



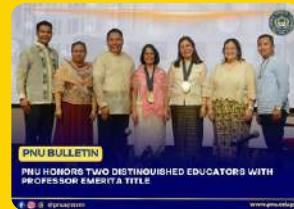
## PNU, CAPEU ORGANIZE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION FUTURES

The Philippine Normal University, together with the Consortium of Asia-Pacific Education Universities (CAPEU), launched the first-ever International Conference on Education Futures yesterday, September 3, 2025. The three-day hybrid conference is being held both online and at the Grand Westside Hotel in Manila, attracting more than 200 participants from various Higher Education Institutions across the Asia-Pacific Region. With the theme Education at the Crossroads: Disruption, Innovation, and Transformation in the Age of AI, the conference aims to promote transdisciplinary and cross-sectoral dialogue on reimagining education systems that are responsive, inclusive, ethical, and globally relevant.

The conference began with welcoming remarks from PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga and CAPEU President Professor Dato' Dr. Md Amin Md Taff. This was followed by the Keynote Address by Dr. Low Ee Ling, Professor and Dean of Academics at the National Institute of Education Singapore, focusing on Reimagining Education Systems for the 21st Century Learner. Shortly after, Dr. Christopher P. Monterola, Professor at the Asian Institute of Management and Head of the Aboitiz School of Innovation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship, delivered a plenary session on AI and the Future of Learning.

## PNU HONORS TWO DISTINGUISHED EDUCATORS WITH PROFESSOR EMERITA TITLE

The Philippine Normal University, the National Center for Teacher Education, conferred the prestigious title of Professor Emerita on two of its most accomplished faculty members, Dr. Wilma S. Reyes and Dr. Erminda C. Fortes, in a solemn ceremony held on September 2, 2025, at the PNU Gymnasium in Manila.



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## PNU SALUTES CLASS OF 2025 IN 117TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE AND RELATED EVENTS

One of the most highly anticipated days for every PNUan once again arrived as the Philippine Normal University proudly held its 117th Commencement Exercises and related activities from September 8 to 10, 2025. The momentous occasion took place at the University Gymnasium and the Tent City, Manila Hotel, bringing together graduates, faculty members, families, and distinguished guests to celebrate the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and academic excellence.



## PAGDIRIWANG NG SULO, IDINAOS SA WALANG HUMPAY NA ULAN; MGA NANGUNA SA LICENSURE EXAM, PINARANGALAN

Ang Pagdiriwang ng Sulo ay isang natatanging seremonya sa PNU. Isinasagawa rito ang simbolikong pagpapasa ng mga nasa ikaapat na taon sa kanilang nakababatang kapatid sa ikatlong taon ng mga responsibilidad ng pagpapatuloy ng kultura ng kahusyan sa pamantasan.



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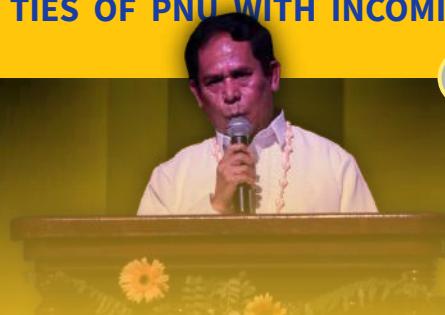
## PNU KICKSTARTS COMMEMORATION OF 124TH ANNIVERSARY OF OPENING OF CLASSES, HOLDS SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ON OPENING DAY

The Philippine Normal University community gathered at the University Gymnasium on September 2, 2025, to officially kick off the celebration of the 124th Anniversary of the Class Opening at the University with the theme PNU @ 124: Honoring Our Legacy, Pioneering New Pathways in Teacher Education. The program, initially scheduled for September 1, 2025, but rescheduled due to class and work suspension on that day, was conducted as part of the weekly flag ceremony and was attended by officials, administrative staff, students, and guests.

Immediately after the Flag Ceremony hosted by PNU Visayas, the opening program officially started with a performance by guest Indonesian student performers, who showcased their interpretation of the Tari Remo, also known as the Remo Dance. The dance emphasizes the relaxed yet powerful movements of a prince or warrior on the battlefield. Following this, the updated institutional video of PNU was officially launched and shown to the PNU community.

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## H. E. DA SILVA OF TIMOR-LESTE GRACES UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION, UNDERSCORES STRONG TIES OF PNU WITH INCOMING ASEAN MEMBER



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As part of the celebration of the 124th anniversary of the opening of classes at the Philippine Normal University (PNU), the institution held its University Convocation earlier today, September 17, 2025, at the University Gymnasium. Bearing the theme PNU @ 124: Honoring Our Legacy, Pioneering New Pathways in Teacher Education, the event featured the convocation address of H. E. Marciano Octavio Garcia da Silva, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the Philippines.

To close the event, Vice President for Student Success and Stakeholders Services, Dr. Denmark L. Yonson, emphasized that amid the challenges confronting education in the region lie opportunities for collaboration, solidarity, and linkages among nations united in the goal of empowering teachers and nurturing learners.

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# ALUMNI TRAILBLAZER FOR JULY 2025 – DR. MARGARITO B. MATERUM, CESO V

July 1, 2025

Dr. Margarito B. Materum, CESO V, stands as a beacon of transformative leadership in the Philippine education sector. A proud product of the Philippine Normal University (PNU), Dr. Materum's journey has been shaped by the institution's enduring values of truth, excellence, and service, values he has since carried into every role and responsibility throughout his distinguished career. His commitment to quality education and visionary leadership has left a lasting imprint on the institutions and communities he has served.



At the core of Dr. Materum's achievements is his instrumental role in establishing two premier institutions in Valenzuela City: the Valenzuela City Science High School (now Valenzuela School for Mathematics and Science) and the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Valenzuela. Both continue to thrive as leading centers for human resource development, a testament to his ability to lay strong educational foundations that endure and evolve.

During his tenure as the school head of Valenzuela National High School, he led the institution to both national and international recognition. Under his guidance, the school earned accolades in academic competitions and pioneered a student exchange program with Minnesota, USA, broadening students' horizons and elevating the school's global profile.

Dr. Materum's innovative leadership extended across different school divisions. In SDO Taguig-Pateros, he launched a SEF-funded tutorial program to help learners recover from learning losses caused by the pandemic. At SDO-San Juan, his efforts led to the opening of three integrated schools, one school extension, and two senior high schools, as well as the introduction of four specialized programs: Journalism, The Arts, a high school SNED program, and senior high ALS. These initiatives reflect his deep understanding of educational equity, access, and excellence.

Equally notable is Dr. Materum's embrace of innovation in teaching and learning. Under his leadership, schools adopted digital tools such as an automated system for school operations, an online LMS for senior high school subjects, coding integration in science lessons, augmented reality applications, and automated assessments, modernizing classroom instruction and management to better prepare students for the future.

With numerous accolades and a legacy defined by innovation and inclusive leadership, Dr. Materum continues to embody the ideals of Inang Pamantasan. Dr. Materum stands as an inspiring figure whose work reflects the transformative power of education, leadership anchored in service, and a lifelong commitment to nation-building.

## PNU OFFICIALS PAY COURTESY VISIT TO TIMOR-LESTE AMBASSADOR

The Embassy of Timor-Leste in the Philippines received officials from the Philippine Normal University (PNU) for a courtesy visit and a brief exploratory meeting on possible areas of collaboration on July 14, 2025.

The PNU delegation was led by University President Dr. Bert J. Tuga, together with Vice President for Student Success and Stakeholders Services, Dr. Denmark L. Yonson, and Linkages and International Office Director, Prof. Bryan C. Dayuta. Meanwhile, His Excellency Ambassador Marciano Octavio G. Da Silva led the Timor-Leste Embassy delegation, along with representatives from the country's Ministry of Higher Education.

This engagement served as initial groundwork for potential collaboration between selected higher education institutions in the Philippines and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. The initiative also explored prospective programs in the areas of education, health, and energy to support Timor-Leste's national development goals.

The results and outcomes of the meeting will be reported to the Commission on Higher Education through its Chairperson, Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis.



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On July 2, 2025, members of the PNU Board of Regents, the highest governing body of the university, held their 2nd quarter meeting, which is also their 105th regular meeting.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela, Commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education and Chairperson-designate of PNU's BOR, alongside Dr. Bert J. Tuga, Vice Chairperson of the Board and President of PNU. Also in attendance onsite at the Executive Lounge and Board Room were Student Regent Hon. Janre V. Lachica, Faculty Regent Hon. Donna B. Remigio, and the re-appointed Private Sector Representative Hon. Jorge A. Garcia of the ABIVA Publishing House. Joining via Zoom were Hon. Girlie Grace J. Casimiro-Igtiben of the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development, Alumni Regent Hon. Lutgardo B. Barbo, and Hon. Maria Lissette L. Bunao, representing Hon. Alan Peter S. Cayetano, Senate Committee Chair for Higher, Technical, and Vocational Education.

The agenda of the said meeting includes academic, financial and procurement, administrative and personnel, and legal matters. All proposals presented to the governing body were approved.

The Board also gave President Tuga the highest commendation for the milestones of the University during the quarter of the year. The PNU BOR is the highest governing body of the university, as stipulated in Republic Act No. 8292, also known as the "Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997.

## PNU, CPTCSA INK MOU TO PROMOTE CHILD SAFETY AND PROTECTION THROUGH TEACHER TRAINING AND IM DEVELOPMENT



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As part of its ongoing endeavor to champion child protection and build safe communities through meaningful literacy activities, the Philippine Normal University has signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse (CPTCSA). The partnership entails the pilot implementation of training sessions on child protection policies for pre-service teachers. The agreement formalizes the collaboration between the two institutions in developing training modules, resource materials, and school-based activities designed to enhance awareness, responsiveness, and readiness among pre-service teachers in safeguarding young learners' rights.

In a ceremony held earlier today, July 16, 2025, at the CALL Conference Room, the MOU was inked by PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga and CPTCSA Board of Trustees President Atty. Dario V. Aguila, with PNU Vice President for Research, Extension, and Quality Assurance Dr. Teresita T. Rungduin and CPTCSA Board of Trustees Founding Member Dr. Lois Engelbrecht serving as witnesses.

In his message, President Tuga recognized the value of this partnership as it provides an avenue for deepening teacher education programs by incorporating pivotal and relevant concepts of child safety.

Even prior to formalizing this partnership centered on child safety advocacy, PNU has long been at the forefront of implementing programs aligned with welfare promotion, particularly in the area of gender sensitivity and protection.

## PNU WELCOMES TEACHING INTERNS FROM UNNES, INDONESIA

The Philippine Normal University (PNU), the National Center for Teacher Education, welcomed four teaching interns from its partner institution Universitas Negeri Semarang (UNNES) in Indonesia, who will participate in a month-long Teaching Internship Program. The visiting interns are scholars from various education programs at UNNES, including Ms. Norita Agustina Subagyo, studying Primary Teacher Education at the Faculty of Education and Psychology; Ms. Najwa Rahma, studying Mathematics Education at the Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences; Ms. Ika Rizki Refima Putri, enrolled in the Indonesian



Language and Literature Education program at the Faculty of Languages and Arts; and Ms. Valda Nafila, in the Mathematics Education program under the Faculty of Mathematics and Sciences. Their initial cultural and academic activities began with their attendance at the Flag Ceremony on Monday, July 21, where they were formally introduced to the academic community of PNU. A Welcome Dinner in their honor is scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, 2025, where PNU faculty and staff will celebrate cross-cultural exchange and collaboration. This program was made possible through PNU's ongoing partnership with UNNES, strengthening bilateral cooperation through internationalization and intercultural academic experiences. The initiative is coordinated by the PNU Linkages and International Office (LIO), which manages the program's logistics, mentorship support, and institutional compliance.

## PNU, ABIVA UNITE FOR TEXTBOOK DONATION DRIVE THROUGH PROJECT AKLAT



As part of a shared vision of championing quality basic education by providing learners access to educational materials, the Philippine Normal University (PNU) has partnered with its long-time collaborator, Abiva Publishing House Incorporated (APHI), to facilitate the nationwide book donation drive dubbed as Project AKLAT.

The project, also known as Aklat para sa Kasanayan, Paglikha, at Talino, aims to distribute educational materials from APHI covering topics in Preschool, Gradeschool Reading, Language, Mathematics, and High School English, Science, and Math to beneficiaries identified by PNU through its regional campuses.

Terms of the project were formalized through the signing of a memorandum of agreement in 2023. The document was signed by PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga

and then-APHI President and now Executive Vice Chairman, Mr. Jorge A. Garcia. Also present during the ceremonial signing were the project's first beneficiaries—teachers and students from various public schools in Manila—as well as delegates from PNU's partner community, the Municipality of San Luis, Batangas, headed by Mayor Oscarlito M. Hernandez.

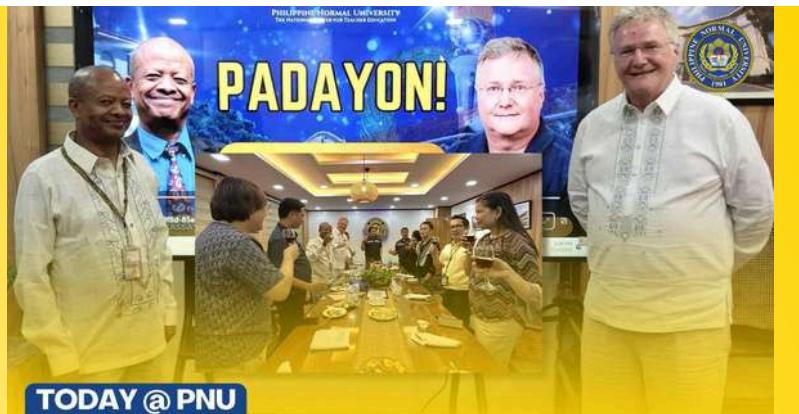
Two years in, the project has reached various schools across the country. With PNU campuses serving as regional coordinators, Project AKLAT has extended its reach not only in Luzon but also in the Visayas and Mindanao, particularly in Samar and Agusan del Sur. A total of 89,682 books have been distributed to schools and local government units. Beneficiaries from Metro Manila received the largest share of materials, totaling 33,865 books. Outside the metro, Isabela received 16,994 books, while 10,519 books were allocated to recipients in Samar Province.

With these numbers, it can be said that Project AKLAT has become a significant driver of equitable learning opportunities. Through this initiative, PNU and APHI continue to reaffirm their commitment to bridging educational gaps and nurturing young minds, one book at a time.

## PNU BIDS FAREWELL TO VISITING PROFESSORS AS THEIR TENURE CONCLUDES

After six months of academic engagement with the PNU community, the stint of Dr. Mekasha Kassaye Gobaw of Addis Ababa University and Dr. Adrian Ralph Rodgers of The Ohio State University as visiting professors has come to an end. As a tribute and send-off for the two esteemed professors, a simple but meaningful get-together aptly dubbed Padayon was held on July 14, 2025, at the Office of the President Conference Room.

Coming together as one academic family, officials of the university, headed by University President Dr. Bert J. Tuga, graced the program. In his message, Dr. Tuga explained the meaning of the word Padayon, a Visayan term for "to continue" or "to persist." He underscored that despite concluding their roles as visiting professors, the two scholars shall continue to serve as PNU's bridge to reach more corners of the world in its goal to be more relevant in the global arena. Dr. Gobaw and Dr. Rodgers were also given the opportunity to express their gratitude to the various individuals and sectors that made their stay at PNU worthwhile. A Message of Appreciation and Farewell delivered by College of Advanced Studies Dean Dr. Antriman V. Orleans capped the series of tributes during the gathering. Shortly after, Vice President for Academics Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas led a toast to honor the two departing visiting professors.



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Dr. Gobaw is a faculty member at the Center for Comparative Education and Policy Studies of Addis Ababa University. His expertise focuses on Higher Education Leadership and Policy Studies. He also previously served as an English as a Second Language (ESL) professor at Ohio State University and a research fellow at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Meanwhile, Dr. Rodgers is an esteemed Associate Professor from The Ohio State University (OSU) in Columbus, USA, who also served as its Director of International Programs.

During the stretch of their service as educators at PNU, they delivered lectures to graduate students under CAS. They also visited the regional campuses of PNU for professional sharing activities with faculty and students. They were also involved in PNU-organized conferences and research mentoring sessions. Lastly, they shared their expertise with local partner institutions, City College of San Fernando in Pampanga and City College of Calamba in Laguna.

## PNU, SEAMEO-CELL INK MOU TO STRENGTHEN REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR LIFELONG LEARNING



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In a strategic move to bolster educational collaboration in Southeast Asia, the Philippine Normal University (PNU), the National Center for Teacher Education, through the College of Alternative and Lifelong Learning (CALL), formally signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization – Centre for Lifelong Learning (SEAMEO-CELLL) in a virtual meeting held earlier this morning, July 16, 2025, via Google Meet.

The virtual ceremonial signing marked the beginning of a promising partnership dedicated to advancing lifelong learning, capacity-building, and joint academic research. The collaboration is expected to promote knowledge exchange, co-organize academic and professional development activities, and support innovations in teacher education and lifelong learning frameworks.

Representing SEAMEO-CELLL during the ceremony were Director Dr. Le Thi My Ha, Research and Training Manager Khau Huu Phuoc, Accountant Tran Thi Trang Dai, International Relations Officer Nguyen Huyen Trang, Media Officer Nguyen Minh Chuyen, and Administration Officer Bui Thi Anh Thu. Also in attendance was Mr. Nguyen Hoai Nam, Chairman of MedAmor Vietnam and SEAMEO-CELLL's strategic partner, who expressed full support for the initiative and underscored the significance of public-private partnerships in transforming education systems.

On behalf of PNU, University President Dr. Bert J. Tuga led the signing, joined by Dr. Celia M. Ilanan, Dean of the College of Alternative and Lifelong Learning; Dr. Voltaire M. Villanueva, Deputy Dean; Prof. Nancy Ramores, Head of the Center for Lifelong Learning (CeLL); and Prof. Bryan C. Dayuta, Director of the Linkages and International Affairs Office. In his remarks, President Tuga reaffirmed PNU's commitment to building sustainable academic linkages and emphasized the shared vision of enhancing educational quality and equity and research capacity across the region.

Under the MOU, PNU and SEAMEO-CELLL have agreed to collaborate on training in lifelong learning, academic publications, research initiatives, conferences, and cultural exchanges.

This partnership reinforces the roles of PNU and SEAMEO-CELLL as leading institutions in championing regional cooperation, educational excellence, and lifelong learning. Both parties expressed optimism that the alliance would open new avenues for addressing pressing educational challenges and fostering sustainable human development across Southeast Asia.

As the education sector continues to evolve in the post-pandemic era, the MOU signals a proactive step toward regional synergy and shared progress—an embodiment of the collaborative spirit upheld by both SEAMEO and PNU.

