

USEP REMAINS COMPLIANT WITH CHED. Delegates from USEP and CHEDRO XI RQAT strike a pose during the closing ceremony of On-site COPC Evaluation. ► FULL STORY ON PAGE 3



## USEP WELCOMES ON-SITE CHED COPC EVALUATION



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## USEP PROGRAMS UNDERGO LEVEL III AND IV ACCREDITATION VISIT ANEW

Seven (7) programs from USEP's Obrero and Tagum-Mabini campuses underwent Level III and IV Online Program Accreditation by the Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP) from March 16 to 18, 2022.

Hosted by the Quality Assurance Division (QAD), in collaboration with the College of Business Administration (CBA), the College of Applied Economics (CAEc), the College of Information and Computing (CIC), and the College of Agriculture and Related

Sciences (CARS), the visit, being the first of the scheduled accreditation activity for the year, was in line with the University's goal of having ninety-seven percent (97%) of undergraduate programs and eighty-one percent (81%) ...

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## USEP programs undergo Level III and IV Accreditation Visit anew



**'CHALLENGES ARE INDICATORS THAT WE ARE MOVING FORWARD'.** Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, University President, expresses gratitude to the AACCUP accreditors and congratulations to the USeP Team during the closing meeting of the AACCUP Accreditation Survey visit.

of graduate programs achieving accredited status by the end of 2022.

BS in Entrepreneurship and BS in Hospitality Management of CBA, BS in Economics of CAEc, Master of Information Technology of CIC, and BS in Agriculture (Majors: Plant Pathology and Enterprise Management) of CARS underwent Level III accreditation, while the BS in Agricultural Engineering and BS in Agriculture (Majors: Agronomy, Horticulture, and Animal Science) of CARS underwent for Level IV accreditation.

The AACCUP accreditors were organized into three (3) groups led by the coordinators, namely: Dr. Narciso Castro for Economics and Entrepreneurship programs, Dr. Manuel A. Sanchez, Jr. for Hospitality Management and Information Technology, and Dr. Adolfo C. Manuel for Agricultural Sciences. The accreditation team was composed of the following:

### Team Leaders:

Dr. Cristina R. Salvosa  
Dr. Agnes D. Arellano  
Dr. Marjorie R. Dafun  
Dr. Charlotte B. Carandang  
Dr. Rommel Octavious R. Nuestro  
Dr. Luis O. Amano  
Prof. Romil J. Tan

### Members:

Prof. Jerome D. Soriano  
Dr. Arlene L. Remegio

Prof. Jhoan V. Paguirigan  
Dr. Armando D. Vale  
Dr. Gilbert Stanly D. Baylosis

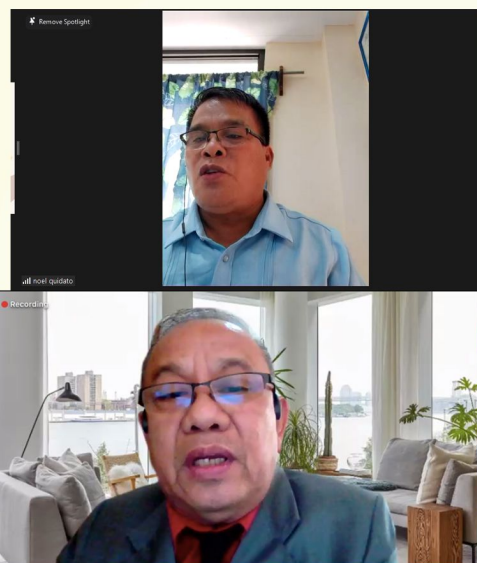
### Librarians:

Dr. Consuelo J. Estigoy  
Prof. Vilma De Guzman

During the opening meeting on March 16, 2022, University President Lourdes C. Generalao emphasized that accreditation is in line with USeP's aim to improve the overall performance of its graduate and undergraduate academic programs. Despite the challenge of conducting the accreditation online, Dr. Generalao encouraged the concerned colleges in her speech by saying that "challenges are indicators that we are moving forward".

