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TSU initiates election forum for local, national political aspirants

Tarlac State University launched its pioneering election forum titled Tarlakayan last April 29, 2025 at the Priscilla Hall of the TSU Hotel, Lucinda Campus.

The forum, featuring mayoral, gubernatorial, congressional, and party-list candidates, aims to increase Tarlaqueño voters' awareness of the upcoming May 2025 midterm

elections and learn more about the candidates' stances and platforms by answering local and national issues.

Aspirants for political office who participated in the forum include mayoral candidate Susan Yap; gubernatorial candidate Christian Tell Yap; congressional candidates Victor Yap for Tarlac 2nd District, Edison Marimla for Tarlac 3rd

District, and Atty. Fernando David for Tarlac 3rd District; Maharlika party-list nominee Dr. Ruben Flor; and SSS-GSIS Pensonado party-list nominee Fercival Yutan.

Candidates were given 90 seconds to give their views on political dynasties, the proliferation of fake news in social media and digital literacy, the Tarlac market dispute, former

president Rodrigo Duterte's arrest, Tarlac tourism, and the Indigenous Peoples in Tarlac communities

"Yung dynasty, lalo na sa sinabi ni Atty. David, nasa ating konstitusyon. While meron itong contradictions, hindi mo pwedeng bawalan ang kahit sinong tukmakbo. Pero kung may made-define kung paano i-limit

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OIBD unveils TSU's 1st 'Wall of Innovation'

Mary Joy B. Manalo



In celebration of the Intellectual Property Month, the Office of Innovation and Business Development officially launched its first Wall of Innovation through a ribbon-cutting ceremony and marker unveiling on April 4, 2025 at the CFTR Building, Lucinda Campus.

Located on the first floor of the Center for Food Technology and Research, the Wall of Innovation showcases the center's various food utility models developed by the university's researchers and innovators over the years.

"The Wall of Innovation serves as a reminder of the creativity and dedication that guide us forward. More than just a display, it is also a challenge—to keep pushing boundaries, exploring new ideas, and turning them into something tangible," Executive Assistant to the Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension Engr. Joshua Jay E. Jetomo said in a welcome message delivered on behalf of VPRIE Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale.

Echoing the same sentiment, Vice President for

Administration Atty. Wilmark J. Ramos described the wall as the "fruit of those who came before us," a "reminder that innovation is a never-ending process."

According to OIBD Director Atty. Jayriz D. Dungca, the project aims to inspire students to pursue innovation and attract potential investors and adopters.

Currently, the wall features 20 patented food utility models—some still pending protection—that are open for commercialization and adoption.

Among the featured

innovations are the first three ready-to-drink calamansi juices developed in 2018 by former CFTR Director Dr. Lea B. Milan, which have been adopted as extension projects to reduce fruit waste and support local farmers in Tarlac Province.

Also on display is the Calamansi Gummy Candy, TSU's first commercialized product, invented by College of Science faculty member Ms. Abigail F. Feliciano. This is a ready-to-eat nutritious jelly candy containing calamansi fruit juice, lemongrass concentrate, and kaffir lime leaves.

Apart from food utility models, Atty. Dungca also shared in an interview that the office plans to install similar Walls of Innovation in other centers under the OVPRIE to highlight the university's diverse innovations, patents, and inventions.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco thanked the OIBD for their efforts and significant contribution to the university.

The launching of the Wall of Innovation is part of the OIBD's month-long celebration of IP Month, themed "TSU Come On: Commercialization Onboarding."

Following the launch, the OIBD also conducted seminars on Intellectual Property Policy and Technology Transfer Protocol.

Sen. Risa Hontiveros to TSUians: 'Vote with integrity and conscience for the country's betterment'

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Senator Ana Theresia "Risa" Hontiveros called on the TSUian youth to become leaders for change during a consultative meeting with the Tarlac State University community held last April 10, 2025 at the TSU Hotel, Lucinda Campus.

Sen. Hontiveros engaged with students, some administrative council members, teaching personnel, and non-academic staff in a dialogue focused on the youth's role in nation-building, emphasizing the importance of civic participation and responsible voting in the upcoming May 2025 elections.

"Ngayong nahaharap sa maraming hamon – sa maraming suliranin – ang ating bansa, sana ngayon tayo manindigan at makialam. Each and every one of you can do so much to change things around you for the better... You can do so much good, and all of you are more powerful than you realize," Sen. Hontiveros said, underscoring the role of youth as catalysts for positive change.

