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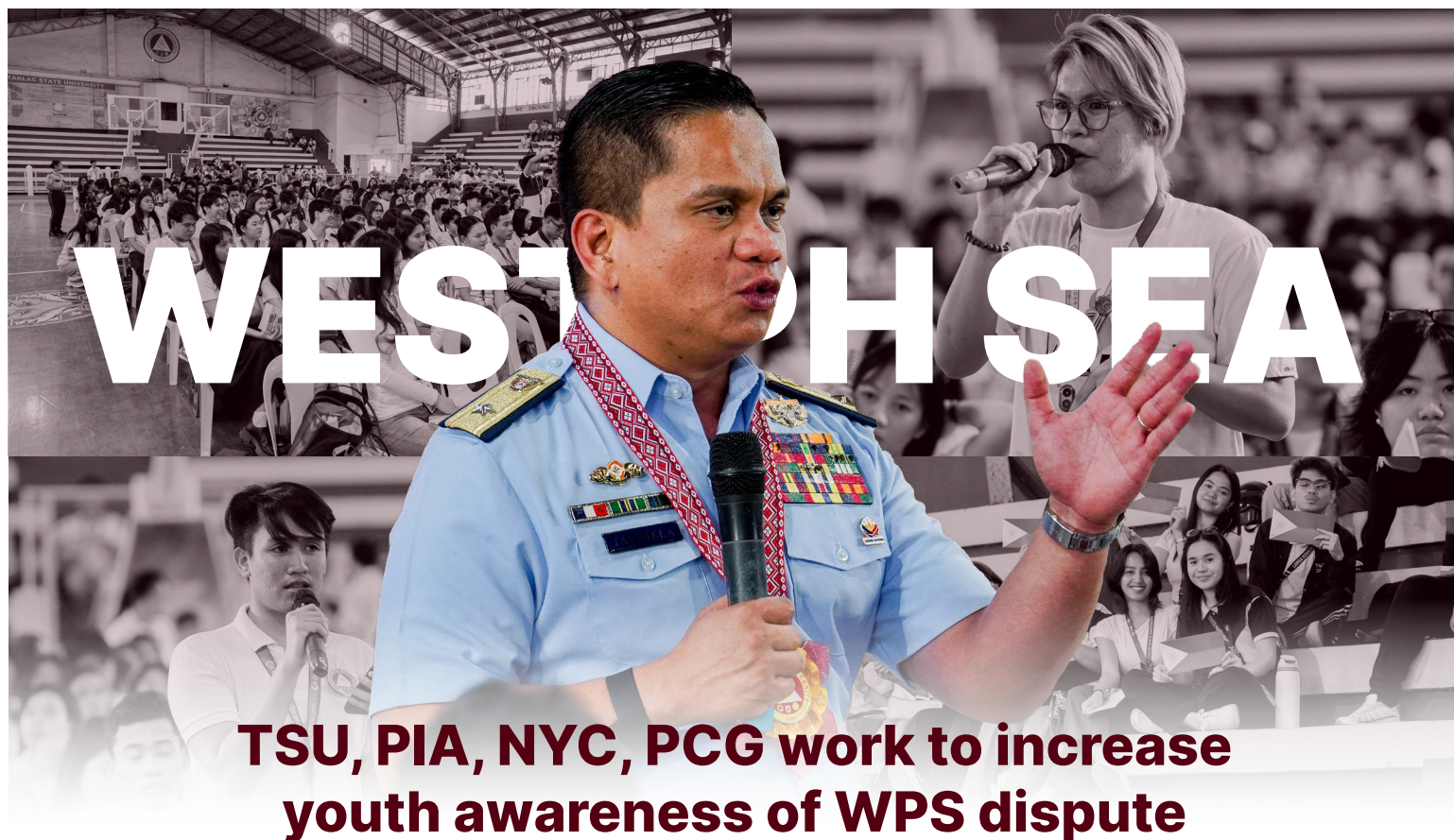
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## TSU, PIA, NYC, PCG work to increase youth awareness of WPS dispute

The Philippine Information Agency, in partnership with the National Youth Commission, Philippine Coast Guard, and Tarlac State University, held a student forum about territorial and maritime rights on the disputed West Philippine Sea on March 18, 2025 at the TSU

Gymnasium.

