

USEP Governing Board approves 10-year LUDIP

DAVAO CITY - The Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan (LUDIP) 2022-2031 of the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) campuses in Obrero, Mintal, Tagum-Mabini, and Malabog (an extension campus) was approved by the Governing Board on February 14, 2023, per Board Resolution No. 36, s.2023.

The LUDIP of the University is in accordance with Republic Act No. 11396, which requires all state universities and colleges (SUCs) to submit their LUDIP to the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and follow their development plans for their future infrastructure projects. The LUDIP serves as the master plan of each campus. **▶P3**

LEADING IN INNOVATION

USEP-ITSO bags Gold Award

The University of Southeastern Philippines- Innovation and Technology Support Office (USEP-ITSO) received a Gold Award for providing IP services such as Intellectual Property (IP) awareness and capacity-building activities, patent search, and patent drafting to internal and external clients, and filed at least six (6) patents in 2022 during the ITSO Presidents' Summit on March 28, **▶P6**

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DICT XI: USEP TO BE FIRST BBMP RECIPIENT SUC IN THE REGION **▶P3**

PRESSING THE BUTTON TO LAUNCH BBMP. Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr. (right most) presses the inaugural launching button of the Broadband ng Masa Program (BBMP) with Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Secretary Ivan John Uy and officials from DICT XI.



USEP-SETBIFI-BJMP bags DREAPIM; CEBB hailed as one of outstanding gov't. programs **▶P4**



CAS forges stronger partnership with Tagabawa Christian School **▶P6**



NZ Ambassador visits USEP, shares Manaaki Scholarship program **▶P10**

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Updates on Freedom of Information (FOI) Program

Covering period from JULY 2017 to MARCH 2023

Total number of FOI Requests Received : **609**

Total number of FOI Requests Successfully Provided : **558**

FORTY-TWO (42) were denied since the requests were either under the FOI exceptions list or were considered invalid; **SIX (6)** were referred to another government agency since the requested information was not being handled, maintained, or stored by the University; and **THREE (3)** were closed since the requesting party failed to provide the information needed for clarification 60 calendar days after the "Awaiting Clarification" status.

FOI Appeals

If you are unhappy with the response to your FOI request, you may ask us to carry out an internal review by writing through email at records@usep.edu.ph. Your review request should explain why you are dissatisfied and should be made within 15 calendar days from the date when you received the response to your FOI request. We will complete the review and provide the result within 30 calendar days from the date your appeal was received.



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Accredited University Social Media Accounts and Pages

Updated as of March 2023

Total number of accredited University Offices/Units : **25**

Total number of accredited University Colleges/Schools: **11**

Total number of accredited Student clubs/organizations: **64**

In the endeavor to ensure the accuracy, consistency, and accessibility of up-to-date information; increase engagement; foster a sense of community, as well as to promote the University's brand and reputation; the University, through the Public Affairs Division, has recognized various official social media pages of campuses/units/colleges/schools, student organizations, and affiliate institutions.

Reminder

The University advises exercising discretion when using Facebook and other social media platforms and using the recognized social media pages of the university as a supplement to other sources of information such as university emails, student portal, and other communication channels.

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ACCREDITED SOCIAL
MEDIA ACCOUNTS



FY 2022 Physical Accomplishment

for the period JANUARY to DECEMBER 2022

PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	ANNUAL TARGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
Higher Education Program			
Outcome Indicator			
1. Percentage of first-time licensure exam takers that pass the licensure exams	75 %	79 %	4 %
2. Percentage of graduates (2 years prior) that are employed	35 %	41 %	6 %
Output Indicator			
1. Percentage of undergraduate students enrolled in CHED-identified and RDC-identified priority programs	95 %	100 %	5 %
2. Percentage of undergraduate programs with accreditation	97 %	100 %	3 %
Advanced Education Program			
Outcome Indicator			
1. Percentage of graduate school faculty engaged in research work applied in any of the following: a. pursuing advanced research degree programs (Ph.D.) or b. actively pursuing within the last three (3) years (investigative research, basic and applied scientific research, policy research, social science research) or c. producing technologies for commercialization or livelihood improvement or d. whose research work resulted in an extension program	75 %	78 %	3 %
Output Indicator			
1. Percentage of graduate students enrolled in research degree programs	100 %	100 %	0 %
2. Percentage of accredited graduate programs	86 %	93 %	7 %

Research Program

Outcome Indicator

1. Number of research outputs in the last three years utilized by the industry or by other beneficiaries

10 10 0

Output Indicator

1. Number of research outputs completed within the year

41 45 4

2. Percentage of research outputs published in internationally refereed or CHED recognized journals within the year

22 % 45 % 23 %

Technical Advisory Extension Program

Outcome Indicator

1. Number of active partnerships with LGUs, industries, NGOs, NGAs, SMEs, and other stakeholders as a result of extension activities

