 and was originally called the Philippine Normal School Building. The Normal Hall, on the other hand, was constructed in 1914 and served as the university's main student dormitory. The former Training Department Building, now the Faculty Center, was reconstructed in the 1950 and was used as a training center for teachers.

According to the National Museum, the recognition of these buildings as national cultural treasures and important cultural properties is an important step in preserving the country's cultural heritage. The designation means that the buildings will be protected from destruction or alteration and will be given priority in government funding for their maintenance and preservation.

The Normal Hall gives a glimpse of PNU's rich history and legacy as a leader in teacher education in the country.

In a letter to the National Museum, PNU President Bert J. Tuga, expressed his gratitude for the recognition given to the buildings, saying that PNU will work hard to preserve and protect the structures for the future generation of Filipino teachers.

The recognition of the Philippine Normal University's buildings as national cultural treasures and important cultural properties is a testament to the university's contribution to the country's cultural and architectural heritage.

The Faculty Center of PNU stands as a symbol of unity, bridging generations of PNUans through the years. It is a testament to the enduring legacy of PNU in shaping the nation.



PNUM faculty members attend an intensive workshop on TESOL organized by US RELO

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PNU Mindanao Faculty with the representative of the TESOL workshop

Two faculty members from Philippine Normal University Mindanao (PNUM) had the opportunity to enhance their teaching skills through an intensive training program sponsored by the U.S. government. Prof. Jeanette T. Gongora and Prof. Elvie Charie L. Ortua, both from the Faculty of Teacher Development (FTD), attended the Teacher Professional Development Workshop on TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) Methodology. This was organized by the Regional English Language Office (RELO) of the U.S. Embassy in the Philippines on May 15-20, 2023 at the Bayview Park Hotel in Manila.

The workshop gathered English language educators from 15 universities in Mindanao, including Mindanao State University (MSU)-General Santos, MSU-IIT, MSU-TCTO, MSU Jolo, Notre Dame Marbel University, Sultan Kudarat State University, Ateneo De Davao University, Ateneo de Zamboanga University, Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan, Bukidnon State University, Caraga State University, Surigao State College of Technology, and PNUM. The participants were specifically selected for their background in teaching English and were expected to disseminate newfound knowledge and learnings to other teachers in the region.

Dr. Donna Brinton and Dr. Jan Frodesen, renowned language specialists and authors who employed a "training the trainers" curriculum design, organized and facilitated the workshop. This approach equipped participants with the necessary information, strategies, and techniques to effectively train other educators in their communities.

During the workshop, the participants met U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, MaryKay Carlson, who emphasized the commitment of the United States in collaborating with Philippine partners to support high-quality education, particularly in language acquisition.

PNUM's participation in this intensive training and workshop is testament to the University's initiatives to assist and support English teachers, both in the basic and higher education levels, to improve their methods and skills in teaching the subject.



PNU Mindanao faculty member receiving her certificate from the organizers of the workshop

41Title: Lakbay nang Magkaakbay: The First-ever In-person Pride Event at the Philippine Normal University

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PNU Katalonan, the Philippine Normal University's (PNU) pioneer and duly accredited LGBTQIA+ organization, hosted and led the first-ever, in-person Pride event at the Manila campus. The event was held on June 14, 2023 at the PNU Quadrangle, from 8 AM to 10 PM. The event's theme "(L)AKBAY: Paglalakbay nang Magkaakbay Tungo sa Kalayaan ng Kasarian" advocated for safe spaces, inclusive education, and gender equality and inclusivity. It is a benefit concert in which 30% of the event proceeds will be handed to the Home of the Golden Gays Philippines, a Philippine non-profit organization that provides support and care facilities for elderly LGBTQ people.