The AACCUP three-day survey visit involved checking and reviewing

documents, interviews, and discussion of the outcomes relevant to the programs. The visit culminated with AACCUP accreditors' Accreditation Impression, followed by the Distribution of Certificate for the Accreditors. In his closing speech, Mr. Henry C. Encabo, Director of the QAD, congratulated the faculty, support staff, and management team for the success of the accreditation. He also thanked the accreditors for their helpful insights into the continual improvement of the university's programs.



**HELPFUL INSIGHTS FOR CONTINUAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT.** Several AACCUP Accreditors give their impression on the preparedness of the University in undergoing a visit during the closing meeting.



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## USEP welcomes on-site CHED COPC Evaluation

The Commission on Higher Education Region XI (CHEDRO XI)-Regional Quality Assessment Team (RQAT) conducted an On-site Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) Evaluation and Validation at the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP)- Obrero Campus on March 31, 2022, at 9:00 AM.

Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr., Vice President for Academic Affairs; Ms. Ma. Luisa B. Faunillan, Vice President for Administration; Dr. Shirley S. Villanueva, Vice President for Research and Development, and Extension; and, Dr. Tamara Cher R. Mercado, Vice President for Planning and Quality Assurance, graced the said event.

Dr. Gabales presented the University's updates and developments on operations under the new normal, as well as the USEP Learning Continuity plan before the CHED delegates- highlighting USEP's steady improvement and adaptation to the constantly changing demands for educational instruction brought by the pandemic.

Also present were the deans of colleges with programs for COPC namely, Dr. Reynaldo Nogodula of the College of Education and Dr. Alma Mae G. Salinas of the College of Technology for the evaluation and validation of Bachelor of Technical-Vocational Teacher Education (BTVTEd) program; Dr. Dalia M. Reconalla of the College of Engineering for Bachelor of Science in Geology (BSGeO); and Dr. Gilbert

M. Gordo of the College of Business Administration for Bachelor of Science in Accounting (BSA).

Dr. Randy A. Tudy served as the CHED Supervisor in-charge for BTVTEd with RQAT Benjie A. Pabroa, MIT, Merchell D. Ibot, MTE, and Eric S. Sarcia, MTE; Dr. Christopher Pio O. Pulido as CHED Supervisor in-charge for BS Accountancy with RQAT Dr. Melchor Q. Bombeo; and, Dr. Cesar A. Adeque, IV CHED Supervisor in-charge for BS Geology with RQAT Engr. Michelle Alac Daarol.

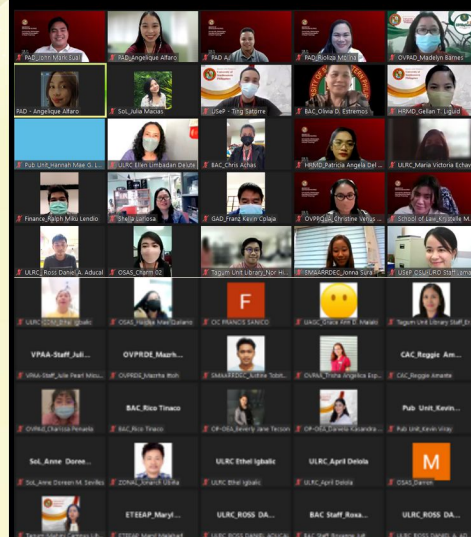
During the post conference of the said activity, Dr. Mercado thanked the Commission for being a constant partner of the University in assuring that the quality of educational instruction and academic programs are at par with standards. She also lauded the Top Management's commitment to undergo compliance activities.

During the presentation of the results of the evaluation of the RQAT Evaluators, they remarked that USEP has been compliant with CHED's Policies, Standards, and Guidelines (PSG). Dr. Bombeo said that uploading of the course syllabi in the University Virtual Environment is one best practice. Furthermore, the CHED RQAT recommended faculty development training, as well as an acquisition of equipment plan for programs submitted for COPC.



**USEP'S FULL FORCE ON ITS COMMITMENT FOR COMPLIANCE ACTIVITIES.** The four (4) University Vice Presidents are all present during the one-day limited in-person CHED COPC Evaluation and Validation.

