

NOW OPEN: CAPAS CAMPUS



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From left to right: Ms. Lenny L. Catacutan, Concepcion Mayor Andres D. Lacson, Capas Vice Mayor Roseller B. Rodriguez, Capas Mayor and TSU Board of Regents Member Reynaldo L. Catacutan, former Gerona Mayor and TSU Board of Regents Member Dennis Norman T. Go, and TSU President and TSU Board of Regents Vice Chair Myrna Q. Mallari.

TSU Capas Campus inaugurated

Tarlac State University President Myrna Q. Mallari and Capas Mayor Reynaldo L. Catacutan led on August 13 the inauguration of the university's newest campus in Barangay Cristo Rey in the historic town of Capas.

Dr. Mallari said the campus would be utilized by TSU students residing in Capas and taking up Bachelor in Elementary Education, Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Bachelor of Public Administration.

Mayor Catacutan, who holds a Doctor

of Public Administration degree from the TSU College of Public Administration and Governance, made possible the construction of two single-story buildings to be used for classroom and administrative purposes.

He said he had always wanted a TSU campus in his town so that college students living in Capas would no longer have to travel all the way to Tarlac City to attend their classes.

"Transportation alone is expensive, costing our students around P200 a day," he told an audience of TSU officials, students,

parents and municipal and provincial government officials.

The university president said that when she saw the completed Capas campus a week earlier she knew "it will be a very good campus for Tarlac State University."

"I felt like I wanted to move my offices here," she added, smiling.

TSU has three campuses in Tarlac City: the main campus along Romulo Boulevard, the Lucinda Campus and the San Isidro Campus.

[Jose Russell S. Arador]

TSU joins nation in celebrating ASEAN month

The Tarlac State University joined the nation in celebrating this August the founding anniversary of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) by including the singing of the ASEAN anthem and the raising of the ASEAN flag during the early morning flag ceremony every Tuesday in the university.

ASEAN was established on August 8,

1967 in Bangkok, Thailand, with the signing of the ASEAN Declaration, also known as the Bangkok Declaration, by Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

Since then its membership has grown to include Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, and Vietnam.

In a memorandum dated July 6, Dr. J.

Prospero E. De Vera III, officer-in-charge of the Commission on Higher Education, encouraged higher education institutions "to regularly display the ASEAN Flag in accordance with the Flag and Heraldic Code of the Philippines and Guidelines on the Use of the ASEAN Flag."

[Maria Adelaida D. Calayag]

TSU and the role of the community

EDITORIAL

No man is an island. This is true to individuals as it is to organizations such as the Tarlac State University.

You may wonder why TSU, with hundreds of faculty members and non-teaching personnel in its employ, and more than 15,000 students, should still need help from individuals or groups in the community.

But given the sheer number and scale of its responsibilities, TSU is not huge enough. Providing education to thousands and thousands of students, whose number swells every academic year, is clearly a gargantuan task even for a relatively big organization.

Thus, community support for TSU cannot be underestimated. There are indicators of how important the role of the community is in the attainment of the university's goals. For example, the presence of two "prominent citizens" in the TSU's Board of Regents reflects the importance accorded to the role of the community within which the university operates. These "prominent citizens," people who are elected from the Tarlac community to be part of the university's highest policy-making body, are expected to help TSU achieve its mission and vision statements.

Entering into memoranda of agreement or understanding with individuals and organizations that will benefit students is another approach to secure community participation. An excellent example is the signing this August of the renewal of a memorandum of agreement between TSU and Yokohama Tire Philippines, Inc. Under the agreement, a Yokohama scholar receives a monthly cash allowance and a book allowance given each semester.

And, best of all, the Japanese tire-making company usually employs its scholars after graduation! A most recent example is electronics engineer Niel Justine M. Crisostomo, 22, a Yokohama scholar who, after graduating from TSU and passing the government licensure examination, was promptly hired by the Japanese company.

In a moving speech, Engr. Crisostomo thanked both TSU and Yokohama for making his dream to

become an engineer come true. To inspire the current batch of Yokohama scholars, he said: "*Kaya n'yo 'yan, guys! (You can do it, guys!)*"

Now, if TSU can rally the community behind it, then we can replicate Engr. Crisostomo's success story a thousand times. And, yes, "*kaya natin ito, guys (we can do this, guys!)*"!