Dubbed "Kilos Kabataan para sa West Philippine Sea," PIA is targeting to conduct the forum among the 16 regions, with TSU as the host university for the Central Luzon leg.

The forum aims to amplify information

dissemination and increase awareness about the West Philippine Sea locates within the 200-nautical-mile Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) on the Philippine shores and 124 nautical miles west of Zambales.

Commodore Jay Tristan Tarriela, spokesperson of the

PCG for the West Philippine Sea, discussed the country's Transparency Strategy in the West Philippine Sea.

He also mentioned China's claim of nine-dash-line, but it was debunked due to lack

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## TSU is top 1 in AACCUP's Level IV 'retained' program accreditation, QA director bags 'quality advocate' award

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Tarlac State University continues to set the standard for quality assurance after being named top 1 in the "Level IV (retained)" category of the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines, Inc.

The award recognizes TSU as the top-performing higher education institution with the highest number of accredited programs with Level IV retained status in 2024.

Among the programs that maintained the Level IV status are Master of Arts in Education (MAED) major in Educational Management, Technology and Livelihood

Education, and Mathematics; Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEED); Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSED); Bachelor of Early Childhood Education (BECED); Doctor of Public Administration; and Master of Public Administration.

The accrediting body formally presented the award last March 7, 2025 during the culminating activity of the 38th AACCUP Annual National Conference and General Assembly at the Marikina State Polytechnic College.

Representing the university in the awarding are TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for

Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg, Office of Quality Assurance Director Dr. Niño B. Corpuz, and OQA Assistant Director Dr. Ma. Socorro D. Valdez.

Adding to this significant milestone, Dr. Corpuz was honored as one of the first recipients of the "Manuel T. Corpus Quality Advocate Award" 2025.

Named after AACCUP's founder, Dr. Manuel T. Corpus, the newly established recognition is the highest honor for performance excellence in accreditation and quality assurance in public higher education.

The award is given

to QA advocates who have successfully implemented quality management systems in their institutions.

Moreover, former TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari was also recognized by the AACCUP with the "Manuel T. Corpus Lifetime Achievement Award" for serving as its president from 2017-2018 and 2020-2022, steering the nationwide accreditation body for SUCs toward excellence.

Apart from receiving the awards, TSU officials also attended the three-day annual national conference from March 5 to 7, with the theme "Elevate, Empower and Expand QA in Higher Education."

## TSU receives engineering lab system from CHED

Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan



Officials from the Commission of Higher Education formally turned over to Tarlac State University the property transfer report of the technology used in the project "Flexible Learning as the New Normal and Emerging Technology for an Improved and Innovative Education" last March 11, 2025 at the TSU Main AVR.

In 2021, TSU was the first state university to receive a grant, allowing the College of Engineering (then College of Engineering and Technology) to conduct online laboratory classes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

This software, amounting to almost five million pesos, was funded through CHED's Institutional Development and Innovation Grants (IDIG) project for flexible

learning. It is a multi-faceted, interactive e-learning solution for engineering technology and STEM using different teaching tools such as text, 3D animation, video, audio, and virtual simulation.

This program may be used not only by COE students but also by the students from the College of

Industrial Technology.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco said that he is very grateful to CHED and is proud of its impact on the students, as evidenced by the improved passing rate of the board exams.