As the pioneer and duly accredited LGBTQIA+ student organization at the PNU, it upholds an inclusive environment inside and outside the campus and protects LGBTQIA+ from hate and discrimination. With this, (L)AKBAY has had a long plan to advocate for the organization's principles. The event was headed by Emmanuel Lasquite, Seliena Galapin, and Daniele Guevarra, fourth-year students of the university and the executive officers of PNU Katalonan, in collaboration with the University Center for Gender and Development and PNU-USC Student Gender and Development Commission and in support with the other faculty and student organizations of PNU namely, PNU NAMI, The PNU Biological Society, PNU Faculty of Education Sciences Student Assembly, PNU Society of Technology and Library Science Educators, PNU Geografika, PNU - University Student Council, PNU Social Science Club, GABRIELA Youth PNU, Anakbayan PNU, PNU USC Freshmen Assembly, PNU Samahan ng mga Tagapagpalaganap ng Edukasyon sa Pagpapahalaga - STEP, Philippine Normal University-UNESCO Club, Samahan ng mga Mag-aaral ng Kasaysayan - PNU, The PNU Math Club, PNU-Kabataang Urduja, PNU The Thespian Society, NU SAGA - National University Sexuality and Gender Alliance, Annyeong PNU (Korean Cultural Organization), PNU Student Electoral Commission, and Physical Education Majors' Society-Manila.

Not limited to university organizations, Katalonan Pride has also collaborated with PANTAY Philippines, Queer Safe Spaces, APOTHEKE Science Philippines, Midoko Philippines, LoveYourself Caravan, and INQUIRER POP.

The concessionaires Jay-san Shawarma and Sisig, Iskrambol Manila, Party Carts Manila, K-Chase Korean Street Food, Tori Food Trading, Curly Chef, Bites & Teas, Comet Collectibles, Ulzzang Official, and YS Glam were also present.

With their joyful and enthusiastic personalities that captivated the audience from morning to night, Rads San Miguel, Kio Fukuoka, and Conrad Castorico hosted the (L)AKBAY that is also called Katalonan Pride. The morning session consisted of solidarity speeches from the partner student organizations and speeches from six generations of PNU Katalonan Punong Katalonan, from 2017 to now, and allotted time for the organization of the student booths.

At 4 PM, the PNU Quadrangle closed for non-ticket holders, and the benefit concert began with performances from PNUans and non-PNUans alike. The event opened with performances from PNU Balingsasayaw and students Mx. Kris, Jelyn, and a dynamic duo, Ben and Van. The non-PNUan performances included Stef Aranas, and the bands JULES, and Solace Out The Door.

To start the drag race competition, Twinky Versant, the reigning Drag Superstar of PNU, amazed everyone with her fantastic performance before letting the stage shine with our very own Drag Queens. Saintify, Miss Violet, Mica Chanel, Eveounqa, and Leb Lanx all dazzled with their talents and beauty. As the judges decided on the Top 3, the audience also enjoyed the performances of well-known Drag Queens, Gem, Lady X, Collision Course, and Taylor Sheesh.

From the tight and exhilarating competition, the Top 3 Queens were Miss Violet, Leb Lanx, and Eveounqa. Soon after, Twinky Versant passed the crown to the new Drag Superstar, Eveounqa. When asked about her experience, she said, "I'm beyond grateful to be part of a space in history where queer art is celebrated through acknowledging the existence of aggression and the need for collective action."

Workshop on the Development of AsTEN Strategic Direction

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A breakout session led by Prof. Portia R. Soriano and Mr. John Carlo M. Ramos during the Workshop on the Development of AsTEN Strategic Direction

The representatives of AsTEN member institutions participated in a series of workshops aimed at understanding the current situation of teacher education in the ASEAN region. Workshop 1 provided a platform for the participants to identify trends and developments as well as issues and challenges in key areas such as knowledge creation, knowledge sharing, knowledge utilization, and knowledge management.



Dr. Kay Thwe Hlaing, Rector of Yangon University of Education (Myanmar) sharing her insights on the proposed strategic direction of AsTEN

Workshop 2 was aimed at identifying AsTEN's stakeholders, encompassing pre-service and in-service teachers, Ministries of Education, and other teacher education institutions (TEIs) in the region. The workshop targeted the needs and expectations of these stakeholders while exploring potential initiatives for AsTEN to launch, thus better serving them, and expanding its mandate as an ASEAN entity.

The third and final session of the workshop was dedicated in outlining the strategic direction of AsTEN, which included the following: collaboration among member institutions, promoting research and innovation in teacher education, advocating for policy reforms, and enhancing the professional development of teachers in the region.