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TSU Chorale Wins International Choral Competition in Taipei

Members of the Tarlac State University Chorale literally sang their way to victory when their musical group received two gold prizes during the 1st Taipei International Choral Competition (FTICC) held from July 31 to August 3 in Taipei City in Taiwan.

The TSU Chorale won first place in the Youth Choir Category and third place in the Musica Sacra Category of the competition. The TSU choir has also qualified in the Grand Prix Competition of the FTICC, where participants to the first World Choral Championship in July 2019 in Tokyo, Japan, are selected.

The requirement in the Youth Choir Category was that the participants should belong to the 16-to-24-year-old age range. No age limit was set in the Musica Sacra Category but "(a)ll pieces must be of Christian religions."

Close to 50 groups from the Philippines, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia and Macau joined 2018 FTICC.

As a component of the 2018 Taipei International Choral Festival, the FTICC "hope(s) to enhance the global cultural exchange, to showcase the abundant Taiwanese choral music, and to help (in) elevating the art of choral singing."

Aside from the TSU Chorale, the following also qualified in the Grand Prix Competition: Carmel Pak U Secondary School Choir (Hong Kong); Chien-Kuo High School Choir (Taiwan); Enchant Choir from The Affiliated Senior High School of National Chung Hsing University (Taiwan); F Sharp (Taiwan); National Hsinchu Girls' Senior High School Choir (Taiwan); Puzangalan Children's Choir (Taiwan); Taipei Philharmonic Women's

Chorus (Taiwan); and Taipei Philharmonic Youth Choir (Taiwan).

The World Choral Championship is founded by four international choral competitions: the International Krakow Choir Festival Cracovia Cantans (Krakow, Poland); the Tokyo International Choir Competition (Tokyo, Japan); the Taipei International Choral Competition (Taipei, Taiwan); and the Rimini International Choral Competition (Rimini, Italy). It is open only to the Grand Prix winners of the four international choral competitions.

Dr. Leodivina P. Tagama and Mr. Joshua Fontanilla serve as faculty-in-charge and student conductor, respectively.

The group is under the Office for Culture and the Arts headed by Prof. Marcelino P. Balanquit.

HR director named VPAA executive assistant

President Myrna Q. Mallari has designated Prof. Maria Teresa C. Agustin, officer-in-charge of the Human Resource Development and Management Office, as executive assistant to the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs on a concurrent basis.

As executive assistant, Prof. Agustin is tasked to "(a)ssist the VPAA in the preparation of reports, manuals, inter-

office communication, memoranda, notice of meetings, and external correspondence."

She is also expected to provide help in the "review of prepared minutes of meetings and incoming/endorsed communication."

Her expertise is also needed in the ongoing efforts of her home college, the College of Business and Accountancy, to become a Center of Development or Center of Excellence of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED).



TSU Performing Arts director serves as judge in world dance competition

Prof. Marcelino P. Balanquit, artistic director of the Tarlac State University Performing Arts and head of the TSU Office for Culture and the Arts, served as a judge in the dance division of the 2018 Samcheok World Beach Cheerleading Open Masters held from August 30 to September 3 in Samcheok, South Korea.

In a letter of invitation, Dr. James Kim, chief operating officer of SWBCOM, said the participation of Prof. Balanquit, a licensed and certified international adjudicator of the World Artistic Dance Federation and the World Association of Performing Arts, “would be a great privilege.”

Prof. Balanquit teaches Philippine and international folk dances, at the TSU College of Education.

