



PNU FACULTY MEMBERS TAKE PART IN EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE IN MALAYSIA



Dr. Melissa T. Bartolome and Dr. April Ann M. Curugan, faculty members from the Faculty of Education and Information Sciences (FEIS), participated in the recent Asia-Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood (ARNEC) 2024 Regional Conference on Early Childhood Development. Themed "Investing in ECD: An effective pathway for building resilience and boosting sustainable development," the conference took place at St. Giles Wembley Hotel, Penang, Malaysia, from May 27 to 30, 2024.

This conference aimed to empower policymakers and practitioners with the tools and strategies to address current challenges in early childhood development. Professionals, stakeholders, advocates, and practitioners from across the

Asia-Pacific region converged to exchange ideas, share experiences, and strengthen the regional ECD movement.

Dr. Bartolome and Dr. Curugan, along with other regional master trainers in Social and Emotional Learning (SEL), facilitated a pre-conference session specifically designed for Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) teachers. This session focused on introducing the Asia-Pacific ECCE Teacher Training Handbook for Social and Emotional Learning (APETT-SEL) as a valuable resource for integrating SEL into early childhood education. The session delved into relevant topics such as self-care for teachers, fostering children's SEL, celebrating diversity, and implementing SEL measurement and assessments.

The conference also provided Dr. Bartolome and Dr. Curugan with a platform to share their experience in integrating SEL into early childhood programs through a dedicated parallel session.

The ARNEC 2024 Conference provided needed platforms for crucial dialogue and presentations, highlighting the vital role of early childhood development in building resilience and achieving sustainable development goals. Innovative approaches and best practices in early childhood care and education were explored. Importantly, delegates committed to collaborative efforts to address the pressing challenges faced by young children in the region and ultimately push the agenda for advancements in early childhood development.



PNU recognized for Proficiency in Quality Management by PQA

In recognition of its commitment to quality, the Philippine Normal University-Manila has been accorded the Philippine Quality Award (PQA) Recognition for Proficiency in Quality Management approved by the Office of the President of the Republic of the Philippines. This recognition came as a result of the 26th PQA Assessment Cycle, which concluded on June 13, 2024.



PNU, along with other awardees, will be formally conferred with the award on July 8, 2024, at the Malacañang Palace in Manila.

Earlier this year, PNU's Manila campus welcomed PQA assessors for an on-site evaluation, which included a series of interviews, document reviews, and site visits. These activities produced a comprehensive report that supported the institution's claim for recognition in quality management.

The PQA is considered the highest national award given to institutions for "exemplary organizational performance," demonstrated through efficiency in operations, quality, and productivity. Using result-oriented criteria, it focuses on the quality management system of an institution and its orientation toward continual improvement.

With this award, PNU adds another crowning accomplishment to its long list of quality-related recognitions. As the National Center for Teacher Education, PNU has been an ISO-certified institution since 2018. It also continually excels in other accreditation programs for the quality of its education programs.

PNU participates in Global Sustainable Development Congress



With the theme uniting higher education, government, industry and society for sustainable future, the Global Sustainable Development Congress (GSDC) aimed to provide opportunity to have dialogues with peers from higher education, government and civic society to focus on how to radically accelerate shared sustainability goals through collaborative leadership and systems change, strengthen partnerships and build mutually-beneficial ones. One of the highlights of the congress is the official announcement of the results of the 2024 Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings.

The Philippine delegation is composed of officials from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), presidents, and other officials of various universities and colleges in the country.



The Philippine Normal University, represented by Assoc. Prof. Ruel A. Avilla, Director of the Quality Assurance Management Office, attended the Global Sustainable Development Congress (GSDC) at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center, Bangkok, Thailand last June 10-13, 2024. GSDC is convened by Times Higher Education (THE).



PNUANS ATTEND ANNUAL SUMMER CAMP IN CENTRAL CHINA

In an effort to celebrate diversity and foster unity, Sias University, a distinguished institution in the Province of Henan, Zhengzhou, Central China, hosted an enriching 7-day summer youth camp from May 27 to June 2, 2024. The camp, themed "Together in Diversity, United in Purpose," welcomed delegates from various countries, including the Philippines, the United States of America, South Africa, Germany, and other countries from Asia and Europe.

Representing the Philippine Normal University (PNU), Mr. Marc Christian N. Maniquiz and Ms. Ysabel Josephine Y. Ordiano from the Faculty of Languages and Literature (FLL) actively participated in the annual camp, along with other delegates from various institutions in the country. The gathering offered a rich blend of social and cultural activities.

The delegates had the opportunity to explore the campus of Sias University and engage in meaningful interactions with their peers from other countries. A highlight of the camp was the round table discussion, where Mr. Maniquiz and Ms. Ordiano provided insightful presentations on Filipino culture. Additionally, they enjoyed a performance at the Opera House and had the honor of meeting Dr. Shawn Chen, the founder of Sias University.