### UNIVERSITY NEWSBIT



### PAD conducts Webpage Training

Responding to its mandate to help develop a strong and reliable USEP public image and presence through various promotion campaigns, the University Public Affairs Division (PAD) spearheaded a Webpage Handlers/Managers virtual training from February 21 to March 10, 2022 via Zoom.

The said training series intended to introduce the publishing and webpage tools necessary to update and content-manage the University website (usep.edu.ph) to the handlers/managers or assigned personnel of the offices who manage their respective webpages.

PAD Director Rioliza B. Molina, during the General Orientation, said that the University website acts as a 'one-stop-shop' to learn about USEP and it is important to make sure that all content posted and visible in the website are all up-to-date and relevant.

Bulk of work in the training fell on updating the University office and personnel's profile, office contact details, images, and news and announcements.

It can be recalled that the official University website was developed and became operational by 2018 through the efforts of the University administration, through the Systems and Data Management Division (SDMD), in order to develop a centralized website to serve as the official source of information, updates, news, and even as an online channel to directly engage with prospect students, stakeholders, partners, and alumni of the University.



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BALIK SCIENTIST PROGRAM

## Welcome back! USeP launches BSP

USeP, through the initiative of the Office of Project Development and Linkages (OPDeL), in collaboration with the Research Division, and College of Engineering (CoE), launched the Balik Scientist Program for the long-term engagement of Dr. Lawrence A. Limjuco.

Dr. Limjuco is an alumnus of Ateneo de Davao University under the BS Chemical Engineering program, a former Research Professor in Myongji University, and a Research Fellow at the National Research Foundation of South Korea. His research interest includes polymeric composite membranes and materials science for energy and environmental remediation applications.

He was awarded Balik Scientist in 2020 by the DOST- Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging

Technology Research and Development (PCIEERD) and was selected as ASEAN-ROK Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) Pioneer on 2020. The ASEAN-ROK Award for Excellence in STI is an annual award established to recognize the academic and professional achievements of promising, early career scientists and engineers of ASEAN nationality.

His engagement with the University will focus mainly on the emerging technologies for environmental remediation and resource management under the Graduate School of Agriculture. He also envisioned that USeP can establish network(s)/linkage(s) with the Shanghai Ocean University (SHOU), the Technological Institute of the Philippines (TUTP), and the University of the Philippines (UP) Diliman.

The Balik Scientist Program is spearheaded by DOST councils: PCIEERD, Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD), and Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD).



**IN PURSUIT WITH THE UNIVERSITY VISION OF BECOMING A PREMIER RESEARCH UNIVERSITY.** University officials led by Dr. Generalao welcome Dr. Limjuco to the dynamic USeP Research Community.

## USeP observes 2022 First Quarter NSED

The University joined the observance of the First Quarter of 2022 National Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED) on March 10, 2022.

Preceded by the Ceremonial Pressing of the Button, the regional offices of Civil Defense across the country broadcasted through Facebook Live an information drive detailing the history and importance of conducting regular preparedness activities, and messages from resource speakers of government agencies and offices involved in the disaster mitigation.

Audiences watching the live stream in their households were encouraged to duck, cover, and hold as the siren alarmed after pressing the 'button'. No evacuation drill and scenarios were conducted in compliance with the minimum public health measures.

"We must always remember that it is up to each one of us to shield ourselves from life-threatening disasters," said Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Secretary Eduardo Ano. Secretary Ano also emphasized the DILG's 'sincerest hope' that activities like NSED can instil stronger partnership and unity towards a safer, more peaceful, more progressive, and disaster-resilient Philippines.

NSED is a quarterly initiative spearheaded by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council through the Office of Civil Defense to instill and enhance disaster preparedness amidst the COVID-19 pandemic through regular conduct of drills/exercises among line agencies, Local Government Units (LGUs), and other government instrumentalities.



**BIDA ANG LAGING HANDA.** USeP personnel practice the proper duck, cover, and hold procedure during First Quarter NSED 2022.



# GPPB-TSO partners USeP for first online procurement cert course

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP), in partnership with the Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB-TSO), conducted a virtual Public Procurement Specialist Certification course-basic level on February 15 to March 10, 2022 via Zoom.