The target activities were brainstormed, ranging from organizing regional conferences, workshops, and seminars to establishing collaborative research projects and facilitating knowledge exchange among member institutions.



Asst. Prof. Dr. Wandee Kasemsukpipat of Kasetsart University facilitating a workshop session with Mr. Ernest Dave Tenorio

The participants also acknowledged potential roadblocks such as varying educational policies and resource limitations. They also devised interventions to overcome these challenges. The proposed interventions included developing a harmonized framework for teacher education, fostering cross-border collaborations, leveraging technology for knowledge sharing, and forging strategic partnerships with regional and international organizations.

15th Meeting of Presidents



The Board of Trustees of AsTEN with Dr. Gina O. Gonong, Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching of the Philippine Department of Education

The objective of the 15th Meeting of Presidents is to discuss the Five-Year Strategic Directions of AsTEN, which focuses on strengthening partnerships and linkages for collaborative research projects, AsTEN membership, quality assurance, and other initiatives aimed at improving teacher education in the ASEAN region.

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Dr. Bert J. Tuga delivering his welcome message to the Board of Trustees of AsTEN

Dr. Bert J. Tuga delivering his welcome message to the Board of Trustees of AsTEN. In his welcome message, PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga [1] compared the meeting to Manila's Kilometer Zero, which is a marker located in the heart of Manila from which all distances in the Philippines are measured and serves as a symbol of coming together, a place of convergence, and a starting point for new journeys. Dr. Tuga emphasized the role of teacher education as a Kilometer Zero for the region's educational, social, and economic development.



Assoc. Prof. Pattamavadi Lehmongko, AsTEN Chairperson, formally opening the 15th Meeting of Presidents

AsTEN Chairperson, Associate Professor Dr. Pattamavadi Lehmongko, expressed utmost confidence that 15th Meeting of Presidents would serve as a catalyst for fostering extensive collaborations and initiating crucial discussions on advancements in teacher education, benefiting all AsTEN members and regions. Dr. Lehmongko firmly believes that

despite the adverse impacts of the pandemic, political unrest, and economic fluctuations on various business sectors and industries, education remains an unwavering cornerstone, playing an indispensable role in societal progress. Consequently, the work carried out by AsTEN emerges as a pivotal factor in providing essential support and leading developments across all sectors of our society.



Assoc. Prof. Pattamavadi Lengmongkol and Dr. Bert J. Tuga handing over the token of appreciation to Usec. Gina O. Gonong

Also present during the opening program via Zoom was Atty. Lily Freida M. Milla from the International Affairs Staff of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED-IAS). She also sent her special message to AsTEN, congratulating them for their collective effort in transforming education for a better world.

Dr. Gina O. Gonong, Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching of the Department of Education (DepEd), was also present during the event to address the AsTEN representatives. She emphasized the important role of AsTEN in providing frameworks and models to ensure that pre-service teachers are trained to better support the varied needs of the Ministry of Education of the ASEAN countries.

Cultural Immersion and Tour



Dr. Udomluk Koolsriroj of Kasetsart University joining in the community singing during the welcome dinner hosted by PNU

The participants of the workshop were not only engaged in productive discussions but also treated to an array of cultural performances by the PNU Rondalla, PNU Chorale, Kislap Sining Dance Troupe, and Balingsasayaw that showcase the rich heritage of the Philippines.

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Additionally, the participants had the opportunity to explore the historical beauty of Manila through a guided tour at the iconic Manila Clock Tower so that they would gain insights about the city's rich past and architectural marvels. Furthermore, a visit to Villa Escudero in Tiaong, Quezon added an element of nature and relaxation to the itinerary.

The TELs that are part of AsTEN are the leading institutions/universities in teacher education in their respective countries, offering advanced degrees in education, making significant contributions to education and teacher education in the area of curriculum, research, and instruction, and having international linkages and partnerships with institutions, especially in the ASEAN region. AsTEN envisions to prepare and adapt to the changes and challenges brought about by the ASEAN integration with a focus on teacher education.



