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TORCHBEARERS HEAD TO TARLAC CITY FOR THE SCUAA NATIONAL GAMES 2023

BEST OF LUCK IN TARLAC: Student-athletes from PNU (kneeling) and Coach Erwin M. Blancaflor (third from the right) were sent off by Mr. Romeo R. Rioflorida, Sports Director, and select IPEHRDS faculty and staff.

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CCP, PNU PILOT ARTS ACADEMY FOR PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS

The Cultural Center of the Philippines partnered with Philippine Normal University to deliver Arts Academy last October 20 to 22, 2023. This installation of the said program is the first of its kind that caters to pre-service teachers.

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CSC RECOGNIZES PNU'S RECRUITMENT, SELECTION, AND PLACEMENT PROGRAM UNDER PRIME-HRM

The Philippine Normal University received a Certificate of Recognition from the Civil Service Commission (CSC) for obtaining Maturity Level 2 in the Recruitment, Selection, and Placement (RSP) Program under the

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ASTEN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOINS THE UIA ROUNDTABLE ASIA-PACIFIC 2023

On October 11-13, 2023, Mr. John Carlo M. Ramos, the Executive Director of AstEN and a faculty member of PNU, participated in the 10th Roundtable Asia-Pacific 2023 organized by the Union of International Associations (UIA) at Lotte Hotel, Seoul, South Korea.

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RONALD AQUINO GONZALES

Doc G: A Beacon of Educational Excellence and Leadership

Dr. Ronald A. Gonzales is a name synonymous with excellence in education and transformative leadership. With a slew of prestigious accolades, his remarkable journey has left an indelible mark on the educational landscape.

In 2023, Dr. Gonzales was named the "Most Outstanding Transformational Leader and Educator" by the International Organization of Educators and Researchers, Inc. This esteemed recognition, bestowed upon him in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on March 29, 2023, stands as a testament to his visionary leadership.

In December 2022, he achieved the pinnacle of recognition as an "Exemplary Administrator in Higher Education" at the International Cross-Cultural Exchange for Professional Development in Bangkok, Thailand. His

His commitment to education extends to his teaching commitment to excellence in education was further affirmed in July 2022 when he received the "Outstanding Leadership in Education" award from the United Federation of Filipino-American Educators, Inc., based in New York, USA.

The Philippine Normal University System recognized Dr. Gonzales as the "2023 Gawad Sulo Eminent Alumni for Educational Leadership and Management," underscoring his outstanding contributions to the field. In July 2023, he added another feather to his cap by passing the Career Executive Service Board Examination.

Dr. Gonzales's dedication extends beyond recognition. He serves as a National Monitor for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Programs and is a vital member of the Commission on Higher Education's Regional Quality Assessment Team (RQAT). He is also a National Accreditor of the Association of Local Colleges and Universities-Commission on Accreditation (ALCU COA).

As the OIC-President of the City College of Calamba, Dr. Gonzales has held various administrative roles, including Vice President for Academic Affairs, Research and Development, and Dean of Arts and Sciences and Teacher Education.



roles at City College of Calamba and as a visiting professor and guest lecturer at esteemed institutions. He also serves as a consultant for the City Government of Pasay and the City University of Pasay.

Beyond his administrative and teaching roles, Dr. Gonzales is a tireless advocate for language and literature education. He is the National President of the Alliance of Language and Literature Teachers, Inc., and has been actively involved in numerous educational organizations, both nationally and internationally.

Dr. Gonzales's scholarly contributions are equally remarkable, with a rich portfolio of research papers and publications. His dedication to peer review and evaluation demonstrates his commitment to nurturing the academic community.

With a Cum Laude degree in Bachelor of Secondary Education, a Master of Arts in Education with High Distinction, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Management from the Philippine Normal University, Dr. Ronald A. Gonzales has not only excelled academically but has also become a driving force in the realm of education, earning the admiration and respect of his peers and students alike. His impact on education and leadership continues to shine brightly, guiding the way for future generations.

CCP, PNU PILOT ARTS ACADEMY FOR PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS

by: John Miko R. Ofalsa

This is a nod to the role of budding educators as effective promulgators of the arts. The program was participated in by 146 students coming from the Bachelor of Physical Education and Bachelor of Culture and Arts Education programs of PNU.