The senator also urged the youth to vote with integrity and conscience for the country's betterment.

"Hawak na ng kabataang Pilipino ang susi sa kinabukasan sa pamamagitan ng inyong mga boto. That is why I hope that on May 12, you will all step up to the challenge and make the right choices for yourselves, your families, your communities, and our shared destiny as a country," she added.

Echoing this message, TSU Board of Regents member Hon. Dennis Norman T. Go highlighted the youth's responsibility in shaping the nation's future during his welcome

remarks.

"Gusto namin makita na ang susunod na henerasyon ay mas matatalino, mas lulusog, mas kapaki-pakinabang, at mas makabayan sa amin... Ang mga ito ay makakamtin kapag ang bawat isa ay magiging responsableng mamamayan ng ating bansa. Nasa inyong kamay kung paano huhubugin ang inyong kinabukasan at ang kinabukasan ng ating bansa at kami ay magsisilbing gabay lamang," Hon. Go said.

Meanwhile, representing TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for Academic

Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg emphasized the importance of the consultative meeting to the youth.

"This consultative meeting significantly brings social reform within our beloved country, contributing to a more just and equitable society," VP Macaraeg said.

"Paulit-ulit na lang nating naririnig ang sinabi ni Dr. Jose Rizal na, 'the youth are the hope of the motherland.' Nevertheless, we can never be considered as the hope of our country unless we are accountable [for] all our acts," she added.

Following the meeting, the senator addressed students' questions on student red-tagging, healthcare education challenges, and the SOGIESC Equality Bill, among others.

Sen. Hontiveros concluded the meeting by sharing her thoughts on the true essence of leadership.

"Tandaan ninyo, true leadership is not really about titles or power; it is about connecting with others and helping others. When you help people, listen to others, and speak up on behalf of those who cannot yet—that is what makes you a leader," the senator said.



TSU shares best practices to Inter-Global College Foundation delegates

Mary Joy B. Manalo



Tarlac State University welcomed the Inter-Global College Foundation, Inc. officials for a benchmarking activity on April 23, 2025 at the Main AVR.

The visit, led by IGCF President Dr. Carmencita L. Medina, tackled TSU's best practices in internationalization and linkages efforts, research, and community extension programs.

International Accreditation Unit Head Ms. Liana Faith Q. De Leon, under the Office of Quality Assurance, showcased the university's performance in global rankings such as the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Star Ratings, and the World University Rankings for Innovation (WURI).

Furthermore, she discussed the university's approach to achieving these milestones, including establishing technical working committees for the rankings, college and/or office coaching and mentoring, and conducting capacity-building write-shops.

In addition, Mr. Marco Polo M. Flores, Strategic Communications and International Marketing department head from the Office of International Affairs and Linkages, highlighted the university's efforts to increase visibility through its newly developed OIAL website, which serves as a hub for international news, updates, and upcoming engagements.

Apart from the website, Mr. Flores added the office's best practice on having a proactive approach to potential and existing partners.

Moreover, to answer the visitor's queries, a panel was convened led by the TSU vice presidents, namely Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg, Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension Services Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale, along with Engr. Emir Lenard Sicangco, Office of University Extension Services director, and Dr. Rogel L. Quilala, Office of University Research Development director.

Dr. Quilala shared insights on the university's research management structure, emphasizing the importance of dedicated units that oversee, coordinate, and facilitate research aligned with institutional priorities.

Meanwhile, Engr. Sicangco responded to inquiries on sustaining and institutionalizing community extension initiatives.

In response to questions on building global networks, VP Macaraeg and VP Lacanlale underscored the importance of integrating the Commission on

Higher Education's Institutional Sustainability Assessment (CHED ISA) with the strategic framework and strengthening connections with alumni abroad.

Toward the end of the activity, Pres. Medina expressed her gratitude for the "fruitful" benchmarking experience with TSU.

"Napakabait po ninyo na magbigay sa amin ng information. Hindi niyo po kami pinagdamutan. Na-amaze po ako na wala po kayong itinago sa amin. I am very much thankful po sa inyong lahat," she said in a message.



TSU is DICT recipient for "Free Wi-Fi for All" project

Mary Joy B. Manalo



Officials from the Department of Information and Communications Technology Region III visited Tarlac State University for an onsite inspection of the "Free Wi-Fi for All" project installation last April 22, 2025 at the Main Campus.