AsTEN is composed of Kolej Universiti Perguruan Ugama Seri Begawan (Brunei Darussalam), National Institute of Education (Cambodia), Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (Indonesia), National University of Laos (Laos People's Democratic Republic), Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (Malaysia), Yangon University of Education (Myanmar), Philippine Normal University (Philippines) National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University (Singapore), Kasetsart University (Thailand), and University of Social Sciences and Humanities (Vietnam).

The Philippine Normal University serves as the Permanent Secretariat of AsTEN.

AsTEN delegation holds dialogue with ASEAN and SEAMEO Secretariats

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The AsTEN delegation and AsTEN Secretariat (PNU) with the key officials of Southeast Asia Ministers of Education Secretariat



The AsTEN delegation composed of Kasetsart University, Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia, and Philippine Normal University (Permanent Secretariat)

As the permanent secretariat of the Association of Southeast Asian Teacher Education Network (AsTEN), the Philippine Normal University (PNU) joined the Kasetsart University and Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia in a separate meeting with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat and the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) Secretariat on March 24, 2023 and March 27, 2023, respectively.

Joining the AsTEN delegation from PNU are Mr. John Carlo M. Ramos, AsTEN Executive Director and Mr. Carl Josef B. Francisco, Technical Assistant. Meanwhile,

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Torchbearers gear up for return of SCUAA-NCR Games

John Miko R. Ofalsa



TORCHBEARERS READY FOR BATTLE. Student-athletes for various sporting events huddle for one last time before being deployed for the SCUAA-NCR Games 2023

After two years of hiatus due to the pandemic, the Philippine Normal University's herd of gallant student-athletes, collectively known as the Torchbearers, were once again ready to battle it out for athletic supremacy against the best in the region. They vied for the gold in the various competitions in the State Colleges and Universities Athletic Association-National Capital Region (SCUAA-NCR) 2023 on June 19 to 23, 2023.

Before the Torchbearers ventured in their respective events, the PNU Community showed their fervent support to these student-athletes through the provision of much needed gears and support. Through the initiative of University President Dr. Bert J. Tuga,



GEARED UP. In support of the student-athletes, the PNU Administration spearheaded the procurement of playing uniforms, gears, and energy drinks to assure the tip top performance in all events.

this year's batch of student-athletes received high quality uniforms that are suitable for intense in-game action. High-quality parade shoes were also provided which were used mainly for the opening parade and other related events. Aside from the clothing support, the University also provided multivitamins for the athletes and the coaches to ensure that their health would be at its peak during the games. Lastly, the PNU administration has authorized the release of training and competition allowance to the athletes to allay any expenses during the week-long games.

The PNU Center for Culture and Sports Development headed by its Director, Mr. Romeo R. Rioflorido, facilitated the distribution of gears and multivitamins. Director Rioflorido shared his optimism on the fighting chance of the Torchbearers given that they are now well-equipped.

The SCUAA-NCR Games formally kicked off on June 19, 2023 at the Cuneta Astrodome. The Philippine State College of Aeronautics hosted this installment of the annual games.

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PNU gives research and extension awards to outstanding individuals and units

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The Philippine Normal University (PNU) held the Research Forum and Gawad Sulo for Outstanding Research and Extension 2022 on May 31, 2023 via Zoom. These programs are managed by the Office of the Vice President for Research, Planning, and Quality Assurance (OVPRPQA) through the Educational Policy Research and Development Center (EPRDC) and the Community Partnership and Extension Office (CPEO), in coordination with the University Events Management and Public Relations Office (UEMPRO). In attendance were the faculty members and administrative staff from across the PNU System. The event was headed by Dr. Adonis P. David, Vice President for Research, Planning, and Quality Assurance (VPRPQA), and Dr. Jennie Jocson, Vice President for Academics (VPA). Hosting this year was Dr. Mary Grace Faylona.

The first part of the program is the Research Forum which featured the three faculty researchers who discussed their respective project interests. Dr. Marie Paz E. Morales, University Professor and Director of the Publication Office, discussed Science Capital in Focus. She discussed Educating Science Teachers for All (ESTA), a project funded by the European Union Erasmus Plus (+) Programme, which she headed. This project promoted inclusive education in the context of science, which benefited many teachers in both basic and tertiary levels in the Philippines.