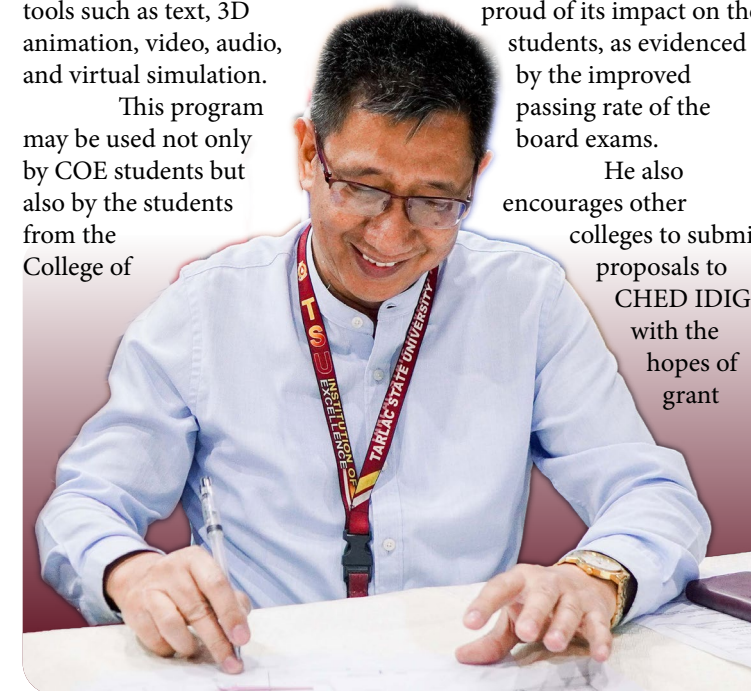
He also encourages other colleges to submit proposals to CHED IDIG with the hopes of grant

approval.

COE Dean Dr. Miriam S. Galvez also thanked the Commission, saying that their faculty members continue to familiarize themselves with the system since the university holds online classes every first week of the month as part of the alternative work arrangement for faculty members.

The CHED Central Office representatives present during the turnover are Senior Education Program Specialist Ms. Adelma Tercia, Project Technical Staff II Ms. Ma. Charlene Aban, Administrative Officer IV Mr. Marlong Santiano, and Project Technical Staff II Mr. Wendon Cajulan.

Meanwhile, Dr. Efren F. Abulencia, Education Supervisor II, represented CHED Regional Office III.





## COEd eyes bachelor's program on culture and arts offering

Mary Joy B. Manalo

Tarlac State University's College of Education and the Office of Quality Assurance welcomed the Commission on Higher Education Regional Office III-Regional Quality Assessment Team to evaluate the proposed Bachelor of Culture and Arts Education (BCAEd) program.

The onsite evaluation at the Lucinda Campus held on March 13, 2025 aims to assess the institution's qualifications to offer the BCAEd program under COEd.

The RQAT evaluators, led by Dr. Regidor G. Gaboy and Dr. Ruben E. Borja II, assessed various areas, including administration, faculty, curriculum, physical facilities, laboratories, and library resources, following CHED Memorandum Order No. 82,

series of 2017.

As part of the assessment process, Dr. Borja also visited the Jose V. Yap Library at the Lucinda Campus, where he learned about the library's Online Public Access Catalog, RFID system, and visitors counter.

During the exit conference, Dr. Borja noted that the program complies with most areas but provided minor recommendations regarding curriculum enhancement, increased library resources for culture and arts education, and updating some faculty records.

"Congratulations to TSU for your hard work and unwavering commitment to quality education. We look forward to seeing the institution reach even greater heights in the future," Dr. Borja said.



In response to the evaluators' recommendations, COEd Dean Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza assured that the college will work on submitting the requirements for the program.

On the other hand, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg emphasized in her opening remarks the university's commitment toward ensuring quality in programs to be offered.

"Here at TSU, we make sure that before we open a program, we first consult with our quality assurance team to ensure that the university is fully prepared to offer it," VP Macaraeg said.

Moreover, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco signified full support for the new program and thanked those involved in the evaluation

process.

Pres. Velasco also commended the college for its program offerings, which provide students with a wide range of academic options at the university.

"We should continue taking steps in this direction for our development as one of the most sustainable universities in the Philippines," he said.

The official results for issuing the Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) are expected to be released within two to three weeks after the university complies with the evaluators' minor recommendations.

This onsite evaluation was facilitated by the OQA, led by Dr. Niño B. Corpuz, director, and Dr. Ma. Socorro D. Valdez, assistant director.

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of basis. Furthermore, the PCG WPS spokesperson emphasized China's aggression to take over the West Philippine Sea, which does not honor the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas (UNCLOS), and continued harassment of fisherfolks and media even after the Philippines won an arbitration case against China in 2016.