TSU is among the beneficiaries of this key initiative under the DICT's "Free Public Internet Access Program." This effort supports Republic Act No. 10929, also known as the "Free Internet Access in Public Places Act," which seeks to enhance the reach and accessibility of free

Internet connectivity across public spaces nationwide.

"DICT's Free Wi-Fi for All complements our university's existing free Wi-Fi, providing broader access to students, faculty, employees, and other stakeholders. It's open and accessible to everyone," Office of the Management Information Systems Director Dr. Marlon V. Gamido said in an interview.

DICT Region III Program Manager Engr. Paulo S. Landicho, along with TSU alumna and DICT Tarlac Project Development Officer I Mary Joyce M. Manalo, led the inspection of the access points

to ensure compliance with the program's standards and objectives.

The three access points, which are strategically placed in the main library, campus pathway, and cashiering office, are part of the installation package with one Starlink module that offers internet speeds over 100Mbps with unlimited access.

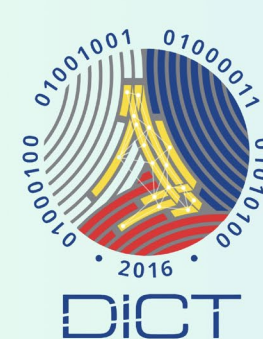
According to Dr. Gamido, the TSU Main and Capas campuses have already begun utilizing the free Wi-Fi provided by DICT.

He added that the second phase of the project, set

to begin in 2026, will extend free internet access to other TSU campuses.

"We look forward to seeing free Wi-Fi facilities across all TSU campuses. The collaboration with DICT paves the way for active participation in ICT initiatives that will benefit the entire university community," Dr. Gamido said.

In addition to the university's existing internet infrastructure and DICT's Free Wi-Fi for All, Dr. Gamido mentioned that TSU is continuously strengthening its internet connectivity.



TSU receives 2nd ITSO Platinum Award

Jazzel Llaneli E. Manalo-Manabat



Photo Credits: Atty. Jayriz D. Dungca

Tarlac State University was named a 2024 Platinum Awardee by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines during the ITSO Network Presidents' Summit and General Assembly held on April 10, 2025 at the Sequoia Hotel in Manila.

This is the university's second consecutive year of receiving the platinum award, the

second-highest award for ITSO clustering, after meeting the competencies of having more than six invention patent applications and successfully commercializing or providing assistance in commercializing at least one technology, including the establishment of a start-up company for the technology.

The university's ITSO is under the Office of

Innovation and Business Development, led by Atty. Jayriz D. Dungca, who also serves as the ITSO manager.

With this second platinum award, Atty. Dungca hopes that the university and the OIBD will sustain its accomplishment of the platinum clustering competencies for three more years or achieve at least one international patent grant to qualify for the Palladium

Award, which is the highest in ITSO clustering.

"We are now aiming towards commercialization and transfer of our technologies as [an] income-generating initiative of our university," Atty. Dungca said in an interview.

He also thanked the university administration and the TSU Board of Regents for their continuous support in the office's strengthening of functions, polishing policies on intellectual property, and approving the incentive programs for faculty, personnel, and students.

"We have our BOR-approved OIBD manual, which contains our IP (intellectual property) Policy and Trademark Policy, and more recently, 'yung Technology Licensing Protocol. We are also committed [to] spreading

IP rights awareness through the Student Introductory Lecture on IP (SILIP), not just in TSU but also in senior high schools in Tarlac City, in partnership with DepEd Tarlac City," he added.

Atty. Dungca also highlighted faculty members' and personnel's support and participation in the foundation course on IP and patent search and draft training.

"This IP Month 2025, meron po tayong TSU COME ON (Commercialization Onboarding) kung saan we will conduct sessions per campus para ma-familiarize ang mga faculty and staff po natin sa IP policies and Technology Licensing Protocol po natin," he furthered.

Apart from the annual IP month celebration, the OIBD conducts IP-related competitions for

students, such as the SALIKSIKLABAN, a university-wide research competition, and MUSIKATHA, a songwriting competition, which are all aimed toward copyrighting and patenting outputs.

This year, the OIBD will hold a quiz bee on intellectual property.

In 2023, TSU jumped from Bronze to the Platinum Award.