Participants immersed themselves in various cultural activities throughout the camp that showcased China's rich heritage. These activities included a Paper Cutting Class, Chinese Kung Fu lessons, Chinese Calligraphy, and a Chinese Tea-making class, providing a comprehensive appreciation of Chinese culture and history.

At the conclusion of the camp, each delegate was awarded a certificate of completion. Reflecting on their experiences, both of them emphasized the importance of embracing and promoting one's own language and culture. They also expressed profound gratitude to PNU and Sias University for the opportunity to participate in such a meaningful event.

2024 PASUC-NCAF draws to a close, host region takes home 3rd place overall

After three days of various culture and the arts-related competitions, PNU and the City of Manila wrapped up the 2024 PASUC National Culture and the Arts Festival through a brief closing program held on April 25, 2024 at the PNU Quadrangle.

During the said concluding program, representatives from Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao shared their thoughts and experiences during the three-day competition. They have also shared messages of gratitude for the host city and institution.



2024 PASUC-NCAF DRAWS TO A CLOSE, HOST REGION TAKES HOME 3RD PLACE OVERALL

Highlighting the program is the awarding of the overall championship in which Region 3, Central Luzon, has secured the top spot. Region 4, the combined force of CALABARZON and MIMAROPA, placed second. While the host region, the National Capital Region, clinched the 3rd overall.

The 2024 Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges National Culture and the Arts Festival is the 11th reiteration of the widest competition of student artists in the country. With the theme BIDLISIW: Paghilom, Pagbangon at Pagsulong, the return of this biennial event gathered 2300 participants from 115 SUCs from across 16 regions of the country. Student artists participated in 23 events from categories like music, visual arts, dance, voice, and theatre.

CTD officials attend NIE's Conference on Redesigning Pedagogy in Singapore

To further the cause of making PNU a leading future-ready teacher education university, the College of Teacher Development (CTD) participated in Redesigning Pedagogy International Conference (RPIC) organized by Nanyang Technological University - National Institute of Education (NTU-NIE) on May 27 to 31, 2024. The CTD delegation was composed of the Dean, Dr. Gladys Nivera, and the associate deans Dr. Zyrallie Lotivio-Bedural of the Faculty of Behavioral and Social Science (FBESS), Dr. Nino Naldoza of the Faculty of Education and Information Science (FEIS), Dr. Darryl Roy Montebon of the Faculty of General and Experiential Learning (FGEEL), Dr. Ma. Jhona Acuña of the Faculty of Languages and Literature (FLL), and Dr. Shila Rose Pastor of the Faculty of Science, Technology, and Mathematics (FSTeM).

Before the main conference, the delegation met with Professor Low Ee Ling, NIE's Dean of Academic and Faculty Affairs and President's Chair Professor in Education, for a discussion on teacher training programs, including pre-service teacher education, continuous professional development, and specialized training for educational leadership.

The highlight of the Redesigning Pedagogy International Conference's opening program was the keynote speech of Mr. Chan Chun Sing, Singapore's Minister for Education. He emphasized an important emerging pedagogy, the pedagogy of one, which is driven by the shift from mass education to mass personalization.



CTD OFFICIALS ATTEND NIE'S CONFERENCE ON REDESIGNING PEDAGOGY IN SINGAPORE

The speaker for the first plenary session was Professor Kenneth Poon, the Lien Foundation Chair Professor of Education (Psychology and Human Development) at the National Institute of Education. Professor Poon shared the longitudinal study, DREAMS, which explored the four main aspects of adolescent development, including school and career aspirations, self-identity and agency, social relationships, well-being, and lifestyle, and how these aspects intersect and evolve.



Professor William Penue of the School of Education and Institute of Cognitive Science at the University of Colorado Boulder, served as the second plenary speaker of the conference. He talked about Reimagining Teaching and Learning in Schools with Research-Practice Partnerships. He defined the key features of equity-oriented RPPs and how such RPPs vary in their goals, approaches to research and composition, and presenting examples drawn from across the globe.



In addition to their attendance to the conference, the team also conducted benchmarking activities with various centers under NTU-NIE such as the Singapore Center for Character and Citizenship Education, the Visitors Learning Centre, and the NIE Administration Headquarters.



The CTD team participated in paper presentations and shared their respective research outputs. CTD Dr. Acuña presented her paper entitled "Micro-level Language Assessment Literacy (LAL) of English Language Teachers. Dr. Montebon and Dr. Lotivio-Bedural shared the results of their research paper entitled "Validation of the Experiential Learning Pathway for Pre-service Teachers;". Lastly, Dr. Naldoza, presented the paper "The Use of Pecha-Kucha as a Presentation tool in a Blended Learning course."