The three-day event was highlighted by the breakout sessions on four major art forms which were facilitated by resource speakers identified by CCP: Mr. Robert Stephen Biadoma for Dance, Mr. Jan Vincent Ibesate for Theatre, Mr. Fortunato O. Ramos Jr. for Music, and Mr. Bryan Quesada for Visual Arts.

The learning sessions were kickstarted by no less than CCP's President, Ms. Michelle Nikki Junia, as she delivered a plenary talk on music and the arts. After the brief formalities in the morning, student artists went on to immerse in their respective workshops which focused on honing particular artistic capacities. The dance session was dubbed Framed Dances: Exploring Movement Narratives through Lenses. The theatre group circled on Curtained Canvass: Discovering the Basic Elements of Theatre and Performance. The music session returned to its roots as it focused on Music 101: Back to Music Basics. Lastly, the visual arts group participated in the workshop called Wide Shot: Expanding the Film Language and Visual Sphere. To fortify earlier knowledge of the



Photo courtesy of Ms. Elimore Cabanilla of CCP-Arts Academy

participants on the application of arts in various facets of education, Dr. Joel Tubera, faculty member of the Institute of Physical Education, Recreation, Dance, and Sports, and Mr. Dennis Marasigan, Vice President and Artistic Director of CCP, provided lectures on Resource Materials Integration in the Curriculum and Transition and Teaching the Arts, respectively. The participants then proceeded to the production of creative outputs of each artistic domain.

The program was culminated through the presentation of the various creative works. The dance group

presented three dance films namely: Black Label, Pahina, and Paos. The theatre group likewise presented three short plays depicting topics related to social concerns. The music and visual arts group shared their insights from their respective workshops. Impressions were also shared by the participants which conveyed learning and gratitude to the resource speakers and organizers.



ARTS ACADEMY IN SESSION. BCAEd and BPED Majors take part in workshops concentrating on particular art forms during the three-day Arts Academy held last October 20 to 22, 2023 at Philippine Normal University – Manila. Photos courtesy of Ms. Elimore Cabanilla of CCP-Arts Academy

Torchbearers head to Tarlac City for the SCUAA National Games 2023

Six (6) Torchbearers take part in the State Colleges and Universities Athletics Association (SCUAA) National Games 2023 as part of the delegation from the National Capital Region. The theme is "Unity through Sports in State Universities and Colleges for National Development." The said sporting event will run on October 1-6, 2023, and is hosted by Tarlac Agricultural University. This national game is the first face-to-face event after several years of hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The student-athletes from the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) NCR were assisted by university officials, faculty members, administrative staff, and coaches.

Representing PNU are Everard Keanne P. Navoa (Baseball), Matthew Sebastian E. Cabales and Jerwin T. Villanueva (Basketball), Alexia Seline O. Reyes (Futsal), and Louise Angeli C. Terez (Softball). Joining them is Mr. Erwin M. Blancaflor, a faculty member of the Institute of Physical Education, Health, Recreation, Dance, and Sports (IPEHRDS).

Dr. Bert J. Tuga, PNU President and PASUC-NCR Chairperson, expressed his wholehearted support not only to the PNU athletes but also to the entire regional delegation.

PASUC-NCR is composed of the following:

- **Eulogio "Amang" Rodriguez Institute of Science and Technology (EARIST)**
- **Marikina Polytechnic College (MPC)**
- **Philippine Normal University (PNU)**
- **Philippine State College of Aeronautics (PhilSCA)**
- **Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP)**
- **Rizal Technological University (RTU)**
- **Technological University of the Philippines**

The entire region wishes all student-athletes the best in competing against the best sports teams from SUCs across the Philippines.

PNU hosts initialization conference to support MATATAG Curriculum



The Philippine Normal University hosted a 4-day Initialization Conference for the Development of Learning Materials in support of the MATATAG Curriculum on October 3-6, 2023 at The Heritage Hotel, Pasay City. A total of 48 Teacher Education Institutions (TEIs) from the different regions in the country have signified intention to commit their expertise to the success of the partnership project between PNU and the Department of Education to develop and implement a teacher support system for the revised basic education curriculum under the banner of the MATATAG.

With the ultimate aim of gathering vital data to support teacher and teaching quality, the project involves (1) the development of teacher support materials with student worksheets; and (2) the conduct and monitoring of the pilot implementation geared to inform the refinement of the learning materials for the revised curriculum.