Joining Atty. Dungca in receiving the award is Vice President for Administration Atty. Wilmark J. Ramos, former OIBD director and the representative of TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco; Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale; IP Rights Management Head Engr. Yvy Clydylynn T. Rabara; and Engr. Julius TJ M. Serrano, IP Rights Management staff.



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CAFA strengthens industry ties through new partnerships

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Through the College of Architecture and Fine Arts, Tarlac State University inked partnerships with several industry partners during the 15th Architectural Lecture Series (ALS) held last April 26, 2025 at the Kaisa Convention Hall.

TSU signed a memorandum of agreement with the Philippine Institute of Architects-Tarlac Section, United Architects of the Philippines-Tarlac Chapter, and UAP Tarlac Kublahi Chapter, while a memorandum of understanding was forged with Kawayan Collective-Tarlac Bamboo Products Manufacturing, a social franchise that specializes in processing construction-grade bamboo poles.

Organized and coordinated by CAFA

faculty and UAP member Ar. Sherwin Bryan Si, the areas of collaboration include but are not limited to curriculum enhancement, joint research, faculty and student development, internship and employment opportunities, and community engagement.

Representing TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg thanked the organizations, stating that "partnerships are what TSU needs."

"The administration cannot do it alone. These industry partners will help us in our undertakings – enhancing talent [and] skills both in the field of architecture and in fine arts," she said.

The agreements shall take

effect upon signing and remain in effect for three years.

Afterward, the United Architects of the Philippines Student Auxiliary (UAPSA-TSU) commenced the 15th ALS with the theme PUEBLO: Interlacing Communities Through Urban Design with Ar. William Ti Jr., the founder and principal architect of the WTA Architecture and Design Studio, as the guest speaker.

Ar. Ti talked about and advocated "social architecture," saying that designs should be

open and accessible to all without prejudice and discrimination, focusing on human-centric social spaces that promote connection, inclusivity, and social interaction.

"For me, as an architect, it's really important not just to think about design but to think about our purpose in doing things. We always say form follows function. But for us, in many ways, purpose trumps form and function. As we go through our architecture careers, it's always good to have this vision of what you want your city or nation to be because architecture is a very big part of nation-building," he said.

Meanwhile, a portion of the event's proceeds have been donated to Project Alpha in support of fellow architect and artist Alpha Abaya Mariano, who is currently battling with an autoimmune disease.

UAPSA-TSU has organized the 15th ALS under the guidance of their adviser, Ar. Miyelle Anne E. Barce-Cruz.



OMIS Director receives sole 'leader' World CIO 200 award

Mary Joy B. Manalo

Office of Management Information Systems Director Dr. Marlon V. Gamido was recognized as one of the recipients of the World Chief Information Officers (CIO) 200 Awards during the Philippines CIO 200 Summit 2025 held on April 28 at Dusit Thani Manila.

Dr. Gamido received a plaque as the sole awardee under the "Leader" category of the world's largest CIO Excellence and Leadership Programme, honored for his significant contributions to technology and digital transformation in his 15 years of service as OMIS director of TSU.

He was selected from a competitive pool of top CIOs, IT leaders, and innovators in the country, both from the public and private sectors, based on their industry contributions and leadership excellence.

"It's an honor to be awarded (with) such. Noong na-receive ko 'yung award, parang nasa cloud nine ako dahil na-recognize 'yung work ko sa university for the past 30 years na employed ako dito, kung saan half of it ay nasa MIS ako, recognized as a driver of innovation, change, and transformation," Dr. Gamido told OPA.

Dr. Gamido shared that he initially registered to attend the summit in December 2024 without expecting to be an awardee.

"I submitted a registration to attend the summit, and two weeks before the event, I received an email and was told that the Philippine country ambassador, Ms. Arlene Romasanta, [had] personally recommended my profile, recognized the exceptional strengths, and (was) suitable for nomination to the prestigious World CIO 200 Summit 2025,



recognized globally as the largest CIO Leadership Program," Dr. Gamido recounted.

Dr. Gamido's award-winning profile highlighted TSU's transformation through ICT under his leadership, beginning with developing the university's IT infrastructure in 2005 when he took on the role of OMIS director.