Dr. Merimee T. Siena and Prof. Ma. Laarni D. Buenventura, who are faculty members and counselors from the Office of Student Affairs and Student Services (OSASS), presented the results of their work under their respective Project-Based Research Grants (PBRG) Batch 11. Dr. Siena talked about the findings of their mixed-methods research on the role of work-related factors on teachers' experience of flourishing and psychological richness in life during the COVID-19 pandemic. Prof. Buenventura shared the results of their quantitative research that aimed to test a model for teachers' gender-sensitive characteristics in blended teaching.

The second part of the program is the Gawad Sulo for Outstanding Research and Extension 2022. A total of 26 faculty members and administrative staff across the PNU System received recognition and incentives for their publication in reputable scientific journals. In addition, special recognition for research publication and production were also awarded to academic units and faculty members for their exemplary research outputs and publications in 2022.

The top 5 units given the Outstanding Research Publications are: (1) College of Graduate Studies and Teacher Education Research (CGSTER); (2) Institute of Teaching and Learning (ITL); (3) Philippine Normal University North Luzon (PNUNL); (4) Faculty of Arts and Languages (FAL); and (5) Philippine Normal University South Luzon (PNUSL).

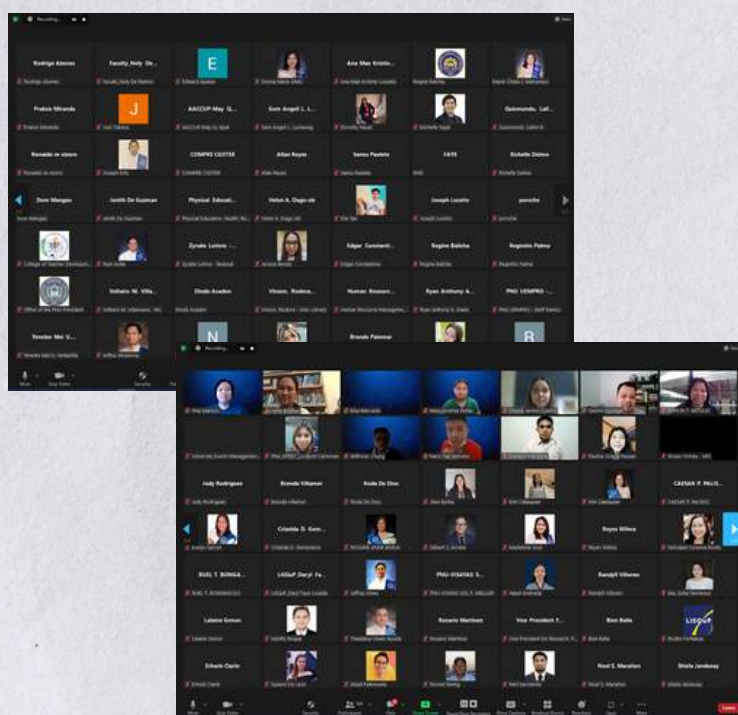
The top 5 units that received the Outstanding Research Production are: (1) Faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences (FBESS); (2) CGSTER; (3) Philippine Normal University Visayas (PNUV); (4) Office of Student Affairs and Student Services (OSASS); and (5) PNUNL.

Two faculty members tied for Outstanding Research Publication: Dr. Darryl Roy T. Montebon of ITL and Dr. Levi E. Elipane of CGSTER. Outstanding Research Production was awarded to Dr. Felicia I. Yeban of FBESS.

The COMPASS Extension Award (Community Partnership toward Academic Sharing and Service), an initiative of CPEO, recognized the top 3 units based on their remarkable and impactful extension services to their respective communities: (1) FBESS; (2) FAL and OSASS; and (3) Faculty of Educational Sciences (FES) and Philippine Normal University Mindanao (PNUM). Three faculty extensionists were

also awarded for their commendable volunteerism in community extension activities, namely: (1); Ms. Analyn C. Bituin (2); Prof. Carl O. Dellomos; and (3) Ms. Charmane T. Espejo.