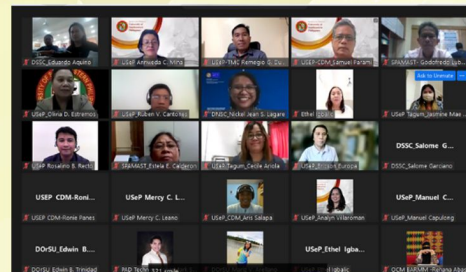
Sixty three (63) participants from different State Universities and Colleges (SUCs), organizations, and agencies across Davao Region registered in the said certification course with thirty-five (35) participants from USeP.

The procurement course was set to finish eight (8) modules/topics in a duration of eight sessions, specifically: Principles and Practices of Public Procurement; Legal and Administrative Environment of Philippine Public Procurement; Procurement Organizing Framework; The Philippines Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS); Procurement Planning; Procurement of Goods and Services; Contract Management and Administration for Goods; and Ethics in Procurement.

Articulate and professional speakers were invited to discuss in the procurement course such as Mr. Reynaldo R. Villon, a Senior Budget

and Management Specialist of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM); Engr. Gilbert C. Mondroy, Chief of Property and Supply Management Division, Administrative Service of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); Dr. Cheryl G. Ramos, Director of Administrative Services of Central Luzon State University (CLSU); Dir. Rosa Maria M. Clemente, Director IV of the PhilGEPS Group of the Procurement Service; Dr. Antonio M. Faunillan, Jr., Chief Administrative Officer of Finance and Administrative Division of the Department of Budget and Management; and, Engr. Orlando G. Soco, a retired Commission on Audit (COA) Chief of Region 1 Technical Services Office.

USeP undertook this procurement program/course pursuant to the conditions and provisions mentioned in the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed by the University and GPPB-TSO. One of the said conditions of the MOA is for USeP to provide scholarly and technical assistance to the government, in this case the GPPB, through the conduct of training and extension activities.



**IMPORTANCE OF UNDERSTANDING PUBLIC PROCUREMENT AND ITS PROCESSES.** Speakers of the Public Procurement Certification course always maintain that public personnel or employees, especially those who handles procurement of goods and such, needs to learn the basics of the Philippine Procurement laws and its processes.



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UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## USG officers take oath of office

the Office of Student Affairs and Services (OSAS), met with the newly-elected University Student Government (USG) officers on March 18, 2022, at the University of Southeastern Philippines- Obrero Campus for the official USG Oath-taking and Induction Ceremony.

During her opening speech, Dr. Generalao shared the lessons she learned from her leadership experience. She said that leadership is about building effective relationships and being with the right people. She also emphasized that leadership should inspire others to become leaders themselves.

Dr. Generalao officiated the oath-taking of the following student-leaders to their positions:

1. Joshua P. Ebo - President
2. Cielo Jabe D. Saco - VP for Internal & External Affairs
3. Robert Jhon N. Pegte - VP for Business Correspondence and Records
4. Raimond Dwight S. Icdang - VP for Finance & Logistics
5. John Arvy C. Campania - VP for Audit
6. Kirstelle T. Sarabillo - VP for Publication and Information

USG President Ebo, in his privileged speech, expressed his thanks to the

current administration for supporting the students through various initiatives especially during the onset of the pandemic. He further promised that the USG will play as partner for progress of the administration. He also lauded the University's efforts in bridging the gap between the University and the students, through the Office of Student Affairs and Services (OSAS).

Further, Dr. Rec E. Eguia, former dean of College of Development Management (CDM), is designated as USG Adviser. The USG President will automatically represent the student body to the USeP Board of Regents (BOR).





## USEP-DORSU Bangsamoro History and Culture Program Team meet with BARMM officials

A team of researchers from the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) and Davao Oriental State University (DORSU) met with some Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) officials to discuss the Commission on Higher Education-funded program, Creating Supplemental References Integrating Bangsamoro History and Culture, on March 24-25, 2022 in Cotabato City.