# PNU-FSTEM DISTRIBUTES DEVELOPED DRRM INSTRUCTIONAL RESOURCE BOOKS      TO PARTNER AGENCIES    AND PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS



As part of the final activities of the project “Building the Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) Capability of STEM Teachers in NCR through Development of Learning Activities of Earth Science,” the books compiling outputs from the initiative were officially distributed on June 27, 2025. The materials were handed over to key stakeholders, including participating senior high school teachers, the Department of Science and Technology–National Capital Region (DOST-NCR), the Department of Education–National Capital Region (DepEd NCR), and technical experts from the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), and the DOST Disaster Risk Reduction (DOST-DRR) unit.

The capacity-building program, led by the Philippine Normal University (PNU), aimed to enhance in-service teachers' skills in teaching Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM). It used a multi-phase approach that included in-person training, field learning experiences, mentoring, and demonstration teaching.

The development and distribution of the book compilation serve as a key outcome of the project, supporting the goal of providing teachers with pedagogical tools and scientifically validated content. The book is intended to assist classroom instruction, promote the integration of DRRM into the senior high school curriculum, and act as a resource for future capacity-building efforts.

The distribution event demonstrates the program's commitment to sustainability and collaboration among agencies to advance disaster education across the National Capital Region. Future plans include expanding the program to other regions and conducting further evaluations of training effectiveness at both behavioral and results levels.

# NEW DIPLOMA IN ALS AND RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING POLICY GET PNU BOR NOD



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In a landmark move to uplift the quality of education for marginalized and non-traditional learners, the Board of Regents of the Philippine Normal University (PNU) officially approved, on July 2, 2025, the offering of the Diploma in Alternative Learning System (ALS).

The new diploma program aims to professionalize and empower ALS teachers, implementers, and facilitators by equipping them with advanced pedagogical knowledge, leadership competencies, and context-responsive strategies tailored to the needs of diverse and underserved learners. It is specifically designed for graduates of any baccalaureate degree who aspire to serve the learning needs of

out-of-school youth and adults by becoming ALS learning facilitators, instructional managers at both the elementary and secondary levels, and community-based educators who champion non-formal and informal learning delivery.

The program also serves as a response to the mandates of Republic Act No. 11510, otherwise known as the Alternative Learning System Act, which requires comprehensive capacity-building and professional development for ALS implementers.

The Diploma in Alternative Learning System (ALS) will be implemented starting Academic Year 2025–2026 and will be housed under the College of Alternative and Lifelong Learning. It offers a rigorous yet flexible post-baccalaureate curriculum developed by experts in inclusive and non-formal education.

Meanwhile, the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Policy was also given the green light by the highest governing board of the university. This progressive policy outlines a formal mechanism by which students, whether enrolled in regular or diploma programs, including ALS, may have up to 30% of the total academic units of their program credited based on prior relevant learning and professional experience. The RPL process involves a comprehensive assessment of an individual's previously acquired knowledge, skills, and competencies, which may have been gained through non-formal education, workplace training, community involvement, or independent study.

These developments reinforce PNU's role as a transformative institution committed to educational equity and lifelong learning.

# PHILHEALTH BRINGS KONSULTA MEDICAL SERVICES TO EMPLOYEES

Free healthcare services were provided to employees of Philippine Normal University on July 2, 2025, through the Konsultasyong Sulit at Tama of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (Philhealth). The initiative aims to deliver accessible primary care to public sector workers.

The program will serve all PhilHealth-registered employees who can access medical consultations, health risk assessments, selected laboratory tests, and other essential services—all free of charge. As of now, 237 PNU employees, including both faculty and staff, have signed up to use the offered services.

Medical staff from Philhealth, Intramuros Health Center, and the Manila Health Department conducted the various services.

The event will take place throughout the day at Geronima T. Pecson Hall and other designated areas in the university.

This event is organized by the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration under the leadership of Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, the Human Resources Management and Development Office under Director Maribel G. Gerundio, and the Administrative Services Management Unit under Director Jenny C. Malitao.

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## PRC FORMALLY RECOGNIZES PNU MANILA AS TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL IN MARCH 2025 LEPT

The Philippine Normal University – Manila's exemplary performance in the March 2025 Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (LEPT) has been formally recognized by the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC). The main campus of the National Center for Teacher Education emerged as the sole top-performing school in the secondary level category, under institutions with 300 or more examinees and with at least an 80% passing rate.

PNU Manila secured an impressive 98.98% passing rate, with 390 out of 394 examinees successfully passing the board examination.

The recognition was formally bestowed upon the institution during the Oathhtaking Ceremony for New Professional Teachers held on July 6, 2025, at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City. Representing PNU and receiving the award were University President Dr. Bert J. Tuga and Vice President for Academics Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas. PRC Board Members also acknowledged PNU Manila and its regional campuses as Hall of Famers for their consistent and outstanding performance in the LEPT.

Also honored during the ceremony was Mr. Jhon Vincent Pogoy Iman, who secured the 10th spot in the list of topnotchers in the secondary level. In a symbolic moment during the ceremony, Dr. Tuga personally donned the Licensed Professional Teacher (LPT) pin on Mr. Iman.

This recognition affirms PNU's unwavering commitment to excellence in teacher education and its continuing legacy of shaping the nation's top teachers.

## PNU SOARS HIGH IN LATEST WURI; PROGRAMS ENTER TOP 100 IN THREE CATEGORIES

The Philippine Normal University (PNU), the National Center for Teacher Education, has climbed to the 168th spot in the latest World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI). This leap marks a significant improvement in PNU's standing, reflecting a nearly 100-place rise from its 265th rank in 2024. PNU is ranked this year alongside 1,253 globally innovative universities—an increase from last year's number of participants.

The ranking also recognized several PNU programs for their impact and relevance in addressing pressing societal needs. PNU Visayas' Babayi: Talupangdon kag Itib-ong and PNU North Luzon's Bags of Joy secured for PNU the 21st place in the Empowerment-Based Management category. Global Filipino Teachers, a program of the College of Alternative and Lifelong Learning (CALL), ranked 32nd in Cost-Effectiveness Management. Rounding out the exemplary programs that brought recognition to PNU is the PNU MEALS initiative of the Student Affairs and Services Office (SASO), which placed 78th in the Student Support and Engagement category. The results of the latest WURI rankings were announced during the opening day of the 5th Annual Conference of the Hanseatic League of Universities, held in Dumaguete City, Philippines, from July 9 to 11, 2025. During the same conference, PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga delivered a talk that expounded on his insights into empowerment-based management.

WURI evaluates how effectively colleges and universities contribute to industry and society, focusing on the application of new ideas in education, research, and community service. It assesses innovation targets and approaches across 16 categories, providing a comprehensive view of how institutions are driving progress.

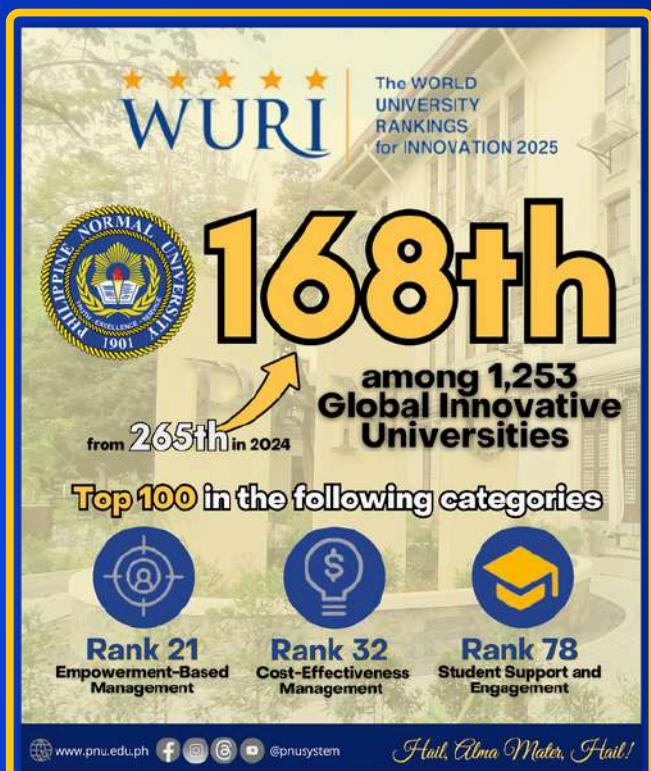
The goal of the ranking is to highlight universities that excel in innovative practices, thereby advancing both academic and societal development. The 2025 WURI criteria introduced key changes to promote balanced and student-centered innovation. These additions underscore the importance of real-world engagement, environmental responsiveness, and financial sustainability in institutional operations.



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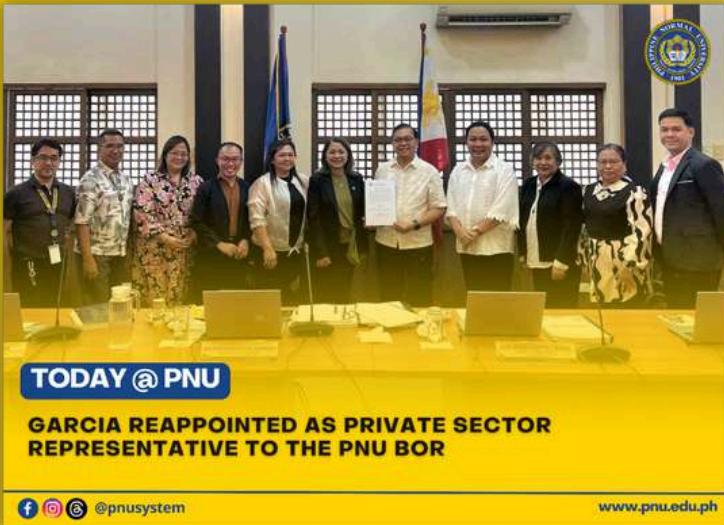
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## GARCIA REAPPOINTED AS PRIVATE SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PNU BOR



Mr. Jorge A. Garcia, the former President and now Executive Vice Chairman of Abiva Publishing House, Inc., has once again been reappointed as a member of the Philippine Normal University (PNU) Board of Regents, the highest governing body of the university. Mr. Garcia will serve another two-year term as the Private Sector Representative on the governing board.

Dr. Adrian Rodgers, a visiting professor from The Ohio State University, completed his series of visits to the various campuses of the Philippine Normal University, visiting the PNU Visayas and PNU Mindanao campuses on July 3 to 5 and July 6 to 8, 2025, respectively.

The visiting professor delivered a professional lecture on "Backward Design in Educational Research," which was attended by a diverse group of faculty members and students from both campuses. The lecture was lauded as a highly engaging academic experience that contributed to the deepening of research capabilities in the Philippine teacher education sector.

The event formed part of PNU's broader internationalization efforts and its ongoing commitment to elevating the standards of educational research in all its campuses, including those in the Visayas and Mindanao regions. The presence of Dr. Rodgers was a testament to PNU's goal of bringing global expertise closer to its future educators and scholars, regardless of geographic location.

During his lecture, Dr. Rodgers focused on "backward design," a research and instructional framework that begins by clearly identifying the desired learning or research outcomes before planning the methods and activities that will lead to those outcomes. This paradigm shift from traditional linear models challenges educators and researchers to think more critically and deliberately about their goals and how best to achieve them.

He demonstrated how this framework could be effectively applied not only in curriculum development but also in crafting educational research designs that are goal-driven and student-centered. Using real-world examples and interactive discussions, he encouraged both faculty and students to reflect on their current practices and how the backward design model can enhance the clarity, relevance, and impact of their research.

His reappointment was formalized during the presentation of the report of the evaluation committee at the 105th BOR Meeting held on July 2, 2025. The committee was composed of its chairperson, former Officer-in-Charge of PNU Dr. Ma. Antoinette C. Montealegre; Faculty Union Representative Dr. Maryfe M. Roxas; and PNU Manila University Student Council Chairperson Samantha Ysabell B. Jabal. The committee members unanimously recommended Mr. Garcia's reappointment, citing his outstanding performance as a member of the board and his full attendance at all university activities where the presence of BOR members was required or sought.

Mr. Garcia is no stranger to PNU and its mission of nurturing future-ready teachers and education leaders. In fact, it seems to be a perfect alignment of purpose and legacy that he was led to PNU. The founders of Abiva Publishing House, Inc. and Mr. Garcia's grandparents—Luis Abiva Sr. and Asuncion Quiray Abiva—are both proud alumni of the Philippine Normal School in the 1920s and 1930s.

Mr. Garcia's service to PNU is a continuation of a deep-rooted family connection and a testament to his unwavering support for quality teacher education. His reappointment signals not only continuity in leadership but also a sustained commitment to advancing the university's vision of excellence in teacher training and educational innovation.



## VISITING PROFESSOR CONCLUDES CAMPUS VISITS WITH LECTURES AT PNU VISAYAS AND MINDANAO

The successful conduct of the lecture in both PNU Visayas and PNU Mindanao signals a strong commitment by the university to democratize access to professional development and global knowledge, especially for educators and learners in geographically remote regions.

# PNU MANILA RECEIVES COPC FOR PHD IN APPLIED LINGUISTICS, NEARS 100% COMPLIANCE FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS

In yet another milestone in its journey toward quality assurance and regulatory compliance, the Philippine Normal University has once again been recognized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) as the home of a degree program that meets national standards. On July 14, 2025, PNU Manila received the Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) for its graduate program, Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Linguistics. The certificate, signed on May 30, 2025, by then CHED Chairperson Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III, was officially received by Board Secretary V, Mr. Gerard G. Manuel, from CHED Commissioner and PNU Board of Regents Chairperson-designate, Dr. Ethel Agnes P. Valenzuela. With this development, PNU's main campus is nearing 100% COPC compliance for its graduate programs. Out of the 30 graduate programs offered by PNU Manila, 29 have now been certified by CHED as compliant, as evidenced by their respective COPCs. The remaining program, the PhD by Research, is still in the process of completing the necessary documentation for the release of its certificate. It can be recalled that earlier this year, PNU and its campuses achieved a 100% compliance rate for all undergraduate degree programs. Additionally, PNU's satellite campuses are currently in the process of securing compliance for their respective graduate programs, with several already having undergone preliminary survey visit

## CCHED APPROVES PNU'S APPLICATION AS SIKAP PROVIDER, OPENS 23 GRADUATE PROGRAMS TO SCHOLARS



The Philippine Normal University has been authorized by the Commission on Higher Education to admit scholars under the Staff and Instructors' Knowledge Advancement Program, or SIKAP. In a letter dated July 29, 2025, signed by CHED NCR Director Jimmy G. Catanes, CHED approved PNU's application as a Delivering Higher Education Institution (DHEI) and provided the Memorandum of Agreement, which will legally bind the institution to the program's terms upon signing.

Anchored in CHED's mandate to foster higher education development, the agreement details the responsibilities of both parties in managing CHED-funded scholars for full-time and part-time graduate studies starting in Academic Year 2025–2026. Under the agreement, DHEIs agree to provide academic and administrative support to ensure the scholars' progress, including establishing a Scholarship Management Office (SMO) and appointing dedicated staff for program implementation.

The MOA also requires DHEIs to prepare a Work and Financial Plan, facilitate the scholars' tuition billing, and submit timely reports. CHED Regional Offices (CHEDROs), in turn, are responsible for monitoring compliance, managing financial disbursements, and overseeing scholar progress.

Twenty-three graduate programs will be offered to promising scholars, depending on their inclusion in a shortlist and the availability of slots in each program. Twenty-one master's programs and two doctorate programs, all in compliance with CHED's COPC quality requirement, will be ready to admit SIKAP grantees in the next academic year.

With this renewed commitment, CHED and PNU, as an official DHEI, aim to strengthen capacity-building among educators and administrative staff to promote consistent growth in the country's education sector.

## TJ CIPRIANO FOR GLOBAL MINDS FUND OF GHENT UNIVERSITY

The PNU Community extends its warm congratulations and best wishes to Asst. Prof. Timothy James Cipriano, Head of the Faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences - Center for Transformative Education (FBeSS – CTE), on being selected as a recipient of the Short Research Stay Grant from the Global Minds Fund at Ghent University. May this academic opportunity be successful for Sir TJ as he brings with him PNU's culture of research excellence.



## THANK YOU, CAMPUS HEROES!

Amid the heavy rains and intense flooding experienced at PNU Manila, personnel from the security and janitorial services stood their ground and ensured that the campus remained safe, clean, and orderly. Their unwavering dedication provided the PNU community with the assurance that our beloved Inang Pamantasan would remain in top condition despite the challenges brought by inclement weather conditions.

In recognition of their tireless efforts and sacrifices, even the simplest gesture goes a long way. On July 23, 2025, PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga personally treated all on-duty security and janitorial personnel to a simple lunch, a way to show gratitude and appreciation for their steadfast commitment to the University.

*Mabuhay  
kayo, mga  
ate at kuya!  
You are the  
true  
campus  
heroes!*



## BS-MA PSYCHOLOGY AND COUNSELING STUDENTS SHOWCASE RESEARCH OUTPUTS AT AASP 2025 IN MALAYSIA

Seven students from the BS-MA Psychology and Counseling program of the Philippine Normal University (PNU) proudly represented the university at the 16th Biennial Conference of the Asian Association of Social Psychology (AASP), held on July 10 to 12, 2025, at Monash University Malaysia. With the theme "The Social World and Language: Culture, Context, and Connections," the conference brought together scholars across Asia to explore how language, culture, and psychology shape lived experiences. The PNU student-delegates—Franz Jerby Delos Santos, Honey Lei Marabe, Exequiel Manalili, Joseph Benjamin Llovia,

Keith Catalla, Cassandra Sofia Firmalo, Allen Jerson Gimoros, and BSMA alumna Mel Rose Rosal—delivered paper and poster presentations that explored a wide range of Filipino psychological experiences. Topics included ginhawa, religiosity, altruism, romantic ideals, gender norms, perfectionism, and the everyday lives of funeral home workers.



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## PNU OFFICIALS ATTEND 2025 PASUC MIDTERM CONVENTION AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

In what is considered the largest gathering of leaders of State Universities and Colleges in the country, officials from the Philippine Normal University participated in the opening day of the 2025 Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) Midterm Convention and General Assembly. The annual event will take place from July 9 to 11, 2025, at the SMX Convention Center in Pasay City. Under the theme "Forging the Future: Empowering SUCs through Innovation, Sustainability, and Excellence," the gathering aims to promote meaningful dialogue, collaboration, and idea exchange among higher education leaders, key stakeholders, and development partners. It will focus on forward-looking policies and transformative initiatives designed to empower SUCs. Discussions will emphasize Strategic Investments, Digital Transformation, Human Capital Development, Sustainability, Global Competitiveness, Innovation, Research Collaboration, and Transformational Governance.

Leading PNU's delegation is its top brass, University President Dr. Bert J. Tuga. Joining him were Vice President for Academics

Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas, Vice President for Finance and Administration Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, College of Teacher Development Dean Dr. Gladys C. Nivera, College of Advanced Studies Dean Dr. Antriman V. Orleans, College of Alternative and Lifelong Learning Dean Dr. Celia M. Ilanan, Institute of Creative Expressions and Human Movement Education Director Dr. Joel G. Tubera, Quality Assurance Management Office Director Prof. Ruel A. Avilla, Management Information System Office Director Prof. Erwin R. Callo, and Graduate Student Research Office Director Dr. Wilfredo C. Chung.