"My baseline was when I handled the initial computerization of the university, starting with the Integrated Online School System (IOSS) 2005. From there, we established a fiber optic backbone network in 2006 to support data transmission from one building to another – from one campus to another. And, evolved to various ICT development and initiatives, including the expansion of OMIS staff and the establishment of three units," he further said.

The director also emphasized the office's achievements in systems integration, network

infrastructure, personnel capacity-building, and information security.

Before the awarding ceremony, Dr. Gamido attended the panel discussions of the summit on the next decade of IT leadership, key technologies driving CIO priorities, and the business value of IT – proving impact beyond technology.

The World CIO 200 Summit includes four award categories: Next-Gen CIO for professionals with five to 10 years of experience and major project accomplishments in a short time; Leader CIO for those with 10 to 15 years of experience and multi-domain expertise; Master CIO for individuals with 15 to 20 years of distinguished technological contributions; and Legend CIO for lifetime achievements in the field.

When asked about his plans for TSU, Dr. Gamido shared that he is now in the direction of advancing the university's IT systems and

infrastructure.

He aims to implement artificial intelligence (AI) integrations in various university processes alongside automation initiatives and other emerging technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT) and blockchain technology for enhanced document security, which are all anchored in TSU's vision to be a globally competitive university recognized for its excellence in sciences and emerging technologies.

As a winner of the Philippines Edition, Dr. Gamido will have the chance to compete in the Grand Finale of the World CIO 200 Summit 2025 in Egypt in September 2025.

In October 2024, Dr. Gamido was also awarded as a Best CIO/Technology Officer IT Head of the Year (General Management Services) finalist during the Information Security Officers Group (ISOG) I Am Secure 2024: Cybersecurity Excellence Awards Season 2.

EDITORIAL

As a State U, are we engaging in partisan politics?

The Civil Service Commission reminded government employees, including those from state universities and colleges, to avoid, by all means, direct or indirect campaigning for or against any political aspirants for the upcoming midterm elections. With the recent visits and consultative meetings of former senator Bam Aquino and incumbent senator Risa Hontiveros with the TSU administration and students from February to April 2025, could this be an indirect form of soliciting votes from a state-run education institution?

Sen. Bam, an aspirant for a senatorial seat, visited TSU a day after the commencement of the campaign period for the national candidates. Calls from prominent figures prompted

Sen. Bam's visit to TSU, a consultative meeting in line with the implementation of the flagship bill he co-authored, the Free Higher Education Act. University officials, some teaching and non-teaching staff, and several students attended the meeting at the TSU Gymnasium, with some hoping for a photo opportunity with the "gentleman from Tarlac." Sen. Bam and his staff were wearing campaign shirts, and his hand sign of the number five, symbolizing his number in the ballot, was the default pose for some photos. Is this an act of engaging in political activities?

On a separate occasion, Sen. Risa Hontiveros graced the TSU Lucinda Campus this month for, yet again, a consultative meeting. However, this meeting is centered on

the importance of responsible voting and is directed toward the TSUians, with some who are first-time voters. Sen. Risa secured her first congressional seat in 2004 as the third nominee of the Akbayan party-list, linking her to possible campaign opportunities in favor of the party-list using her mere presence. From the initial talks, Sen. Risa should have been accompanied by Atty. Chel Diokno. He declined to attend to avoid being accused of engaging a state-run institution in partisan political activities.

During the consultations, TSU exercised due diligence by refraining from wearing office attire connected to any political figure's color. Questions raised during the meetings were confined to the topics as much as

possible to avoid being branded as a campaign sortie. During Sen. Bam's visit, it might have been inevitable to decline the number five hand sign, but the overall aim of the meeting remains that it is entirely non-political. It was even a timely one since the university has been dealing with students' concerns about the opt-out mechanism, a feature of the Free Higher Education Act. Meanwhile, the Akbayan party-list was considerate enough to spare TSU from further controversies when Atty. Chel chose to drop the university from his list of campaign audiences. From the outside, TSU may be labeled as engaging in partisan political activities, knowing that it is too easy to place judgments on the surface level.

government agencies as part of their complaints and feedback system.

Moreover, the CCB was also identified as a key tool in monitoring and resolving citizen reports by the Philippine Development Plan 2023–2028, as it supports the enhancement of public feedback mechanisms nationwide, contributing to improved government transparency, accountability, and public trust.

With the recognition received, the TSU administration expressed gratitude to all employees delivering frontline services to its stakeholders.