The PNU Research Forum and Gawad Sulo for Research and Extension are annual University events that aim to motivate faculty members and administrative staff to inculcate a culture of research and service by providing institutional recognitions, awards, and incentives for accomplishments by unit/s and individuals in research production and publication as well as community extension.



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Kasetsart University was represented by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pattamavadi Lehmongkol, Dean, Faculty of Education and AsTEN Chair; Asst. Prof. Dr. Udomluk Koolsriroj, Associate Dean for International Affairs; Asst. Prof. Dr. Wandee Kasemsukpipat, Assistant Dean for International Affairs; and Asst. Prof. Dr. Pikun Ekwarangkoon, Vice Dean for Research and Academic Services. From Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (UPI), Prof. Dr. Fuad Abdul Hamied and Prof. Dr. Mohammad Ali were present.



Dr. Roger Y. Chao, Jr. of ASEAN EYSD having dialogue with the AsTEN delegation

During the March 24 meeting in Jakarta, the delegation met with Dr. Roger Y. Chao, Jr., Assistant Director of ASEAN Education, Youth and Sports Division (EYSD). The meeting focused on the need to advance discussions and efforts in teacher education at the regional level, particularly in the areas of digital transformation, inclusive education, foundational learning, and teacher competency development as research priorities for AsTEN. During the meeting, Prof. Dr. Fuad Abdul Hamied and Prof. Dr. Mohammad Ali, Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia introduced AsTEN's efforts in creating quality assurance standards for teacher education programs in the region.



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pattamavadi Lehmongkol (AsTEN Chairperson) leading the wrapping up session after the dialogues and consultations with ASEAN stakeholders

On March 27, the AsTEN delegation visited the SEAMEO Secretariat in Bangkok to consult and discuss collaboration opportunities. The delegation was received by its outgoing Director, Dr. Ethel Agnes P. Valenzuela and its incoming Director, Datuk Dr. Habibah Abdul Rahim. SEAMEO introduced their education, science, and culture agenda as well as their ongoing projects in the region, expressing interest in collaborating with AsTEN and its member institutions in the future.

The AsTEN delegation's meetings with ASEAN and SEAMEO Secretariats set the groundwork for future collaborations that can contribute to further enrich a skilled and competent teaching workforce in the region.

PNU AWARDS THE 2023 GAWAD SULO FOR EMINENT ALUMNI

Cathleen R. Castro & Bon Jasper V. Taligatos



The Philippine Normal University (PNU) organized the 2023 Gawad Sulo for Eminent Alumni in recognition of the 21 alumni from across the PNU System who have contributed significantly to education, in general,

The HuSay (Huwaran, SAYSay, and TagumpAY) Trophy which will be received by the Gawad Sulo for Eminent Alumni Awardees

and teacher education, in particular, in various capacities and in their respective fields. The event was held on May 3, 2023 at the Geronima T. Pecson Auditorium and streamed live via the PNU Facebook Page.

The 2023 Gawad Sulo for Eminent Alumni was made more special with the launching of the HuSay Trophy. The term HuSay is an amalgamation of three Filipino words: HUwaran, SAYSay, and TagumpAY. Visually evident in the trophy are the following symbols: The Laurel, The Book and The Torch. The HuSay Trophy is 15 inches from the tip of the torch to the wooden base and is made with resin material.



Dr. Elmer De Leon(right) receiving his trophy from Dr. Bert J. Tuga (left)

The Gawad Sulo for Eminent Alumni has the following categories: Educational Leadership; Public Service; Advocacy in Education and Teacher Education; Science and Technology for the Education Sector; and Culture and Arts for the Education Sector.

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Inspired by US President Theodore Roosevelt, Dr. Bert J. Tuga, PNU President, emphasized that “a great university has two functions: first, to produce scholars of the highest rank and, second, to produce graduates who can make a positive impact in the world.”

President Tuga described the awardees as the result of a well-rounded education, adding that “whether it is through teaching, business, leadership, or other areas, our awardees today are the ones who have applied their skills and knowledge to solve problems, create opportunities, and make a difference in the life of others.”