The 6th Annual Convention of the Philippine Normal University National Union of Student Governments (PNU NUSG) reached its culmination as the newly elected governing body took their oath of office at the HRD Auditorium, PNU Manila, on April 12, 2024.

Hon. Radjs Dylan San Miguel, of the PNU Manila University Student Council – Central Student Council, was declared the new chairperson of the PNUNUSG, assuming the role of Student Regent. Accompanying him are the following proclaimed officers



NEW NUSG OFFICERS TAKE OATH DURING STUDENT LEADER'S CONVENTION

Hon. **Jerand John D. Magbanua** of PNU Visayas – Vice Chair for External Relations and Advancement

Hon. **Janre V. Lachica** of PNU Mindanao – Vice Chair for Academics

Hon. **Angelo Oliva** of PNU South Luzon – Vice Chair for Internal Affairs

Hon. **Claire Mae C. Almodovar** of PNU North Luzon – Vice Chair for Finance and Administration

The outgoing *PNUNUSG* Chairperson and Student Regent, Hon. Ralph B. Original, officiated the oath-taking ceremony for the new officers.

After taking the oath, *Hon. San Miguel* expressed his commitment to being the voice of the student body, pledging to advocate for their needs and interests.

In a special address, *President Bert J. Tuga* exhorted the newly elected officers and the other student leaders in the audience to value and make the most of the opportunities and training provided to them through the student council. As a challenge, President Tuga urged the student leaders to represent their constituents effectively and to continuously develop their leadership abilities.



The occasion was also attended by top university officials including Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas, Vice President for Academics; Dr. Teresita T. Rungduin, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Quality Assurance; Dr. Denmark L. Yonson, Vice President for Student Success and Stakeholders Services; and Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, Vice President for Finance and Administration.

The event concluded with a fellowship dinner and the search for the new PNU NUSG Ambassador and Ambassadors, adding a touch of festivity to the occasion.

The said annual convention, dubbed as *Bukluran*, gathers student leaders from across the PNU system for pertinent dialogues and activities on student welfare and leadership capability building.

PRESIDENT TUGA GRACES CITY COLLEGE OF CALAPAN'S EDUCATION SUMMIT



During a two-day event, Dr. Bert J. Tuga, PNU President, shared his expertise and experiences as resource speaker during the Education Summit of the City College of Calapan (CCC), Mindoro Oriental, held on April 11-12, 2024. The summit centered around the theme "Addressing Innovation, Implementations, and Educational Change: An Approach to Catch-Up and Produce Impactful Educational Outcomes."

In his presentation, President Tuga shed light on the common challenges encountered by teachers in the classroom, emphasizing key issues such as understanding learners' needs, staying abreast of learning technology, managing the classroom environment, and grappling with resource constraints. Additionally, he offered an insightful analysis of the MATATAG Agenda of the Department of Education, dissecting its four critical components.

Furthermore, President Tuga shared valuable strategies and best practices aimed at enhancing teaching and learning outcomes. He shared the concept of High Impact Teaching Strategies (HITS), a collection of instructional methods recognized for their reliability and effectiveness in achieving learning objectives. While advocating for the adoption of HITS, he underscored the importance of tailoring these strategies to suit individual classroom contexts.

Towards the conclusion of his presentation, President Tuga simplified the Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) Model, a framework designed to assist educators in effectively integrating technology into their teaching practices.

President Tuga also addressed the need for educators to be flexible and future-ready. He highlighted the evolving needs and demands of learners, emphasizing the necessity for educators to adapt and continue their professional development.

Dr. Rocelia P. Bayan, the Dean of the Institute of Education at CCC, extended her heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Tuga for generously sharing his experiences and wisdom. She acknowledged that his life's work serves as a source of inspiration for educators nationwide.



The activity was participated by faculty members, staff, and education students of the City College of Calapan, fostering a collaborative environment for learning and development. Other speakers invited to the summit were experts from the University of the Philippines.

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AsTEN CONVENES FOR 17TH MEETING OF PRESIDENTS

The 17th Meeting of Presidents of the Association of Southeast Asian Teacher Education Network (AsTEN) was held in Singapore on May 26-28, 2024. Hosted by Nanyang Technological University – National Institute of Education, the said meeting was attended by representatives of teacher education institutions from the ten ASEAN member countries. The Philippine Normal University (PNU), represented by Vice President for Student Success and Stakeholders Services Dr. Denmark L. Yonson and Linkages and International Office (LIO) Director Mr. Bryan C. Dayuta, attended as a regular member institution.