The Team includes Assoc. Prof. Gladys Florangel I. Ortiz of CDM (Program Leader and Project Leader for Capacity-Building); Assoc. Prof. Sajed S. Ingilan of CAS (Project Leader for Publication); Dr. Mary Grace Z. Agbas of CDM (Project Leader for Anthology on Bangsamoro Literature); Assoc. Prof. Marivic N. Neri of CED (Project Leader for Module Development); and Asst. Prof. Roland A. Dalagan of DORSU (Project Leader for Historical Research).

The Program is one of the ongoing research programs of USEP-CDM's Mindanao Center for Policy Studies (MCPS). It will conduct a research on Bangsamoro history, publish an anthology on Bangsamoro literature, and produce modules on Bangsamoro history and culture for higher education institutions. It is supervised by the CHED-Higher Education in the Context of the Bangsamoro Law (CHED-HECBOL).

The Team reported to BARMM Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education Director-General Marjunni M. Maddi the activities of the program. Director-General Maddi expressed his full support and emphasized that the BARMM is just a message away should the USEP and DORSU researchers need assistance in the conduct of the two-year program. The Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage Chairperson Dr. Salem Y. Lingasa toured the team in the Bangsamoro Museum. Dr. Lingasa accommodated the queries of the Team with regard to the gathering of cultural artifacts.

Benchmarking on good practices in publishing Bangsamoro literature, the Team visited the Office of the

Literary Review (BLR) under Bangsamoro Transition Authority Member of Parliament Atty. Rasol Mitmug, Jr. The BLR Publication Board shared their guidelines in publishing different literary genres as well as the review process and copyright issues.

The Team also conversed with Prof. Aboud Syed Lingga, Executive Director of the Institute of Bangsamoro Studies, to solicit advice on Bangsamoro studies. Prof. Lingga shared with the Team his works and collection related to Bangsamoro studies. These will be utilized as part of the contents in the Bangsamoro History and Culture modules.

The Kutawato Museum in Kidapawan City, North Cotabato was also part of the itinerary. The project leaders, together with the project staff, Ms. Ingrid Y. Gallogo of the USEP MCPS, Ms. Madelyn Barnes of the USEP Office of the Vice President for Administration, and Mr. Meill Frolidan Icban of the USEP Systems and Data Management Division, updated their knowledge on the history of Cotabato and BARMM in general.

This program will contribute to the ultimate objective of creating an inclusive and integrative study of Philippine history and culture that accounts for all Filipinos and more importantly to a holistic understanding, appreciation, and valuing of our country's rich history and culture.

**TALE OF THE JOURNEY IN UNDERSTANDING OUR BANGSAMORO BROTHERS AND SISTERS.** (From Top) The USEP-DORSU Team reports to BARMM ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education Director General Marjunni M. Maddi, then visits various centers and persons with expertise in Bangsamoro Culture to solicit ideas, information, and appropriate guidelines for Bangsamoro Studies.

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## USEP talents inspire hope on NAM Celebration

the role of art as a ‘source and expression of hope as shown in the creative ways in responding to the effects of the pandemic, natural calamities, and other social realities, as well as the arts’ role in improving the community life as Filipinos’.

The University celebration of the NAM was spearheaded by the Office of Student Affairs and Services through its Cultural Affairs Unit (OSAS-CAU) in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), and the Gender and Development (GAD) office.

“Art is a way of healing, or recuperating; as a source of consolation and therapy during this stressful times [...] Inner exploration, creative expression, societal harmony, global connectivity, and environmental respect are all aspects of art,” said Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, University President, in her welcome remarks during the opening ceremony of the USEP celebration of National Arts Month on February 28, 2022.

Activities lined up for the month-long celebration included webinars and fora discussing the culture, practices, and arts of various Indigenous Peoples such as “Understanding Islam and Muslims in the Philippines”, and “The Lumads of Davao Region: Their IKSP”.

The celebration culminated with the NAM Festival of Talents on March 25, 2022. The event invited in-person student participants from all campuses of the University for various events ranging in musical, dance arts, theatre arts, literary arts, and visual arts competitions.