Dr. Bert J. Tuga delivering his message to the awardees



Ms. Araceli “Cely” De Sagun-Anuran (middle) receiving her trophy from Dr. Bert J. Tuga (left) and Dr. Jennie V. Jocson (right)

Among the notable awardees is Ms. Araceli “Cely” De Sagun-Anuran, President of the PNU Global Alumni Association (GAA), who was instrumental in garnering the support of the alumni in North America and Australia to provide additional scholarship funds for select undergraduate students.

The complete list of awardees in the various categories is as follows:

Educational Leadership

1. Dr. Elmer B. De Leon
2. Dr. Julie Hope Timotea P. Evina
3. Dr. Larry A. Gabao
4. Dr. Ronald A. Gonzales
5. Dr. Danilo S. Gutierrez
6. Fr. Raymond H. Ruga, PhD

Culture and Arts for the Education Sector

7. Dr. Rocelle N. Jimenez
8. Prof. Cynthia N. Manalo

Public Service

9. Dr. Olivia F. De Leon
10. Lt. Col. Reynald Romel A. Goce
11. Hon. Albin D. Magdamit
12. Dr. Carlicita A. Sanial

Advocacy in Education and Teacher Education

13. Dr. Christine Joy D.R. Aguila
14. Dr. Rosalinda Y. Basas
15. Dr. Noemi S. Baysa
16. Dr. Anita G. David
17. Ms. Araceli “Cely” De Sagun-Anuran
18. Ms. Erlinda “Linda” Stone
19. Dr. Arturo M. Toledo, Jr.
20. Dr. Celia Cunanan-Cruz

Science and Technology for Education Sector

21. Dr. Marilou D. Cebujano



Group photo of the PNU Officials (front) with the Gawad Sulo for Eminent Alumni Awardees (back)

The Gawad Sulo for Eminent Alumni is held annually and managed by the Alumni Relations and Services Office (ARSO) and the Office of the Vice President for University Relations and Advancement (OVPUA).

PNU faculty members join the ASEAN initiative on media and information literacy

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Participants of the ToT Program from ASEAN member institutions with the key officials from NIE Singapore, ASEAN, USAID, and US Embassy in Singapore

The Philippine Normal University (PNU) participated in the Training of Trainers (ToT) Program to Address Disinformation and Promote Media Informational Literacy. It was held on March 1-2, 2023 at the National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. PNU was represented by Niño D. Naldoza, Director, Institute of Knowledge Management (IKM), Prof. Nonita C. Marte, Faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences, and Mr. John Carlo M. Ramos, Executive Director, AsTEN Secretariat. The training was organized by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and supported by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).



Dr. Nino Naldoza presenting on how PNU can contextualize the ToT modules endorsed by ASEAN



Mr. Ramos, Dr. Naldoza and Prof. Marte participating in the training-workshop

PNU actively participated in the discussion and workshop on how teacher education institutions can address the problems of disinformation through the use of the ASEAN-endorsed ToT Program, which underscored the significance of the ASEAN-endorsed "Training of Trainers Program to Address Disinformation and Promote Media Literacy – Toolkit for Educators" that was launched in January 2022. The need to localize the use of the toolkit was emphasized to help teachers design their lessons specific to their contexts. It is expected that AsTEN and its member institutions will be able to support in sustaining ASEAN's advocacy of combatting fake news and disinformation through education.

The ToT Program aims to equip teachers with the necessary skills and knowledge to teach the students about media literacy and how to critically identify disinformation and misinformation. The event brought together educators from different countries to share their experiences and strategies in addressing the issue of disinformation.



Philippine participants receiving their certificates with Dr. Jessie Png (NIE Singapore), Sam de Silva (PROSPECT), and Mr. Diman Simanjuntak (USAID)

Dir. Naldoza expressed his gratitude to be part of the event and stated, "This is a significant opportunity for our institution to learn from other educators and develop a more comprehensive approach to combat disinformation. We are committed to utilizing the knowledge we gained to create a better learning environment for our students."

The participation of PNU in the ToT Program is expected to contribute to the implementation of the ASEAN-endorsed ToT Program and the promotion of media literacy in the Philippines.