Furthermore, the university also committed to sustaining quality service delivery and strengthening efforts toward public service excellence in the years to come.

TSU commits toward efficient gov't services

Mr. Marlon C. Dela Cruz | OHRDM

Tarlac State University reaffirmed its commitment to excellence in public service after receiving zero negative feedback for its service delivery from January to December 2024 per the performance report on March 14.

The CCB serves as the Civil Service Commission's public feedback mechanism, offering accessible channels for citizens to raise concerns about government frontline services.

Established under Republic Act No. 9485, or the

Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007, and further strengthened by Republic Act No. 11032, also known as the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018, the CCB is a mandated component of the Citizen's Charter in all



Your direct line to efficient public service

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Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

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'yan talaga, hindi magiging contradicting to the point na anyone can run for any position," congressional candidate Victor Yap said regarding political dynasties.

"I will sign it; no problem na magkaroon ng anti-dynasty [bill]," he added.

They were also asked about their concrete action for the education sector that addresses issues on lack of classroom, learning facilities, and equipment/devices and their move on how to give quality education to learners.

"Yung pagtapyas [ng budget] ay hindi tayo sang-ayon dahil nga sa sinasabi ng konstitusyon na dapat ang may pinakamataas na pondo ay ang edukasyon. At tayo naman, marami sa ating lokal na pondo ay nakatutok sa edukasyon. Sa kasalukuyan nga po, ang isa sa mga pinopondohan ko po ngayon ay ang pagpapatayo ng bagong Tarlac State University School of Nursing para madagdagan ang pasilidad dito sa TSU," gubernatorial aspirant Christian Yap said.

"At si Governor Susan Yap ay ang paggawa ng mga educational projects tulad ng ating e-class, kasi ang edukasyon din naman merong formal education, higher education, so dahil hindi lang naman po nakalagay sa DepEd ang



ating pondo and ating mga infrastructure and development funds ay pinapagawa natin," he further said.

Relative to the issue of Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGO) that was ignited in Bamban, Tarlac, Tarlac City mayoral bet Susan Yap said regulation and law enforcement must be placed if the national government decides to rerun it. She will say no to POGO if it harms the people.

"It is the darkest time of my administration (POGO issue). It started in a small town in Bamban pero naapektuhan ang ibang probinsya. Even before it was raided, we already have

our statements and resolutions ng Sangguniang Panlalawigan. However, inoverride na ng national government. They never (had the) need to inform us or ask for resolution para mag upbring ang PAGCOR dito. Tapos kapag pumutok, tayo ang sisihin, and it really dampened the image of our province, which I really worked hard to uplift talaga," mayoral candidate Susan Yap said.

The "Tarlakayan: An Election Forum" was initiated by the TSU School of Law through the Marc Andrei Marcos Legal Aid Center, supported by the Center for Community and Local Governance Studies and Policy