20 21 1

Output Indicator

1. Number of trainees weighted by the length of training
2. Number of extension programs organized and supported consistent with the SUC's mandated and priority programs
3. Percentage of beneficiaries who rate the training course/s as satisfactory or higher in terms of quality and relevance

4600 4892.5 292.5
12 15 3
96 % 99.81 % 3.81 %

SUMMARY OF FY 2022 PHYSICAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Program	Accomplishment Rate
Higher Education Program	101.25 %
Advanced Education Program	104 %
Research Program	138 %
Extension Program	105.5 %
AVERAGE	112 %



DICT XI: USeP to be first BBMP Recipient SUC in the region

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"We are committed to promoting quality education in the modern era and bridging the digital divide," said the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Secretary Ivan John Uy during the Free Wi-Fi for All: Broadband ng Masa Program (BBMP) Launching in State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) at the College of Information and Computing (CIC)- AVR, University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP)-Obrero Campus, on March 29, 2023.

BBMP, a flagship program of the DICT, aims to establish and install 22 Free Wi-Fi sites in the Davao Region, citing the need to bridge the digital divide and provide digital connectivity in areas with little to no internet connection, particularly the Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs) and Indigenous communities.

USEP Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA), Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr., representing University President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, expressed gratefulness to the DICT for choosing the University to be a beneficiary of the transformational program and the help the BBMP can provide in the attainment of the University's vision, mission, and goals.

"This Free Wi-Fi for All program would greatly contribute to the achievement of the University's vision to become a premier research university transforming communities in the ASEAN and beyond as more and more students will have free, easier, and faster access to significant information knowing that

as a state University, we have a large number of students here," he said.

In his keynote speech, Sec. Uy stressed the importance of addressing the 'digital divide' which exists in the country today. "As we all know, this digital divide refers to the gap between those who have access to technology and those who do not. And this gap is mostly seen or felt between not only the urban and rural areas or low-income households but also rests with respect to age, with respect to gender. And with the launch of this program, we are helping bridge this divide by providing access to digital tools and resources, to those who otherwise would have been left behind," he emphasized.

Engr. Jose Benjamin M. Valencia II, the focal person of BBMP program, revealed that the DICT has scheduled installation of free Wi-Fi sites in the region starting April 2023 where remote communities and all campuses of USEP will benefit from the BBMP.

Also present during the launching were USEP Vice President for Administration, Dr. Maria Luisa B. Faunillan; USEP Vice President for Planning and Quality Assurance, Dr. Tamara Cher R. Mercado; USEP CIC Dean, Dr. Ivy Kim C. Machica and the CIC Faculty; DICT Assistant Secretary Philip A. Varilla; DICT XI Regional Director, Evamay C. Dela Rosa, CESE; DICT XI Assistant Regional Director Erlito Tancontian; DICT personnel and officers, University students and media partners.

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It contains the allocation and utilization of the land within a campus' geographic boundary to meet the required academic and non-academic support services and facilities.

Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, USEP President, said that the approved LUDIP plays a significant role in attaining the organizational goals through the identified infrastructures that will best address the needs of the University and its stakeholders.

The LUDIP was formulated through the creation of a Technical Working Group (TWG), which included external members from CHED Regional Office XI and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Regional Office XI, who were tasked with reviewing the outputs of the internal TWG members. The University also inked a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Human Settlement and Urban Development (DHSUD) Regional Office XI on the provision of technical support, guidance, and capacity development.

The USEP President mentioned that the finalization of the LUDIP would not be possible without the steadfast support of the government. "The USEP Administration sincerely thanks the USEP LUDIP TWG, the Local Government Units of Davao City, Tagum City, and Mabini, Davao de Oro, our partners (DHSUD XI, NEDA XI, and CHED XI), and all the Region XI LUDIP TWG who reviewed and endorsed the LUDIP and have been instrumental in drawing up the USEP LUDIP," Dr. Generalao stressed.



LUDIP FOR USEP. University President, Dr. Generalao together with the OIC Regional Director of DHSUD XI, Atty. Palma Gil, during the signing of Memorandum of Agreement in the preparation of USEP's LUDIP.

UNIVERSITY REAPS RECOGNITION AND AWARDS

USEP- SETBI- BJMP program bags DREAPIM

CEBB hailed as one of 'Outstanding Government Programs'

Indeed, education is freedom and freedom is transformative.

The College Education Behind Bars (CEBB), a program conceived through a shared vision of the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP), Social Entrepreneurship Technology and Business Institute Foundation Inc. (SETBIFI), and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) to transform lives of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) through education, is one of the winners of the Category A: Outstanding Government Program/Project of the CY 2022 Davao Region Excellence Awards in Project Implementation and Monitoring (DREAPIM).

The award was conferred during the First Quarter CY 2023 RDC XI Meeting on March 24, 2023, at Don Paco Rocamora Golf Clubhouse, Mati Aero Tourism Park, Mati Airport, Mati City.