Plans and activities based on AsTEN Strategic Directions such as the AsTEN Research Agenda and activation of local networks and the acceptance of associate members, were discussed and consequently approved by the Board. Moreover, important items such as proposals for partnerships between AsTEN Teacher Quality Assurance (ATQA) and Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACUP) and the 17th ASEP Classroom Network Conference with PNU and AsTEN as co-hosts were approved.



One of the highlights of the meeting was the turnover of AsTEN leadership. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Pattamavadi Lehmongkol passed on the chairpersonship to Prof Dr. Ngo This Phuong Lan, President of the University of Social Sciences and Humanities, Vietnam. AsTEN follows the ASEAN tradition of alphabetical leadership succession.

The afternoon session focused on the sharing of best practices in research and development by AsTEN members. The sharing focused on how AsTEN members respond to the needs of their local contexts through impactful research projects.

The 17th Meeting of Presidents of AsTEN was a significant event, demonstrating the network's commitment to collaborative growth and excellence in teacher education across the ASEAN region. The discussions and decisions made will shape the future of teacher education in the region, ensuring that AsTEN continues to lead in innovation and quality through continuous teacher training and research.

AsTEN is a network of premier and leading teacher education institutions (TEIs) in the ASEAN region. It is a recognized think tank organization of the ASEAN providing policy recommendations to address issues, challenges, and concerns relevant to teacher education programs, practices, and policies in the ASEAN region. Its members include 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 the University of Social Sciences and Humanities (Vietnam).

The meeting was facilitated by the AsTEN Secretariat headed by Asst. Prof. John Carlo Ramos from the Philippine Normal University.

CHED and PNU co-organize Higher Education Day Summit



CHED AND PNU CO-ORGANIZE HIGHER EDUCATION DAY SUMMIT

As part of its 30th Anniversary and the 4th National Higher Education Day Celebration, the Commission on Higher Education, through UniFAST and in partnership with the Philippine Normal University, conducted the 1st National Higher Education Summit on May 15, 2024 at the Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City, with the theme "Access, Quality, and Competitiveness at the Core of Higher Education Reforms."



In the afternoon, the ULAT component featured the milestones of CHED in recent years which was reported by CHED Chairperson Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III. The report also included testimonials of various leaders of higher learning institutions (HEIs) on their contributions to the achievement of “Bagong Pilipinas”. Bringing more prestige to the summit was the special message of His Excellency President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. While affirming his administration’s support to higher education as a pivotal mover for development, he reminded institutions of higher learning of their obligation to mold current learners into critical thinkers, problem solvers, and visionaries equipped with apt skills.



The one-day event gathered approximately 800 higher education leaders, education champions, and stakeholders from public, private and local institutions, and agencies. Opening the event was the USAP component which featured discussions on policies and initiatives that promote access, quality, and competitiveness in HEIs. In his opening remarks, PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga acknowledged the importance of the meaningful and historical gathering of education leaders and key education stakeholders in the crusade towards achieving equitable and quality higher education. In her message, CHED Commissioner Marita R. Canapi recounted the Commission’s contribution to realizing the goal of making quality higher education accessible in the country.

A series of plenary talks on educational innovations featured sought-after education leaders and education champions namely: Congressman Marquez “Mark” O. Go of the House Committee on Higher and Technical Education, President Angelo A. Jimenez of the University of the Philippines, and President Chi-Kin John Lee of the Education University of Hong Kong.



Another part of the USAP component is the panel discussion on the best practices of universities that champion access, quality, and competitiveness. Dr. Jose V. Camacho Jr., Chancellor of the University of the Philippines, Los Baños, Fr. Jesuraj Anthoniappen, VP for Academic Affairs of the University of San Carlos, and Dr. Alma E. Berowa, VP for Academic Affairs of Mindanao State University, shared their respective institution’s accomplishments and established benchmarks.

The last component, UGNAY, capped off NHEDS 2024 with a Cultural Show and Gala Night to celebrate the significant accomplishments of the Commission and recognize the services and contributions of key stakeholders of CHED both in the past and the present.

The gathering was visualized as an avenue for dialogue to clarify what is expected from higher education institutions to contribute to the achievement of wider societal goals. Outputs from related activities will be utilized by CHED as inputs to future measures and solutions to ensure a sound and sustainable higher education system.

WATCH: [National Higher Education Day Summit 2024 ULAT](#)



PNU STUDENTS ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH THAI AMBASSADOR ABOUT ASEAN, PHILIPPINES-THAILAND RELATIONS

With the goal of fostering deeper understanding and collaboration within the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) community, the Philippine Normal University (PNU), through the PNU Students and Educators for ASEAN (PNU-SEA) and the AsTEN Secretariat Office, paid a courtesy visit to His Excellency Tull Traisorat, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Philippines. This interaction was held on May 8, 2024, at the Royal Thai Embassy, Makati City.