"What the Chinese government is doing is they're continuously violating the international (law) at patuloy na binubully ang ating sandatahang lakas," Commodore Tarriela said.

National Youth Commission's Asec. Karl Josef Legazpi, Commissioner-at-Large; PIA Director-General Katherine Chloe De Castro; PIA Central Luzon Regional Director William Beltran; and PIA Central Luzon Assistant Regional Director Carlo Lorenzo Datu joined Commodore Tarriela in the forum's discussion proper.

"If we choose to be silent, we choose to surrender. If we choose to be different, we

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choose to let others dictate our future. But, if we choose to fight for the West Philippine Sea, for our people, for our country, then we are choosing to be Filipinos worthy of fighting for our ancestors," Asec. Legazpi said in

his discussion.

In raising public awareness, PIA Director-General De Castro highlighted the presence of an information disorder surrounding the West Philippine Sea issue.

"Ito ay napakahalagang pagkakataon upang palawakin ang ating pang-unawa sa napakahalagang usapin ng West Philippine Sea. Nagkasundo na palakas ang transparency and awareness para sa mga kabataan. Bahagi ng aming misyon ay ang pagtuturo ng media and information literacy upang matutunan nating suriin ang impormasyon at labanan ang lumalaganap na fake news. War against misinformation, disinformation, and malinformation is far from being over," PIA Director-General De Castro said.

Commodore Tarriela said part of the transparency approach is the involvement of the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Department of Justice in providing real-time updates regarding the situations

of the country's defenders. Addressing the public about the WPS issue is not just limited to the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Moreover, according to Commodore Tarriela, former President Rodrigo Duterte decided not to disclose the full details of the situation at the West Philippine Sea during his term. Only three incidents were made public, including the two boats bound for Ayungin Shoal that were water cannoned and blocked, the presence of Chinese maritime militia ships in Julian Felipe Reef, and the sinking of vessels in the South China Sea.

"Reach out to international communities, not just to get support to the modernization of the AFP and the capability development, but primarily to inform the international community that there is this country which is the People's Republic of China na patuloy na vina-violate ang international law; na patuloy sine-set aside ang UNCLOS at



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# TSU SOL shares legal education best practices to BPSU

Maria Adelaida D. Calayag

The Bataan Peninsula State University benchmarked the school policies and organizational structure of Tarlac State University's School of Law in hopes of opening a College of Law.

The visit was held on March 13, 2025 at the Main AVR, where TSU SOL Dean Dr. Jose I. Dela Rama Jr. discussed the authority and essence of the Legal Education Board in checking and monitoring the curriculum of all law schools in the country.

This benchmarking activity will help achieve and align a legal education institution's strategic goals by sharing best practices and techniques.

Dean Dela Rama introduced the requirements for opening a law school, including school facilities, deanship qualifications, faculty member expertise, offices, library, and other necessary documents as stated in the LEBMOS.

He also introduced the history of the TSU SOL,



measures for implementing the quota grade system to produce Bar passers, and methods to improve the national passing rate.

The SOL dean emphasized the importance of panel interviews and entrance examinations for incoming first-years and the requirement of reading at least two cases 30

minutes before the interview to measure the student's skills and knowledge, grammar, comprehension, and reasoning skills.

"Sa umpisa pa lang, as first years sila, ang thinking natin always the best," Dean Dela Rama said.

The BPSU delegates also inquired about the rates of faculty members and the basic unit fee of students per semester.

Moreover, Dean Dela Rama shared the status of the SOL library during his first year at the university, which had only less than a hundred books. Through his efforts, some of his colleagues and friends donated law books from their personal collections.

Alongside the strict implementation of the retention policy and grading system, Dean Dela Rama also mentioned the need for student scholarships and rewards systems.

Atty. Carisa Balilia, faculty member and technical assistant of the SOL Dean's Office, presented the TSU SOL's best practices and academic policies. She also shared that their strict implementation of

grades resulted in several passers in the "Best Bar" 2020/2021 (16 passers). It continued with 13 passers in 2022, 22 passers in 2023, and 11 passers in 2024.