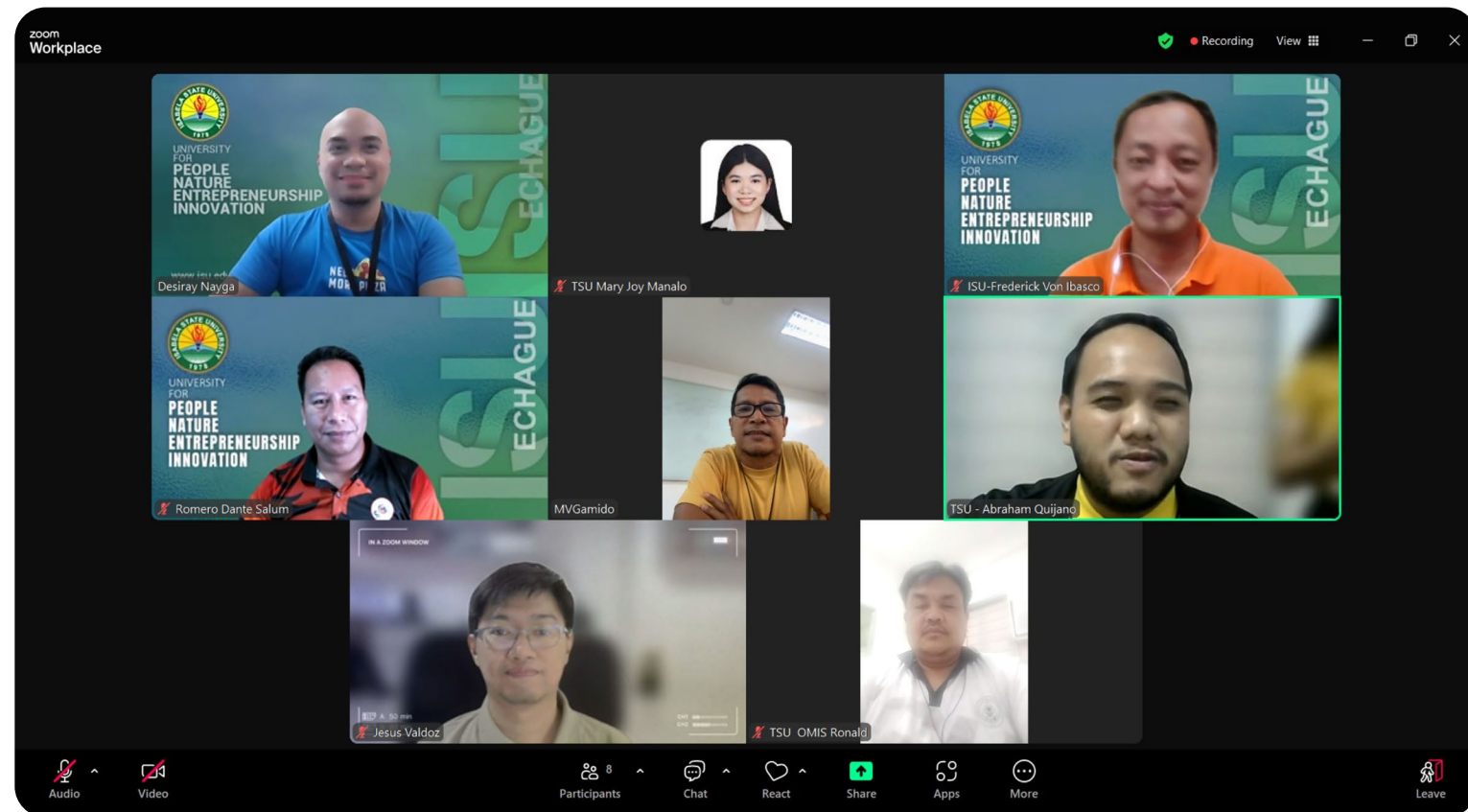
Development, Office of Student Affairs and Services, Office of the University Legal Counsel, and the Tarlac State University Federated Faculty Union.

"As we leave this forum, let us carry with us a renewed commitment to be advocates of smart, informed, and responsible voting. Regardless of our individual preferences, may we choose leaders and discernment guided by principles, integrity, service, and common good. Let us remember that every vote is a voice; it is an expression of our hope for a better tomorrow," CCLGSPD Director Dr. Cynthia G. Quiambao said.



ISU benchmarks TSU's IT infrastructure

Mary Joy B. Manalo



I sabela State University benchmarked Tarlac State University last April 24, 2025 via Zoom, particularly the Office of Management and Information Systems, focusing on its best practices in information technology infrastructure.

OMIS Director Dr. Marlon V. Gamido discussed the office's strategic plan and showcased some of its accomplishments under Roadmap E or the Information Communication Technology Development Plan.

He shared the university's long-standing best practices in technology asset management and IT policy implementations, which support the continuous improvement initiatives under Roadmap E.

Dr. Gamido also showcased several systems developed in 2024 by the Software Development Unit led by Mr. Jesus Valdez.

The office has

developed and is maintaining more than 50 internal systems for university operations.

These include the Research Management Information System (RMIS), University Health Management System for medical and dental services, and a Hotel Management and Reservation System.

Regarding website security management, the OMIS director showcased the university's A+ overall rating in the SSL Server Test, a global standard for assessing server security and encryption.

Moreover, the director shared the university's migration of the Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) to the Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) trunkline, which enhanced TSU's communication infrastructure with better cost efficiency, advanced features, and improved call quality.

Reflecting on the

office's growth, Dr. Gamido recounted its transformation from a "repair shop" in its early years to a strategic office that aligns technology with the university's goals.

"Any agency or organization is now leveraging ICT to be strategic. Being strategic means aligning your technology and operations with your goals, vision, and initiatives," he said.

Following the presentation, ISU officials engaged in an open forum with OMIS unit heads.