### **For Musical Competition:**

*Vocal pop solo*, Jahzeel Nicole Delos Reyes from Obrero Campus placed first, followed by Gina Mae C. Tapaes and Malou C. Gabato, from Mabini Unit and Mintal Campus, respectively.

*Vocal solo (Kundiman)*, Lovely Mae Bejec from Tagum Unit placed first, followed by Marcy Balaud from Mabini Unit.

*Vocal duet*, Princess De Jesus and Elona Recaforte from Obrero Campus placed first, followed by Christian Ubaldo and Lawrence Bitong from Tagum Unit, and Trisha and Treena Dagohoy from Obrero Campus.

### **For Dance Art Competition:**

*Contemporary Duo*, the entry from Tagum Unit bagged the first place followed by the entry from Mabini Unit.

*Streetdance Duo*, the entry from Mintal Campus bagged the first place followed by the entry from Tagum Unit and Obrero Campus, respectively.

### **For Theatre Art Competition:**

*Radio Drama*, the entry from Obrero Campus snatched the first place followed by the entry from Tagum Unit and Mintal Campus, respectively.

*In short film*, the entry from Tagum Unit bagged the first place followed by the entries from Obrero Campus.

*Short and sweet play*, the lone entry of Tagum Unit claimed the first place.

### **For Literary Arts Competition:**

*Storytelling*, the entry from Obrero Campus bagged the first place followed by the entry from Mintal Campus.

*Pagkukwento*, Vincent B. Alcober from Obrero Campus placed first, followed by Joeane Marie B. Quintela and Irish C. Abad, from Tagum Unit and Mintal Campus, respectively.

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*Extemporaneous Speech*, Joseph Hilot from Obrero Campus placed first, followed by Dhea Khazandra Villanueva and Princess Buanjug, from Obrero Campus and Tagum Unit, respectively.

*Dagliang Talumpati*, Rey-marj A. Namangcayao from Tagum Unit placed first, followed by Christianmer C. Cabrerros and Angelo Grande, from Mintal and Obrero Campus, respectively.

*Pagsulat ng Sanaysay*, Rhunafe Ercampo from Obrero Campus placed first, followed by April Ella Mae D. Etorma and Elysees S. Agad, Jr, from Obrero and Mintal Campus, respectively.

*Essay Writing*, Aubrey Jane A. Vitor from Obrero Campus placed first, followed by Eugene R. Velarde and Jade Gerwe G. Timbol, from Mintal Campus and Tagum Unit, respectively.

### **For Visual Arts Competition:**

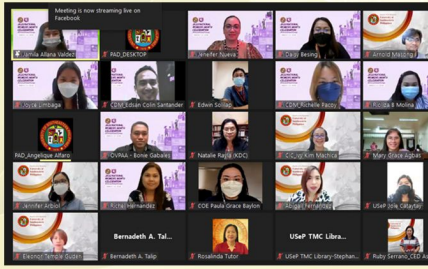
*Painting Contest*, Miguelito A. Jervoso from Obrero Campus placed first, followed by Glomie C. Fomigar and Annjely R. Pausal, from Tagum Unit and Obrero Campus, respectively.

*Charcoal Rendering*, Michelle N. Echavez from Tagum Unit placed first, followed by Hubert Lance C. Alonzo and Dave Francis B. Callao, from Mabini Unit and Mintal Campus, respectively.

*On-the-spot Poster Making Contest*, Japhet C. Paypa from Mabini Unit placed first, followed by Jeffry O. Cabilogan and Mharlou Glenn J. Tanala, both from Obrero Campus.

*Photo Contest*, Arianne Erl F. Arroyo from Mabini Unit placed first, followed by Jessie James Angeles and Ken Allen M. Palace, both from Obrero Campus.





## NWMC2022: Juana shares spotlight with Juan

With March declared as National Women's Month Celebration (NWMC) in the Philippines, the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP), through the Gender and Development (GAD) Office, decided to step up the month-long celebration by placing Juan beside Juana with its hashtag #AbanteJuana #JuanKatuwang, thus mainstreaming both gender in all of its lined-up activities.

