



Sec. Angara leads blessing, inauguration of TSU La Paz Campus expansion



Department of Education Secretary Juan Edgardo "Sonny" Angara graced the blessing and inauguration of Tarlac State University's new building at the La Paz Extension Campus on November 28, 2024 in Brgy. San Isidro, La Paz.

La Paz town Mayor Venustiano Jordan and Sec. Angara unveiled the two markers installed in the phase I and II buildings.

The extension building, funded by Sec. Angara in 2023 as a senator of the 19th Congress,

is named after his father, the late Senator Edgardo J. Angara, per municipal ordinance no. 20, series of 2023.

"This building was named after the Angara family for their continuous support for education and significant

contributions as well to the municipality of La Paz, and our institution, our dear Tarlac State University," TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco said in his speech.

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Jordan, he first sought the approval of former TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari to put up an extension campus for the tertiary students in La Paz in 2019. This extension campus was made possible with the help of Councilor Roberto Mananquil.

"Ang daming mga bata na gustong mag-aral pero hindi lahat ma-accommodate ni TSU," Mayor Jordan said.

Both Mayor Jordan and Pres. Velasco

expressed their shared interest in adding the Bachelor of Science in Criminology program to cater to more students as the La Paz Campus expanded. Presently, this campus offers Bachelor of Public Administration and Bachelor of Elementary Education programs.

"This new building will be an essential hub for academic excellence and innovation, providing the necessary resources and infrastructure for education and scholarly work to our TSUians who live in the

municipality of La Paz," Pres. Velasco added.

Sen. Angara said TSU is the first among the state universities and colleges to name a building after their family, particularly his father.

"If we want to succeed, if we want our children to succeed, all of us have to invest in education... Lahat tayo may magagwa para sa edukasyon; hindi lang po yung teacher, hindi lang po yung estudyante, pati po magulang kasama natin," Sec. Angara said.

Meanwhile, College of Public Administration and Governance Dean Dr. Edwin T. Caoleng emphasized the community's shared responsibility in advancing quality education.

"Sa amin po sa CPAG, I take this as a perfect example of good governance, mabuting pamamalakad: a perfect collaboration of academe and local government para matugunan 'yung vision nila na maging catalyst for change, maging instrumento ng pagbabago para sa buhay ng ating mga kabataan. Ang edukasyon ay susi para bumangon at umunlad ang bayan ng La Paz," Dean Caoleng, the designated focal person for TSU La Paz Extension Campus, said.

The blessing of the building and its classrooms was presided over by Rev. Fr. Renato Dimaculangan, parish priest of Nuestra Señora Dela Paz in La Paz town.



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John Michael D. Esteban

Tarlac State University's Board of Regents, key officials, and administrative council members engaged in a three-day planning session to bolster the university's plans for 2025 and 2026.

Themed "TSU Soar Higher: Towards Future-Proof Tomorrow and Impactful Sustainable Community Development," the sessions held on November 3-5, 2024 in Baguio City focused on the continued relevance of the university in helping its immediate community, especially within Tarlac Province.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco shared that this gathering is a huge opportunity to define the university's future.

"It should be applied knowledge to become power, same as to what we are doing right now. We have these plans. We are working for our plans, but most of all, we have to apply and implement these plans," he said.

Relative to the university's



involvement in the community, House Committee on Higher and Technical Education Chairperson Cong. Mark O. Go commended TSU as a significant factor in the province's growth.

"I'm really impressed [with] the way things are going in the province and the city of Tarlac,

in particular. And one of the main contributors, if I may say, is Tarlac State University," Cong. Go said.

He also encouraged the BOR to initiate a bill establishing a College of Medicine at TSU under the "Doktor Para sa Bayan" or "Medical Scholarship and Return Service Program."

"Now you are here today in this planning session to really define what you want to accomplish in the next two years, as stated, and how you will get there," he added.

Moreover, Hon. Dennis Norman T. Go challenged the administration to create plans to achieve the university's goals and objectives and bring the university and the province to greater heights now that TSU has secured its niche in Tarlac.

The plans for the university's seven roadmaps were presented by the focal persons, composed of the vice presidents and selected directors, and the BOR members provided their respective input.

The regents urged Vice President for Administration Atty. Wilmark J. Ramos and his team under the OVPA to ascertain the university's financial health.