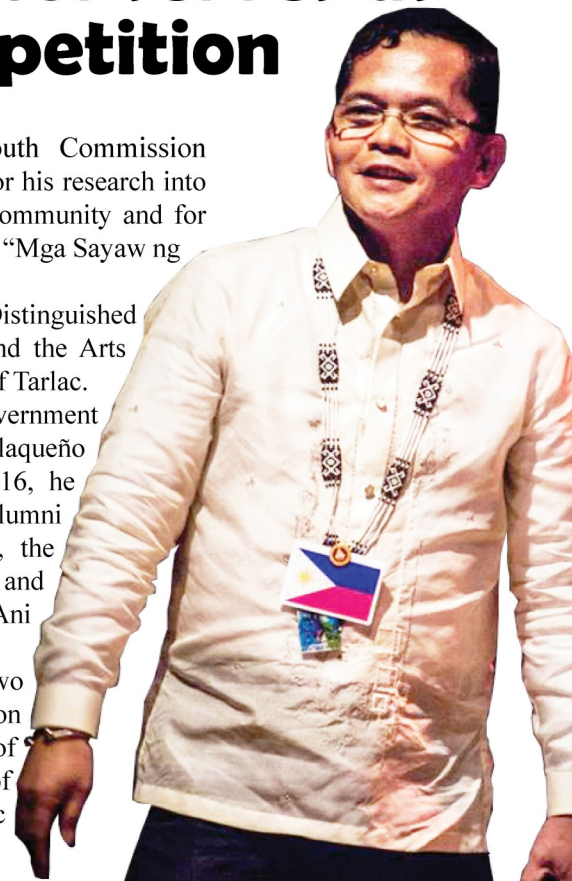
He is the president of the Philippine and South East Asia sections of the World Association of Performing Arts.

In 1998, the National Youth Commission awarded him a Plaque of Merit for his research into indigenous dances by the Aeta community and for developing a choreography called “Mga Sayaw ng Ita sa Tarlac.”

In 2003, he received the Distinguished Tarlaqueño Award on Culture and the Arts from the provincial government of Tarlac.

In 2011, the Tarlac City government cited him as an Outstanding Tarlaqueño on Culture and the Arts. In 2016, he was selected as an Outstanding Alumni of TSU. In the following year, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts bestowed on him the “Ani ng Dangal” award.

This year, he received two accolades: a Diploma of Recognition from the World Association of Performing Arts and a Letter of Commendation from the Tarlac City Legislative Council.



Incomplete notes of a freshman lawyer

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Still on family issues, I also have grandparents wanting to see their grandchildren withheld from them by the kids’ mother. It is an out-of-wedlock situation in relation to child support. The son is abroad, and the grandparents invoked their visitation rights. Looking for a legal anchor on this is challenging but I remember an advice from a seasoned lawyer – go back to the Constitution and start from there. After many months we are now on pre-trial on this case.

Anak siya ng nanay niya; sabi ng nanay, hindi

One more interesting and complicated case on family is about a Probate of Will being heard in Iloilo. Again, the clients were referred to me by close friends from that region.

What complicates the probate was an intervention by one of the heirs who opposes the appointment of the named administrators. He wants to be the sole heir with claims that he is a biological son of the testatrix. But, in the will, the testatrix was explicit in saying she has neither biological nor adopted child.

Of course, his agenda was to destroy the integrity of the will and this exactly was what his lawyer tried doing when I presented my third witness. She witnessed the signing of the will. I would have thrown the chair at this man when he went badgering my witness, but I kept my cool. Funny how I could hold on like this before the courts. It was the judge who finally told him to ask his last question.

In one of our hearings, the Judge made this admonition. He said this in open court without pinpointing at any one. Paraphrasing what he said in Ilonggo, thus: Let us just be thankful that we are given something from out of their generosity, from out of their hard work and industry, hindi naman natin pinaghirapan ito.

Somehow, such statements give us a glimpse of what lurks in the hearts of the men from the bench.

In turn, my clients who were the appointed administrators in the will filed a petition for cancellation of a certificate of live birth. One of them was the surrogate mother of the intervenor and niece of the

testatrix. The testatrix was a nurse working in the US and it is certainly out of human experience that a nurse in the US would come to this far-off town, which is not even her hometown, to give birth assisted by a hilot.

The list of cases is as varied as they come -- marriage annulments, recognition of divorces obtained abroad, physical injuries, slander, qualified theft, election protest, even controversial issues best lodged before the Ombudsman, etc.

One thing though is for sure, law school truly prepares us in this direction. But what will sustain us is continuous learning, studying and researching that is more encompassing than what we did in school or when preparing for the bar. Because now, we deal with real lives. Real drama.

I went to law school at 55 years old. My daughter was already a doctor when I did. I became a lawyer at 60. A senior citizen, so to speak. But it helped that I am a journalist, trained to process what unfolds before me, quick enough to beat the editor’s deadline. I also agree that the gift of writing somehow is genetic but what makes one’s thoughts jibe with the keyboard so that words run in harmony in each sentence is practice. Writing is one of the foundations of lawyering. There is a need to hone the craft.