Mr. Ronald Abellar, Network Development Unit head, responded to network infrastructure and connectivity queries.

He emphasized that the university's campus-wide free Wi-Fi provides access for students, faculty, and employees, with tailored bandwidth and security measures.

Dr. Gamido also

added that the university is continuously enhancing the Wi-Fi connectivity in all campuses.

On hardware disposal, Dr. Gamido and Hardware Maintenance Unit Head Mr. Abraham Quijano stated that TSU's procedures align with guidelines from the Commission on Audit and the Department of Budget and Management.

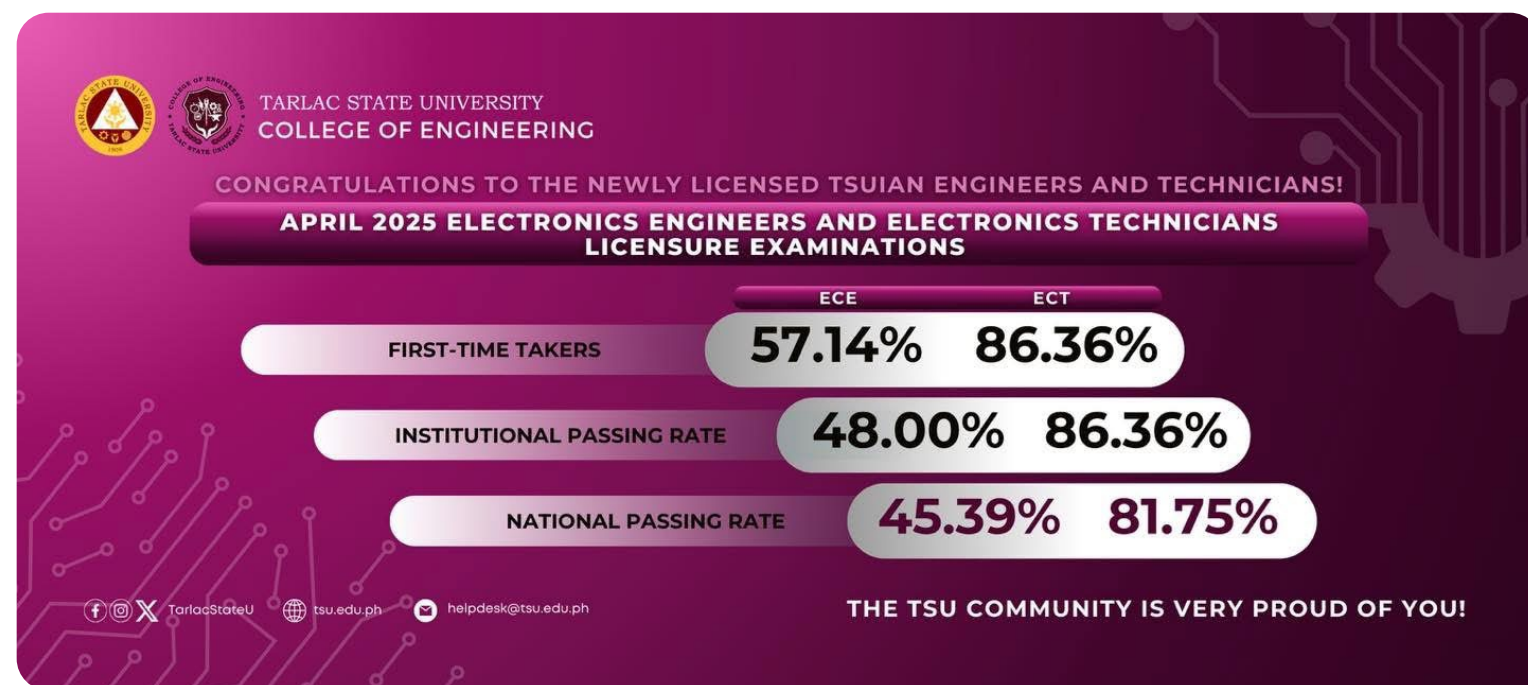
Apart from the completed and on-going projects, Dr. Gamido shared the university's plans to establish an ICT hub on each campus, further expanding its digital infrastructure.

The activity concluded with a virtual tour of the OMIS facilities.

ISU officials present in the session included Dr. Desiray D. Nayga, Dr. Romero Dante Salum, and Dr. Frederick Von Ibasco.



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