They also complimented

VP Ramos' proposed framework, TSU Administration (AdmEx) Excellence, which ensures policy improvement and service innovation.

Meanwhile, the regents raised points regarding prioritizing the safety and security of the students, amendments to the admission and scholarship policies, and enhancement of curricula, specifically for the programs under the College of Industrial Technology and College of Engineering.

On the other hand, DOST III Regional Director Hon. Julius Caesar V. Sicat emphasized the importance of knowing the university's core competency and improving research culture.

"No matter kung anong form 'yan, basta ang importante, malinaw sa atin where we would want to go, when we should achieve what, and what activities we have to agree on in order for us to achieve itong ating preferred future," Hon. Sicat concluded.

He also noted that planning starts with a clear understanding of the stakeholders.

Furthermore, Hon. Go suggested strengthening the link



DPA student receives recognition in international joint research conference

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A Doctor of Public Administration student from Tarlac State University won the Best Conference Paper award in an international joint research conference held at the Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia last November 5-7, 2024.

Under the guidance of Dr. Edwin T. Caoleng, College of Public Administration and Governance Dean, Commander Errol N. Dela Cruz, PN was named one of the three best conference papers during the 2024 International Joint Conference of Eastern Regional Organization of Public Administration (EROPA), Asian Association of Public

Administration (AAPA), Asian Group of Public Administration (AGPA), and the Indonesia Association of Public Administration (IAPA).

Dela Cruz is a military consultant/assistant at the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Assessments and International Affairs of the Department of National Defense.

He finished his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Management at the Philippine Military Academy in 2006 and completed his graduate studies at the Loughborough University London with a Master of Science in Security, Peacebuilding, and Diplomacy with First Class

Honours (Distinction) in 2001.

His research paper, titled "Hybridity in Mindanao Conflict and Peace Efforts: A Case Study of the Intergroup Tensions and Peacebuilding Efforts in Mindanao Using the Post-Liberal Hybrid Peace Framework," bested hundreds of research entries from over 27 countries around the world.

The conference is open for academicians, practitioners, and scholars with research papers focused on the AAPA-EROPA-AGPA-IAPA main theme, "Towards World Class Bureaucracy," and sub-themes like post-pandemic bureaucracy, digital transformation and bureaucracy, and the like.

Selected research papers will be considered for publication in the Public Administration and Development, Jurnal Sosial dan Politik, Policy and Governance Review, Jurnal Bisnis dan Birokrasi, and Korean Journal of Policy Studies.

Present at the International Joint Conference were Dean Caoleng, DPA Chairperson Dr. Roswald G Fermin, DPA student Commander Mark Anthony Pazziuagan, PN, and some faculty members from the CPAG graduate program.

Meanwhile, Dean Caoleng and Dr. Fermin also presented their papers during the conference.

TSU, DepEd TCSD jointly advocates for 'MATATAG NA BUKAS'

Mary Joy B. Manalo

To further its commitment to empowering students, Tarlac State University formally signed a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Education Tarlac City Schools Division to provide co-curricular and extracurricular activities, held on November 12, 2024 at the Alumni Center, Lucinda Campus.

Titled 'MATATAG NA BUKAS: Shaping Filipino Learners for a Resilient and Future-Ready Nation,' the project led by the College of Education aims to support learners with skills in student leadership, civic and character education, school journalism, mental well-being, cultural awareness, and sports through seminars and training.

According to project head Mr. Deyo Carlos L. Dela Cruz, also the Professional and Continuing Education Department head, the project is aligned with the Department of Education's MATATAG agenda, which advocates for a balanced and resilient educational framework.



"We believe that not everything can be learned within the four corners of the classroom. We want them (students) to ensure [that they have] the skills in leadership, resiliency, adaptability, and collaboration, which are integral for future readiness," Mr. Dela Cruz said.

The two-year extension project will be implemented across 17 public schools offering

secondary education within the TCSD.

In a message, Dr. Ruth D. Jimenez, School Governance and Operations Division chief, representative of Dr. Ma. Irelyn P. Tamayo, Schools Division Superintendent, underscored the importance of the partnership in the holistic development of all learners.