If she can english, I can english her back. It was one of those trips to Arellano University in Manila where I assisted a friend to get some documents that brought me to this field. As I entered this law school an announcement says it was the last day for entrance exams. A friend once told me that Miss International and actress Melanie Marquez was a freshman student there. I inquired about the exams and also about Melanie Marquez. And so it hit me, why not? “If she can english me, I can english her back!”

That same day, I took the entrance exam, passed it and waited for the interview. The following day, I got an email from the university telling me I was admitted and that I should get my transcript of records before I can enrol.

I went home to Tarlac to get my transcript. The lady at the registrar’s office told me: “Bakit dun po kayo mag-eeenrol, may law na po dito sa TSU.” And again, why not?

So, I took the entrance exam but complained about the exam fees of P1,000 when a more established law school like Arellano charges only P600.00. I returned the next day for an interview with the then Dean, Judge Sotero, but it didn’t happen. When I was at the Dean’s office, there too was Judge Alipio Yumul, who told the Dean: “Interviewhin mo pa ba yan, dapat lang si Jo sa law school.”

I didn’t enrol after that. I also didn’t get my Transcript and set aside any illusion of going to law school.

Two weeks into the semester, I was at TSU again for another errand. I bumped into then President Priscilla Viuya, who told me she attended the freshman orientation, saw my name in the list, but that I wasn’t there. I told her I didn’t enroll, and besides it is already late to come in.

This I truly owe to her. She said: “Just enroll. Bring me your assessment form, I will put a note, then go to class. Mabilis lang ang 4 years. You will be done before you know it.” And time indeed flew fast. I am lucky to belong to the third batch of TSU Law graduates (2010-2014). Six of us have already made it – aside from me, there is Kriselle Joy Manalo, Marlon Tabilisma, Steve Russel Regua, Jeny Ann Madamba and Iris Ann Valencia. Our four years together was one hell of a ride, with many stories best left untold.

Indeed, law school for me was unplanned, but it happened. When destiny took a hand, I believe I have an assignment yet to fulfil, so here I am.

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TSU garners 4 Red Cross awards



By Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

The Tarlac State University received four awards from the Philippine Red Cross during the PRC’s 11th annual awarding ceremony held on August 31 at the Bulwagang Kanlahi (formerly the Diwa ng Tarlak) in Tarlac City.

Dr. Arme N. Rosel, Vice President for Research and Extension Services, accepted the awards – two plaques of recognition and two plaques of appreciation -- in behalf of the university.

According to PRC, the awards were meant to recognize the university’s “unstinted and meritorious support” to the

former’s voluntary blood services program.

TSU students donate almost 500 bags of blood every semester through the Federation of Red Cross Youth Council, according to its president, Mr. Vincent Luis Rojo.

The two-hour program was graced by Senator Richard Gordon, who is also the national chair of the Red Cross.

Yokohama Tire renews scholarship pact with TSU



Twenty-two-year-old Niel Justine M. Crisostomo never thought he would be able to reach his dream of becoming an engineer. But, thanks to a scholarship agreement between the Yokohama Tire Philippines, Inc. (YTPI) and the Tarlac State University (TSU), he is now a licensed electronics engineer—and gainfully employed at Yokohama.

On August 17, Mr. Satoshi Miura, Executive Vice President for Administration of YTPI, and Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, President of TSU, renewed this five-year-old partnership by signing another memorandum of agreement to provide deserving students with financial assistance and employment upon graduation.

The MOA signing ceremony, held inside

the conference room of the Yokohama production plant in Clark, Pampanga, was witnessed by Ms. Angelina Casasola, YTPI Vice President for Administration, and Dr. Louella F. Ona, TSU Vice President for International Linkages and External Affairs, and other key officers of the university.

They were joined by Dr. Elsie Canlas and current Yokohama scholars Jejomar B. Contawe (AB Communication), Josue S. Dapiosen Jr. (BS Information Technology), Aeyore Roy I. Garcia (BS Mechanical Engineering), Angela R. Garcia (BS Accountancy), Kathleen B. Lopez (BS Chemistry), Patrick Moises T. Paras (BS Industrial Engineering), and Ryan

Christopher M. Tablada (BS Criminology).