PNU Professor Presents Keynote Speech at the 7th Regional AUN – HRE Meeting



The ASEAN University Network-Human Rights Education (AUN-HRE) and The Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies at Mahidol University held their 7th Regional Network Meeting on October 19-21, 2023 at Salaya, Thailand. The distinguished gathering brought together members of the AUN, alongside esteemed delegates from China, Japan, and Norway, fostering a platform for collaborative discourse and knowledge exchange. Dr. Felice I. Yeban, as the keynote speaker, addressed the central theme, "Rethinking and Revisiting Human Rights and Peace Education on the 75th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)".



Dr. Yeban's address highlighted the pressing need to evolve human rights education by integrating insights gathered from years of dedicated work in the field of Human Rights Education (HRE). The keynote presentation emphasized the urgency for an updated approach to HRE, aligning with the ever-evolving global landscape.

Beyond her keynote address, Dr. Yeban actively participated in a significant round-table discussion on October 20, 2023. This forum served as a valuable platform to gather diverse perspectives and contributions for an ongoing research project aimed at enriching HRE within ASEAN Universities. The project involves an in-depth examination of pedagogical practices and innovative approaches.



Dr. Yeban expressed gratitude for the opportunity to engage with fellow experts and professionals in the field, emphasizing the value of collaborative efforts to advance human rights education within the ASEAN region. The gathering proved to be a significant step towards fostering collaborative efforts for a more comprehensive and effective approach to human rights education.

The insights gained from both the keynote presentation and the round-table discussion will undoubtedly contribute to the ongoing discourse and initiatives aimed at enhancing the landscape of human rights education within ASEAN Universities.



CSC recognizes PNU's Recruitment, Selection, and Placement Program under PRIME-HRM



PRIME-HRM (Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM)).

The certificate was awarded by Director Mira Michelle Brazil of the CSC-NCR Field Office on November 28, 2023, at PNU Manila. President Tuga received the recognition on behalf of the University.

The said commendation is a result of PNU's commitment to promoting people excellence for efficient and effective delivery of public service.

In 2022, PNU obtained Maturity Level 2 for its Performance Management System.

FSTem faculty members attend capability-building program at EdUHK



Image 1. Seated (L-R). Dr. Antriman V. Orleans, Vic Marie I. Camacho, Dr. Shila Rose S. Pastor, Dr. John Lee Chi-Kin, Dr. Brando C. Palomar, Prof. Lo Sing-kai, Ruel A. Avilla. Standing (L-R). Adolfo P. Roque, Dr. Thaddeus Owen D. Ayuste, Eisha Vienna M. Fernandez, and Edward R. Apatan.

From October 31 to November 4, 2023, faculty members from the Faculty of Science, Technology, and Mathematics (FSTeM) actively participated in an internationalization and capability-building program at the Education University of Hong Kong (EdUHK), hosted by Prof. Lo Sing-kai, the Associate Vice President for Internationalization. The EdUHK, a publicly funded tertiary institution in Hong Kong, stands as a strong academic partner institution of the Philippine Normal University, sharing a vision and mission dedicated to the advancement of learning and teaching. It nurtures educators and social leaders with global awareness, positioning itself as a leading university in the Asia Pacific region and beyond. The institution maintains a primary focus on educational research, development, and innovation.

The FSTeM team was led by Dr. Brando C. Palomar, former Associate Dean of FSTEM and a PhD alumnus of EdUHK. Joining the team are two (2) additional physics faculty members: Dr. Shila Rose S. Pastor, OIC, FSTeM, and Dr. Antriman V. Orleans, a CGSTER faculty member and adjunct faculty in FSTeM. The team was comprised of three (3) Chemistry faculty members namely Vic Marie I. Camacho, Ruel A. Avilla, and Adolfo P. Roque; two (2) Biology faculty, Dr. Thaddeus Owen Ayuste and Eisha Vienna M. Fernandez; and one (1) Mathematics faculty, Edward R. Apatan.

The visit was marked by several highlights, including the warm reception extended by Prof. John Lee Chi-Kin, President of EdUHK, and an extensive three-day training session tailored for Higher Education Institutes, expertly curated by Prof. Lo Sing-kai. The academic meeting provided an invaluable learning opportunity, focusing on publication strategies and current trends. This session was led by esteemed professionals, including Prof. Wong Ming-hung, Prof. John Gilbert Trent, Dr. Chris Tsang Yiu-Fai, and Dr. Artem Zadorozhnyy.