The purpose of the visit was to discuss the role of Thailand in ASEAN and various subregional groups and the dynamics of Philippines-Thailand relations. The engagement brought together 18 undergraduate students with AsTEN Executive Director John Carlo M. Ramos and AsTEN Technical Assistant Christianus Ricardo A. Gobres leading the delegation.

During the dialogue, Ambassador Traisorat discussed Thailand's pivotal role within the ASEAN framework and underscored the various cooperation activities between the Philippines and Thailand. Highlighting the significant strides made in governmental, business, and people-to-people exchanges, the ambassador emphasized the benefits of such collaborations. He also highlighted the initiatives spearheaded by His Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, particularly in agriculture and education, positively impacting Filipino communities nationwide.

Executive Director Ramos, during his message, had the opportunity to mention the longstanding partnerships forged by PNU with Thai educational institutions over the past decade.

Expressing his appreciation for the delegation, His Excellency emphasized the timeliness of the engagement, coinciding with the upcoming 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Philippines and Thailand. He extended a warm invitation for continued participation in celebratory events and future collaborative endeavors at the Embassy.





PNU Buildings formally declared as National Cultural Treasures; marker unveiled

In a program held on May 20, 2024 on the grounds of the Philippine Normal University, three of the university's structures were formally pronounced as National Cultural Treasures by the National Museum. These buildings are the Main Building, now known as the Geronima T. Pecson Building, the Faculty Center previously called the Training Department Building, and the Normal Hall. Highlighting the program was the unveiling of the marker declaring PNU as the home to three of the country's heritage structures.

The festivities were continued at the Geronima T. Pecson Hall which featured cultural performances from various PNU student artists. In her welcome message, Vice President for Academics Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas recounted the facts and history surrounding the three cultural buildings inside the university. University President Dr. Bert J. Tuga reflected on the rich history of the institution, with its beginning traced to being the Philippine Normal School. Dr. Tuga emphasized the role played by the recognized edifices in helping PNU remain true to its mandate of being the "only and authentic" normal institution that focuses solely on the delivery of teacher education programs. NCCA Chair Manalo, in his message, mentioned that PNU epitomized the saying "Heritage begins in school". He then appreciated notable details inside the campus like its architecture, landscape, and design.



Gracing the event and witnessing the marker unveiling were various stakeholders of the university. PNU's Board of Regents, the highest governing body of the institution, was ably represented by Alumni Regent Hon. Lutgardo B. Barbo, Private Sector Regent Hon. Jorge A. Garcia, Faculty Regent Hon. Andrew Rey S. Peña, and Student Regent Hon. Radjs Dylan P. San Miguel. The National Museum was represented by its Director General Mr. Jeremy Barns and its Deputy Director General for Administration Atty. Ma. Rosenne M. Flores-Avila. The National Commission for Culture and the Arts was represented by its Chairperson Mr. Victorino Mapa Manalo. Also present at the event was the Director of the Department of Tourism, Culture, and the Arts of Manila, Mr. Charlie DJ. Duñgo. In a symbolic gesture, Vice President for Finance and Administration Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, read the content of the marker before the cover of the marker was removed.

The certificate of turnover of the national cultural treasure marker was also signed during the program. President Tuga and Director General Barns signed the document for PNU and National Museum, respectively. Atty. Flores-Avila and Dr. Vergara witnessed the said undertaking.

In his special message, Director General Barns acknowledged the kindred spirits of the academic community of PNU in carrying out the task of preserving, promoting, and protecting Filipino heritage for the benefit of future generations.

In his closing remarks, Vice President for Student Success and Stakeholders Services Dr. Denmark L. Yonson expressed his gratitude to the people behind the event and issued a challenge to the members of the community to uphold the true meaning of being caretakers of these national cultural treasures. A cultural show that featured PNU performing groups was rendered to conclude the ceremony.



PNU holds K-to-12 Assessment Policy Research Forum at DepEd

In efforts to translate research into sound policies and legislations, the Philippine Normal University requested an audience from the Department of Education (DepEd) to present the results and share policy recommendations from a research project commissioned by the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) to the University led by the Project Leader, Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas, Vice President for Academics. The event, titled, "Research Forum: Policy Analysis of the K to 12 Assessment for Quality Reform Efforts," was held at the DepEd Central Office, Pasig City on May 13, 2024.

Aside from VP Balagtas, the research forum was also attended by PNU President Bert J. Tuga, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Quality Assurance, Dr. Teresita T. Rungduin, members of the research team, namely Dr. Cesar T. Medula Jr. and Dr. Minie Rose Lapinid, and officials from DepEd and NRCP. During the Opening Program of the forum, Asec. Janir T. Datukan, DepEd Assistant Secretary for Curriculum and Teaching, Education Assessment and Alternative Education delivered the welcome message, followed by messages from Ms. Beverly Mae Dela Cruz, the NRCP Chief Science Research Specialist of the Research and Development Management Division and President Tuga of PNU.