To these scholars, Engr. Crisostomo had this to say: ““Kaya n’yo ‘yan guys! (You can do it, guys!)”

Aside from Engr. Crisostomo, 27 other TSU graduates have been working in the company since its establishment in the Philippines in 1996. Notable among them are Engr. Joselito P. Galang (BS Mechanical Engineering, 1997), who started working in the company in 1997, and Engr. Dionicio R. Laus (BS Mechanical Engineering, 1994), who began working at Yokohama in 1998.

Ms. Joanne Pangilinan, a YTPI section manager, served as the master of ceremonies.

[Jose Russell S. Arador]

Operations manual of TSU Statistical Center under review

To ensure the effective and efficient operations of the Tarlac State University Statistical Center, President Myrna Q. Mallari created on August 22 a committee tasked to review the operations manual of this newly-formed center.

Headed by Dr. Leo P. Piao, Director of the University Research Office, the committee is composed of Mr. Jesus B.

Danganan, Chief of the Budget Office, and all academic deans as members.

According to a memo by Dr. Mallari, the committee will study the existing operations manual and “recommend to the Administrative Council the proposed enhancements and other revisions.”

It is also expected to “conduct consultations with students, faculty and administrators on the matter.”

[Ma. Teresa D. Madriaga]

Tarlac State University Vision Statement

Tarlac State University is envisioned to be a premier University in the Asia Pacific Region.

Incomplete notes of a freshman lawyer

ESSAY

By: Jo M. Clemente

A Few Good Men was and still is my favorite lawyer movie, such that, when I walked into my first court appearance as a member of the bar on June 9 last year, Tom Cruise’s line was the voice in my head: “So, this is what a courtroom looks like!” And that was it.

Barely 13 days from signing the Roll of Attorneys, I took over a 10-year-old “Quieting of Title” case from Atty. Jopet Pahilga, who had been appointed to a government post. Atty. Jopet is known more as the lawyer of Luisita farmers who stood before the Supreme Court and won the case for them.

I had jitters when the Judge entered the room to start the hearing. I even texted my classmate, Atty. Marlon Tabilisma, about the exact words I have to say when my case is called.

But all the jitters were gone soon as I took my place in this tiny courtroom in far-off Antique. I stood for the respondents. This case has had two judges; the first one died. I am the third counsel; the first one also died. This baptism taught me the basics in court appearances. It gave me a working sense about litigation.

It helped that the Judge was also an engineer, such that, when I sought a subpoena duces tecum from the surveying unit of the Bureau of Lands, he asked more questions than I did. When he asked the witness about what is the “more or less” in surveying science as appearing in land titles, I can only surmise he was trying to determine the margin of error in the survey. And yes, 12 months down the road, the decision is yet to come.

Panginoong may lupa

A more complicated land case in Iloilo came my way afterwards. My client-friends from the first case referred me to their relative who belongs to a political family.

From a pure cancellation case lodged before the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), their cases ballooned to other issues brought about by events. As of today, we have filed two cases before the Ombudsman, going three as of this writing: a criminal complaint still pending before the prosecutor’s office, other agrarian related petitions and a nullification of title before the Regional Trial

Court (RTC).

I agreed to handle this cancellation case because I was already into one for my family filed before the DAR in Tarlac. I thought then that the researches I am doing back home would most likely be the same for this out of town case. But, lo and behold, it was far more complicated. For one, the National Housing Authority (NHA) was building houses right smack in the middle of a fully irrigated agricultural land for victims of Typhoon Yolanda. NHA’s contractor paid the agrarian reform beneficiaries for the land—the same people who filed a cease-and-desist order with the DAR for premature conversion—and recently, NHA was able to transfer the property to its name.

I’ve stood for farmers’ rights all my life, but today, I am lawyering for the “panginoong may lupa.” But then again, we have laws and, as we learned in school, agrarian reform should not be used to cause injustice to landowners because they too have rights.

Our contention for cancellation: no retention, the rightful beneficiaries were deprived as not one among the farm workers in the Hacienda was a beneficiary and the beneficiaries were the relatives, household help, driver, supporters of the owners’ political opponent. Truly, the complication grows by the day.

My learnings on this case was like a map, which, from its aerial perspective will reveal the main roads and the many tiny arteries that link to it. And when I say the documents related to this is already one maleta I am not kidding.