The University kicked off the celebration on March 8, 2022, coinciding as well with the commemoration of International Women's Day, with the recurring theme, "We Make Change Work for Women" with the subtheme, "Agenda ng Kababaihan Tungo sa Kaunlaran". Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, University President, led the activity underscoring the role of women alongside men in the development and successes of the University, the country, and of the world as a whole.

"This year, the country honors women's important contributions to society and demonstrates that inclusive and sustainable growth is only feasible when gender quality is achieved. Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls are not merely a goal in and of itself; according to the United Nations, but a key to sustainable development, economic progress and peace, and security," Dr. Generalao said.

Furthermore, Dr. Generalao challenged the USEP community to achieve the Agenda ng Kababaihan, emphasizing that every member of the community must engage in activities that help tear down barriers and build bridges to encourage greater education, better health, and professional

progression for women'.

The NWMC 2022 sub-theme explored the women's concerns in the government agenda to enable more women to implement and at the same time, demand programs and services that can bring the country closer to narrowing the gender gaps and moving towards sustainable and equitable development.

The University GAD Office also participated in and complemented Philippine Commission on Women (PCW)-organized activities with various events and initiatives. One of these initiatives was the creation of Babae Ako!, the official University soundtrack for NWMC which was played during the flag raising and lowering ceremonies for the whole month of March. USEP GAD also facilitated several GAD fora and agenda setting advocating mental health awareness, the importance of gender mainstreaming in work and activities, and #JuanKatuwang.

The College of Development Management (CDM) conducted MALIPAYON Day with activity titled as GADvocat Talks: Supporting Women in Post-Pandemic Recovery on March 18, 2022. Also, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) in partnership with the Extension Division organized a symposium titled, "Juana Takes The Lead: A Women's Month Symposium on Women and Pandemic Recovery", on March 24, 2022. The College of Teacher Education and Technology (CTET) and the College of Agriculture and Related Sciences initiated a webinar dubbed as "PAMAAGI NI JUANA: Coping Strategies of Juana for Physiological, Physical, and Mental Stress" on March 30-31, 2022.

### Search for Empowered Juan and Juana 2022

USEP GAD partnered with the Obrero Student Council (OSC) and the Office of Student Affairs and Services (OSAS) in organizing the Search for Empowered Juan and Juana. According to GAD Director Rioliza B. Molina the program intended to provide a platform for women and men to lead advocacy. She further emphasized that women are not just the opposite of men but are partners and they complement each other.

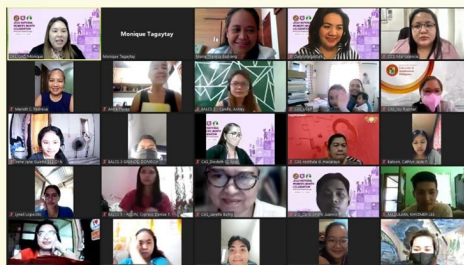
Abigail D. Balili, and Jhon Andro Jarovilla, students from the College of Education, and College of Engineering were crowned as the Empowered Juana and Juan for the first edition of the search, respectively.

### Meme Making, Short Video Making Contest, TikTok Challenge

The University celebration for NWMC also included various contests and activities. For meme-making contest, Salome Halog of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) won first place, followed by Joseph Jasma of the College of Agriculture and Related Science (CARS).

For a short video making contest, the College of Technology (CT) won first place with their entry entitled, "Breaking the Barrier: Unconscious Gender Bias Against Women in Workplace", followed by the entry of Sidlakan from the CAS which also won a special prize for accumulating the most hearts reaction and shares.

The entry from CARS hailed as first place in the TikTok Challenge followed by both student entries from Bachelor of Arts in Literature and Cultural Studies of CAS.





# SUCs benchmark USeP's best practices, initiatives

Following the resolution of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) placing the Davao City under Alert Level 1, the University welcomed requests for limited in-person benchmarking activities from State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) from Davao Region and beyond.

USeP's best and exemplary practices, as well as initiatives and strategies on areas of concerns, were highlighted and shared with visiting SUCs' benchmarking activities. Further, SUCs outside the Davao Region also requested benchmarking activities with the University.