Atty. Balila recounted her story at the TSU SOL, from serving as the student council governor, studying as a Justice Jose Dela Rama Sr. scholar, and becoming a technical assistant to the SOL dean until eventually being absorbed as a faculty member of the law school.

With a forward-thinking mindset, she encouraged the BPSU delegates to produce "Bar-ready" graduates.

Leading the BPSU delegates are Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Lara Velasco Dela Cruz and OVPAA Chairperson Dr. Emmanuel Macaraeg, who visited the SOL library and moot court named after Dean Dela Rama's late father, Justice Jose Dela Rama Sr.

Dr. Dela Cruz thanked TSU and SOL for accommodating and entertaining their queries and the things they needed to prepare beforehand. She said she is hopeful that BPSU will open its own College of Law.



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## BS Nursing is now AACCUP Level 4 re-accredited

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The BS Nursing program of the College of Science was awarded the Level IV re-accredited certificate by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines, Inc. through the Office of Quality Assurance on March 11, 2025 at the College of Public Administration and Governance building.

The Level IV re-accredited status is the highest rank awarded to programs that successfully passed the AACCUP's accreditation survey.

The BS Nursing program achieved the grand mean of 4.60, garnering a rating of 5.0 in the areas of performance of graduates, community service, and planning process, while the program attained a rating of 4.0 in the areas of research and international linkages and consortia.

OQA Director Dr. Niño B. Corpuz discussed and explained these results, noting that AACCUP also gave enhancement recommendations for the program, especially for research and linkages.

Representing TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco in the program is Dr. Brigido B. Corpuz, presidential assistant, who delivered the president's message and congratulated the department and college on their hard work.

"Your commitment to the accreditation process is genuinely commendable. I am grateful to all of you for your dedication and willingness to work for the betterment of TSU... Let's all

be inspired to work together to promote a culture of quality and performance through recognitions and accreditations," the presidential assistant said.

Meanwhile, in her acceptance speech, COS Dean Dr. Mary Jane N. Rigor thanked those involved in the accreditation process and emphasized the need for more collaboration with international linkages.



"Ipagpatuloy po natin 'yung ating achievement. The award is not for me, but also for all of us... I-commit po natin yung sarili natin to love, support, and trust each other," she said.

On behalf of Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg, CPAG

Dean Dr. Edwin T. Caoleng also congratulated the entire department for a job well done.

"I know very much as a dean also na hindi ganon kadali pumasa ng Level IV, but you surpassed all the requirements, challenges, and obstacles... Ang hinahanap po talaga diyan is internationalization, so we focus our efforts on publication kasi we cannot work on this overnight. Then, of course, we find institutional partners... It's just a matter of writing and looking for possible resources," he shared.

The Level IV re-accredited status of the BS Nursing Program is valid from November 16, 2024 to November 15, 2029.



## TSU launches univ-wide National Women's Month celeb 2025

John Michael D. Esteban

The Office of Gender and Development led the 2025 National Women's Month kick-off celebration through a short program in front of the Administration Building at the TSU Main Campus on March 11, 2025.

In her speech, GAD Director Dr. Rita E. Pulmano thanked the Tarlac State University administration for continuously supporting their programs, notably the annual Women's Month celebration.

"So at this point po, gusto ko lang magpasalamat, of course, sa ating administration for the support they are giving us. Sa bawat celebration na mayroon tayo, during March and November, and ngayon po ay ang Women's Month, andiyan po sila," Dr. Pulmano said.

She also commended the TSU Supreme Student Council and some members of various college student councils for their collaboration with GAD.

"Alam ninyo po, ang pag-i-initiate ng ating mga



student councils ng mga different programs not only for Women's Month but for addressing issues ng kababaihan, kalalakihan, at ng mga tinatawag na person with diverse SOGIES, ay isang manifestation that they are not only doing activities for nothing but they are having these activities to address issues not only within the university but also sa ating komunidad," she added.

Part of the celebration is the "Juana Walk," in which students and employees marched around the campuses, serving as a reminder of the celebration.