Back home our own cancellation case before the DAR in Tarlac was on a slow grind. It is a 30-year-old case for retention which the family won twice already but was reversed by Manila. The reconsideration sought decidedly made it (again) a cancellation case which ordered the Tarlac Office to assign a cancellation case number but never did. Exactly one year from this order, and me now as the family lawyer, we filed a cancellation case. After that, the Tarlac office sent us a memo or whatever it may be called, informing us that as per that order, they have assigned a cancellation number which incidentally was made on the same day that we filed our petition. Enough said.

Masakit sa bangs

A few days from my June 9 initiation, another friend sought me out for a trip in one of those far-flung towns of Negros Occidental. We were to meet the head of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). The issue: her brother is allegedly being deprived of her children by the wife despite an agreement they had before the DSWD.

When asked what will compel the wife to respect the terms of the agreement, my answer was to bring it to court so that any violation will have sanctions. And so we did. It was a case for joint custody with habeas corpus. And each time we have a hearing and the children were there, it rips my heart. “Masakit sa bangs,” I would say.

The wife’s counter offensive on this issue was a VAWC case against my client, nothing violent but pure economic. This was subsequently dismissed by the Court not only because we were able to prove that my client continuously supported the family but also because the petitioner-wife was not able to prove that she suffered emotional stress -- and all that stuff she claims to have suffered -- to merit my client’s incarceration.

As to the custody issue, it was settled through mediation with a fresh agreement approved by the Judge.

I would have this semblance of a case again at the tail end of my freshman year as a lawyer. The VAWC accuser wants my client to go to jail for allegedly failing to give support to her 4-year-old child. My client says it couldn’t possibly be his child as the sexual contact was never consummated. The case is pending before the City prosecutor in Cabanatuan City.

One more case I have involving women is a rape case. Before I accepted this one, I sought for the medico-legal of the alleged victim. I asked my daughter, who is an obstetrician/gynecologist, to interpret the document for me. No sperm traces, says the document. I took on the case. Case dismissed. Again, I have always stood for women’s rights as an activist. And thrice in a row, I stood for the men accused of violating these women. There is no quarrel inside me on this. Suffice it to say, I do some evaluation before taking on these cases and just like any individual on this planet, these men also have rights.

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Tarlac City mayor urges proper use of national language



By Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

The Tarlac State University, through the Pamantasang Sentro ng Wikang Filipino (PSWF), celebrated Buwan ng Wika on August 23 with a two-hour program highlighted by a speech from Tarlac City Mayor Cristy C. Angeles.

Themed “Filipino: Wika ng Saliksik,” the activity was held at the TSU gym and attended by hundreds of students from the College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS) and the College of Education (COE).

Mayor Angeles, the event’s main speaker,

urged the participants not to turn their backs on their national language by using them improperly.

“We should learn to use our Filipino language properly as we deal with its changes and evolution,” she said, adding that students should “refrain from using colloquial and slang terms like lodi, petmalo, repalodi and was ako datung.”

The mayor, who graduated from the College of the Holy Spirit, was the literary editor of her college publication.

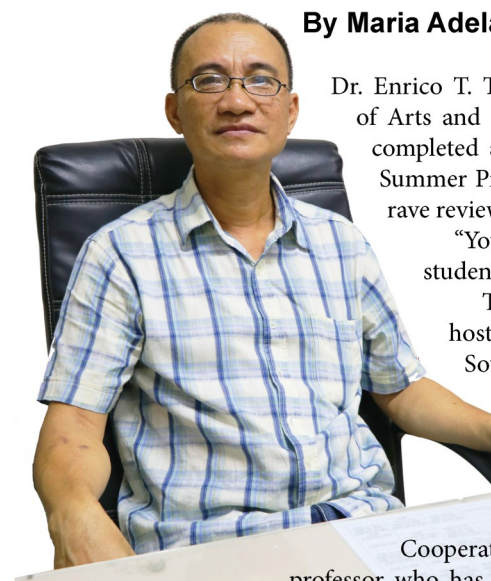
Dr. Daisy Inalvez, head of PSWF, encouraged students attending the program

to join the various contests to be held on August 24 at the amphi-theater in Lucinda Campus. These competitions are: malikhaing pagkukwento, dagliang talumpati, pagsulat ng sanaysay, and sabayang pagbigkas.