## DDOSC on USeP DigiHub FabLab and Pamulaan Center for Indigenous People's Education

The Davao de Oro State College (DDOSC) benchmarked the fabrication laboratory practices and management strategies of the University's DigiHub FabLab and TBIU-AGILab on February 16, 2022, as DDOSC was planning to establish their own fabrication laboratory dubbed as COMPOSTELab-Community Makerspace Producing Opportunities for a Sustainable and Thriving Economy Laboratory.

On March 28, 2022, DDOSC also visited the USeP-Mintal Campus to benchmark the Pamulaan Center for Indigenous People's Education. The purpose of the said activity was to identify the initial steps and processes in creating an Indigenous People (IP) Center, and to replicate the 'success' of the USeP Pamulaan Center for the creation of IP Center in Davao de Oro.

## MSU GenSan on University Records Office and Procurement Office

The Mindanao State University-General Santos City (MSU-GenSan) Records Management Office (RMO) visited the University Records Office (URO) on March 4, 2022, to assimilate USeP's basic records and archives management. Also, on March 25, 2022, the MSU-GenSan's Procurement Team engaged with the USeP Procurement Office to benchmark the Procurement's practices on process flow and actual document scanning.

## BISU on USeP School of Medicine

Officials and personnel from Bohol Island State University (BISU), led by Dr. Maria Lilibeth G. Castil, Vice President for Academic and Related Affairs (VPARA), visited the University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP) Obrero Campus on March 14, 2022. Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr., Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) shared his insights on the processes and preparations of the University in establishing the School of Medicine, including the infrastructure considerations-providing BISU with a baseline of their future plans to establish their own medical education program.

## CFCST on USeP Research, Development, and Extension (RDE), Gender and Development (GAD), and KTTD

On March 23, 2022, the Cotabato Foundation College of Science and Technology (CFCST) requested for a benchmarking activity with several offices of the University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP) Obrero Campus with the purpose of gathering and learning best practices and programs from USeP Research, Development, and Extension (RDE), Project Development and Linkages, Research Ethics, Knowledge and Technology Transfer, and Gender and Development.

The University Public Affairs Division (PAD) facilitated the above-mentioned benchmarking activities.

**SHARING THE UNIVERSITY VISION OF BUILDING DREAMS WITH OTHER SUCs AND HEIs.** (From Top to bottom) SUCs and HEIs outside and around the Davao Region visit the University to benchmark USeP's best practices and initiatives. The Mindanao State University General Santos Records Management Office (MSU-GenSan RMO), the Davao De Oro State College- Office of the Chief Administration and Finance (DDOSC-OCAF), Bohol Island State University (BISU), Cotabato Foundation College of Science and Technology (CFCST), MSU-GenSan Procurement Office, and the DDOSC- Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.



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Cotabato Foundation College of Science and Technology (CFCST)



# Champions' Nest



The entire USeP community congratulates Atty. Rogelio Largo, former Acting Dean of the School of Law (SoL), and an alumnus of USeP, for being appointed as Court of Appeals (CA) Associate Justice.

Atty. Largo is one of the appointees for the Associate Justice post on CA, alongside RTC Judge Ronald Suva Tolentino, to bring President Rodrigo R. Duterte's CA associate justices appointments to 14 since last January.

Justices Largo and Tolentino will take over the posts vacated by retired Associate Justices Stephen C. Cruz and Danton Q. Bueser.



The entire USeP community sends its warmest congratulation to Judge Jimmy Bustillo Boco, a USeP alumnus, for being appointed as the new Regional Trial Court (RTC) judge of Branch 2- Family Court (FC) of Tagum City.

Boco works at the RTC Branch 30 of Tagum City prior to his appointment last March 9, 2021.

He is a graduate of Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Education major in Animal Science at USeP Tagum-Mabini Campus.



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## GENERAL NOTE:

The USeP Newsletter Volume XVIII documents significant activities of the University for the first quarter of 2022.

With a number of virtual and limited in-person activities from January to March 2022, this newsletter exhibits the University's continued efforts in providing quality education to its stakeholders under the new normal.



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