VP Balagtas, Overall Project Leader, introduced the members of the research team and the engaged personnel from the regional offices of DepEd. The research presentations commenced with Dr. Richard DLC Gonzales, who presented the study, "Adherence of the Basic Education and Teacher Education Assessment Policies with the K to 12 Law." His presentation, delivered online, consolidated findings from the three studies of the cooperating agency of PNU, Cagayan State University wherein the K to 12 law, assessment policies, and CHED guidelines for teacher education were reviewed. Next, "Teachers', School Heads', and Supervisors' Understanding and

Use of K to 12 Assessment Policies" was presented by Dr. Cesar Medula Jr. The study he presented directly involved our teachers, school heads, supervisors across the country, a nationwide survey involving the use and understanding of the national, classroom, system, and interim assessment policies. Dr. Minie Rose Lapinid from the De La Salle State University, another cooperating agency of PNU, also presented a study in this project, "Standards of International Large-Scale Assessments vis-à-vis K to 12 Assessment Policies," the study analyzed the assessment policy guidelines vis-a-vis assessment policies and practices from international large-scale assessments (ILSAs). The last presentation was presented by the Overall Project Leader, Dr. Marilyn Balagtas which examined the articulation of relevant quality, equality, and equity indicators of the SDG Goals 4.0, 5.0, and 10.0 in the four assessment policies in the K to 12 Program.

The Q and A discussion commenced with a statement from Asec. Janir T. Datukan, saying that the studies presented validated the concerns of DepEd, and the findings are good evidence of their proposal for the preparation of the Philippines to the next PISA assessment. During the discussion, the research team provided recommendations based on their findings, emphasizing the need for continuous improvement and adaptation of educational resources. Dr. Rungduin synthesized the discussions, providing a comprehensive review of the research findings and policy advice shared during the discussion. The forum concluded with a closing message from Dr. Geraldo Petilla, NRCP Chief Administrative Officer, Finance and Administrative Division, who expresses gratitude to all participants and presenters of the forum.



PNU joins the TEC Convention of COEs, CODs in Teacher Education

The Teacher Education Council (TEC) conducted its 9th Center of Excellence (COE) and Center of Development (COD) Convention, with the theme “Aguhon: Reflecting on the Past, Shaping the Present, Advancing Towards Excellence in Teacher Education,” on 28–31 May 2024 at the Hotel Fortuna, Cebu City.

PNU officials joined the 36 COEs and 38 CODs who participated in the event. The Philippine Normal University system was represented by the following officials: Vice President for Academics Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas and Dean Dr. Celia M. Ilanan (PNU Manila); Executive Director and Provost (EDP) Dr. Agnes S. Reyes and Dean Dr. Leticia Aquino (PNU North Luzon); EDP Dr. Ralger D. Jocson Jr. and Dean Wenna Fernandez (PNU Visayas); and Dean Rennie Saranza (PNU Mindanao); as well as personnel from the Research Institute of Teacher Quality (RITQ). RITQ is TEC’s research partner in various projects and were represented by Director Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, Senior Program Manager Dr. Maria Teresa Manicio, and Project Officer Ms. Donnadette SG. Belza.

DepEd Undersecretary for Human Resource and Organizational Development Wilfredo E. Cabral opened the convention with a welcome address. Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC) Chairperson Hon. Charito Zamora, represented by Dr. Paz Lucido, also delivered her inspirational message.

Dr. Karol Mark Yee, Executive Director of the Second Congressional Commission on Higher Education (EDCOM II), also graced the first day and urged the community of TEIs and teacher-educators to engage in difficult conversations to begin change.

Hon. Sara Z. Duterte, the Vice President of the Philippines, DepEd Secretary and TEC Ex Officio Chairperson, delivered a keynote address through DepEd Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching Dr. Gina O. Gonong. The VP highlighted that “the foundation of excellence in Philippine basic education rests on the caliber of our teaching force. To cultivate learners who are job ready and globally competitive, we must invest in highly qualified and dedicated educators.”

Concurring with the DepEd Secretary’s message, Usec. Gonong emphasized that it is important for TEIs to graduate well-prepared teachers – one way is to train pre-service teachers on the new MATATAG curriculum.