Highlight of the opening of the three-day activity were the messages of keynote speakers namely: Department of Budget and Management Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman, Commission on Higher Education Chairperson Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis, CHED Commissioner Dr. Marita R. Canapi, and the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2) Executive Director Dr. Karol Mark Yee. PASUC President and Batangas State University President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo also delivered his report to the SUC leaders in attendance.

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## MAIN BUILDING ROOF REPAIR GETS THUMBS UP, NCCA APPROVES ALTERNATIVE ROOFING MATERIAL

One of the most recognizable landmarks that defines the Philippine Normal University is its Main Building, aptly named after the country's first female senator, Geronima T. Pecson. It has stood as a silent witness to the growth of teacher education in the country and has become a second home to the best Filipino teachers and education leaders. As a building, it also holds the prestige of being declared one of the country's National Cultural Teachers.

Standing for nearly a century as a prominent landmark at the corner of Taft Avenue and Ayala Boulevard in Manila, or fondly called MB by many generations of PNUans, has not been spared from the effects of wear and tear. In the past decade, alone, leaks, especially during the rainy season, have disrupted the work and studies of students, faculty members, and administrative personnel, affecting both productivity and well-being. While regular maintenance has been conducted through the years, it can no longer keep pace with the increasingly rapid deterioration of the structure, particularly its roofing.

In a move to preserve this iconic edifice, and ensure the safety and functionality of its space, PNU, through its Board of Regents, has approved the awarding of the contract for the repair and improvement of the Main Building's roofing. The project, amounting to an estimated 29 million pesos, is expected to be completed within eight months from the start of construction.



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# PNU CONDUCTS 2025 MID-YEAR REVIEW AND RECALIBRATION WORKSHOP

The Philippine Normal University (PNU) held its 2025 Mid-Year Review and Recalibration Workshop on July 29–30, 2025, at the University Gymnasium in Manila, gathering key university leaders and stakeholders for a comprehensive evaluation of institutional performance and strategic alignment. With the theme “Mid-Year Momentum: Aligning Performance with Strategic Purpose,” the two-day workshop served as a platform to review accomplishments from the first two quarters of Fiscal Year 2025 and recalibrate plans and performance accountability projects (PAPs) for the second half of the year.

Vice President for Finance and Administration Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara officially opened the workshop by outlining its objectives and expected outcomes. One of the highlights of the event was the keynote address by PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga. He emphasized the importance of sustained collaboration and shared purpose in achieving targets that align with the University's long-term strategic plan. He also encouraged the PNU community to make the most of available resources to develop strategic programs, meet regulatory requirements, and sustain academic excellence. Dr. Tuga also highlighted the value of leadership, cooperation, and accountability as he urged attendees to fully recommit to the mission of making an impact on the community. Ms. Florence A. Allejos of the Budget Unit provided details on the current status of the university's budget utilization. Shortly after the budget presentation, the various departments and campuses of the university shared their respective performance reviews, covering accomplishments from the first half of the year and proposed recalibrations for Q3 and Q4. The Planning Office (PLO) director presented results from Monitoring and Verification (MoVer) reports, identifying systemic issues, implementation gaps, and noteworthy innovations across the university system.

The second day will focus on emerging performance indicators and strategic updates, such as the GAD Attribution Checklist, Quality Assurance Targets, Data Architecture, and International Linkages.

The presentation on the NEP-based budget framework for FY 2026 will be delivered by Director Harry P. Huliganga of the Finance Management Office, followed by breakout sessions for the PAPs Recalibration Workshop across different domains. The workshop will conclude with the presentation of outputs and a discussion of ways forward. Through this workshop, PNU continues to reinforce its role as the National Center for Teacher Education, ensuring that its programs and operations remain responsive and aligned with institutional goals and national priorities.

## PNU, DEBESMSCAT INK AGREEMENT ON FACULTY DEVELOPMENT



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As a testament to inter-institutional cooperation among State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in the country, the Philippine Normal University (PNU), the National Center for Teacher Education, forged an agreement with Dr. Emilio B. Espinosa Sr. Memorial State College of Agriculture and Technology (DEBESMSCAT), a leading institution of higher learning in the province of Masbate. The partnership focuses on academic retooling and faculty development.

The agreement caters explicitly to DEBESMSCAT faculty members, who will be admitted to various graduate programs offered by PNU.

In a brief program held earlier today, July 14, 2025, at the Office of the President's Conference Room, PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga welcomed the contingent from DEBESMSCAT and shared insights on the educational philosophy and graduate offerings of PNU.

Also present to elaborate on program details and the enlistment process were College of Advanced Studies Dean Dr. Antriman V. Orleans, University Registrar Dr. Rosario M. Belmi, and CAS Deputy Dean Levi E. Elipane. The endeavor was facilitated by Linkages and International Affairs Office Director Prof. Bryan C. Dayuta. The DEBESMSCAT delegation, headed by SUC President Dr. Arnel B. Millesca, introduced their Masbate-based institution to their counterparts at PNU.

Shortly after, the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was formalized, with Dr. Tuga and Dr. Millesca representing their respective institutions. The inking of the agreement was witnessed by PNU Vice President for Student Success and Stakeholders Services Dr. Denmark L. Yonson, and DEBESMSCAT Board and College Secretary V. Mr. Allan O. Delos Reyes.

In a move to provide greater academic support and financial relief to graduate students, the Philippine Normal University Board of Regents (BOR) approved two key policies during its 105th Regular Meeting held on July 2, 2025.

The first policy, titled Policies on Suspension of Residency and Period of Student Research Validity in the Graduate Level, was passed through PNU BOR Resolution No. U-3960, s. 2025. It introduces two major provisions that impact the academic residency and research validity of graduate students. Under Policy No. 1, residency requirements for all graduate programs will be suspended for Academic Years 2025–2026 and 2026–2027. This initiative aims to allow students to complete CHED-compliant programs and to assess the implementation of the Multi-Pathways Laddered Graduate Teacher Education Program (MLGTEP), which seeks to attract more in-service teachers to pursue advanced studies at PNU.

Meanwhile, Policy No. 2 stipulates that approved thesis and dissertation titles will be valid for only three years from the date of approval during the colloquium. Should a student remain active but not complete the research within the said period, the proposal will be subject to review. If the student has been inactive for three years or more, a re-colloquium will be required.

The second policy, Policy on Graduate Thesis/Dissertation Continuing Fees, was enacted through PNU BOR Resolution No. U-3966, s. 2025. Designed to ease the financial burden on students in the thesis or dissertation writing phase, the policy outlines an amnesty program that offers up to an 85% discount on accumulated continuing fees. The amnesty will take effect across Terms 1 to 3 of Academic Year 2025–2026 and will cover balances incurred during AY 2024–2025.

The official copies of the new policies will be disseminated to the PNU community via University Circulars and other formal communication channels.

## PNU BOR GREENLIGHTS NEW POLICIES ON GRADUATE STUDENTS' RESIDENCY AND CONTINUING FEES

## BALIK SCIENTIST DR. CHRISTINA CRUZ, ISINULONG ANG KAALAMAN TUNGKOL SA MENTAL HEALTH NG MGA GURO SA PAGBISITA SA PNU

Malugod na tinanggap ng Philippine Normal University (PNU) si Dr. Christina Cruz, isang balik Scientist mula sa University of North Carolina (UNC) sa Chapel Hill, mula ika-1 ng Hunyo hanggang ika-13 ng Agosto, 2025.

Ang gawaing ito ay naisakatuparan sa pamamagitan ng pakikipagtulungan sa Department of Science and Technology (DOST). Si Dr. Christina Cruz ay isang Assistant Professor ng Psychiatry at School Psychology sa UNC, kung saan siya rin ay nagsisilbing Associate Director ng Division of Global Mental Health. Nakatuon ang kanyang gawain sa paglinang ng mga sustenableng interbensyon sa kalusugang pangkaisipan na nakabatay sa paaralan.

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Isa din sa mga pangunahing bunga ng kanyang pagbisita ay ang pagkakaroon ng kasunduan sa pagitan ng PNU at UNC, na nagbukas ng pangmatagalang kooperasyon para sa Tealeaf. Kabilang dito ang pagsasagawa ng mga yugto ng pananaliksik at pagsasanay kabilang na ang pagpapatupad ng Tealeaf sa mga pre-service teachers, pagpapaunlad ng kakayahan ng mga guro sa pamamagitan ng Training of Trainers (ToT) model, pagsasagawa ng pilot testing sa mga katuwang na paaralan, at pagbuo ng sistema para sa micro-credentialing ng kasanayan sa kalusugang pangkaisipan para sa mga guro. Bahagi din ng kasunduan ang pag-akda at paghahain ng panukala sa mga ahensyang nagbibigay-pondo upang suportahan ang pagsasanay, pananaliksik, at pagpapalawak ng Tealeaf sa PNU.

Sa pamamagitan ng kolaborasyong ito, higit pang pinatitibay ng PNU ang papel nito bilang National Center for Teacher Education, na nangunguna sa integrasyon ng mental health sa edukasyon ng mga guro at nagsusulong sa kapakanan ng mga mag-aaral sa buong bansa.



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# PNU, LUMAHOK SA ASIA SUMMER PROGRAM 2025 SA PETRA CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY SA INDONESIA

Ipinagmamalaki ng Philippine Normal University (PNU), ang Pambansang Sentro ng Pagsasanay ng mga Guro, ang pakikilahok nito sa Asia Summer Program (ASP) 2025 na ginaganap sa Petra Christian University sa Surabaya, Indonesia mula Hulyo 14 hanggang Agosto 1, 2025. Ang tema ng programang ito sa taong ito ay "One Asia, Many Stories: Celebrating Diversity" na nagbibigay-diin sa yaman ng kultura at kolaborasyong akademiko sa buong Asya.

Ang Asia Summer Program ay pangunahing inisyatibo ng Asian University Presidents Forum (AUPF). Isinasabuhay nito ang layunin ng AUPF na isulong ang internasyonal na ugnayan, mobilidad ng mga guro at estudyante, at panrehiyong integrasyong akademiko. Isa itong tatlong-linggong programang pangtag-init, na itinuturo sa Ingles at isinasagawa taun-taon sa alinman sa mga pamantasan na kasapi sa ASP.

Ang seremonya ng pagbubukas ay dinaluhan ng mga pangulo at pangunahing opisyal ng limang nangungunang pamantasan na siyang nagtayo ng ASP: ang Petra Christian University (Indonesia), Dongseo University (Korea), Josai International University (Japan), Bangkok University (Thailand), at Universiti Malaysia Perlis (Malaysia). Ang mga institusyon ito ang nagsilbing haligi ng ASP at patuloy na tagapagtugon sa interkultural at interdisiplinaryong pagkatuto sa rehiyon.

Ang mga tagapagturong kalahok sa ASP ay hinirang mula sa mga kasaping institusyon ng AUPF sa pamamagitan ng masusing proseso ng pagpili na pinamumunuan ng host na pamantasan. Tinitiyak nito na ang mga kalahok ay makatatanggap ng de-kalidad na pagtuturo mula sa mga eksperto na may sari-saring kaalaman at pinanggalingan. Kinatawan ang PNU si Prop. Mary Leigh Ann C. Perez mula sa Institute of Creative Expressions and Human Movement Education, na napabilang sa prestihiyosong hanay ng mga profesor mula sa iba't ibang kasaping bansa ng AUPF. Ang kanyang paglahok ay patunay sa aktibong papel ng PNU sa mga kolaborasyong panrehiyon at sa patuloy na pagbibigay ng de-kalidad na edukasyong pandaigdig para sa mga guro.

Ang pakikilahok ng PNU sa ASP 2025 ay hindi lamang bahagi ng layunin nitong mapaigting ang internasyonal na presensya, kundi nagsisilbi ring pagkakataon upang makapagtatag ng mas malalim na ugnayang akademiko, kolaboratibong pananaliksik, at makabuluhang karanasan sa interkultural na pagkatuto para sa mga guro at estudyante. Sa pamamagitan ng mga programang tulad ng ASP, pinagtibay ng PNU ang dedikasyon nitong makabuo ng mga propesional na may pandaigdigang pananaw at kakayahang mag-ambag sa isang mas magkakaugnay at magkakaibang mundo.

## PNU PARTICIPATES IN 10TH INT'L CONF ON GCED AND ACPEU CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA



Officials of the Philippine Normal University flew to Seoul, South Korea, to participate in the 10th International Conference on Global Citizenship Education: Platform on Pedagogy and Practice, held on July 27–28, 2025. University President Dr. Bert J. Tuga, together with GCED Cooperation Centre (GCC) – Philippines Director Dr. Rowena R. Hibana, comprised the university's delegation to this year's installment of the annual meeting of policymakers, scholars, and champions of GCED.

Under the theme "Democracy in the Post-Truth Crisis: The Role of GCED," the conference, which gathered 300 participants, focused on key issues such as empowering future citizens of democratic countries, enhancing education for active and mature civic engagement, restoring social cohesion and trust, and advancing a culture of peace through GCED.

PNU's delegation actively participated in various activities throughout the two-day event. As a prominent GCED advocate in the region, Dr. Tuga was invited to serve as one of the panelists in the concurrent session on Revitalizing



GCED through Dynamic Learning Environments and Resources, alongside other experts from Australia, the USA, and Malaysia. He also shared his insights on the 10th anniversary of IConGCED during the conference's closing program.

Dr. Tuga and Dr. Hibanada likewise joined the GCC Consultative Meeting, where they presented various project proposals for implementation by the GCC in the Philippines, with the aim of securing support from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization – Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding (UNESCO-APCEIU).

In 2022, PNU and UNESCO-APCEIU signed a letter of agreement establishing GCC Philippines. Its main thrusts include curriculum development, capacity-building for teachers, school heads, and youth, as well as research and advocacy related to GCED. UNESCO-APCEIU remains steadfast in its support of the Centre's operations and project implementation.

## **PNU, PINANGUNAHAN ANG PAGSASAGAWA NG PALIHAN SA PAGITAN NG AACCUP AT ATQA PARA SA PAGSUSULONG NG PAGTITIYAK NG KALIDAD SA EDUKASYONG PANGGURO**

Ang Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas (PNU) ang nagsilbing tagapagpadaloy ng isinagawang Harmonization Workshop na may temang "Strengthening the Quality Assurance of Teacher Education Programs in the Philippines through International Partnership and Collaboration: A Harmonization Workshop between AACCUP and ATQA" sa pagitan ng Accrediting Agency for Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP) at ng AsTEN Quality Assurance Agency (ATQA). Isinagawa ang nasabing workshop mula ika-30 ng Hulyo hanggang ika-1 ng Agosto taong 2025 sa Luxent Hotel, Lungsod ng Quezon, na dinaluhan ng mga kinatawan mula sa iba't ibang pampublikong institusyon para sa edukasyong pangguro o sa buong bansa.

Ang layunin ng workshop ay aralin at i-harmonize ang lokal at rehiyonal na pamantayan sa pagtataya ng kalidad para sa mga teacher education programs. Pinagsama-sama rito ang mga lider-akademiko, eksperto, at practitioners sa larangan ng quality assurance upang magbibigay-daan sa dual recognition system sa akreditasyon saklaw ang parehong lokal at rehiyonal na pamantayan.

Inilahad ng AsTEN Teacher Education Quality Assurance Agency (ATQA), sa pangunguna nina Prop. Dr. Mohammad Ali, Prop. Dr. Ahmad Bukhori Muslim, Dr. Vidi Sukmayadi, at Dr. Ari Arifin Danuwijaya, ang mga pamantayang binuo ng mga kasaping bansa ng Association of Southeast Asian Teacher Education Network (AsTEN). Kabilang sa mga saklaw ng pamantayan ang kwalipikasyon ng guro, admission, kurikulum, practicum o field experiences, faculty development, pamumuno at pamamahala, at pananaliksik at serbisyon pangkomunidad.

Samantala, isinulong ng AACCUP ang mga pagpapahusay sa instrumento ng akreditasyon nito upang higit pang patatagin ang mekanismo ng quality assurance para sa edukasyong pang-guro sa Pilipinas.

Nagbigay ng lektura at mensahe si Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, Executive Director V ng Teacher Education Council. Ibinahagi niya ang mga inisyatiba ng Konseho sa muling pagbalangkas ng kurikulum para sa pre-service teacher education sa ilalim ng Excellence in Teacher Education Act. Binigyang-diin niya ang mga hakbang sa reforma sa kurikulum, pinalakas na quality assurance, at pagtatatag ng Teacher Education Excellence Center para sa patuloy na pag-unlad ng mga guro sa buong bansa.

Nagbigay rin ng presentasyon si Dr. Milabel E. Ho, Executive Director ng AACCUP, hinggil sa mga pamantayan at instrumento ng ahensya, kung saan binigyang-pansin ang mga hakbang upang gawing mas dinamiko, inklusibo, at globally aligned ang proseso ng akreditasyon.

Sa naganap na workshop, isinagawa ang paghahambing ng mga pamantayan at instrumento ng AACCUP at ATQA. Nakibahagi ang mga kalahok sa talakayang panggrupo at presentasyon ng awtput. Mula sa kanilang awtput, kinolecta ang kanilang mga puna at mungkahibilang ambag sa pagpapatibay ng instrumento ng AACCUP at sa pagbuo ng gabay para sa dalawahang pagkilala sa pamantayan ng akreditasyon.

Sa pamamagitan ng inisyatibong ito, tinutupad ng PNU, bilang National Center for Teacher Education (NCTE), ang mandato nitong tumulong sa pagpapaunlad ng edukasyong pangguro sa Pilipinas at sa rehiyon. Inaasahang magbubunga ang aktibidad ng mas pinag-isá, mabisa, at kinikilalang sistema ng akreditasyon na makikinabang ang mga institusyon para sa edukasyong pangguro at higit pang magpapalakas sa paghahanda ng mga susunod na henerasyon ng mga guro ng bayan.



# ARTS ACADEMY PARA SA MGA GURO NG BCAED, BINUKSAN SA PNU

Muling binuksan ang telon ng Arts Academy, noong ika-4 ng Agosto 2025 sa Pampamantasang Gymnasium ng Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas. Ang edisyong ito ng Arts Academy ay ang Unang Pembansang Forum at Palihan para sa Batsilyer ng Edukasyon sa Kultura at Sining (Bachelor of Culture and Arts Education o BCAEd Program), kung saan humigit kumulang 100 guro ng BCAED at piling mga mag-aaral sa sekundaryang antas ang sasailalim sa isang linggong masusing pagsasanay sa ilalim ng mga premyadong alagad ng sining at mga eksperto sa larangan ng edukasyon. Ito ay isasagawa simula ngayong ika-4 hanggang ika-8 ng Agosto 2025.