"Actually, mayroong nangyayaring Juana Walk before. Lumalabas pa kami, humihingi kami ng permiso para ipangalandakan na

kailangan natin i-celebrate ang kakayahan, ang kagalingan, ang achievements ng mga kababaihan," Dr. Pulmano told the Office of Public Affairs in an interview.

This marks the second consecutive year of conducting the annual march, which started after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Moreover, GAD and the TSU SSC will hold various activities in line with the National Women's Month celebration, such as fashion shows, film and booth making, and the Mx. TSU 2025.

Seminars regarding the Magna Carta of Women will also be conducted at the TSU La Paz, Capas, and Concepcion extension campuses.



## TSU, PCOM-Tarlac partner for strengthened occupational health, safety

Mary Joy B. Manalo



To strengthen occupational safety and health compliance in the academe, Tarlac State University's Office of University Health Services signed a memorandum of agreement with the Philippine College of Occupational Medicine-Tarlac Chapter on March 18, 2025 at the Main AVR.

Through this partnership, PCOM-Tarlac physicians will conduct free health and safety seminars and training sessions for TSU faculty, staff, and students, with support from OUHS.

In a message, Dr. Christine Anne Corazon A. Lamorena, TSU Board of Regents private sector representative and founding president of PCOM-Tarlac, emphasized the importance of fostering a culture of OSH among employees and students.

"This partnership with TSU would enable us to strengthen our efforts in promoting a culture of occupational safety and health

among [the] workforce, and this time, it's also among the students because we believe that they are our future workforce," Dr. Lamorena said.

The partnership aligns with the Joint Memorandum Circular No. 1, s. 2020 of the DOH, DOLE, and CSC, or the Guidelines on Occupational Safety and Health Standards for the Public Sector, which mandates government agencies to ensure a safe and healthy work environment.

Meanwhile, in a separate message, OUHS Director Dr. Rommel M. Hernandez, also the university physician, said the partnership reinforces TSU's commitment to health and safety.

"This partnership will solidify our efforts in providing and ensuring the health and safety of our students, stakeholders, faculty, and non-academic personnel. As we commit to this partnership, we are assured of a future of health and safety, for safety will always

be a shared responsibility," Dr. Hernandez said.

He added that the free training and seminar series is targeted to commence in April, with Pulmonary Tuberculosis as the first topic.

In addition to lectures,

PCOM-Tarlac will provide technical assistance and guidance in developing and implementing OSH policies at TSU.

The forging of this partnership coincides with the Occupational Medicine Week, observed every third week of March.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco represented the university in the signing ceremony, which was witnessed by Vice President for Administration Atty. Wilmark J. Ramos, Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale, CASS Dean Dr. Aloysius T. Madriaga as the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs OIC, and units heads under the OUHS.

Meanwhile, the PCOM physicians present are Dr. Lily Chua, Tarlac Medical Society president; Dr. Vivian Ang, PCOM-Tarlac Chapter auditor; and Dr. Conrado Gerardo R. Genilo III, PCOM Tarlac Chapter's incoming president.



## BSIT earns Level 4 re-accredited certificate

Mary Joy B. Manalo



The Bachelor of Science in Information Technology program under the College of Computer Studies formally received its Level IV Re-Accredited certificate from the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines, Inc. last March 27, 2025 at the CCS AVR, San Isidro Campus.

Office of Quality Assurance Director Dr. Nino B. Corpuz led the awarding ceremony and discussed the

accreditation results and the accreditors' recommendations.

Based on the AACCUP report, the BSIT program obtained a 4.63 grand mean with a 4.80 rating in the planning process, 4.70 in international linkages, 4.67 in graduates' performance, and 4.50 in both research and community service.

In a message, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg recognized the college's hard work and collaborative efforts,

leading to a good working relationship.

"May you continue having that kind of working relationship here at CCS," VP Macaraeg said.

Meanwhile, CCS Dean Dr. Alvincent E. Danganan assured that the college would continue to "improve, evolve, and ensure" that the students would receive high-quality education.