The celebration also featured performances by the TSU Performing Arts and the TSU Chorale; by COE faculty member Socrates Embesan and Education student Lyndsey Balboa (who sang a duet titled “Hanggang Ngayon”); and by Education students and siblings Raniell T. Lopez and Darshiehl T. Lopez (with another duet titled “Tagumpay Nating Lahat”).

Psychology prof receives praises from international students in South Korea

By Maria Adelaida T. Calayag



Dr. Enrico T. Tañedo, a faculty member of the College of Arts and Sciences’ Department of Psychology, has completed a three-week stint teaching in the Asian Summer Program 2018 held in South Korea—to the rave reviews of his international students.

“You are an inspiration,” an Indonesian student of his said in a handwritten letter.

The ASP, which ran from July 9-27, and hosted by the Dongseo University in Busan, South Korea, “is a summer program where students can earn up to four academic credits applicable at their home universities.”

On May 18, Prof. Chan Chung, Dean of Dongseo U’s Office of International Cooperation, invited Dr. Tañedo, an associate professor who has been teaching at TSU for more than 30

years, to participate in the international summer program as a professor. “Sir Henry,” as he is fondly called, earned the degree Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Santo Tomas in 1981. He also holds the degrees Master of Arts in Education – Guidance and Counseling (TSU, 1988) and Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology and Guidance (PHINMA-Araullo University, 2015).

At the Dongseo U, Dr. Tañedo taught the course Social Psychology, “a comprehensive study on basic principles and concepts involved in identifying man as a social being.”

“You taught so well and passionately ... and I find myself hoping that I can be that



passionate and happy with my occupation later in the future,” his student said.

“It is an honor to meet you, Sir,” said the student, who is one among many others who wrote him letters to express their gratitude and admiration.

Seven students from TSU joined Dr. Tañedo to also participate in the program. They were Pauline Angela M. Martinez and Zyrene Haynes D. Tamayo (from the College of Architecture and Fine Arts); Alona Joy A. Buena (College of Arts and Social Sciences); Kiara Anne S. Valencia (College of Business and Accountancy); Jenelle Ann Clarisse V. Tayag (College of Computer Studies); Cris Allan B. Agustin (College of Education); and Jerich Ralph S. Lobo (College of Public Administration).

As official delegates of TSU, their registration fees, roundtrip airfare, meal allowances and health and accident insurance were covered by the university through the student development fund. The TSU Board of Regents approved their participation through Board Resolution No. 28, s. 2018.

CCJE faculty member named civil security chief

Mr. Jayson R. Felix, a faculty member of the Tarlac State University’s College of Criminal Justice Education, has been designated as head of the Civil Security Unit of the university.

In an administrative order dated August 1, Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, TSU president, said that Mr. Felix is tasked to “ensure the safety, security and protection of persons and properties” and “supervise the maintenance of peace and order” in the university.

To achieve these ends, according to the memo, he is expected to “conduct regular

inspection of all guard posts and guards on duty” and “ensure all regulatory requirements of all security guards.”

Among other things, he is also mandated to respond to emergency, report student violations and rate the performance of the security guards in the university.

Mr. Felix, who holds the academic degrees B.S. in Criminology (United School of Science and Technology, 2009) and Master of Science in Criminology (Panpacific University North Philippines, 2014) took over from Mr. Marcelino C. Gamis, a veteran of 26 years, who was designated as officer-in-charge of the unit on July 18.

Mr. Jayson passed the Criminology Licensure Examination in 2009.



317 receive diplomas in midyear graduation rites



By Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

Tarlac State University President Myrna Q. Mallari conferred academic degrees on 317 students during TSU's 29th Commencement Exercises held on August 28 at the university gymnasium.

This is the second TSU graduation ceremonies in 2018.

Two graduated from the College of Law, 84 from the College of Engineering and Technology, one from the College of Architecture and Fine Arts, 47 from the College of Education, 74 from the College of Business and Accountancy, 34 from the College of Arts and Social Sciences, 66 from the College of Computer Studies, seven from the College of Science and two from the College of Public Administration and Governance.

5 TSU students win awards in regional accountancy quiz



By Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

Five fifth-year students of the Tarlac State University's College of Business and Accountancy garnered awards during the All Board Subjects Cup held on

August 26 at the Bulacan State University in Malolos, Bulacan.