Ang Arts Academy ay isang programa ng CCP kasama ang PNU. Ang mga paghahanda sa bahagi ng PNU ay pinangunahan ng Linangan ng Edukasyon sa Malikhain Ekspresyon at Galaw Pantao (Institute of Creative Expression and Human Movement Education o ICEHME), sa ilalim ni Director Dr. Joel G. Tubera, at ng Sentro ng Pagpapaunlad ng Isports, Kultura, at mga Sining (Center for Sports, Culture, and Arts Development o CSCAD), sa pamumuno ni Prop. Romeo R. Rioflorido.



The poster features the logo of the Philippine Normal University (PNNU) at the top left. The text "PHILIPPINE NORMAL UNIVERSITY The National Center for Teacher Education" is written next to the logo. In the center, the text "Agosto 2025" is displayed above the large, stylized text "Bulwan ng ASEAN". Below this, the text "Association of Southeast Asian Nations" is written. A row of flags from various ASEAN member states is shown at the bottom. The website "www.pnu.edu.ph" is at the bottom right. The overall theme is the ASEAN Month celebration at PNU.

**ASEAN MONTH**

Nakikiisa ang Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas sa panrehiyon pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng ASEAN o Association of Southeast Asian Nations. Kinikilala ng PNU ang kahalagahan ng pagkakaisa, pagkakaiba-iba, at pagtutulungan ng mga bansa sa Timog-Silangang Asya tungo sa mas matatag at inklusibong rehiyon. Inihahayag din ng Pembansang Sentro sa Edukasyong Pangguro ang buo nitong suporta sa pamahalaan ng Pilipinas sa nalalapit nitong pagganap bilang Tagapangulo ng ASEAN sa 2026. Ang PNU ay tumatayong permanenteng secretariat ng Association of Southeast Asian Teacher Education Network (AsTEN), isang kinikilalang entidad ng ASEAN.

August 5, 2025



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**279 NA MAG-AARAL IPINAGDIWANG ANG PAGTATAPOS SA PNU VISAYAS, 25 NAKAKUHA NG DIPLOMA SA EDUKASYONG PANGKAPALIGIRAN**

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Ipinagdiwang ng komunidad ng PNU Visayas ang maluwalhating pagtatapos ng 279 na mag-aaral sa naganap na ika-52 Seremonya ng Pagtatapos na idinaos noong ika-5 ng Agosto 2025, sa Cadiz City Arena, Lungsod ng Cadiz, Negros Occidental. Ang Seremonya ng Pagtatapos ay may temang "Hinubog na Kausayan: Ang Panibagong Landas ng PNU sa Edukasyong Pangguro". Sa bilang na ito, 254 ang mula sa antas di-gradwado at 25 naman ang mula sa programang post baccalaureate na Diploma in Environment and Green Technology Education. Mula sa bilang ng mga nagtapos sa antas di-gradwado, 161 ang nagkamit ng karangalang Magna Cum Laude at 71 naman ang Cum Laude. Dumalo sa nasabing pagdiriwang ang ilang matataas na opisyal na pamantasan na pinangunahan ni Dr. Bert J. Tuga,

Pangulo ng Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas, kasama si Dr. Denmark L. Yonson, Pangalawang Pangulo para sa Tagumpay ng Mag-aaral at Serbisyong Pampamantasang. Dumalo rin si G. Antonio B. Sabedoria, ang Pangulo ng PNU Visayas Alumni Association.

Nagsilbing panauhing pandangal at susing tagapagsalita ng programa si Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, ang Ehekutibong Direktor V ng Teacher Education Council Secretariat. Uminog ang talumpati ni Dr. Jocson sa pagpapakahulugan ng salitang "hinubog". Aniya, ang salitang ito ang nagsisilbing buod ng paglalakbay ng bawat PNUan. "You are not made overnight, but shaped and refined through truth, excellence, and service. If you light the fire, be part of the fire!", dagdag pa ni Dr. Jocson sa kanyang mensahe para sa mga nagsipagtapos at kanilang mga mahal sa buhay.

Ibinigay naman ni Dr. Tuga ang hamon sa mga nagsipagtapos. Hinikayat ng Pangulo ng Pamantasan ang mga nagsipagtapos na laging alalahanin ang kanilang "why" o kanilang dahilan sa pagsusumikap. Ang hamong ito ay binigyang-tugon ni G. Joshua A. Ham, ang valedictorian ng Batch 2025 ng PNU Visayas. Binigyang-diin ni G. Ham na ang propesyon ng pagtuturo ay hindi nagtatapos sa klase bagkus ay nagiging panghabang buhay na diwa ng bawat guro. Kanyang hinikayat ang mga kapwa niya na nagtapos na magpatuloy lang at huwag sumuko. Dagdag pa niya, "Kahit gaano kahirap, padayon! Kahit gaano kapagod at kasakit, padayon!".

Itinalaga bilang *Environmental and Green Technology Education Hub*, ang PNU Visayas na pinamumumuan ng kanilang Ehekutibong Direktor at Provost, Dr. Ralger D. Jocson, Jr.



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## GCLE (GUIDANCE COUNSELORS LICENSURE EXAMINATION) 2025

August 8, 2025

Buong dangal na ipinagmamalaki ng komunidad ng PNU ang lahat ng 25 na PNUans na kumuha at pumasa sa Agosto 2025 Guidance Counselors Licensure Examination (GCLE). Dahil dito, nagtala ang PNU ng 100% na pagpasa. Samantala, dalawang PNUan ang napasama sa listahan ng mga topnotchers. Si Lorrence Tecson Prim ay nakuha ang ika-apat na puwesto na may markang 88.55% samantalang si Ericquette Marie Salmorin Villanueva naman ay nakamit ang ika-anim na puwesto na may markang 88.40%. Tunay na ang kanilang tagumpay ay sumasalamin sa kahusayang ating isinasabuhay at pinaninindigan dito sa Pamantasan.

Mabuhay ang mga bagong Guidance Counselors. Ipinagmamalaki kayo ng Inang Pamantasan!

Ikinalulugod naming naibahagi sa inyo ang impormasyong ito, at umaasa kaming ito ay maging kapaki-pakinabang sa inyo!



## MGA BAGONG PROGRAMA NG PNU, SUMAILALIM SA PAGSUSURI NG CHED TECHNICAL PANEL AT RQAT

Isinagawa sa PNU Library Commons ang dalawang araw na Joint Technical Panel and Regional Quality Assessment Team Evaluation kung saan ay sinuri ang kahandaan at kalidad ng mga bagong programang pangkurikular na ipatutupad ng Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas simula sa unang termino ng taong pang-akademiko 2025-2026. Simula noong ika-7 hanggang ika-8 ng Agosto, 2025, binuksan ng pamantasan ang pinto nito sa mga panauhing itinalaga ng Komisyon sa Lalong Mataas na Edukasyon (Commission on Higher Education o CHED) bilang mga eksperto na siyang kumilatis sa kalidad at nagbigay ng mga mahahalagang punto upang lalo pang maiakma sa kasalukuyang pamantayan ang mga nasabing programa.



Iginawad sa 267 na nagsipagtapos mula sa antas di-gradwado at 25 sa antas gradwado ang kani-kanilang mga digri at diploma sa idinaos na ika-52 Seremonya ng Pagtatapos ng PNU Mindanao na isinagawa noong ika-8 ng Agosto 2025 sa Open Grounds ng pamantasan.

Ang seremonya ay dinaluhan ni Dr. Bert J. Tuga, Pangulo ng Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas, kasama si Dr. Teresita T. Rungduin, Pangalawang Pangulo para sa Pananaliksik, Ekstensyon, at Katiyakang Kalikad. Si Student Regent Janre V. Lachica ay dumalo rin sa gawain bilang miyembro ng Lupon ng mga Rehente at isa sa mga magsisipagtapos.



Bilang isang makabuluhang pagdiriwang ng kahusayan, ang pamayanan ng PNU Timog Luzon sa Lopez, Quezon ay isinagawa ang ika-30 Seremonya ng Pagtatapos noong ika-12 ng Agosto 2025. 144 na mag-aaral sa antas di-gradwado ang ginawaran ng kanilang mga digri. Sa bilang na ito, 53 ang nagkamit ng karangalang Cum laude, 49 naman ang nagkamit ng Magna Cum Laude, at isa ang nakakuha ng karangalang Summa Cum laude.

Ang espesyal na pagdiriwang ay lalo pang naging makabuluhang dahil sa pagdalo ng mga opisyal ng pamantasan na pinangunahan ni Dr. Bert J. Tuga, Pangulo ng Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas, kasama ang Pangalawang Pangulong Pang-akademiko Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas. Kinatawan naman ni *Faculty Regent Atty. Donna B. Remigio* ang mga miyembro ng Lupon ng mga Rehente ng pamantasan.



Pinuno ng ginintuang tinig ng mga miyembro ng PNU Chorale ang bulwagan ng Senado sa kanilang pagtatanghal noong ika-11 ng Agosto 2025.

Sa harap ng mga senador at mga piling panauhin ay pinangunahan ng PNU Chorale ang pag-awit ng Pambansang Awit ng Pilipinas. Bukod sa kanilang pag-awit ng Lupang Hinirang, nabigyan rin sila ng pagkakataong magtanghal ng isang makabayang awitin. Ang awiting Dugong Pilipino, na isinulat at binigyang himig ni Jonathan Gonzalo Badon, ang napiling bigyang buhay ng PNU Chorale na siyang umani ng palakpakan ng mga manonood. Ang PNU Chorale ay nasa ilalim ng pagkumpas ni Prop. Luzviminda B. Modelo at paggabay ni Prop. Romeo R. Rioflorido, Puno ng Sentro ng Pagpapaunlad ng Isports, Kultura, at mga Sining.

## PAGDIRIWANG NG SULO, IDINAOS SA KABILA NG WALANG HUMPAY NA ULAN: MGA NANGUNA SA LICENSURE EXAM, PINARANGALAN

Ang Pagdiriwang ng Sulo ay isang natatanging seremonya sa PNU. Isinasagawa rito ang simbolikong pagpapasa ng mga nasa ika-apat na taon sa kanilang nakababatang kapatid sa ikatlong taon ng mga responsibilidad ng pagpapatuloy ng kultura ng kahusayan sa pamantasan.

Naantala man ang orihinal na oras ng pagsisimula ng palatuntunan dahil sa walang humpay na ulan at hindi man nabuo ang tradisyonal na pormasyon ng mga mag-aaral, ay matiwasya pa rin na naisagawa ang mga mahalagang bahagi ng tradisyonal na programa ng Pagdiriwang ng Sulo. Habang nakasilong sa Main Building at karatig gusali, pinakinggan at nakilahok ang mga mag-aaral sa seremonya, mula sa pahayag ng mga personalidad gaya ni Inang Pilipinas, na ginampanan ni Arriane Jhane B. Talana, Juan Dela Cruz, sa katauhan ni Ricky E. Reantaso, Inang Pamantasan, na ginampanan ni Marie Nicaella A. Bugayong, Lakan at Lakambini, na binigyang buhay nina John Steven B. Cantado at Jzasca D. Corlet, at Bahaghari, na binigyang buhay ni Christian Noe D. Bongalbal.

Matapos ng pahayag ng mga personalidad, ay isinagawa ang pagpaparangal sa mga mahuhusay na anak ng Pamantasan na



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nanguna sa iba't-ibang licensure examinations. Ngayong taon, anim na PNUan topnotchers ng Guidance Counselor Licensure Examination, apat na PNUan topnotchers ng Librarian Licensure Examination, at 18 PNUan topnotchers ng Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers, ang kinilala. Bukod sa sertipiko ng pagkilala at Tropeyong HUSAY, ay nakatanggap din ng gantimpalang salapi ang mga kinilalang indibidwal. Ito ay sa bisa ng iba't-ibang resolusyon ng pinagtibay ng Lupon ng mga Rehente bilang pagpupugay sa kahusayang ipinakita ng mga nanguna sa iba't-ibang pagsusulit. Umabot ng Php 860,000 ang naging kabuuhang halaga ng gantimpala ang naibigay sa mga natatanging supling ni Inang Pamantasan bilang pagsaludo sa kanilang tagumpay. Ang saglit na pagtigil ng ulan ay naging oportunidad para sa mga mag-aaral na pumagitna sa kwadranggel ng Pamantasan at ituloy ang taimtim na seremonya. Sa puntong ito rin ay naisagawa ang makasaysayang pagpapasa ng sulo at ang pag-awit ng "Ang Nagdaang Araw", na sumisimbolo sa tagumpay, pananagutan, at pagpapatuloy ng kadakilaan ng Pamantasan.

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Si Atty. Ester A. Futalan ay isang dedikado at huwarang tagapaglingkod sa larangan ng edukasyon at batas. Nagtapos siya noong 1994 sa Philippine Normal University Agusan Campus (na ngayon ay Mindanao Campus) ng kursong Batsilyer sa Edukasyong Pang-elementarya na may espesyalisasyon sa Ingles. Bilang mag-aaral, naging aktibo siyang pinuno at ginawaran ng Gantimpala sa Pamumuno.

Mula sa pagiging guro, unti-unti siyang nailukllok sa mas mataas na mga tungkulin—mula sa punong-guro, tagapamahalang panrehiyon sa Negros Oriental, hanggang sa maging Katulong na Tagapamahalang Pampangdibisyong Paaralan sa Lalawigan ng Cebu at Lungsod ng Dumaguete. Sa kalaunan, siya ay naitalaga bilang ganap na Tagapamahalang Pampangdibisyong Paaralan (Schools Division Superintendent). Sa

Kasalukuyan, siya ang Panandaliang Tagapamuno (OIC) na may ranggong Direktor III ng Kawanihan ng Paghahatid ng Pagkatuto (Bureau of Learning Delivery) sa Punong Tanggapan ng Kagawaran ng Edukasyon.

Patuloy niyang isinabuhay ang mga aral at prinsipyo ng PNU matapos ang kanyang pagtatapos. Simula noong 1996, naging tagapagsanay, tagapagpakita (demonstrator), at manunulat siya para sa libu-libong guro, pinuno ng paaralan, at supervisor. Naging iskolar din siya ng DECS-Ateneo para sa kanyang Masterado mula 1999 hanggang 2001.

Habang nagtatrabaho bilang buong-panahong Katulong na Tagapamahala sa Lalawigan ng Cebu, nag-ral siya ng abogasya, natapos ito sa loob ng apat na taon, at matagumpay na nakapasa sa pagsusulit ng Bar (Bar Exam) sa kanyang unang pagsubok noong Pebrero 2022.

Ang mga promosyon, pagkilala, at kwalipikasyong natamo niya—kalakip ng tuluy-tuloy na Natitirang Pagtataya sa Pagganap (Outstanding Performance Rating)—ay patunay ng kanyang sipag, dedikasyon, at kahusayan sa paglilingkod.

Sa pamamagitan ng kanyang pamumuno, malaki ang naging pagbabago sa mga Tanggapan ng Dibisyon ng Paaralan na kanyang pinangasiwaan. Ilan sa kanyang mga natatanging nagawa ay ang pagpapatuloy ng maayos na serbisyo sa gitna ng pandemya, pagbibigay ng ligtas at angkop na kapaligiran sa mga mag-aaral na hindi kabilang sa agham na larangan, at ang pagtatatag ng mga programa para sa mga gurong nais maging pinuno ng paaralan.

Bilang kauna-unahang Tagapamahalang Pampangdibisyong Paaralan ng bagong tatag na Dibisyon ng Lungsod ng Canlaon (SDO Canlaon City), matagumpay niyang naitayo ang institusyon na may dangal, direksyon, at malasakit para sa bayan.

## PNU, KINILALA NG KOMISYON SA SERBISYO PARA SA LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM

Muling nagkamit ang Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas ng isang mahalagang tagumpay matapos igawad ng Komisyon sa Serbisyo Sibil (Civil Service Commission o CSC) ang Level II Maturity Recognition para sa Learning and Development (L&D) System nito, sa ilalim ng Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM).

Sa isang payak na programa noong ika-7 ng Agosto 2025,ormal na iginawad ni CSC Director Mira Michelle A. Brazil sa Pamantasan ang Certificate of Recognition.

Ang prestihiyosong pagkilalang ito ay patunay nang matibay na paninindigan ng PNU sa pagtataguyod ng kultura ng L&D na istratehiko, inklusibo, at nakabatay sa ebidensya. Ang pagkilalang ito ay sumasalamin din sa bisyon ng pamantasan na humubog ng mga guro at propesyonal na handang-harapin ang kinabukasan, nakabatay sa pananaliksik, at globally competent.

Kasama ng Pangulo ng Pamantasan Dr. Bert J. Tuga sa pagtanggap ng parangal sina Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, Pangalawang Pangulo



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para sa Pananalapi at Pamamahala, Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas, Pangalawang Pangulo Pang-Akademiko at Tagapangulo ng Human Resource Development Committee, Gng. Maribel G. Gerundio, Direktor ng Human Resource Management and Development Office, at G. Arman B. Crisostomo Jr., Pinuno ng Personnel Development and Evaluation Services Unit.

Ang pagkilalang ito ay bunga ng pagpapatupad ng RISE framework ng PNU—Responsive, Inclusive, Sustainable, at Evidence-based, na nagsisilbing gabay sa mga inisyatibo sa pagkatuto at pag-unlad ng mga kawani. Ipinapakita nito ang patuloy na pagsusumikap ng pamantasan sa pagpapabuti at istrategikong pagpapaunlad ng yamang-tao nito.

Dahil sa tagumpay na ito, napatunayan ang kahandaan ng PNU na panatilihin at palawigin pa ang mga sistema at programa sa pagpapaunlad ng yamang-tao nito. Ito ay bahagi nang mas malaking layuning makamit ang PRIME-HRM Bronze Award sa susunod na yugto ng programa.

## PNU NL, IDINAOS ANG IKA-49 NA SEREMONYA NG PAGTATAPOS; 235 NAKATANGGAP NG KANILANG MGA DIGRI NA MAY KALAKIP NA SERTIPIKO AT DIPLOMA SA IPED



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Idinaos ng Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas – Hilagang Luzon ang ika-49 nitong Seremonya ng Pagtatapos noong nakaraang Sabado, ika-8 ng Agosto, 2025 sa Pampamantasang Gymnasium. Sa nasabing programa ayormal na iginawad sa 235 na nagsipagtapos sa antas di-gradwado ang kani-kanilang mga digri, kung saan 105 ang cum laude at 54 ang magna cum laude. Sa unang pagkakataon, iginawad din sa lahat ng mga nagsipagtapos sa antas di-gradwado ang Sertipiko sa Pagtuturo sa Pangkatutubong Edukasyong Pangguro. Binigyang pagkilala rin ang labing dalawang (12) indibidwal na nakapagtapos ng programang Diploma sa Pagtuturo

sa Pangkatutubong Edukasyong Pangguro. Samantala, 15 rin ang nakapagtapos sa antas gradwado.

Dumalo sa seremonya ang Pangulo ng Pamantasan na si Dr. Bert J. Tuga kasama ang Pangalawang Pangulo para sa Pananalapi at Pamamahala, Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara. Nandoon rin ang piling miyembro ng Lupon ng mga Rehente na sila Student Regent Janre V. Lachica at Faculty Regent Atty. Donna B. Remigio. Kasama rin sa mga panauhin ang Education Supervisor ng CHED Region Office 2 Dr. Jee A. Evangelista Liban, at and Pangulo ng PNU NL Alumni Association, Dr. Garry G. Galutera.