"This MOA signing signifies the importance of elevating not only the quality of instruction but more so the holistic development of all basic and higher education. It will specifically enhance the students' leadership competence to be able to affect change and influence our student leaders so that they could dream big and prioritize their education, among other things," Dr. Jimenez said.

"Dear TSU people, may your kind increase as you continue to partner with us to achieve our common purpose of giving selfless service to the most important clientele – the Filipino learners," she added.

Meanwhile, CoEd Dean Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza thanked the TCSD for their willingness to partner with TSU. He also said the college is willing

to extend its services and share its expertise.

"Together, we will create an inclusive environment that respects diversity and nurtures the potential of every learner. United, we will cultivate a resilient future for our nation—one learner at a time," Dean Mendoza said.

Moreover, Mr. Dela Cruz shared that the program is guided by the saranggola (kite) framework, representing the foundational elements of the project.

The frame of the saranggola represents the core values of the project—resiliency and inclusivity, which hold the program together; the body, giving it visibility and presence, represents the vibrant and impactful educational components of the project; the tail, essential for stability, represents the continuous support and guidance provided by the school, home, and the society that will play a critical role in the implementation of the program; and the wind, serving as an external force for the kite to rise, represents the opportunities and challenges students will face



Finance team again brings home accolades to TSU

Mary Joy B. Manalo, Ryan R. Ronquillo



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Tarlac State University received two awards from the Government Financial Management Innovators Circle, Inc. for its effective use of the enhanced electronic New Government Accounting System (eNGAS) during the recently concluded 2024 GFMIC Membership Conference on November 21, 2024 at the Crown Legacy Hotel, Baguio City.

TSU was presented with the Outstanding eNGAS User Entity Award for its "remarkable use of enhanced eNGAS, which facilitated the timely submission of calendar year 2023 year-end financial statements and reports, free of material errors on or before the due date prescribed by the Commission on Audit."

Furthermore, the university received the eNGAS Inclusiveness Award (formerly Gallantry Award) for its "bravery and firm resolve in implementing the enhanced eNGAS in its campuses with or without the assistance of COA," as stated in the plaque.

The eNGAS is an accounting software developed by the COA to generate financial reports consistent with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards.

The recognitions are based on the university's accomplishments and contributions using the eNGAS from June 1, 2023 to May 31, 2024.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice

President for Administration Atty. Wilmark J. Ramos, and former Vice President for Administration Dr. Grace N. Rosete received the awards on behalf of the university.

This is the second time the university's Finance Office, including the Accounting Unit, was awarded this year, following its recognition from the Association of Government Accountants of the Philippines, Inc. last October 9.

According to Accounting Unit Head Mr. Ryan R. Ronquillo, using the eNGAS enabled the university to increase its overall accounting management efficiency and streamline accounting processes.

"Also, the eNGAS helps us deliver timely financial

reports consistent with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards, which serve as the basis for decision-making by management and various stakeholders. We may quickly and simply generate trial balances and financial statements with a single click," Mr. Ronquillo added.

Finance Director Mr. John Erwin C. Panlilio added that TSU's accomplishment of 13 consecutive years (2011-2023) of an unmodified (unqualified) opinion from COA, indicating the university's financial statements are presented fairly in all material respects and in accordance with the financial reporting framework, is also attributed to eNGAS.

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and harmonization between budgeting and planning toward efficient utilization of resources.

In addition, the regents applauded TSU for receiving several awards, namely the Association of Government Accountants of the Philippines (AGAP) award, World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI), Time Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, and the Silver Award for the 2023 Anti-Red Tape Authority Report Card Survey 2.0 results.

"Congratulations sa Tarlac State University (for the awards received). Pag kaming mga mayor (local government units), isa sa mga pinakainaasam-asam naming award ay ang makakuha kami ng Seal of Good Local Governance at ma-qualify kami sa Ease of Doing Business. Sa kaninang narinig ko kay President (Velasco), nag number one tayo sa buong Pilipinas sa mga SUC (AGAP), so ibig sabihin malinis tayo sa paggamit sa pera sa TSU," alumni regent Hon. Reynaldo L. Catacutan said in a message, delivered in a mix of Kapampangan and Tagalog.

Concerning employees and students, Hon. Christine Anne Corazon A. Lamorena, a family doctor and private sector representative in the BOR, advocated for mental and physical health, sharing that she has been handling several cases concerning the mental health of TSU students.