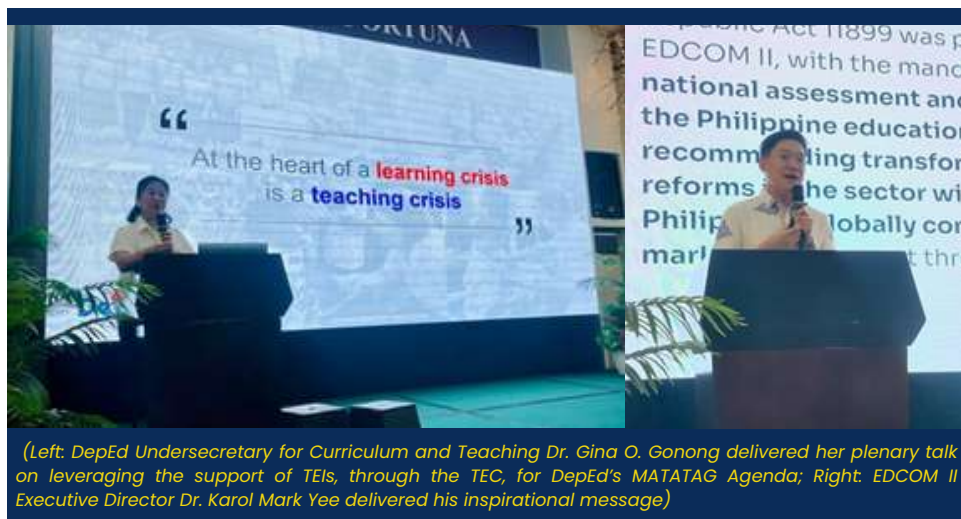
PNU JOINS THE TEC CONVENTION OF COES, CODS IN TEACHER EDUCATION



(PNU delegates attended the Gala Night on May 29 at the Cebu City Hall.)



(Dr. Balagtas and Dr. Manicio received the award for RITQ.)



(Left: DepEd Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching Dr. Gina O. Gonong delivered her plenary talk on leveraging the support of TEIs, through the TEC, for DepEd’s MATATAG Agenda; Right: EDCOM II Executive Director Dr. Karol Mark Yee delivered his inspirational message)

The second day of the convention focused on engaging the delegates from the different COEs and CODs in productive discussions about areas that concern teacher education.

Hon. Congressman Mark Go, one of the authors of RA 11713, was present during the Gala Night and highlighted the significance of this landmark law in elevating the status of the educators for them to succeed in their vital role in nation building. Cebu City Acting Mayor Raymond Alvin Garcia also committed to continuously supporting TEC in its endeavors. RITQ was also recognized as an Outstanding Partner of TEC during this Gala Night. The award for RITQ was received by Dr. Balagtas and Dr. Manicio.



(PNU delegates with Senator Sherwin Gatchalian)

Senator Sherwin Gatchalian was a guest of honor on the third day and emphasized the potential of RA 11713 in reshaping the landscape of teacher education, contingent upon successful implementation.

The convention culminated on the final day with a synthesis of the ways forward for teacher education with the help of Centers of Excellence and Centers of Development in teacher education.

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- TOP 6- CHARLYNE MAE Y. GABRIEL (PNU NORTH LUZON)
- TOP 7- JASPER KEITH T. CARUGDA (PNU MINDANAO)
- TOP 7- LEN ROSE V. DUNGCA (PNU SOUTH LUZON)
- TOP 8- RHEA MAE L. PABLEO (PNU MINDANAO)
- TOP 8- CHRISTEL MARIE L. PAEL (PNU MANILA)

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The Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) released the list of passers in the March 2024 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (LEPT) on May 24, 2024 through its official website. Leading the list of schools with the best performance is the Philippine Normal University.

For the secondary level, PNU's main campus in Manila, with a passing rate of 98.96%, was hailed as the Top 1 among universities with 300 or more examinees and at least an 85% passing percentage. Meanwhile, PNU Mindanao achieved a 98.95% passing rate and was also declared the Top 1 for universities with 100 to 299 examinees and at least an 85% hailed

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For the elementary level, PNU Manila garnered the highest percentage among campuses with a 92.86% passing rate. PNU North Luzon followed with a 91.67% passing rate, followed by PNU South Luzon with 80.00%, PNU Mindanao with 68.52%, and PNU Visayas with 68.29%. The national passing percentage is 46.67%.

PNU IS NO. 1 IN MARCH 2024 LEPT; PRODUCES 19 TOPNOTCHERS



PNU also showed a stellar record for first-time takers. For the elementary level, PNU North Luzon, PNU South Luzon, PNU Mindanao, and PNU Manila achieved a 100% passing rate, while PNU Visayas recorded a 96.00% passing rate. Meanwhile, for the secondary level, all first-time takers from PNU North Luzon, PNU South Luzon, and PNU Mindanao passed the exam, resulting in a 100% passing rate. First-time examinees from PNU Manila and PNU Visayas achieved nearly perfect passing rates of 99.47% and 99.03%, respectively.