Ngayon taon, nagsilbing panauhing pandangal at susing tagapagsalita para sa Seremonya ng Pagtatapos ang Komisyoner ng Komisyon sa Lalong Mataas na Edukasyon at ang itinalagang tagapangulo ng Lupon ng mga Rehente ng PNU, Dr. Ethel Agnes P. Valenzuela. Sa kanyang mensahe, ibinahagi Komisyoner Valenzuela ang kanyang sariling paglalakbay bilang isang PNUan at bilang isang guro na sumabak sa hamon ng propesyon ng pagtuturo. Matapos ay hinimok niya ang mga nagsipagtapos na harapin ang kanilang sariling paglalakbay habang tangan ang panawagan para sa magandang pamumuno na may integridad, malasakit, at pagmamahal sa bayan.

Ibinigay ni Pangulong Tuga ang kanyang hamon sa mga nagsipagtapos na sumentro sa paglubog sa mga paaralan sa bansa upang magturo at magbahagi ng kaalaman. Ito naman ay binigyang tugon ni G. Kenneth Jay A. Iquin, Magna Cum Laude at Class Valedictorian. Aniya, kailangang sabay-sabay bumoses upang marinig ang mga hinaing tungkol sa kasalukuyang estado ng edukasyon.

Ang PNU Hilagang Luzon ay ang tinaguriang *Indigenous Peoples Education Hub* ng PNU. Ang kampus ay pinamumunuan ng kanilang Ehekutibong Direktor at Provost, Dr. Agnes S. Reyes.

## PINTO NG INANG PAMANTASAN, PORMAL NANG BINUKSAN PARA SA MGA BAGONG PNUans

Malugod na sinalubong ng Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas sa Maynila ang mahigit 1,200 nitong bagong mag-aaral sa pamamagitan ng isang seremonya at pangkalahatang oryentasyon na ginanap ngayong araw, ika-15 ng Agosto 2025.

Unang ginawa ang seremonya ng pagkatok— isang ritwal na sumasagisag sa pormal na pagpasok ng mga mag-aaral sa pamayanang akademiko ng pamantasan. Ngayong taon, pinangunahan ng Top 1 PNUAT passer na si John Matthew Vinco ang seremonyal na pagkatok, habang si Dr. Henelsie Mendoza, Direktor ng Admissions Office, ang nagbukas ng pintuan bilang simbolo ng opisyal na pagtanggap sa Batch 2025.



Matapos nito, idinaos ang First-Year Orientation Program na may temang "Begin your Journey Toward the Future: Ignited by Truth, Excellence, and Service!" na layong ihanda ang mga bagong PNUans sa kanilang akademikong paglalakbay.

Sa mensaheng ibinigay ni Pangulong Bert J. Tuga, binigyang-diin niya ang mahalagang papel ng PNU sa paghubog ng mga susunod na guro at lider ng bansa. "The future you dream of begins today," aniya, at hinimok ang mga mag-aaral na yakapin ang bagong yugto ng kanilang buhay nang may kasiglahan, kuryusidad, at pagmamalaki.

Inilahad sa programa ang mga mahahalagang impormasyong dapat malaman ng mga papasok na mag-aaral ng PNU.

Dumalo rin sa pagtitipon ang mga opisyal ng pamantasan sa pangunguna ng mga Pangalawang Pangulo na sina Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas, Pangalawang Pangulong Pang-akademiko, Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, Pangalawang Pangulo sa Pananalapi at Pamamahala, Dr. Teresita T. Rungduin Pangalawang Pangulo sa Pananaliksik, Pagpaplano, at Katiyakang Pangkalidad, at Dr. Denmark L. Yonson, Pangalawang Pangulo sa Tagumpay ng mga Mag-aaral at Serbisyon Pampamantasan, kasama ang mga dekano at iba pang opisyal ng PNU.

Pinangasiwaan ng Student Affairs and Services Office (SASO) sa pamumuno ni Dr. Merimee T. Siena, ang programa.



## ESPESYAL NA PAGPUPULONG NG KONSEHONG PANG-AKADEMIKO, ISINAGAWA

Nagtapon ang mga miyembro ng Konsehong Pang-akademiko para sa isang espesyal na pagpupulong na ginanap ngayong araw, ika-20 ng Agosto 2025, sa pamamagitan ng Zoom.

Ang pagpupulong ay pinamunuan ng Pangalawang Pangulong Pang-akademiko, Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas, sa ngalan ng Pangulo ng Pamantasan, Dr. Bert J. Tuga, na kasalukuyang nasa personal na pagliban.

Sa nasabing pagpupulong ay inaprubahan ang iba't-ibang paksa tulad ng listahan ng mga magsisipagtapos

para sa ikatlong termino ng taong panuruan 2024-2025, mga hinirang na curricular at co-curricular awardees, at ang mga nakakuha ng pagkilalang Outstanding Thesis at Dissertation, kasama ang mga finalists nito. Kasama rin sa napag-usapan ang ilang pagbabagong sa mga alituntunin sa pagtanggap ng mga mag-aaral at pagpili ng mga kwalipikadong mag-aaral na sumailalim sa mga bagong tatag na mga straight programs. Nagsagawa rin ng pag-uusap tungkol sa programang straight PhD by Research.

Nakasaad sa Section 10 ng Republic Act 8292 o ang Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997 na ang Konsehong Pang-akademiko ay siyang magsusuri at magbibigay rekomenasyon tungkol sa mga usaping at alituntuning pang-akademiko ng Pamantasan na siyang ibabahagi sa lupon ng mga rehente bilang gabay sa mahahalagang pagpapasya. Ang konseho ay pinamumunuan ng Pangulo ng Pamantasan.

## PNU-oup, NAGSAGAWA NG MID-YEAR EVALUATION AT ASSESSMENT; PAGPAPABUTI SA MGA PROSESO AT SERBISYO, BINIGYANG TUON

Isinagawa ng mga yunit sa ilalim ng Office of the University President (OUP) ng Philippine Normal University ang 3-araw na Mid-Year Evaluation and Assessment of Procedures, Processes, and Organizational Structure (Functions). Layunin ng pagtitipong ito na repasuhin at paigtingin ang mga tungkulin, proseso, at istruktura ng mga yunit upang higit pang mapalakas ang kalidad ng serbisyo at masigurong kaakibat ito ng pangmatagalang mithiin ng Unibersidad.



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Nagsimula ang unang araw sa isang panalangin ni Ms. Karen B. Santos, kasunod ang pagbibigay ng Statement of Purpose ni Mr. Alexander M. Yumul, Head ng Presidential Management Unit (PresMU). Binanggit niya ang kahalagahan ng quality management at pagpapaunlad ng proseso ng bawat yunit upang makapagbigay ng serbisyon tugma sa mga pamantayan ng kalidad. Ang buong Mid-Year Evaluation ay pinangunahan at inorganisa ng PresMU sa pamumuno nina Mr. John Ric Lago, Private Secretary, at Mr. Alexander M. Yumul, Head ng PresMU, katuwang ang iba pang mga yunit sa ilalim ng OUP. Bagama't hindi personal na nakadalo ang Pangulo ng PNU na si Dr. Bert J. Tuga, ipinabatid niya ang kaniyang pakikiisa at suporta sa kaganapang ito, binibigyang-diin ang kahalagahan ng pagtutulungan at pagpapaunlad ng bawat yunit para sa mataas na pamantayan ng serbisyo at pagkakaisa ng Unibersidad.

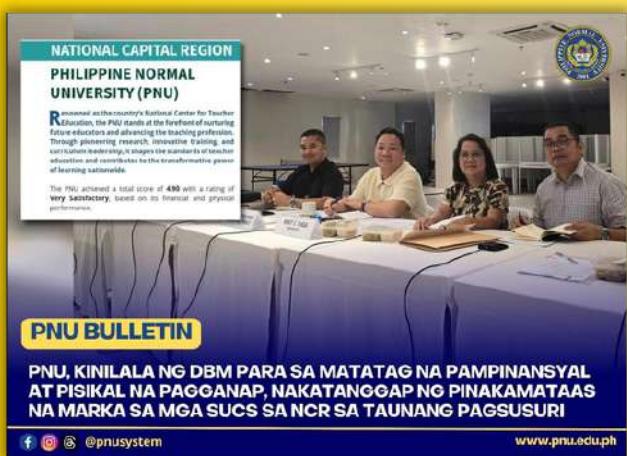
Inilahad naman ni Prof. Maria Ruth M. Regalado, Direktor ng Planning Office, ang workshop ukol sa Organizational Structure, Functions, at Quality Objectives. Dalawa ang pangunahing layunin: (1) repasuhin at paunlarin ang mga tungkulin ng mga yunit upang maging kaayon ng institusyon na layunin, at (2) makabuo ng SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound) quality objectives. Sa mga isinagawang aktibidad, tinalakay ang pagkilala sa mga umiiral na tungkulin ng yunit, pagtukoy sa mga hindi naaayon sa mandato, at pagbuo ng malinaw na resulta at sukatan ng mga nais makamit. Binigyang-diin din ni Prof. Regalado ang apat na Key Result Areas mula sa Strategic Development Plan 2022–2032: Curriculum and Instruction; Research and Extension; Planning, Finance, and Administration; at Student Success and Stakeholder Services.

Nagpatuloy ang ikalawang araw sa pamamagitan ng recap ni Ms. Marlen M. Calip bago ipakilala ni Dr. Rowena R. Hibana, Direktor ng GCED, si Prof. Danilo S. Cortez, Jr., Planning Officer III. Pinangunahan niya ang workshop ukol sa Process Mapping at Review ng Workflows, kabilang ang COTO Development, OPCR at IPCR alignment. Binanggit niya ang kahalagahan ng pagsasama ng organizational at individual performance targets, accountability, at paggamit ng risk-relevant approach para sa mas mahusay na pagpapatupad ng mga plano at desisyon. Sa pamamagitan ng aktibidad, pinatibay ng mga yunit ang kani-kanilang operational planning at kakayahang masuri ang mga riyesgo at oportunidad.

Kasunod nito, nagsagawa si Prof. Elenor O. Bayten, ISO Lead Auditor, ng sesyon tungkol sa Quality Management System at Case Analysis. Binigyang-diin niya na sa ISO logic, "kung hindi ito dokumentado, hindi ito nangyari." Ipinaalala rin niya ang kahalagahan ng kolektibong pagsisikap upang makamit ang kalidad, kung saan ang kabiguan ng isang yunit ay kabiguan ng buong sistema. Itinuro rin niya ang tatlong uri ng planning process: Strategic, Tactical, at Operational Planning, na lahat ay nakatuon sa pangunahing tungkulin ng PNU na instruction, research, at extension. Binanggit niya rin na mahalaga ang papel ng Pangulo ng Unibersidad sa pagtiyak na nakaangkla ang mga estratehiya ng PNU sa prinsipyo ng ISO 9001:2015.

Sa huling araw, nagdaos ng presentasyon ng Mid-Year Accomplishments ang mga yunit sa ilalim ng OUP. Ipinakita ng Office of the Board Secretary, Presidential Management Unit, Strategic Communication and Public Relations Unit, Campus Development Coordinating Unit, Office of the Internal Audit, Legal Affairs Unit, Association of Southeast Asian Teacher Education Network (ASTEN) Secretariat, at Global Citizenship Education (GCED) Cooperation Centre Philippines ang kani-kanilang mga nagawa at kontribusyon sa pagpapatupad ng mandato ng Unibersidad. Dahil sa pagtitipong ito, nagkaroon din ng pagkakataon ang mga miyembro ng iba't ibang yunit na magkita-kita nang personal. Higit sa mga natutunan sa workshop, naging daan din ang pagtitipon upang sila ay mas magkakilala, isang mahalagang hakbang tungo sa mas matatag na pagkakaisa.

Ang tatlong-araw na pagpupulong ay hindi lamang nagbigay-daan upang mas mapalalim ang pagsusuri ng proseso at istruktura ng OUP, kundi nagsilbing patunay ng pamunuan ng PNU sa Quality Assurance at Performance Excellence. Sa pagtatapos ng Mid-Year Evaluation and Assessment, pinagtibay ng bawat yunit ang kanilang suporta sa iisang layunin: ang magbigay ng mas mahusay, episyente, at may kalidad na serbisyo para sa ikuunlad ng buong Unibersidad.



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Sa kalalabas pa lamang na resulta ng isinagawang 2024 Agency Performance Review ng Department of Budget and Management (DBM), nakamit ng Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas ang halos perpektong grado na 4.90, na katumbas ng markang Very Satisfactory. Kinilala sa ulat ang iba't ibang makabuluhang gawain at programa ng PNU na matiwasay at masinop na naisakatuparan sa

nakaraang taon. Ang mga ito rin ang nagsilbing repleksyon ng mahusay na pagganap at pamamahala sa nakalaang badyet para sa pamantasan.

Kinilatis ng nasabing pagsusuri, na tinawag ding Budget ng Bayan Monitor, ang pinansyal at pisikal na pagganap gayundin ang pagkamapanahon at kalidad ng pagsusumite ng mga ulat ng 308 institusyon ng gobyerno, kasama ang mga State Universities and Colleges (SUCs). Ginamit din bilang pamantayan ng pagmamarka ang pagtutugma ng mga natapos na programa at ng naitakdang layon ng mga institusyon.

Kabilang ang PNU sa 95% ng mga ahensya ng gobyerno na nakakuha ng mataas na marka—Satisfactory, Very Satisfactory, at Outstanding. Sa National Capital Region, ang PNU ang nakakuha ng pinakamataas na marka sa hanay ng mga SUCs, sinundan ng Polytechnic University of the Philippines na may gradong 4.70 at ng University of the Philippines System na may 4.35.

Inilahad sa ulat na ang PNU, na nabigyan ng Php 992 milyon na kabuuang badyet noong 2024, ay nagkamit ng overall obligation rate na 96.0% at disbursement rate na 97.9%. Bagaman mataas, binigyang-diin din ng DBM ang ilang kahalinan na naging sanhi ng mga hindi naobligang alokasyon at hindi pa nailabas na pondo. Itinuring namang kahanga-hanga ang naging income performance ng pamantasan na umabot sa 147%. Ito ay dahil sa mga pondong inilagak ng mga katuwang na ahensya ng gobyerno upang maisakatuparan ang maraming proyekto kasama ang PNU.

Ilan sa mga nabanggit na proyekto sa ulat ay ang pagbuo ng MATATAG Curriculum, PNU-DOST National Consortium in Graduate Science and Mathematics Education, Procurement of Services for the Quality Assurance of Textbooks and Teachers' Manuals, at ang Research Initiative in Teacher Education. Naisakatuparan at nahigit din ng PNU ang mga itinakda nitong annual performance targets na nagpatibay sa pisikal nitong pagganap.

Ang ulat na ito ay isa lamang sa maraming pagpapatunay ng dedikasyon ng PNU bilang Pambansang Sentro ng Edukasyong Pangguro sa maayos at bukas na pamamahala.

## PNU KSDT, PNU BALINGSASAYAW, NAGPAKITANG-GILAS SA WORLD SKILLS ASEAN - MANILA 2025



Muling nagpakitang-gilas ang mga natatanging mag-aaral mula sa Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas sa pamamagitan ng isang makulay at makabuluhang pagtatanghal sa pambungad na programa ng WorldSkills Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Manila 2025 noong ika-25 ng Agosto 2025 sa Marriott Grand Ballroom in Newport Boulevard, Pasay City.

Sa isang natatanging pagpapamalas ng husay, nagsama ang dalawang premyadong grupo ng mananayaw ng pamantasan upang magbigay-aliw sa nasabing programa at ipakilala ang Pilipinas sa mga banyagang bisita at kalahok. Binigyan ng masining na pagpapakahulugan ng mga miyembro ng PNU Kislap Sining Dance Troupe at PNU Balingsasayaw ang awiting Makaugnay (Ang Lahat ng Bagay) ni Joey Ayala at ang Bagong Lumad.

Ang WorldSkills Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Manila 2025 ay isang premyadong paligsahan na tinitipon ang pinakamahuhusay na mga kabataan mula sa mga kasaping bansa ng ASEAN na may angking teknikal at bokasyonal na kasanayan.

Ang PNU Kislap Sining Dance Troupe ay nasa ilalim ng pagsasanay ni Prop. Richard A. Urgelles, samantalang ang PNU Balingsasayaw naman ay pinamumunuan ng kanilang tagapagsanay, G. Alex C. Cernio. Sila ay sinusuportahan ng Sentro ng Pagpapaunlad ng Isports, Kultura, at mga Sining sa ilalim ng pamumuno ni Prop. Romeo R. Rioflorido.

# PNU, KINILALA SA IKATLONG SUNOD NA TAON NG COA PARA SA MAHUSAY NA PAGGANAP SA PAMAMAHALANG PANANALAPI

Muling kinumpirma ng Komisyon ng Pagsusuri o Commission on Audit ang dedikasyon ng Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas na mapanatili ang mataas na antas ng pamamahala sa pananalapi ng institusyon.

Iginawad ng COA ang markang 94.10% o katumbas ng Excellent sa ginawang pangkalahatang pagsusuri ng Financial Management Performance ng PNU para sa taong 2024. Ito ang pangatlong sunod na taon kung saan ay nakatanggap ng mataas na marka ang PNU pagdating sa pamamahala sa pananalapi, kung saan ito ay nakakuha ng 92.53% noong 2023 at 92.68 noong 2022.

Ipinagbigay-alam sa komunidad ng PNU ang natatanging pagkilalang ito sa ginanap na COA Entrance Conference para sa Fiscal Year 2025 ngayong Biyernes, ika-29 ng Agosto 2025. Ang nasabing pagtitipon ay pinangunahan ng delegasyon ng PNU-COA na binubuo nina Supervising Auditor Bb.

Cecilia E. Bernales, Audit Team Leader Atty. Precious Joy E. Borromeo, at Audit Team Member G. Lester C. Arnesto. Samantala, dumalo rin ang mga matataas na opisyal at kawani ng pamantasan sa pangunguna ng Pangalawang Pangulo para sa Pananalapi at Pamamahala Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, Pangalawang Pangulo para sa Pananaliksik, Ekstensyon, at Katiyakang Kalikad Dr. Teresita T. Rungduin, at Tanggapan ng Pangalawang Pangulo para sa Tagumpay ng Mag-aaral at Serbisyon Pampamantasan Dr. Denmark L. Yonson.

Sa kanyang mensahe, pinasalamat ni VP Vergara ang mga ginagalang na mga kasamahan mula sa COA para sa kanilang positibong pagtataya sa PNU. Kanya rin pinagtibay ang pangako ng pamantasan na ipagpatuloy ang panata sa pagtiyak sa kalidad at tamang pagganap lalo na sa usaping pinansyal. Binigyang pagkilala rin ni Dr. Vergara ang mga opisinang matamang sumusuri sa bawat pinansyal na transaksyon ng pamantasan at masusing sinisiguro ang pagsasagawa nang wasto at nrarapat na mga proseso.