Also present during the university planning are Hon. Cherie Lyn F. Onia, representing the Non-Academic Staff Association; Hon. Winifredo L. Luis, representing the Federated

Faculty Union; and Hon. Ma. Angelica A. Fresnido, Supreme Student Council President, who collectively conveyed that each individual in the TSU community is vital and can make a significant change in TSU's academic trajectory and partnerships.



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TSU hip-hop team dominates international dance competition

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TSU Performing Arts Hip-hop Dance Group bagged the "world champion" title in the 2024 International Cheerleading Union (ICU) Cheerleading World Cup held at the Olympic Park in Seoul, South Korea last November 22-24, 2024.

This is the team's first international competition where they represented the Philippines after placing first in the National Dance Championships last March 2024.

Composed of 16 members, the group performed a more than two-minute presentation for the Team Senior Hip-hop category (Performance Division) and bested more than 15 countries through a series of elimination rounds.

Their formation wowed the ten judges, saying their 'diagonal formation was on fire.'

The group earned 75% in the semifinals and 79% in the final round.

According to Mr. Daniel Dizon, assistant coach, some members found it hard to adapt to the cold weather in Korea and fell sick, prompting them to still dance while struggling with colds.

Mr. Dizon said Cheer Pilipinas paved the way for them to be endorsed to participate in the international competition.

He also shared how the alumni of the dance group supported their journey by advising and critiquing their choreography along with Prof. Joseph Melegrito, the head

coach.

"Nahirapan kami na mag-establish ng skill-based performance nila, mga tumblings or stunts kasi. Iyon 'yung kailangang makita ng mga judges, hindi lang siya puro sayaw," Mr. Dizon said in an interview with OPA.

Meanwhile, the group paid a courtesy visit to TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco to present their award and thank him for the support from the Board of Regents and the administration.

"Continue with your dreams, mangarap pa kayo ng mas mataas. Walang imposible. Nagawa niyong maging world champion, magagawa niyong maging champion sa sari-sarili ninyong buhay," Pres. Velasco told the group.

The group was also recognized by the Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) upon winning the prestigious competition.

Yangie Bayang, a BSBA Economics student and the

TSU PA Hip-hop Dance Group leader, said they hope to compete in the World of Dance College Division, which will be held in Australia in March next year.

They are currently training the 38 new members, with ten new members representing the university in the street dance hip-hop category of the Culture and the Arts Association of State Universities and Colleges' Culture and the Arts Festival at Bulacan State University, also held this November 2024.

Bayang shared that time management, discipline, and teamwork were their secrets to winning the competition. He said they needed to sacrifice time and hold practices until 9:00 PM to make adjustments for the other members with evening classes.

Mr. Dizon said they are looking forward to using the Tarlac Community Sports and Wellness Center (TCSWC) to be built at the San Isidro Campus so they can conduct proper training.

TSU, LGU Pura to implement projects for community welfare, culture, digital services

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Tarlac State University's Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy Development and the local government of Pura entered into three partnerships to empower the community and foster a suitable environment for the children's future.

The memoranda of agreement signing was held on November 13, 2024 at the LGU Pura auditorium.

The CCLGSPD prepared three projects for the LGU, namely Program Revitalization of Information System Management (Project PRISM), Consultancy and Research on Localizing Child Protection Policy in the Municipality of Pura (CARE PURA), and Pura's Folklore: From Oral Tradition to Documented Heritage, which are all externally funded by the LGU.

"We are building a relationship, and a relationship cannot last without love, so that's what we do in Pura. Because today, we are going to bind our families of TSU



and the municipality of Pura... We are here, the TSU, to bind today for this significant event so that we may be able to share our expertise together with the different faculty members of TSU and share this for free because it is our commitment and dedication," CCLGSPD Director

Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao said in her speech.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco signed the MOA on behalf of the university and in the presence of selected university officials and project heads.

"Selected faculty members from the university will share their extensive knowledge and strategies for effectively overseeing the policies for our children and discuss theoretical concepts, practical strategies, and real-life examples to provide valuable insights for the community... This partnership is of utmost importance, and we are dedicated to its success," Pres. Velasco said in his statement of commitment.