"Our dedication to excellence remains unwavering,

and we will keep pushing the boundaries of what we can achieve for the benefit of our students and the future of our program," Dean Danganan said in his acceptance speech.

The certificate of commendation was awarded by VP Macaraeg, Dr. Corpuz, and QA Assistant Director Dr. Ma. Socorro D. Valdez.

The BSIT program's Level IV Re-Accreditation status is valid until November 2029.





# EDITORIAL

## DND: Duterte and Disinformation



Former president Rodrigo Roa Duterte has faced the pre-trial for crimes against humanity at the International Criminal Court based in The Hague, Netherlands. After FPRRD was presented with a warrant in Manila on March 11, 2025 and eventually surrendered to the ICC, several supporters, sympathizers, and naysayers of the former president flooded social media platforms, particularly Facebook, with legal and personal opinions. These posts exposed the Filipinos' current media literacy skills or lack thereof.

Undeniably, FPRRD's supporters are active and vocal on social media, especially when defending his name. When the former president was arrested,

statements directed at logic or emotions poured in. Akin to the 2022 presidential elections, debates were heightened for weeks when the arrest and pre-trial were still hot topics on media outlets. The feud between supporters and naysayers was most notable when the "age card" was used to describe FPRRD's arrest and current condition in The Hague, saying he is already "too old" to face a series of trials. At the same time, the other party emphasizes the accountability he has to face for the countless extrajudicial killings in his war on drugs. Posts here and there, affirmative and negative, real and false, are abounding, showing a test of media literacy among Filipinos.

With the democratic

use of the new media, other netizens saw these exchanges and discourse as an opportunity to poke fun at the situation. Publication materials or pubmats carrying false information about fictional lawyers and personalities supporting the arrested president were posted and shared. The posts featured movie and TV series characters with lawyer roles, namely Elle Woods from Legally Blonde and Annalise Keating from How to Get Away With Murder, voicing their support for FPRRD and simultaneously antagonizing the ICC. This fiasco seemingly toned down when fact-checking bodies, such as the Vera Files, declared that these pubmats were fake.

The creators of these

pubmats are still unknown to this date. Probably, the internet world will never know the source of these materials. Nevertheless, the overwhelming number of shares, comments, and reactions to these posts, particularly those who believed in them, present the reality of the media literacy landscape in the Philippines. Disinformation and misinformation persist in the Philippines, which has an internet-immersed and chronically online population. People deliberately create false information masked as satire and sarcasm meant to cause harm (disinformation), while others fall victim and share this misinformation without realizing that they have been misled. With the need to feel connected to the FPRRD supporters' community, they share and comment without analyzing if the information is legitimate — a problem plaguing the Philippines and other parts of the world.

With data and information considered a golden resource nowadays, handling it with care like a fragile parcel is a must. Continual efforts to fight "fake news" or disinformation should be paramount to level up the media literacy skills of Filipinos regardless of age, gender, ethnic background, political stance, or socio-economic status. It would be unfair to label FPRRD's supporters as "fake news" victims and the non-supporters as peddlers. Each one is susceptible to disinformation in all its forms. Hence, creating a wise and informed citizenry is a shared responsibility of all instead of aggravating the polarization of opposites in the spectrum.

## TSU sustains COA 'unqualified opinion'

Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



For the 14th consecutive year, Tarlac State University received an unqualified opinion from the Commission on Audit during the exit conference held on March 27, 2025 at the TSU Hotel, Lucinda Campus.

All recommendations from COA in 2023 were fully implemented by the university.

"(The) exit conference is a culminating activity for all the hardships and audit works performed by the team. Maraming salamat. With your cooperation and support, we come up with [a] good [audit result] and nakapag-

exit tayo ng maaga compared sa last year," COA Regional Director Teresita Guevarra said in her

speech.

The auditing committee was led by Atty. Meliza Joy

Manalo, OIC Audit Team Leader, and Mr. Jay Mer Tabugan, Audit Team Member, who presented the findings and observations to the university officials present.

"We appreciate all your valuable recommendations na makakatulong po para ma-realize ang vision ng Tarlac State University to become globally competitive, with excellence in sciences and emerging technologies," TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco said.