Maalala na noong Abril lamang ay natanggap ng PNU ang ika-apat na sunod na Unmodified/Unqualified Opinion mula sa komisyon para sa kanilang financial statements.



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# MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR THE 124TH ANNIVERSARY

Sharing with the community the transcript of our University President Dr. Bert J. Tuga's message on the occasion of our 124th Anniversary of the Opening of Classes at PNU.



President Bert J. Tuga's Message for the 124<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of PNU  
September 2, 2025

Today, we gather with hearts full of gratitude and pride as we mark the 124<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Opening of Classes of the Philippine Normal University, the country's National Center for Teacher Education. For over a century, PNU has stood as a pillar of hope and progress, shaping not only teachers but also the future of Philippine education. From our humble beginnings in 1901 as the Philippine Normal School, we have remained steadfast in our noble mission to train educators who embody truth, excellence, and a deep commitment to service.



As we look back at our journey, we honor the legacy of those who built and sustained this University, the visionaries, educators, leaders, and countless nameless heroes who believed in the transformative power of education. Every PNUan who has stepped into a classroom has carried this legacy forward, nurturing young minds, building communities, and shaping a better future for our nation. Truly, the story of PNU is inseparable from the story of Philippine education itself.

But while we celebrate the richness of our past, we must also embrace the challenge of the present and the promise of the future. The theme of this year's celebration, "PNU @124: Honoring Our Legacy, Pioneering New Pathways in Teacher Education," reminds us of this dual responsibility. To honor our legacy means to safeguard the values and ideals that have defined us. To pioneer new pathways means to boldly embrace innovation, research, extension, and transformative practices that will equip our teachers to thrive in the rapidly changing landscape of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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## PNU KICKSTARTS COMMEMORATION OF 124TH ANNIVERSARY OF OPENING OF CLASSES, HOLDS SERIES OF ACTIVITIES ON OPENING DAY



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The Philippine Normal University community gathered at the University Gymnasium today, September 2, 2025, to officially kick off the celebration of the 124th Anniversary of the Class Opening at the University with the theme PNU @ 124: Honoring Our Legacy, Pioneering New Pathways in Teacher Education. The program, initially scheduled for September 1, 2025, but rescheduled due to class and work suspension on that day, was conducted as part of the weekly flag ceremony and was attended by officials, administrative staff, students, and guests.

Immediately after the Flag Ceremony hosted by PNU Visayas, the opening program officially started with a performance by guest Indonesian student performers, who showcased their interpretation of the Tari Remo, also known as the Remo Dance.

The dance emphasizes the relaxed yet powerful movements of a prince or warrior on the battlefield. Following this, the updated institutional video of PNU was officially launched and shown to the PNU community.

The highlight of the program was the message from the University President, Dr. Bert J. Tuga. President Tuga highlighted how PNU's legacy is inseparable from the history of Philippine education. He also emphasized that PNU's journey has always been guided by its core values, which serve as its compass, embodied by our students, faculty, staff, and alumni of Inang Pamantasan. "Let us celebrate with gratitude, commit with courage, and dream with conviction. Guided by our proud history and inspired by the limitless possibilities ahead, the Philippine Normal University will continue to shine as a beacon of teacher education and a force for national transformation," Dr. Tuga added.

Another intermission performance was given by the Indonesian student performers, this time a rendition of the song Rek Ayo Rek, which is a traditional song from East Java inviting listeners to stroll along Tunjungan Street in Surabaya. A sneak peek of activities planned for the 125th Anniversary of PNU early next year was also shared.

In the afternoon, two of PNU's most renowned faculty members were formally honored with the prestigious title of Professor Emerita. During the ceremony attended by colleagues, staff, and guests, Dr. Erminda C. Fortes and Dr. Wilma S. Reyes were recognized as the University's newest Professor Emeritae.

They are acknowledged for their contributions to their fields, which helped PNU build a reputation as an authority in various disciplines. The last time PNU awarded an emeritus title was in 1994, and the award remained dormant until last year when the Office of the Vice President pushed to revive it.

In her speech, Dr. Reyes reflected on her career, which was shaped by many individuals who offered support and guidance throughout her academic journey. Meanwhile, Dr. Fortes recognized key people who inspired her to advance in her career. She views the title as a testament to the collaboration among these key individuals.

The opening festivities concluded with the Pamana and Panlasa event, which showcased the collaboration between the Archives and Records Management Unit and the Business and Events Services Unit. During the Pamana segment, an exhibit of artifacts related to PNU's rich history was launched, displaying documents, mementos, photos, and paraphernalia from past PNUans for everyone's appreciation. Afterwards, the Panlasa segment featured the soft launch of the Inner Court Café, operated by BESU. This marked the start of a larger plan to keep the relevance of the Normal Hall in the lives of current PNU students.

Throughout the month-long celebration of the 124th Anniversary, PNU will host two international events: the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Consortium of Asia-Pacific Education Universities (CAPEU) on September 2-4, 2025, and the International Conference on Education Futures from September 3-5, 2025. The University Convocation is scheduled for September 17, 2025, and student-focused activities, such as ALAP 2025 and HIRAYA 2025, organized by the Student Affairs and Services Office, will take place during the first week of October 2025.

## PNU HOSTS CAPEU BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

September 3, 2025

Members of the Board of Directors of the Consortium of Asia-Pacific Education Universities (CAPEU) gathered in Manila yesterday, September 3, 2025, for their regular meeting hosted by the Philippine Normal University. The meeting brought together members from over 20 higher education institutions from Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Brunei, New Zealand, Uzbekistan, and the Philippines.

The meeting of the consortium's leaders was opened with welcome remarks from CAPEU's President, Professor Dato' Dr. Md Amin Md Taff of the Universiti Pendidikan Sultan Idris (UPSI), Malaysia. The group then discussed the approved agenda, which included topics on membership, partnerships, upcoming programs, and financial matters.



After the meeting, participants enjoyed a cultural show featuring local talents from PNU. They are also scheduled to take a city tour of Manila today, September 4, 2025.

CAPEU is a nonprofit organization composed of higher education institutions across the Asia-Pacific region. It aims to share ideas, research, best practices, publications, and community development with a focus on education and academia.

PNU is the only university from the Philippines on CAPEU's Board of Directors. Meanwhile, University President Dr. Bert J. Tuga serves as the secretary of the consortium. Also attending the meeting was Dr. Adelyne C. Abrea, Executive Director and Provost of PNU Mindanao.



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## PNU, CAPEU Organize International Conference on Education Futures

The Philippine Normal University, together with the Consortium of Asia-Pacific Education Universities (CAPEU), launched the first-ever International Conference on Education Futures yesterday, September 3, 2025. The three-day hybrid conference is being held both online and at the Grand Westside Hotel in Manila, attracting more than 200 participants from various Higher Education Institutions across the Asia-Pacific Region. With the theme Education at the Crossroads: Disruption, Innovation, and Transformation in the Age of AI, the conference aims to promote transdisciplinary and cross-sectoral dialogue on reimagining education systems that are responsive, inclusive, ethical, and globally relevant.

The conference began with welcoming remarks from PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga and CAPEU President Professor Dato' Dr. Md Amin Md Taff. This was followed by the Keynote Address by Dr. Low Ee Ling, Professor and Dean of Academics at the National Institute of Education Singapore, focusing on Reimagining Education Systems for the 21st Century Learner.

Shortly after, Dr. Christopher P. Monterola, Professor at the Asian Institute of Management and Head of the Aboitiz School of Innovation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship, delivered a plenary session on AI and the Future of Learning.

In the afternoon of the first day, a panel discussion on The Impact of Generative AI on Teaching, Assessment, and Academic Integrity was held. Panelists included AIM lecturer, EDCOM consultant, and former PNU President Dr. Ester B. Ogena; former PNU Vice President and Faculty Assistant for Critical AI and Digital Literacy Dr. Felicia I. Yeban; Director of International Affairs at Universitas Negeri Surabaya, Indonesia, Dr. Asrori; and NIE Singapore Dean of Academics Prof. Ling.

The ICEF 2025 continues today with a plenary session led by Teacher Education Council Secretariat Executive Director Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, along with a series of paper presentations and hands-on workshops on AI and educational technology.

This international conference is organized by the College of Teacher Education at PNU, led by its Dean, Dr. Gladys C. Nivera.

## PNU PARTICIPATES IN THE 159TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE LITERACY COORDINATING COUNCIL

September 8, 2025

The Philippine Normal University joined the 159th regular meeting of the Literacy Coordinating Council (LCC) on September 8, 2025, at the Bulwagan, 16th Floor of the Techzone Building in Makati City. The meeting was chaired by Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary and LCC Chairperson Sonny Angara and brought together representatives from key agencies and partner organizations to strengthen the country's literacy agenda.

Representing PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga, Dr. Celia M. Ilanan and Dr. Heidi B. Macahilig presented the University's research and programs, with Dr. Maria Azela Tamayo also in attendance. Dr. Macahilig shared the results of the two-phase study, "Benchmarks of Adult Literacy Competencies and the Adult Literacy Competency Assessment Tool (ALCAT)," which identified 20 essential literacies needed by Filipinos aged 16 and older to effectively navigate daily life.

These include basic literacy, digital literacy, socio-emotional literacy, health literacy, and financial literacy. Building on these findings, the second phase of the study developed the ALCAT, an instrument designed to measure and evaluate how adult Filipinos apply these competencies in real-world contexts. National-level results revealed an overall "Mid-Intermediate" level for basic literacy and a "High-Intermediate" level for functional literacy, with professionals ranking highest across occupational groups, followed by white-collar workers, students, and blue-collar workers.

Following this, Dr. Ilanan highlighted PNU's continuing literacy initiatives, including the 24-unit Diploma in Teaching Reading program for teachers without formal training as reading specialists, and the University's literacy-related extension programs, which served 279 beneficiaries in 2024 and expanded to 832 in 2025. She also underscored the impact of Project Aklat, a collaboration with Abiva Publishing that distributed 89,682 textbooks and supplementary reading materials to public schools and community learning centers.



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PNU's Literacy Training Service under the NSTP has likewise benefited 770 learners, while the Teach for PEACE project continues to integrate basic literacy with peace education and psychosocial support. Looking ahead, PNU is set to revise the NSTP Literacy Training Service Modules, with updates guided by the results of the FLEMMS and the adult benchmark study.

The meeting gathered representatives from the Department of Education, the Commission on Higher Education, TESDA, the Philippine Statistics Authority, the Philippine Information Agency, the Synergeia Foundation, the Senate of the Philippines – Office of Senator Bam Aquino, the ARAL Secretariat, and the LCC Secretariat.

PNU's active participation and contributions in the council meeting reaffirm the University's leadership in literacy education and research. By presenting data-driven insights and scalable initiatives, PNU strengthens its role as the National Center for Teacher Education in ensuring that literacy continues to empower Filipinos and drive inclusive national development.

September 8 - 10, 2025



## **PNU SALUTES CLASS OF 2025 IN 117TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AND RELATED EVENTS**

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# **PNU SALUTES CLASS OF 2025 IN 117TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AND RELATED EVENTS**

One of the most highly anticipated days for every PNUan once again arrived as the Philippine Normal University proudly held its 117th Commencement Exercises and related activities from September 8 to 10, 2025. The momentous occasion took place at the University Gymnasium and the Tent City, Manila Hotel, bringing together graduates, faculty members, families, and distinguished guests to celebrate the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and academic excellence.

A total of 765 undergraduate students and 132 graduate students formally received their respective degrees during the ceremonies. The commencement rites also featured and recognized completers from the Linking Standards and Quality Practice (LiSQuP) program. A total of 1,628 LiSQuP scholars were honored for the completion of their programs, earning them graduate or post-graduate certificates and diplomas.

On September 8, 2025, a day before the formal rites of graduation, the graduating class of 2025 gathered at the University Gymnasium for a series of graduation-related activities. Each program became a fitting avenue for the PNU community to honor the graduating class and pay tribute to their accomplishments.

The day began with the Gawad Parangal, a program that conferred awards on exemplary student achievers. Student Affairs and Services Office (SASO) Director Dr. Merimee T. Siena presented 36 graduating students from both undergraduate and graduate levels who received co-curricular awards. Meanwhile, University Registrar Dr. Rosario M. Belmi recognized the year's academic awardees, presenting 56 cum laude and 390 magna cum laude recipients.

Serving as guest of honor and keynote speaker was Mr. Paul John D.R. Hernandez, Founder of The Traveling Salakot and a proud PNU alumnus. In his message, he drew inspiration from the lyrics of the PNU Hymn, highlighting the role of teachers as bringers of light, defenders of truth, and beacons of public service.

Leading this year's list of co-curricular awardees was Ms. Zzyrene G. Mañago, Bachelor of English Education graduate and recipient of the Gawad Dr. Jose P. Rizal Nangungunang Lider-Estudante recognition. In her speech, she emphasized the perseverance leaders must uphold amid challenges. Meanwhile, Class Valedictorian Ms. Arianne Rosewell P. Maling, Bachelor in Early Childhood Education graduate, underscored the critical role of teachers as active members of society in fostering knowledge and inspiration among learners.

In the afternoon, a symbolic hooding ceremony was held for master's and doctoral graduates, where hoods representing their respective degrees were formally donned. The program also recognized outstanding research outputs, awarding Best Thesis to Mr. Jess V. Mendoza, Master of Arts in English Language Teaching graduate, for his study A Proposed Supplementary Worktext on Queer Language Pedagogy: A Case Study, and Best Dissertation to Dr. Carlito C. Biares,

Doctor of Philosophy in Literature (English Stream) graduate, for his dissertation LGBT Characters in the Philippine Indie Films: Towards Discovering the Filipino Rainbow Psyche. Both honorees received cash prizes and delivered heartfelt responses at the end of the program.

The pre-commencement activities were capped with the Baccalaureate Program, a ceremonial event meant to inspire graduates before formally attaining their degrees. Mrs. Helen Kwong Villanueva of the MGC New Life Christian Academy shared her reflections on the kind of teachers the world needs—teachers who are present, who care deeply, and who are forged in courage and compassion.

The spotlight then shifted to the Tent City, Manila Hotel, where the Commencement Program was held. For the first time, the ceremony was divided into four clusters to accommodate the large number of graduates and completers from both the regular and LiSQuP programs. Each cluster catered to about 650 graduates and their families, ensuring that all participants experienced a celebration befitting such an academic milestone. The ceremonies were further graced by distinguished members of the PNU Board of Regents and other esteemed guests.

One of the highlights of the commencement rites was the series of keynote addresses delivered by distinguished education leaders. Dr. Karol Mark R. Yee, Executive Director of EDCOM II, challenged the graduates of Cluster 1 to be courageous in changing systems that perpetuate the education crisis. Secretary of the Department of Education Sonny Angara, speaking to Cluster 2, urged teachers to inspire fortitude among the youth. TESDA Director-General Dr. Kiko B. Benitez reminded Cluster 3 graduates of their responsibility to shape the educational ecosystem amid global challenges. Finally, Commission on Higher Education Chairperson Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis addressed Cluster 4, encouraging educators to break cycles of corruption by instilling integrity and courage in their classrooms.

Each cluster also featured graduate responses. Ms. Zzyrene G. Mañago inspired her fellow PNUans to keep their passion for teaching ablaze, while Dr. John Michael D. Aquino, recipient of the Natatanging Gawad sa Antas-Gradwado, shared his personal journey of perseverance. Class Valedictorian Ms. Arianne Rosewell P. Maling once again addressed her peers, emphasizing teachers' role in sharpening human senses for service to society. Closing the series of responses, Class Salutatorian Ms. Shermin Nelsie E. Gastador encouraged her fellow graduates to model positive change and ignite transformation through their vocation.

The graduates were formally inducted into the PNU Alumni Association by its President, Atty. Lutgardo Barbo, represented by Dr. Noemi Bellosillo, who led the alumni oath.

The University President, Dr. Bert J. Tuga, delivered his challenge to the graduating class. President Tuga urged all the graduates to return to their "whys" which give purpose and meaning to the teaching profession. "Kung ang "how" ay ang *kakayahan*, at ang "what" ay ang *kaalaman*, ang "why" naman ay *isang misyon*. At kung may *isang propesyon sa mundo na hindi maaaring mawala ang misyon*, ito ay ang *pagiging guro na may karunungan at kakayahang makaimpluwensya sa kabutihan*." Dr. Tuga pointed out. (If the 'how' is the ability, and the 'what' is the knowledge, then the 'why' is a mission. And if there is one profession in the world that cannot exist without a mission, it is the teaching profession—where wisdom and ability are used to influence for the good.)

As Batch 2025 moves forward to begin their next chapters, PNU takes pride in honoring their achievements and entrusting them with the mission of igniting positive change in the classrooms, communities, and beyond.

## Dr. Tuga - 'Hamon'

**Narito ang isang bahagi ng naging hamon ng Pangulo ng Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas, Dr. Bert J. Tuga, sa mga nagsipagtapos sa nakaraang ika-117 na Seremonya ng Pagtatapos na ginanap noong ika-9 at ika-10 ng Setyembre, 2025 sa The Tent City, Manila Hotel.**

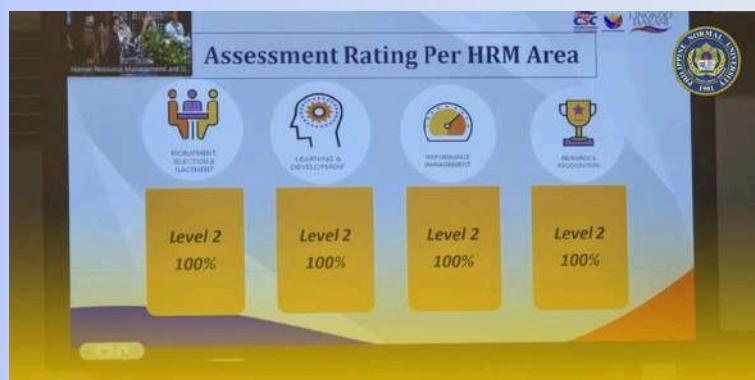
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Kaya naman, hinikayat ko ang lahat na maging *mapanuri at makabago*, handang yakapin ang teknolohiya para sa mas inklusibo at makatarungang edukasyon; *makatao*, na nagtagtaguyod ng empatiya, katarungan, at dignidad sa bawat isa; at *makabansa*, na nauunawaan ang konteksto ng ating bansa at handang magsilbi sa mga komunidad na higit na nangangailangan.

Ito ang tatak ng isang PNUan. Hindi lamang mahusay magturo at eksperto sa kanyang asignatura, kundi malinaw sa kanya bakit sya nagtuturo.

**DR. BERT J. TUGA**  
Pangulo, Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas

 *Seremonya ng Pagtatapos*



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## PNU SECURES PERFECT SCORES ACROSS HR SYSTEMS OF CSC PRIME-HRM, RECOMMENDED FOR LEVEL II MATURITY STATUS

At the conclusion of the three-day Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM) assessment, the evaluation team from the Civil Service Commission (CSC) declared that the Philippine Normal University (PNU) earned perfect scores—100 percent—in all assessed HRM areas.