Prof. Shih Ju-ling from the National Central University (Taiwan), conducted teaching and research on educational technology via Zoom, utilizing one of EdUHK's future classrooms. Simultaneously, Dr. Song Yanjie from the Department of Mathematics and Information Technology showcased a lecture on immersive learning, allowing hands-on experience with a metaverse app designed for delivering science lessons. In addition, Dr. Zhang Qiaoping passionately shared insights and research studies on "Learning-to-teach and teaching-to-learn Mathematics."



Image 2. FSTEM Team (L-R). Dr. Shila Rose S. Pastor, Ruel A. Avilla, Vic Marie I. Camacho, Dr. Antriman V. Orleans, Adolfo P. Roque, Edward R. Apatan, Dr. Brando C. Palomar, Eisha Vienna M. Fernandez, and Dr. Thaddeus Owen D. Ayuste.



Image 3. With Prof. John Gilbert Trent and Prof. Lo Sing-kai.



Image 5. Discussion with Dr. Zhang



Image 4. With Dr. Song Yanjie and the LearningVerse Research Team



Image 6. Discussion with Prof. Wong

A brief discussion on the EdUHK library systems and facilities, as well as a tour of EdUHK's future classrooms was facilitated by Ms. Cherry Ip, assistant librarian. The EdUHK library wholeheartedly supports the idea of EdUHK as a leader in

educational innovation. Therefore, it provides support and promotes the strategic development of teaching, teacher education, and disciplines complementary to education by offering a conducive environment for learning, teaching research, and knowledge exchange.

The FSTeM team also visited the office of the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Dr. Ricky M. Cheng, Executive Vice President of UBCHEA, and Dr. Hope Antone, Director of Faculty Development, warmly welcomed the team. Dr. Cheng explained that UBCHEA is committed to education that develops the whole person – intellectually, spiritually, and ethically. He emphasized the importance of training faculty in higher education institutions and pre-service science teachers to become holistic individuals due to the significant role and responsibility of developing the next generation of scientists in the Philippines.

The FSTeM team truly experienced a remarkable and intensive training. Highlighting updated pedagogies, and research ideas that can be integrated into current instructional practices. These experiences further facilitated the creation of possible research projects and publications, as well as collaborations with specialists at EdUHK. The FSTeM team expressed their utmost gratitude to Prof. Lo Sing-kai and to the different EdUHK experts for sharing their time and

expertise. They also thanked the EdUHK administrative personnel for their unwavering assistance and accommodation. Similarly, the team extended their gratitude to President Bert J. Tuga and his management team, particularly to Vice President for Academics, Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, for approving and supporting this academic endeavor.



Image 7. The PNU FSTeM Team With Prof. Lo Sing-kai and Ms. Lee Shuk Kuen Vienna

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CHED grants COPC to various degree programs of PNU

The Philippine Normal University received a total of thirty (30) Certificates of Program Compliance (COPC) from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) for its undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The effectivity of the COPC begins this Academic Year 2023-2024.



Below is the list of programs with COPC in addition to programs that have been granted compliance certificates in the previous years:

Doctorate Degree:

1. Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling
2. Doctor of Philosophy in Physical Education and Sports
3. Doctor of Philosophy in Mathematics Education
4. Doctor of Philosophy in Science Education
5. Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership and Management
6. Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction
7. Doctor of Philosophy in English Language Education
8. Doctor of Philosophy in Reading Education
9. Doktor ng Pilosopiya sa Edukasyong Pangwika sa Filipino

Master's Degree:

1. Master of Arts in Counseling
2. Master of Arts in Science Education with Specialization in Integrated Science, Physics, Biology, and Chemistry

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AsTEN Executive Director joins the UIA Roundtable Asia-Pacific 2023



The UIA Roundtable Asia-Pacific 2023 focused on the themes: Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion (DEI) and Sustainability (UN-SDGs). The sessions offered insights into aligning international association programs with the principles of DEI and UN-SDGs. Case studies and

discussion groups highlighted opportunities for innovations among international associations, including digital transformation, purposeful collaboration, and networking.

Throughout the discussions, speakers emphasized that international associations should prioritize cultural immersion, promote DEI, adopt sustainable event practices, encourage global collaboration, and leverage digital tools to further their mission of addressing global concerns and contributing to achieving the SDGs. Implementing these strategies can significantly impact associations on an international scale. Additionally, the Seoul Tourism Organization, as one of the hosts, conducted the Symposium for Global Competitiveness.