The university affirmed that it would meet all the recommendations for 2024.



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ang 2016 arbitral ruling. As we are all aware, the international law should be (an) equalizer component. Whether you are big or small, pagdating sa international law, it doesn't matter, the size," Commodore Tarriela said.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco recognized the essence of holding such a forum for the students, especially the youth's role in understanding and upholding the country's

rights over territorial waters.

"This seminar will deepen our knowledge, challenge our views, and inspire meaningful discussions with the experts. We are deeply appreciative that the Philippine Information Agency has chosen our humble university to enlighten the youth on this pressing issue," Pres. Velasco said.

"Hinihikayat ko ang mga TSUians upang makiisa sa mga diskusyon at pag-

aaral, makinig sa ating mga tagapagsalita na eksperto sa mga kani-kanilang larangan, at ipahayag ang inyong mga saloobin," he added.

According to PIA III RD Beltran, they are targeting to tap third-party groups or partners who could voluntarily inform the public on the issue, similar to what the PIA has been doing.

"It's not just about the government doing everything for the West Philippine Sea. 'Yung West Philippine Sea kasi is a concern of every Filipino. So, as much as we would like to make

partnerships, it is a challenge. But of course, with the help of our present partners, mas mapapagaan pa 'yung trabaho natin with our partners in this advocacy," RD Beltran said.

TSU is the second state university to be visited by the group, with the first forum conducted at Cagayan State University. After TSU, the group will run the same forum in Calamba, Laguna and the Polytechnic University of the Philippines.

They also plotted schedules in Sorsogon, Legaspi, Ilocos, and Iloilo.



# Pres. Velasco holds first State of the University Address

Maria Adelaida D. Calayag



In the last year of his term as Tarlac State University president, Dr. Arnold E. Velasco addressed the TSU community about the university's current state, focusing on financial health, milestones, and accomplishments.

The State of the University Address (SUA) took place on March 28, 2025 at the Priscilla Hall of the TSU Hotel, Lucinda Campus.

Pres. Velasco's presentation on the university's financial status was patterned

after the Commission on Audit's findings, which were discussed on March 27 in an exit conference with the COA audit team where TSU received an unqualified opinion for the 14th consecutive year.

Using the recommendations of COA as a guide, the university president also presented the cost-saving measures approved by the Board of Regents to be fully implemented at the university.

Meanwhile, among the milestones and

accomplishments presented by Pres. Velasco include the university's receipt of finance-related awards in 2024, a recognition from the Commission on Higher Education Regional Office III as the first SUC in Central Luzon with 100% undergraduate and graduate programs granted a Certificate of Program Compliance, and the university's second consecutive year to be awarded the platinum award for the 2024 Innovation and Technology Support Offices

(ITSO) this April, the highest clustering distinction awarded by the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines.

"I am now in my third year, and probably my last year as president, where I spent all eight years of my life, including my five years as a student. Those whom I closely worked with can attest that my commitment to TSU has never waived since my first day in April 2022," he said in his speech.



IN PHOTOS: "KILOS KABATAAN PARA SA WEST PHILIPPINE SEA" FORUM OF THE NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION, PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD, PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY, AND TSU







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COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION

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FIRST-TIME TAKERS

**100%**

INSTITUTIONAL PASSING RATE

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NATIONAL PASSING RATE

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# TARLAC STATE UNIVERSITY

## Vision

A globally competitive university recognized for excellence in sciences and emerging technologies.

## Mission

TSU shall develop highly competitive and empowered human resources fostering responsive global education, future-proof research culture, inclusive and relevant extension programs, and sustainable production projects.

## Core Values

T-ruth in words, action and character  
S-ervice with excellence and compassion  
U-nity in diversity

## Quality Policy

Tarlac State University is committed to continuously strive for global competitiveness and excellence in the delivery of instruction, research, extension (training and consultancy), and administrative support services, compliant to regulatory and statutory requirements for the utmost satisfaction of its valued customers while ensuring safe and healthy working conditions for its students, employees, clientele and reducing environmental impact of its operations.