Themed "Take the Leap to Reach the Peak," the competition was part of the 1st Accounting Pinnacle for Excellence Conference: The Primer organized by the

National Federation of Junior Philippine Institute of Accountants Region III Council.

Mr. Jerome Montoya, placed first runner up; Mr. John Luis Santos, second runner up; Ms. Regine Sales, third runner up; Mr. Kent Adrian Mariano, fourth runner up; and Mr. Dranreb David, fifth runner up. They are all majoring in Accountancy.

Forty students from eight schools in Bulacan and Tarlac participated in the two-hour competition, which was divided into easy, average and difficult rounds.

Two faculty members -- Atty. Iris Valencia, who is also a Certified Public Accountant, and Ms. Hannah Shalom Tadena, CPA -- served as coaches to the winning TSU students.

The five students have qualified to compete during the Regional Midyear Convention of NFJPIA on September 24-26 in Baguio City.

Pact with Thai university inked



For their mutual benefit and development, and for the promotion of international understanding and goodwill, the Tarlac State University and the Naresuan University, a government higher education institution in Thailand, have agreed on a partnership that will involve the exchange of students, faculty members, researchers, academic information and publication,

among other things.

To formalize the agreement, Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, TSU president, and Dr. Kanchana Ngourngsi, NU president, signed a memorandum of understanding on August 30 at the president's office of NU in Thailand.

Present during the signing were: Dr. Louella F. Ona, Vice President for International Linkages and External Affairs;

Prof. Fabian P. Seguiria, Director of the Office of Alumni Affairs; and staff members from NU's Faculty of Education.

The following day, delegates from TSU and NU attended the international conference organized by NU's Faculty of Education and themed "2018 Innovation and Education for Sustainable Development Goals".

Committee created to encourage graduates to pass government licensure examinations with flying colors

By Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

To encourage graduates of the Tarlac State University to perform even better in government licensure examinations, President Myrna Q. Mallari has created a committee to review the incentives being given by the university for outstanding performance in these examinations.

The university has a history of graduates passing their government licensure examinations with flying colors, but Dr. Mallari is hoping TSU's performance will improve even more through incentives to top-

performing board takers.

In a memo dated August 23, 2018, Dr. Mallari also instructed the committee do benchmarking activities in other schools and institutions to come up with the most competitive incentive packages.

Dr. Edwin Caoleng, Dean of the Office of Student Affairs (OSA), and Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg, Dean of the College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS), will serve as co-chairpersons of the committee.

The other members of the committee are: Dr. Theodore Timpac, Dean of the College of Criminal Justice Education (CCJE); Dr.

Miriam Galvez, Dean of the College of Engineering and Technology (CET); and Mr. Ronnie Dungo, an executive assistant at the College of Education.

In 2016, two TSU Education graduates – Richard C. Macapulay (Bachelor in Secondary Education) and Mark P. Castillo (Bachelor in Elementary Education) – ranked first in their respective LET examinations. In the same year, Liana Carla C. Luzong, a CCJE graduate, placed sixth nationwide in the Criminology board exam while Melody S. Paraon (BEED) and Rose Ann S. Tubay (BEED) landed in 10th place in LET.

TSU holds PRC-accredited national seminar on work attitude

By Jay Ann L. Pablo

The Tarlac State University, through its Extension Services Office, conducted on August 4 at the Villa Lucinda campus a national seminar on work attitude and values enhancement.

The seminar, which aimed to discuss the foundations of work attitude and behavior and to help participants create personal mission statements, was attended by 172 teachers, engineers, architects, nurses,

psychometricians and administrative staff members from different agencies, institutions and companies.

TSU being a Professional Regulations Commission-accredited service provider, with accreditation no. 2017-072, the seminar would earn for its participants 10.55 points in accordance to Republic Act 10912.

TSU Vice President for Research and Extension Services, Dr. Armee N. Rosel, welcomed the participants. And then the Dean

of the College of Education, Dr. Erwin E. Lacanlale, gave a short talk about the seminar and the house rules to be followed.

Dr. Grace Anne C. Hasegawa, who teaches counselling, psychology and educational technology, spoke about the importance of discovering and realizing one's potential.

After the lecture, workshops designed to train the participants in minimizing the impact of negativity and in controlling their emotions in the workplace were conducted.