Mr. Ramos attended the roundtable as a representative of the Association of Southeast Asian Teacher Education Network (AsTEN) and PNU. The event served as a platform for AsTEN and organizations from various disciplines to engage in international networking. PNU is the permanent secretariat of AsTEN.



PNU, NCCA, and Klubi Weavers Unite for Filipino Values Month Seminar and Workshop



In a collaborative effort to celebrate Filipino Values Month, the Philippine Normal University (PNU) partnered with the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and the Klubi Weavers Organization (KWO) to conduct the seminar-workshop titled “Yaman ng Bayan: Pagsasanay sa Paggamit ng mga Halagahang Pilipino sa Pagtuturo ng Edukasyon sa Pagpapahalaga.” The event took place on December 9, 2023, at the Geronima Pecson Auditorium of the Philippine Normal University.

Bringing together pre-service teachers in Values Education, Diploma in Teaching Values Education (DTVE) students, and Values Education faculty from PNU, the seminar-workshop aimed to reinforce the significance of Filipino Values in education. This initiative aligns with Presidential Proclamation No. 479, which declared November as Filipino Values Month.

The seminar workshop comprised two segments: a morning session on Filipino values and a collaborative workshop in the afternoon. NCCA-developed resources guided participants in integrating NCCA Filipino values into their teaching of Values Education.

In her welcome remarks, Dr. Zyalie L. Bedural, Associate Dean of the Faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences, acknowledged the collaboration of PNU and NCCA in their shared goal to educate, preserve, and appreciate Filipino culture and its values.

Dr. Bedural highlighted, “The academe, the NCCA, the DepEd, should really come together to discuss how our students can gain clarification about themselves, their stances—na ito ‘yong tayo ko, ito ‘yong values ko sa buhay ko, at hindi ang sinasabi ng media.”



During the lecture, Hon. Arvin Manuel R. Villalon, NCCA Commissioner, introduced the National Values Program and elucidated the primer “Filipino Values for the Common Good.” This primer outlines the 20 societal or shared values and aspirations of Filipinos, discerned from surveys and focus group discussions conducted by the NCCA and the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) across various regions and sectors in the country. Serving as a guide, this primer is poised to shape values formation programs in the future.

The afternoon session featured teams working on a workshop where they explored the incorporation of NCCA learning resources into teaching. Each group brainstormed on their focus topics and competencies and the suitable NCCA learning resources. Prof. Nonita C. Marte, Prof. Ramos, and Prof. Elanor O. Bayten facilitated the workshop.



Prof. Ramos, the event’s project coordinator, concluded the program by highlighting its contribution to participants’ perspectives on Filipino values. He encouraged ongoing collaboration with NCCA and participation in similar initiatives to enhance content mastery and effective strategies in teaching Filipino Values.



As the seminar workshop concluded, it became evident that the collaborative efforts of PNU, NCCA, and KWO have left an indelible mark on the journey of educators dedicated to instilling Filipino values in the hearts of future generations. The three agencies look forward to future collaborations next year that will benefit Filipino teachers and students.

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3. Master of Arts in Educational Technology
4. Master of Arts in Physical Education with Major Areas of Study in Physical Education Teacher Education, Dance Education, and Sports Education (Academic Track)
5. Master in Physical Education with Major Areas of Study in Physical Education Teacher Education, Dance Education, and Sports Education (Professional Track)
6. Master of Arts in Mathematics Education
7. Master of Arts in Educational Leadership and Management
8. Master of Arts in Educational Assessment and Evaluation
9. Master of Arts in Special Needs and Inclusive Education
10. Master of Arts in Curriculum and Instruction
11. Master of Arts in Elementary Education
12. Master of Arts in Early Childhood Education
13. Master of Arts in Literature Education
14. Master of Arts in Reading Education
15. Master of Arts in English Language Education
16. Master ng Sining sa Edukasyong Pangwika-Filipino
17. Master of Arts in Social Science Education
18. Master of Arts in Values Education
19. Master of Arts in Child Study



Bachelor's and Straight Programs:

1. Bachelor in Mathematics and Science Elementary Education
2. Bachelor of Science/Master of Arts in Psychology and Counseling

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