Additionally, PNU graduates demonstrated their excellence by occupying 19 spots on the list of individual topnotchers for the elementary and high school levels. Vivien H. Celadeña of PNU Manila achieved the highest rank among PNU achievers, securing the Top 4 spot. These 19 notable passers came from various PNU campuses.

It is noteworthy that in the LEPT March 2023 examination, four PNU campuses were classified as top-performing schools for the secondary level: PNU Mindanao as Top 1, PNU Manila as Top 2, PNU North Luzon as Top 3, and PNU South Luzon as Top 7. PNU Manila also secured the Top 3 spot for the elementary level. Additionally, PNU produced eight topnotchers in that exam. In the LEPT September 2023, PNU Manila and PNU Visayas were top performers, achieving a total of five topnotchers.

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LEPT MARCH 2024 PASSERS

Individual Topnotchers

SECONDARY LEVEL

TOP 4- VIVIEN H. CELADEÑA (PNU MANILA)
TOP 5- JUSTIN JOHN O. DIEGOR (PNU MINDANAO)
TOP 6- MARTINA LEONICE D. AMPO (PNU MANILA)
TOP 8- JOANNE E. CAGATA (PNU MINDANAO)
TOP 8- SOPHIA IRENA M. LEONARDO (PNU MANILA)
TOP 8- GLENN M. LOQUINTE (PNU MINDANAO)
TOP 9- NOVA SUNSHINE S. COLOMA (PNU MANILA)
TOP 9- KRISTINE I. PATOC (PNU MANILA)
TOP 10- NAIZEL T. CABAYA (PNU MINDANAO)
TOP 10- RENANTE E. DE LA TORRE JR. (PNU VISAYAS)
TOP 10- SHEKINAH ZINA D. GUERRA (PNU MANILA)
TOP 10- CAMILLE FAYE M. MAYOR (PNU MANILA)
TOP 10- LEIGH JOSEFFE R. PADOLINA (PNU MANILA)
TOP 10- FLORA MAE R. TOLENTINO (PNU MINDANAO)

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PNU attends the 8th ASEAN Entities Forum



On May 14, 2024, PNU Faculty Member and Association of Southeast Asian Teacher Education Network (AsTEN) Executive Director John Carlo M. Ramos, along with Prof. Dr. Ahmad Bukhori Muslim and Dr. Ari Arifin Danuwijaya from Universitas Pendidikan Indonesia (UPI), attended the 8th Forum of Entities at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The 8th Forum of Entities, an annual gathering of ASEAN-associated entities and centers, aims to foster engagement and interaction among various organizations and the ASEAN Secretariat. This year's forum focused on enhancing connectivity and resilience within the region.

His Excellency Dr. Kao Kim Hourn, Secretary-General of ASEAN, officially opened the forum, highlighting the crucial roles of these entities and centers in achieving ASEAN's regional vision. This was followed by a speech from His Excellency Ambassador Bonovethat Douangchak, Chair of the Committee of Permanent Representatives and Ambassador of Lao PDR to ASEAN, who outlined the 2024 ASEAN Chairmanship priorities under the theme "Enhancing Connectivity and Resilience." Ambassador Douangchak emphasized the need for cohesive efforts among ASEAN's various sectors and pillars.

The forum also featured an interface session with H.E. Dato' Astanah Abdul Aziz, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN for Political-Security Community, and H.E. Nararya S. Soprapto, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Community and Corporate Affairs. They discussed tasks within the ASEAN pillars and how entities can contribute to addressing key issues and advancing ASEAN's objectives.

The afternoon session included presentations from three ASEAN entities: the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA), the ASEAN Foundation, and the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR). These entities showcased their collaborative activities and emphasized the importance of forming suitable partnerships to align efforts with ASEAN's goals.



A speed networking session was organized through three breakout rooms: the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC), the ASEAN Political-Security Community (ASPC), and the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC). This session provided a platform for participants to introduce their entities, share activities, and identify potential partners.

Finally, Director Yoong Yoong Lee invited all entities to participate in the World Expo 2025 in Japan and contribute content for the ASEAN pavilion, highlighting the opportunity for ASEAN to showcase its achievements and stories.

AsTEN, with PNU serving as its Permanent Secretariat since 2021, continues to be an integral part of ASEAN's collaborative efforts.



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Since its maiden offering during Term 1 of AY 2023-2024, the program has welcomed 13 students coming from both public and private institutions. Aside from the usual course activities, national and international study visits and workshops have already been made by the students in the first two terms of the program implementation.



The Institute of Creative Expressions and Human Movement Education (ICEHME) manages the new program. For admission requirements and other inquiries, please contact Dr. Joel G. Tubera, ICEHME Director, at icehme@pnu.edu.ph.



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