Pura Vice Mayor Bernabe Idmilao represented Mayor John Paul Balmores in the signing, who expressed his gratitude to the university, noting that the projects are "extremely beneficial" to their constituents.

"Ito po ay hindi para

sa ating sa mga sarili; ito po ay para sa ating mga mamayan, lalo na dito sa bayan ng Pura at sa probisnya ng Tarlac through TSU. Just call us and we will be there, kami naman po ang bibisita po sa inyo sa TSU," Vice Mayor Idmilao said.

The three projects will be implemented in Pura LGU until 2026.

Since 2016, TSU has been extending assistance to the LGU through various extension projects.

Creating a child-friendly municipality

CCLGSPD and Pura LGU are set to craft a localized child protection policy. This will also help them monitor the reported cases of Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL), cases of child abuse, bullying, and children at risk.

CARE Pura will also offer legal assistance through the School of Law's Legal Aid Clinic with the help of the Pura



The College of Arts and Social Sciences held its ninth testimonial dinner for newly registered psychometricians on November 8, 2024 at the Bella Plaza in San Sebastian, Tarlac City.

Dubbed "Psychcess 2024," the program aims to honor the success, hard work, and dedication of the August 2024 Board Licensure Examination for Psychometricians passers and Mr. Johnkris Cornel D. Tulabot, who ranked tenth in the said board exam.

Tulabot garnered an 85.40% average during the examination, while the university produced 77 newly licensed psychometricians with a 79.12% passing rate for first-time takers.

Tarlac State University also recorded a 74.04% institutional passing rate in contrast to the national passing rate of 69.78%.

Dr. Brigido B. Corpuz, the presidential assistant, represented TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco in the annual gathering, extended his greetings to the new psychometricians, and wished them the best

VP Macaraeg to new psychometricians: 'Your success is also our success at TSU'

Mary Joy B. Manalo



throughout their journey.

Meanwhile, CASS Dean Dr. Aloysius T. Madriaga assured the college's support to the passers as they embarked on their professional journey.

"Your journey is just beginning. The world of psychometrics is vast. And with your newly acquired knowledge and skills, we have no doubt that you will make meaningful

contributions to the society. Wherever your paths may lead you, always remember that the college stands behind you with pride and support," Dean Madriaga said in his welcome speech.

The newly registered psychometricians received customized rubber stamps with their names printed and the suffix "RPM."

"Now that you have your license, please don't forget us at Tarlac State University. Balik-balikan naman ninyo kami para i-update kami kung nasaan na kayo ulit, because that is what we need at TSU, we want to know where you are," Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg said.

VP Macaraeg also reminded the psychometricians to thank their parents who supported and guided them toward success.

"Remember this: your success is also the success of your parents; your success is also our success at Tarlac State University, specifically in CASS," she added.

Mr. Tulabot, a magna cum laude graduate in 2023, shared his story on how he managed to review, conquering

moments of doubts and anxieties while learning to have a good mindset for a positive outcome.

"People were telling me I had placed tenth. I left my room to share the news with my family, and a wave of emotions washed over me. The journey and all the challenges from the review season replayed in my mind, and I allowed myself a moment for a good, grateful cry," Mr. Tulabot shared in his speech.

He also thanked Ms. Angela Christinne V. Pangilinan, the head of the Psychology Department, for giving him some consideration last semester.

"She only assigned me one (course preparation) to teach and avoided scheduling me on Saturdays, giving me more time to prepare for the board exam—[a] support that made a difference," Mr. Tulabot further said.

"It is undeniable that the journey we had was hard yet victorious, bombarded with doubts, frustrations, and uncertainty. Yet look at us now; we remain triumphant. May this achievement remind us that no courage, determination, and sacrifices will be left unrewarded," Mr. Tulabot said.

EDITORIAL

The true spirit of Belenismo

Every year, Tarlac State University endeavors to put up a Belen to add to the Christmas season's spirit. Craftspeople of the university, composed of painters, carpenters, electricians, architects, and artists, among others, come together for a meeting of minds to conceptualize and execute the Belen display, whether as a participant in the Belenismo sa Tarlac or to simply showcase the Belen. Sharing these God-given talents and living up to the Filipino value of bayanihan serve as the core of this annual activity within the TSU community, no matter the results of the Belenismo festival.