The assessment, conducted through a blended modality, validated the university's compliance with evidence requirements for the four core HRM systems and facilitated a series of interviews and reviews with agency personnel to confirm the actual implementation and effectiveness of these systems.

PNU achieved a perfect rating across all four HRM systems: Recruitment, Selection and Placement; Learning and Development; Performance Management; and Rewards and Recognition. With these results, the university will be recommended for Level II PRIME-HRM Maturity Status upon submission of additional requirements identified by the assessment team. The team also provided recommendations, including the expansion and further institutionalization of learning and development programs to sustain gains and ensure long-term impact.

This milestone underscores PNU's strong commitment to fostering a culture of meritocracy, excellence, and accountability in public service. The achievement was made possible through the leadership of the Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration, headed by Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, and the dedicated efforts of the Human Resources Management and Development Office (HRMDO), led by its Director, Ms. Maribel G. Gerundio, together with HRMDO staff.

## PNU INKS AGREEMENT WITH MARINA TO PROMOTE MARITIME COMPETENCY, FACILITATES LANGUAGE VALIDATION OF ASSESSMENT MATERIALS

As part of its strategic goal to extend technical services to external partners, the Philippine Normal University (PNU), through the College of Alternative and Lifelong Learning (CALL), is strengthening its collaboration with the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) from September to November 2025. The partnership, sealed through a Memorandum of Agreement, focuses on two major programs: the Language Validation and Finalization of the Competency Mapping and Practical Assessment Scenarios for Marine Deck and Engine Ratings, and the Language Validation of Test Items for the Theoretical Examination of Marine Deck and Engineer Officers. The first activity under this initiative was the Language Validation and Finalization of the Competency Mapping Workshop, held on September 11–13, 2025, at the Armada Hotel in Manila.

The three-day session concentrated on refining the clarity of assessment scenarios, ensuring consistency in maritime and technical language, and aligning outputs with the international Standards of Training, Certification, and Watchkeeping (STCW).

Faculty experts from the PNU Faculty of Languages and Literature, together with the Center Head of CALL, worked alongside MARINA in this significant undertaking. The collaboration reaffirms the University's commitment to advancing quality standards in maritime education, training, and assessment while strengthening its role as a vital partner in capacity-building initiatives that respond to national and global industry needs.



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# **1628 LISQUP COMPLETERS OF CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS ATTEND 117TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**

To celebrate a significant milestone in their PNU journey, 1,628 scholar-completers of the Linking Standards & Quality Practice (LiSQuP) scholarship program attended the Philippine Normal University's (PNU) 117th Commencement Exercises on September 9-10, 2025, at the Manila Hotel Tent City. The scholars received notable recognition through graduate and postgraduate certificates and diplomas for their successful achievement in LiSQuP. The program featured the theme, "Hinubog na Kahusayan: Ang Panibagong Landas ng PNU sa Edukasyong Pangguro," reflecting the historical and transformative contributions of PNU, as the National Center for Teacher Education.

The LiSQuP completers from twelve (12) Master's Degree Programs and eight (8) Doctorate Programs were divided into four (4) schedule clusters, along with the PNU graduates in the regular programs. On September 9, 2025, graduates of certificates and diplomas in English Language Education, Edukasyong Pangwika sa Filipino, and Reading Education made up the Cluster 1 AM schedule; while those from Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Assessment and Evaluation, and Educational Leadership and Management comprised the Cluster 2 PM schedule. On September 10, 2025, graduates of certificates and diplomas from Values Education, Counseling, Social Science Education, and Early Childhood Education attended the Cluster 3 AM schedule; meanwhile, completers from Science Education and Mathematics Education programs participated in the Cluster 4 PM schedule.

For the Academic Year 2024-2025, a total of 1911 LiSQuP scholars were endorsed to the Board of Regents for graduate and postgraduate certificates and diplomas. As indicated in the Multipathways Ladderized Teacher Education Program (a feature of the Outcome-based Graduate Teacher Education Curriculum 3.0), scholars who completed at least 15 units of specialization and elective courses were awarded graduate certificates. Furthermore, scholars who received graduate diplomas completed 15 units of required core courses in addition to meeting the minimum requirements for a graduate certificate. Therefore, those who meet the minimum requirements are called "completers" as they have finished the academic requirements for both the certificate and diploma credentials in the regular pathway.

Scholars in the PhD-level programs were also recognized for completing their postgraduate certificates and diplomas. PhD candidates who earned 18 units of specialization and elective courses received postgraduate certificates. Meanwhile, scholars who exceeded the requirements were awarded postgraduate diplomas after completing at least 12 units of required core courses in addition to the postgraduate certificate requirements.

Each cluster received thought-provoking and congratulatory messages from leaders of the Philippines' education agencies, including the Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II), Executive Director Dr. Karol Mark R. Yee, Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Sen. Sonny Angara, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Director-General Dr. Kiko B. Benitez, and Chairperson Dr. Shirley C. Agrupis of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).

Guests from the Department of Education also attended the program. Present were Dr. Teacher Education Council Secretariat Executive Director V and former LiSQuP Project Director Jennie V. Jocson, along with Chief Marife T. Morcilla, Ms. Rizza A. Pereyra, Ms. Dia Sielo Carabana, and Mr. Paolo Alinojan from the Scholarship Secretariat of the National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP). Regional directors, chiefs, and focal persons from DepEd also made their appearances, including Ms. Elvernice S. Fanged (CAR), Ms. Kathleen May M. Bautista (Region I), Human Resource Development Division (HRDD) Chief Dr. Dinah C. Bonao (Region I), Ms. Isidra L. Nicolas (Region II), Mr. Jedd Pamintuan Guevarra (Region III), OIC Chief Ms. Jisela N. Ulpina (Region IV-A), Assistant Regional Director Ms. Loida N. Nidea (Region IV-A), Assistant Regional Director Cheerylou D. Repia (Region IV-B), Mr. Jeremy A. Atad (Region V), HRDD Chief Dr. Susan D. Severino (Region VI), Regional Director Mr. Salustiano T. Jimenez (Region VII), Ms. Rosa H. Cabotaje (Region VII), Mr. Alan D. Bautista (Negros Island Region), Mr. Ted Juan Peleño (Region X), Mr. Henry Fritz H. Diaz (Region XII), and Ms. Isidra C. Moral (Region XIII). They joined PNU President and LiSQuP Project Lead Dr. Bert J. Tuga, along with PNU Vice President for Academics and LiSQuP Project Director Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas, in the completion ceremonies.

In particular, 832 scholars in the Thesis Writing term who received their Graduate Diplomas are currently working toward their MA degrees, as part of the expectations of the scholarship. On the other hand, several scholars in PhD programs continue with Dissertation Writing through their individual endeavors. LiSQuP spans support for its scholars until they finish their MA degrees and, in PhD programs, until the scholars pass their comprehensive examinations.

LiSQuP is a professional development program designed to support the career advancement of teachers, school heads, and supervisors. In line with PNU's commitment to lead in the teacher education sector in the Philippines by cultivating innovative teachers, education leaders, and research scholars, LiSQuP scholars continue to be pioneers in their respective fields within DepEd as they work toward meeting the requirements of their degrees. Through the National Educators Academy of the Philippines (NEAP), the DepEd's training and development division, and under the PNU Office of the Vice President for Academics, LiSQuP promotes continuing reskilling and upskilling of education personnel by emphasizing standards-based practices in classrooms and workplaces. This initiative ultimately contributes to a national impact aligned with current education reforms.

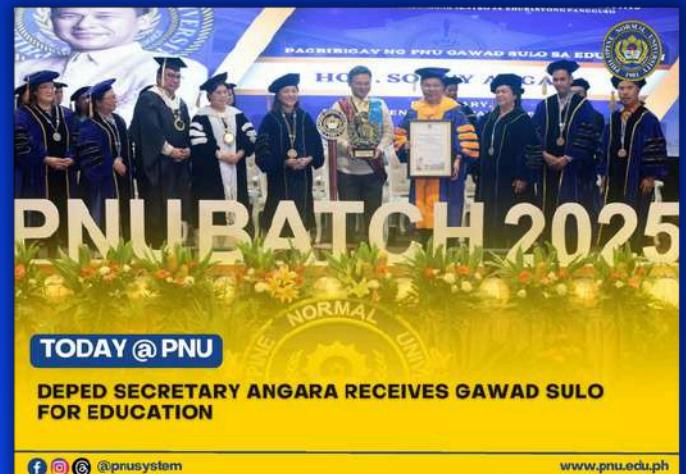
## DEPED SECRETARY ANGARA RECEIVES GAWAD SULO FOR EDUCATION

In recognition of his contributions to the country's education sector, the Philippine Normal University awarded former Senator and Department of Education Secretary Juan Edgardo "Sonny" M. Angara the Gawad Sulo Award during the Cluster 2 of the 117th Commencement Exercises held last September 9, 2025, at the Tent City, Manila Hotel. Secretary Angara is the latest recipient of this institutional award, granted to him by virtue of the PNU Board of Regents Resolution No. U-3977, Series 2025.

Secretary Angara received the Gawad Sulo for Education award for his notable accomplishments as a lawmaker and public servant in advancing education interests. Some of the landmark legislations he spearheaded include Republic Act 11650 or the Inclusive Education Act of 2022,

Republic Act 11314 or the Student Fare Discount Act, Republic Act 10931 or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act, Republic Act 10687 or the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UniFAST) Act, Republic Act 10665 or the Open High School System Act, Republic Act 10650 or the Open Distance Learning Act, Republic Act 10647 or the Laddered Education Act of 2014, Republic Act 10627 or the Anti-Bullying Act, Republic Act 10533 or the Enhanced Basic Education Act of 2013, Republic Act 10410 or the Early Years Act, and the Republic Act 10157 or the Kindergarten Education Act. He is also a key force behind the passage of Republic Act 11713, or the Excellence in Teacher Education Act.

Besides being a lawmaker, he previously served as the Commissioner of the Second Congressional Commission on Education, or EDCOM 2, before taking the helm of the country's main agency responsible for managing the implementation of programs and reforms in the basic education sector. As DepEd Secretary, his leadership focused on improving teaching and learning, learning facilities, developing the department's administrative force, and enhancing teachers' welfare nationwide.



The award, symbolized by the HuSaY Trophy, was presented to Sec. Angara by the Commission on Higher Education Commissioner and Chairperson-designate of the PNU Board of Regents Hon. Ethel Agnes Pascua-Valenzuela, with assistance from PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga. The awarding was witnessed by Faculty Regent Hon. Donna B. Remigio, university officials, and distinguished guests from DepEd, including Assistant Secretary for Learning Systems Strand Janir T. Datukan and the Teacher Education Council Secretariat Executive Director V. Dr. Jennie V. Jocson.

The Gawad Sulo is the highest recognition given to outstanding individuals who have made a significant impact in the field of education in general and teacher education in particular. It is also awarded to leaders who embody transformative leadership and innovation and advocate meaningful change by addressing emerging education issues.

The Philippine Normal University (PNU) proudly stands tall as the top-performing school in the September 2025 Librarians Computer-Based Licensure Examination, posting a remarkable passing rate of a perfect 100%, with all 28 PNUan test takers earning passing scores. Even more, four exceptional PNUans have earned their places on the list of distinguished topnotchers, bringing honor and pride to our beloved university:

**Rank 4: Frances Wayne Bastilo Abad and Johnson Magallanes Tenas**

**Rank 6: Russen Jay Calahati Reyes**

**Rank 8: Christine Joy Bambilla Gallardo**

This great achievement is a testament to PNU's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and its enduring mission of producing world-class leaders not only in education but also in the field of Library and Information Science. Congratulations to our newly licensed librarians—true bearers of Inang Pamantasan's legacy of service and excellence!



# H. E. DA SILVA OF TIMOR-LESTE GRACES UNIVERSITY CONVOCATION, UNDERSCORES STRONG TIES OF PNU WITH INCOMING ASEAN MEMBER

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As part of the celebration of the 124th anniversary of the opening of classes at the Philippine Normal University (PNU), the institution held its University Convocation earlier today, September 17, 2025, at the University Gymnasium. Bearing the theme PNU @ 124: Honoring Our Legacy, Pioneering New Pathways in Teacher Education, the event featured the convocation address of H. E. Marciano Octavio Garcia da Silva, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste to the Philippines.

In her welcome remarks, Vice President for Academics, Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas, emphasized that PNU's legacy should serve as a compass in navigating uncharted pathways in teacher education. She noted that the celebration is also a reaffirmation of the university's commitment to developing future-ready teachers and education leaders.

University President, Dr. Bert J. Tuga, underscored the role of PNU not only as a nurturer of teachers but also as a builder of the nation. He highlighted the importance of understanding the status of Timor-Leste's education

sector, which presents opportunities for collaboration and partnership. Dr. Tuga reiterated the strong support of PNU, as one of the leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Teacher Education Network (AsTEN), as Timor-Leste prepares for its formal entry into the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). He also cited PNU's initiatives in facilitating capacity-building programs for teachers and school leaders as deliberate efforts to promote solidarity in education.

In his address, Ambassador da Silva introduced Timor-Leste as a young and vibrant nation that secured its independence in 2002 yet harbors big aspirations—foremost among them the provision of quality education for its people. He affirmed that education is not confined to the classroom but serves as the foundation of nation-building, the heart of citizenship, and the bridge that fosters solidarity among nations.

He recalled that in the late 1990s, PNU was among the few Philippine universities that expressed solidarity with Timor-Leste by mounting a photo exhibit that shared stories about the country. For him, this affirmed that PNU stood with the nation not only during its struggles but also in its rebuilding. This connection paved the way for teacher training programs in Timor-Leste, which he described as an investment in the country's future. The ambassador also presented key facts, figures, and challenges of Timor-Leste's education sector. He concluded his speech by urging everyone to continue working together "not in the shadows of struggle" but in the "light of learning, growth, and cooperation."

To close the event, Vice President for Student Success and Stakeholders Services, Dr. Denmark L. Yonson, emphasized that amid the challenges confronting education in the region lie opportunities for collaboration, solidarity, and linkages among nations united in the goal of empowering teachers and nurturing learners.

Following the address, faculty members Dr. Felicia I. Yeban and Dr. Florisa B. Simeon initiated the open forum, raising queries that the ambassador warmly responded to. Both professors had earlier participated in PNU's extension program in Timor-Leste.

## INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES SHARE ASSESSMENT PRACTICES IN TEACHER EDUCATION TO INFORM PHILIPPINE RESEARCH

As part of its commitment to improving teacher education in the Philippines, the Philippine Normal University (PNU), supported by the Teacher Education Council (TEC), is undertaking a major research project titled "Development of a Model of Learning Outcomes Assessment Plan in Teacher Education Programs". The study aims to develop a comprehensive learning outcomes assessment model that can serve as a national benchmark for evaluating teacher education curricula across the country. The proposed model will encompass frameworks and tools to assess the three core components of teacher education programs: General Education, Professional Education, and Specialization.

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To gather global perspectives and best practices, the research team, led by Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas, Vice President for

Academics, conducted interviews with key representatives from various international institutions offering teacher education programs. The interview questions addressed the assessment practices from admission to and exit from various undergraduate teacher education programs. Additionally, the interviews explored how assessment tools are developed, implemented, and aligned with intended learning outcomes and professional standards.

The interviews revealed a shared commitment to high-quality, structured, and outcomes-based teacher preparation frameworks across seven (7) international universities: (1) University of New South Wales (UNSW), (2) Ohio State University (OSU), (3) Edinburgh Napier University (ENU), (4) Sriwijaya University, (5) Addis Ababa University, (6) University of New England, and (7) Mount Saint Vincent University. Despite differing national contexts, these institutions collectively emphasize learning outcomes, assessment integrity, and alignment with professional teaching standards - key insights that will inform the Philippine research effort.

The study is co-led by Dr. Gladys C. Nivera, Dean of the College of Teacher Development, and Dr. Ruth A. Alido, Director of the Curriculum Management and Instructional Materials Office. It forms part of a broader research initiative at PNU, which includes projects on Experiential Learning, the National Teacher Education Research Agenda, Curriculum Reframing, and the National Admission Examination, among others. This initiative strengthens PNU's role in advancing teacher education reforms in the country.

## PNU WELCOMES THE SIGNING OF THE LANDMARK TEACHER CAREER PROGRESSION LAW (RA 12288)

September 18, 2025

The Philippine Normal University (PNU), as the National Center for Teacher Education, wholeheartedly welcomes the institutionalization of the Career Progression System for Public School Teachers and School Leaders (Republic Act 12288). This landmark legislation, formerly known as House Bill No. 10270/Senate Bill No. 3000, establishes a clear, standards-based framework for professional development and career advancement. It is a powerful affirmation of the vital role of Filipino educators and a significant step toward uplifting the entire teaching profession.

The institutionalization of the Career Progression System through RA 12288 aligns perfectly with PNU's long-standing advocacy for an elevated and professionalized teaching force. This landmark law addresses the limitations of the previous system by expanding career opportunities for public school teachers, empowering them to pursue professional growth and have their expertise formally recognized. By establishing new, higher-level positions such as Master Teacher IV, V, VI, and VII, the law creates a more dynamic career ladder. It shifts the basis for promotion from the availability of vacant positions to a system grounded in merit, competence, and adherence to professional standards, which develops a more transparent and motivating environment for educators to thrive.



For PNU, this legislative victory comes with a profound commitment to action. The University's proactive involvement in the legislative process, from policy development to final review, emphasizes this commitment. PNU provided crucial technical and intellectual support throughout the journey, spearheaded by its Research Institute for Teacher Quality (RITQ). RITQ's assistance included providing technical expertise to legislative technical working groups and participating in various alignment meetings with the Department of Education. This contribution was solidified when PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga formally submitted the university's official comments and recommendations to the Legislative Office in Malacañang. These efforts ensured the law reflects a merit-based and standards-based system, which PNU has always championed.

With the passage of RA 12288, teaching is affirmed not only as a noble vocation but as a profession where advancement is attainable, excellence is recognized, and the best educators are retained in service of every Filipino learner. PNU remains committed to supporting the full and successful implementation of this landmark measure, collaborating with all education stakeholders for the benefit of all.

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## PNU AND SDO NAVOTAS INK PARTNERSHIP ON STRENGTHENING VALUES EDUCATION THROUGH PROJECT LUNDUYAN

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In a significant step toward improving the professional development of educators, the Philippine Normal University (PNU) and the Schools Division Office (SDO) of Navotas City officially formalized their partnership through a virtual Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signing conducted on September 23, 2025 via Zoom. The collaboration underscores a shared goal to enhance the skills of public school teachers specializing in Values Education under the banner of SDO Navotas' Project LUNDUYAN.

Project LUNDUYAN is an initiative aimed at developing and boosting the expertise of Values Education teachers through targeted certification and diploma programs. With PNU—the

National Center for Teacher Education—at the helm, the project ensures that teachers have access to advanced training and academic support, strengthening their vital role in shaping the moral and ethical foundation of learners.