For so long, the university has installed its Belen display on the mezzanine of the Administration Building, featuring designs and concepts that have been artistically evolving each year. Former university president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, a devout Catholic, has been very supportive of

displaying the Belen, that even without joining the Belenismo festival, TSU's Christmas display will always include it. In November 2021, the Office of Public Affairs even ventured into publishing a feature story about the Belen-makers of TSU, who put in all their effort to craft a worthwhile portrayal of the Holy Family. There were invitations to participate in the Belenismo festival, an annual event that gave the Tarlac Province the name "Belen capital of the Philippines," but the display was merely a show of solidarity and not for competition then.

Fast forward to 2022, under the term of incumbent TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, the university finally joined the Belenismo festival with a bigger display at the corner of the Main Campus facade, eventually earning second place overall in the community category. Still, the bayanihan spirit reigned over the TSU community, evidenced

by the continued collaboration among the administration for leadership and funding, the Office of Facilities Development and Management for the logistics and construction, and the Office of Public Affairs for the coordination and promotion. Indeed, the bayanihan lives through the activity, as it is needed more in such competitions.

This year, the university joined the festival again but failed to land a podium finish in the same community category. After a series of talks and coordination between the same offices and the administration, the OFDM produced another noteworthy Belen with environmental awareness as a theme. All were hopeful for a second or first place this time, yet luck was not on TSU's side. There were questions about why the university's entry did not succeed this time despite having a well-thought-of and intricately designed Belen while comparing it with this year's winners. Such

loss somehow dampened the spirits of the Belen-makers, who, again, gave their best effort. Nevertheless, it has been proven that community collaboration and cooperation are present with or without a prize.

The true spirit of Belenismo lies in each one who contributes meaningfully to the magical creation of the Belen displays. Every year, Belens exhibited across the Tarlac Province add life and joy to the holiday season. Every year, the university's Belen symbolizes how the employees continue learning to work together, acknowledge skills and talents, and deepen their connections. The beauty of Belenismo is linked to the beauty of the relationships nurtured in every Belen created. Apart from winning the highly coveted first place in the Belenismo festival, its true spirit is in the happy and contented smiles of Belen-makers when they see that their work is appreciated.

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Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (MSWDO).

Moreover, the university will extend its guidance counseling expertise through the College of Arts and Social Sciences' Psychology Department.

Through CARE Pura, a capacity-building program will be conducted, along with implementing a local development plan for children. Soon, printed materials on child protection and welfare advocacy will be posted and distributed around Pura town.

Preserving Culture and Oral Traditions

The Pura's Folklore project will work on preserving and promoting cultural heritage and community development. Through the storytelling strategy using folk takes, the project seeks to promote literacy and observe gender sensitivity.

The outputs of this project can be used as educational resources by incorporating these as reference materials in schools.

The project also aims to document the town's heritage and oral traditions.

On Digitization

Toward digitization, the Project PRISM will be a joint project of the CCLGSPD and CCS to establish a database for the LGU that will help in the municipality's planning.

The project aims to conduct a comprehensive review

of the municipality's current database for assessment. The Center will design a more modern and efficient database system to provide better services to the LGU's stakeholders and clients.

The Center will also conduct training and assist the LGU in migrating existing data from the old database to the new database.



TSU AAI, OAR organizes first inter-alumni basketball league

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The Tarlac State University Alumni Association Inc. and the Office of Alumni

Affairs launched the first season of the Inter-Alumni Basketball League on

November 10, 2024 at the TSU Gymnasium.

The tournament, an initiative of TSUAAI President Hon. Reynaldo L. Catacutan, seeks to raise funds for the scholars of the alumni association and boost alumni engagement and sports development.

According to OAA Director Dr. Winston Abalos, a portion of the registration fee will be saved to fund scholarships, helping to ease financial burdens for alumni scholars.

Around ten teams from

various batches will join the tournament, featuring games every Sunday from November 10 through December 2024 at the TSU Gymnasium and Brgy. Aguso covered court.

Four of the ten teams will compete in the 45-and-up division and six teams in the 45-and-below category.

In addition to basketball, the TSUAAI and OAA plan to expand the sports activities, including volleyball, futsal, badminton, tennis, and golf.

Again, TSU joins Belenismo sa Tarlac

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As the Christmas season brings communities together in celebration, Tarlac State University officially joins the 17th Belenismo sa Tarlac.