The MOA signing not only solidified the partnership but also highlighted the shared vision of PNU and SDO Navotas to promote and support values education within the public school system. Through the Diploma in Teaching Values Education, teachers will gain the skills and knowledge necessary to deliver effective instruction that fosters responsible, ethical, and socially aware citizens.

The event was attended by representatives from both institutions, led by PNU President Bert J. Tuga and SDO Navotas Schools Division Superintendent Dr. Meliton P. Zurbano.

This partnership serves as a testament to the dedicated efforts of both PNU and SDO Navotas in meeting the changing demands of Philippine education. By empowering teachers to become leaders and advocates for values education, the program sets a benchmark for quality teaching and lifelong learning, ensuring a lasting impact on the students of Navotas City.

## PNU WELCOMES SEVEN SCHOLARS IN BACHELOR IN FILIPINO EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Philippine Normal University (PNU), the National Center for Teacher Education, proudly welcomes seven scholars from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) who are officially enrolled as freshmen in the Bachelor in Filipino Education program.

These scholars are recipients of the UAE Assembly's international education

scholarship, with their studies at PNU made possible through the student exchange partnership between the university and the UAE Embassy in Manila. Their enrollment marks a historic milestone in strengthening cooperation between the Philippines and the UAE, particularly in advancing language education and cultural understanding.

The seven students, who are also serving as police officers in the UAE, will undergo intensive training in the Filipino language, literature, and pedagogy.

Through this program, they are expected to gain a deeper appreciation of Philippine society and culture, enabling them to serve as cultural ambassadors who will bridge understanding between the two nations.

This pioneering initiative is a testament to PNU's commitment to internationalization by promoting academic exchange, student mobility, and cross-cultural collaboration. It further underscores the university's role as a leading hub for teacher education in the ASEAN and Asia-Pacific region. The university affirms its support for the development of learners and future educators who will carry with them the values of cultural appreciation, global understanding, and educational excellence.



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The Philippine Normal University, the National Center for Teacher Education, conferred the prestigious title of Professor Emeritae on two of its most accomplished faculty members, Dr. Wilma S. Reyes and Dr. Erminda C. Fortes, in a solemn ceremony held on September 2, 2025, at the PNU Gymnasium in Manila.

The Emeritus Award is one of the highest distinctions the University can bestow upon its retired faculty. Reserved for those who have reached at least the rank of Professor IV, rendered a minimum of 25 years of exemplary service—15 of which must have been dedicated to PNU—and demonstrated outstanding scholarship, leadership, and service, the title is conferred by the PNU Board of Regents upon the recommendation of the University President.

Dr. Reyes was recognized as Professor Emerita in Curriculum and Instruction, Values Education, and Educational Research, honoring her more than three and a half decades of exceptional service to teacher education. She previously served as PNU's Vice President for Research, Planning, and Quality Assurance, and played a pivotal role in strengthening the University's global standing through her leadership as President of the Philippine Higher Education Research Consortium (PHERC) and as Executive Director of the Association of Southeast Asian Teacher Education Networks (AsTEN). A prolific scholar, she has published extensively in international journals indexed in ISI and Scopus, authored values education textbooks, and mentored countless teachers nationwide. Her dedication has been recognized through the PNU Loyalty Award for 35 years of service, the Outstanding PNU Alumna distinction, and the Outstanding Australian Alumna Award.

Dr. Fortes, meanwhile, was conferred the title of Professor Emerita in Mathematics Education in recognition of her 27 years of devoted service to PNU. Renowned for inspiring generations of students with both rigor and appreciation for mathematical logic, she has authored textbooks and scholarly works that enriched Mathematics education across the country. As the University's Lead Internal Quality Auditor and ISO Coordinator, she spearheaded the initiatives that led to PNU's ISO 9001:2015 certification and the Philippine Quality Award for Proficiency in Quality Management in 2024. She also introduced institutional innovations such as the four-day work week and trimester schemes and elevated graduate mathematics education programs to the highest levels of AACU accreditation. Beyond PNU, she contributed as a Philippine Quality Award Assessor, DepEd curriculum validator, and consultant for national examinations.

Both honorees earned an exceptional 14 out of 15 points in the rigorous evaluation conducted by the Emeritus Awards Committee, which assessed candidates based on outstanding achievement in their field, national and international recognition, membership in learned societies, reputation within the PNU community, and contributions in other areas of interest.

Since the award's inception in 1963, only 15 retirees had previously been honored with the title of Professor Emeritus or Emerita. For over three decades, however, no such recognition was granted until PNU revived and updated the guidelines in 2024. With this year's conferment, the total number of PNU Professor Emeriti rises to 17, making Dr. Reyes and Dr. Fortes the first awardees in more than 30 years.

The ceremony was made even more meaningful as it coincided with the celebration of PNU's 124th Foundation Anniversary and the start of the countdown to its 125th year of service to Philippine education in 2026. In her message, Vice President for Academics Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas emphasized that the conferment represents "the highest honor we can bestow upon our honorees for their lifetime of profound dedication to transformative teaching, groundbreaking research, selfless mentorship, and administrative leadership."

Through this recognition, PNU not only honors the enduring legacies of Drs. Reyes and Fortes but also reaffirms its mission as the nation's premier institution for teacher education—continuing to celebrate educators whose lives and work embody truth, excellence, and service to the Filipino people.

## ALUMNI TRAILBLAZER FOR SEPTEMBER 2025 – REV. FR. ROQUE ARISTOTLE B. PADAMA

Rev. Fr. Roque Aristotle Bustria Padama is a servant of faith and wisdom who has wholeheartedly dedicated his life to the service of God and His people. As one of the Superiors of the Capuchin Friars Minor in the Philippines, he is currently assigned to the Parish and National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Retiro, Quezon City, where he fulfills his role as Attached Priest and Superior of the Local Fraternity, guiding not only the spiritual life but also the communal life of the faithful.

His journey of excellence began at the Philippine Normal University, where he graduated cum laude in 1998 with a Bachelor of Secondary Education degree, majoring in Physics. In the same year, he ranked 4th in the Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers. Soon after, he was recognized as Most Outstanding Teacher of the Year at Dasol Catholic School in Pangasinan, where he taught Physics and General Science.

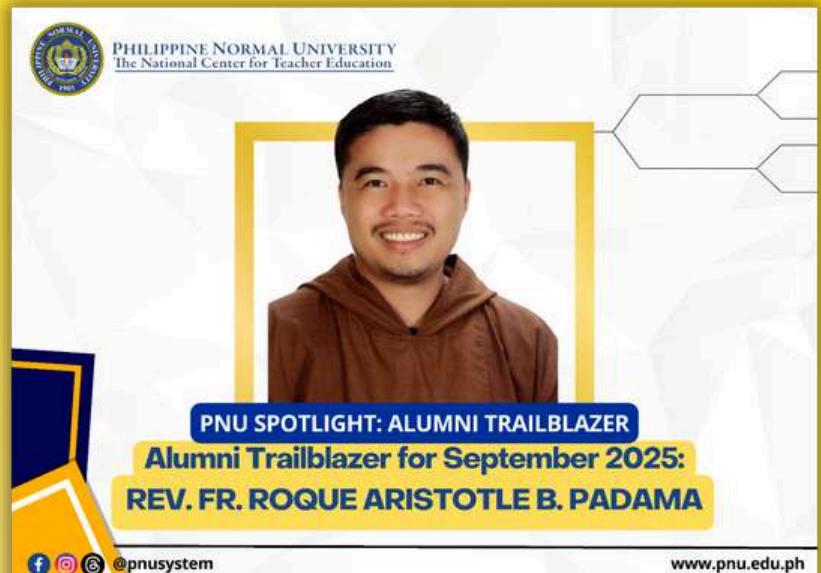
Yet beyond the promise of a flourishing teaching career, he heeded the call of God. In 2000, he entered the seminary and later obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Education. His academic pursuit did not end there—he earned a Master of Arts in Applied Psychology from Centro Escolar University in 2006, graduating with the Highest Academic Distinction and receiving the Excellence in Research Award. He would go on to devote himself to the human formation of Capuchins and seminarians from various countries. In 2021, he was appointed Director of the Capuchin Human Formation Office (CHFO), tasked with providing psychological services to seminarians across the globe.

In 2014, he was ordained a priest after graduating summa cum laude in both his Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Master of Arts in Theology at the Divine Word Seminary in Tagaytay. His formation was enriched by pastoral immersion with Lumad, Muslim, and Christian communities in Zamboanga Sibugay, as well as participation in the Franciscan Dialogue Program in North Cotabato.

As a Capuchin priest, he assumed key leadership roles at Lourdes School of Mandaluyong (2014 - 2021) and Lourdes School Quezon City (2021 - 2024), where he served as Campus Minister, Vice Rector, High School Principal, and Rector. His leadership extended far beyond the pursuit of academic excellence—it was anchored in service to the community. He reached out to orphans, the elderly, and prisoners, and actively joined coastal clean-ups and medical missions, ensuring that faith was not confined within school walls but translated into concrete acts of compassion.

Rev. Fr. Padama is a leader close to the hearts of students, parents, teachers, and parishioners alike. His presence and attentiveness have greatly contributed to the spiritual and intellectual growth of the communities he serves. Beyond his pastoral and academic work, he continues to strengthen Philippine education as an accreditor-member of the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges, and Universities (PAASCU) since 2019.

Ultimately, Rev. Fr. Padama is not merely a priest, teacher, or administrator. He is a living testament that true service is not measured by titles or honors, but by the depth of one's commitment to God and to others. In his life shines the enduring Franciscan values of humility, compassion, and selfless service—values that continue to illuminate the lives of those he touches.



# UNIVERSITY COUNCILS CONVENE IN PREPARATION FOR 3RD QUARTER BOR MEETING

To prepare key recommendations and agenda items for presentation to the Board of Regents in its upcoming third quarter meeting this October, the various councils of the Philippine Normal University convened for their regular sessions.

On September 24, 2025, the Academic Council meeting, presided over by Vice President for Academics Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas, was conducted via Zoom. Attended by about 240 members—comprising faculty with ranks of Assistant Professor and above—the council engaged in in-depth discussions on the integration of creative works, the distribution of academic non-teaching loads, and other pressing academic concerns that directly impact faculty workload and instruction.

This was followed by the 5th Research and Extension Council meeting on September 25, 2025, also held via Zoom. Facilitated by Vice President for Research, Extension, and Quality Assurance Dr. Teresita T. Rungduin, the session proceeded with a quorum of 26 members in attendance. Among the topics tackled were updates on extension programs, as well as matters relating to accreditation, ISO certification, and other initiatives aligned with strengthening PNU's research and extension agenda.

After being postponed due to the suspension of work on September 26, 2025, the Administrative Council finally pushed through with its regular meeting on September 29, 2025. Close to 50 members participated via Zoom. University President Dr. Bert J. Tuga opened the session by presenting recent university accomplishments to the body, after which Vice President for Finance and Administration Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara presided over the rest of the meeting. Key agenda items included the issuance of updated guidelines on work arrangements, proposed adjustments in the organizational structure, and the approval of new and revised office and unit procedures, among others.



Section 10 of Republic Act 8292, otherwise known as the Higher Education Modernization Act of 1997, stipulates that the Academic Council shall “review and recommend the curricular offerings and rules of discipline of the University subject to the appropriate action of the Board of Regents.” The Council is chaired by the University President. The said law likewise stipulates that the Administrative Council, chaired also by the University President, is tasked with reviewing and recommending to the Board of Regents “policies governing the administration, management, and development planning of the university or college for appropriate action.” Meanwhile, the Research and Extension Council (REC) shall be composed of the President as Chairperson. The members shall be composed of the Vice Presidents, Executive Directors, and Provosts, College Deans, Directors of University-level Extension and Research Offices, Director of the University-level gender and development office, and one (1) representative each from the Assistant Professors, Associate Professors, and Professors from all Campuses. The council reviews and recommends policies on research and extension for the approval of the BOR and monitors the University's accomplishments in research and extension.

Earlier today, September 19, 2025, officials from the Philippine Normal University paid a courtesy call to the top executive of the City of Manila, Hon. Mayor Francisco "Isko" Moreno Domagoso. During the meeting at Manila City Hall, PNU's delegation, led by its University President Dr. Bert J. Tuga, along with Vice President for Academics Dr. Marilyn U. Balagtas, Vice President for Finance and Administration Dr. Lordinio A. Vergara, Vice President for Research, Extension, and Quality Assurance Dr. Teresita T. Rungduin, Vice President for Student Success and Stakeholders Services Dr. Denmark L. Yonson, Dean of the College of Alternative and Lifelong Learning Dr. Celia M. Ilanan, Board Secretary V Mr. Gerard G.. Manuel, and Presidential Management Unit Head Mr. Alexander M. Yumul, engaged in conversation with Mayor Isko.

PNU and the City of Manila have been strong partners, especially in initiatives that promote education, literacy, culture, and the arts. Meanwhile, Mayor Isko Moreno received the Gawad Sulo, PNU's highest honor, for Public Service in 2022.





The Philippine Normal University, together with the Consortium of Asia-Pacific Education Universities (CAPEU), launched the first-ever International Conference on Education Futures yesterday, September 3, 2025. The three-day hybrid conference is being held both online and at the Grand Westside Hotel in Manila, attracting more than 200 participants from various Higher Education Institutions across the Asia-Pacific Region. With the theme Education at the Crossroads: Disruption, Innovation, and Transformation in the Age of AI, the conference aims to promote transdisciplinary and cross-sectoral dialogue on reimaging education systems that are responsive, inclusive, ethical, and globally relevant.

The conference began with welcoming remarks from PNU President Dr. Bert J. Tuga and CAPEU President Professor Dato' Dr. Md Amin Md Taff. This was followed by the Keynote Address by Dr. Low Ee Ling, Professor and Dean of Academics at the National Institute of Education Singapore, focusing on Reimagining Education Systems for the 21st Century Learner.

Shortly after, Dr. Christopher P. Monterola, Professor at the Asian Institute of Management and Head of the Aboitiz School of Innovation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship, delivered a plenary session on AI and the Future of Learning. In the afternoon of the first day, a panel discussion on The Impact of Generative AI on Teaching, Assessment, and Academic Integrity was held. Panelists included AIM lecturer, EDCOM consultant, and former PNU President Dr. Ester B. Ogena; former PNU Vice President and Faculty Assistant for Critical AI and Digital Literacy Dr. Felicia I. Yeban; Director of International Affairs at Universitas Negeri Surabaya, Indonesia, Dr. Asrori; and NIE Singapore Dean of Academics Prof. Ling. Simultaneous paper presentations took place throughout the afternoon. The day concluded with a cultural night for guests and conference sponsors.

The ICEF 2025 continues today with a plenary session led by Teacher Education Council Secretariat Executive Director Dr. Jennie V. Jocson, along with a series of paper presentations and hands-on workshops on AI and educational technology.

This international conference is organized by the College of Teacher Education at PNU, led by its Dean, Dr. Gladys C. Nivera.

**Muli naming ibinabahagi sainyo ang ilang mga butil ng karunungan at inspirasyon na ibinahagi ng apat na kapitapitang mga panauhing pandanggal at tagapagsalita sa apat na clusters ng ika-117 Seremonya ng Pagtatapos sa Pamantasang Normal ng Pilipinas na naganap noong ika-9 at ika-10 ng Setyembre 2025 sa The Tent City, Manila Hotel.**

**Ito nawa ay maging gabay hindi lamang ng mga nagsipagtapos Kundi para na rin sa lahat ng PNUans na tinatahak ang parehong landas ng pagpapaunlad at pagpapayabong ng kalidad ng edukasyon sa bansa.**



**DR. KAROL MARK R. YEE**  
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"Hindi siguro natin maikakaila na tayo ngayon talagang nasa panahon ng unos. Pero mangahas teyo at humayo, baguhin po natin ang edukasyon, baguhin ang sistemang bulok na nagdulot ng krisis na ito because we can change it... sabay nating buuin, pandayin ang isang sistemang pang-edukasyon na de-kalidad na siyang nararapat at karapatan ng bawat batang Pilipino."



**SEC. JUAN EDEGARO "SONNY" M. ANGARA**  
Secretary,  
Department of Education

"Magturo nang may tapang, ipakita sa kabataang Pilipino na walang impossible kung buo ang loob. Manguna nang may layunin dahil ang guro ay hindi lamang nagtuturo ng aralin, kundi gumagabay sa buong komunidad. At mangarap nang mas malaki para sa lahat. Maging tulay upang mas marami pang kabataan ang makakamit ng pangarap, di lamang para sa sarili, pero para sa pamilya at sa bayan."



**117<sup>th</sup> SEREMONYA NG PAGTATAPOS**



**DR. JOSE FRANCISCO "KIKO" B. BENITEZ**  
Director-General,  
Technical Education and  
Skills Development Authority

Bukod sa mga pagbabago kagaya ng AI, kaharap din natin ang challenge na bumuo ng mas malakas na ecosystem para sa edukasyon, at para sa daigdig, para sa planeta, at bilang mga guro, tayo ang huhubog ng sistemang ito, tayo ang huhubog ng diwa, isipan, at aspirasyon ng bawat mamayang Pilipino. Kung paanong patuloy na nagbabago ang mundo, ganun din ang bigat ng responsibilidad na hawak niyo bilang susunod na henerasyon ng mga guro.



**DR. SHIRLEY C. AGRUPIS**  
Chairperson,  
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[Corruption] is a shared burden that you, future teachers and public servants, can help break by instilling integrity and courage in the classroom... If we train students to be smart but not honest, they will only become smarter at stealing, if we train them to be competent but not compassionate, they will only be more efficient in exploiting, and if we train them to be excellent but without integrity, they will simply excel in destroying rather than building the nation.

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Tuga, who extended his encouragement and expressed confidence in their ability to represent the University and the Philippines with excellence. The program forms part of PNU's thrust toward experiential learning, enabling future educators to acquire meaningful teaching experience in diverse cultural and educational contexts.

The participating students include Jairah Patual, Alexandra Simone Ramos, Ellonah Jen Remoreras, Ianna Deirdre Resurreccion, Gemimah Faith Barbado, Maria Faraseth Celso, Lycka Federigan, and Alliyah Guillen Moreto from PNU Manila; Mherfel Jane Singson and Jhoanne Lingan from PNU Visayas; and Dane Adrales and Resadel Baylosis from PNU Mindanao. Selected for their academic excellence and dedication to teaching, they will take part in classroom observation, co-teaching, lesson planning, and cross-cultural activities.

Throughout the program, the PNU pre-service teachers will collaborate closely with UKI faculty and students, fostering the exchange of innovative pedagogical approaches and best practices in early childhood education. This collaboration benefits both institutions by cultivating global citizenship, broadening cultural perspectives, and enriching classroom experiences on both sides.

PNU's engagement with UKI highlights the University's commitment as the National Center for Teacher Education to prepare globally competent educators who can thrive in an interconnected world. The initiative also reflects a shared vision between PNU and UKI to advance cultural exchange and international collaboration in education. Its success is expected to open more avenues for joint academic endeavors in the future, further strengthening ties between the two institutions.

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