TSU's entry, titled "Belen ng Kalikhasan," was one of the 17 Belens subjected to the pre-judging phase of the Tarlac Heritage Foundation and media personnel under the community category during the opening ceremony last November 5, 2024.

This year's Belen highlights the university's efforts in environmental preservation – blending faith, tradition, and sustainability in a meaningful Christmas message through the theme "Kalikhasan," a combination of the Filipino terms for "creation" (likha) and "nature" (kalikasan).

The Belen, located in front of the Engineering grounds at the Main Campus, was crafted by woodworkers, electricians, and painters from the Office of Facilities Development and Management, supervised by Ar. King Jhon Paul R. Talon.

The overall design and concept were spearheaded by Mr. Oscar Ubusan, Jr., one of the painters under OFDM.



The highlight of the Belen is the depiction of the Holy Family between two trees, symbolizing TSU's stronghold foundation, with roots depicting the projects of the Office of the University Extension Services that aim to reach communities in need of support and assistance. The lamps in the trees act as guiding lights, leading

the university on its path to excellence, while the water beneath the trees signifies abundance and life.

Furthermore, the angel at the center corresponds to the university's commitment to inclusivity, embracing all races, genders, ethnic groups, and marginalized communities.

In an interview with the Office of Public Affairs, Mr. Ubusan shared that they used old tablecloths, chicken wire, iron steel bars, and cement to create a cast for the trees and the angel's structure.

Moreover, plastic cubicle dividers used during the COVID-19 pandemic were repurposed and layered to create a 3D impression of the angel's wings.

The angel's moving background with a star in the center is powered by an old car battery, which Mr. Victor Enrico, an electrician from the OFDM, made.

Additionally, the angel's wings and the moving backdrop

were carved from used plywood and plyboard.

Meanwhile, the mushroom symbolizes humility and the university's projects and partnerships with agencies and communities that have grown in different towns and have created impact.

TSU Belen-makers also used abaca strings and coco mesh, harvested from the mountains of San Jose, Tarlac, to cover the holy family's arch and base to portray a forest look.

The pre-judging results will determine the entries that will proceed to the semi-final round of the competition.

Belenismo is an annual event established in 2007 to showcase traditional Belens created by communities in Tarlac Province.

In total, 62 belens participated in this year's Belenismo festival under the community, church, monumental, grand non-municipal, and grand municipal categories.

Congratulations, TSUians!

- Short and Sweet Play 1st RUNNER-UP
- Standard Choir 1st RUNNER-UP
- Painting 1st RUNNER-UP
- Live Band 2nd RUNNER-UP
- Street Dance Hip-Hop 2nd RUNNER-UP



PETER PAUL SAMSON PRINCESS MULDONG

- BEST IN TALENT Mr. CAASUC III
- 2nd RUNNER-UP Contemporary Dance
- 2nd RUNNER-UP Instrumental Solo Piano
- 3rd RUNNER-UP Charcoal Rendering
- 3rd RUNNER-UP Essay Writing

4th RUNNER-UP OVERALL RANKING

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TSU, DepEd TCSD jointly advocates for 'MATATAG NA BUKAS'

From page 5 in the real world.

"Habang sinasalubong nang malakas na hangin lalong tumataas ang *saranggola*. That is also very aligned to our theme to become resilient. Always expect that there will be challenges. The more problems or challenges, the more that we will become stronger," TSU President Dr.

Arnold E. Velasco said in connection with the program's framework.

"For the *saranggola* to soar, all parts must work together harmoniously. The frame must be strong, the body vibrant, and the tail is stable. Similarly, MATATAG NA BUKAS requires alignment [among] values, educational elements,

support systems, guidance, and real-world opportunities to successfully lift Filipino learners toward a resilient and future-ready nation (sic)," Mr. Dela Cruz added.

The MOA signing was also graced by Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale, Presidential Assistant Dr. Brigido B. Corpuz, program chairpersons, faculty members, and some CoEd students.





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FIRST-TIME TAKERS

100%

**PEARL ANGELI
M. SABAL**

TOP 7 (91.20%)

INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE

98.17%

**ELLYRA MA. LUISA
L. MASIGLA**

TOP 9 (90.80%)

NATIONAL PASSING RATE

85.01%

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