DREAPIM is implemented by the National Economic and Development Authority– Regional Development Council (NEDA-RDC) XI, through the Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) XI. It aims to recognize the exemplary program/project implemented by government agencies that support Davao Region's development thrusts and priorities; and recognize the contribution of Local Project Monitoring Committees (LPMCs) in project facilitation, particularly in the monitoring of programs and projects under their jurisdictions.

CEBB as a transformative program

CEBB, being the first of its kind in the region, the country, and in Asia, responds to the call for participation of the Ambisyon Natin 2040– a collective twenty-five-year long-term vision for the Philippines designed to ensure the realization of a Matatag, Maginhawa at Panatag na Buhay of all Filipinos by 2040; and answers to the vision of the Davao Regional Development Plan (DRDP) Midterm Update 2017–2022 to frame the inclusive growth, high-trust and resilient society, and a competitive economy for the Davao Region.

Moreover, the CEBB program exemplifies how education can transform an individual despite being a PDL. The DREAPIM entry states that "education forms new experiences and transforms lives into committed and productive members of society. Academic courses are proven to be effective rehabilitative techniques only to the extent that these courses allow the PDLs to express themselves and sublimate antisocial tendencies."

CEBB helps PDLs overcome the handicaps posed by personal, economic, social, and civic deficiencies by offering a quality college education and rehabilitation program that (1) improves their critical marketable skills, (2) equips them with an in-jail education that benefits them and their communities, (3) introduces work and livelihood programs for transition, re-entry, and ready to work with alternative productive ventures, (4) develops moral and values foundation, and (5) promotes peace and development to communities.

SETBIFI President Dr. Aland D. Mizell, with the support of the SETBIFI Vice President Atty. Susan P. Cariaga, directly supervises the overall management of the CEBB project. The USEP President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, through the USEP Coordinator, provides and manages the CEBB faculty and takes charge of the curriculum based on the final curriculum designed by the SETBIFI after a comprehensive consultation with the University. USEP takes responsibility for the records of the students and the conferment of degrees earned.

As for its course of development, CEBB was piloted in 2016 with the construction of the campus inside the Davao City Jail from January to August 2017. The first batch of graduates was virtually conferred with a degree in 2020. CEBB was expanded to Davao Prison Penal Farm (DPPF) with the construction of a campus in 2018. CEBB will be crafting legislation to support its national application by 2023, full integration into a University by 2025; and aims for full national adoption and implementation by 2030.

CEBB is a proven criminal justice model which also aligns with the vision of USEP which is to transform communities in the ASEAN and beyond.

USEP ranks 59th in the Philippines' Top 100 Webometrics

The University ranked 59th in the Philippines' Top 100 Webometrics University Ranking (January 2023).

The Webometrics Ranking is an initiative of the Cybermetrics Lab, a research group of the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas in Spain.

Web contents impact (visibility 50%), top-cited researchers (openness 10%), and top cited papers (excellence 40%) served as the basis for the ranking as reported by the Spanish National Research Council's Webometrics– a ranking system that evaluates the performance of more than 22,000 universities in the world.

According to Webometrics, the ranking is based on a composite indicator that assesses a website's visibility and activity. Visibility is evaluated through a count of the external links that a university web domain receives from third parties. These data indicate the university's 'conventional prestige, academic performance, the value of information, and usefulness of services.'



NEWSBRIEFS

ISIP picks UseP as 2023 ISIP-VPP collaborator

The University of Southeastern Philippines (UseP) is one of five (5) Mindanao-based Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) chosen to collaborate with the Innovation for Social Impact Partnership (ISIP) to host the 2023 Visiting Professor Program (VPP).

The program invites international

experts to share knowledge on best practices in entrepreneurship teaching, start-up enterprises, mentorship, and incubator management.

ISIP is a project supported by Australia in the Philippines and implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Philippines.

UseP conducts Data Privacy and PIA training

The University, through the Office of Legal Affairs-University Data Privacy Office (OLA-UDPO), spearheaded a two-day Intensive Training/Seminar on Data Privacy back-to-back activity with Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) Follow-through Activities on March 29-30, 2023, at the Apo View Hotel.

Participated in by selected representatives of the University academic units and offices, the activity aims to increase participants' level of awareness on the legal implications of the relevant privacy laws potentially leading to a privacy

breach and/or negative publicity; enable participants to ensure data flow within their respective academic units/university offices to be compliant with privacy laws; and participants will be more cautious and prudent in handling different information, especially personal information.

It can be recalled that before this activity, a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) and Data Process Flow Analysis (DPFA) Workshop concerning the Conduct of the Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) was held last December 20, 2022.

UseP commemorates NBM 2023

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 124, series of 2017, declaring the month of January of every year as National Bible Month (NBM), the University welcomed a visit of Pastor Rueland Badoy, NBM Celebration Davao City Coordinator, and Fr. Ritsche J. Gamaya, Director of Archdiocesan Bible Apostolate of Davao and NBM Celebration Co-convenor, on January 20, 2023, at UseP-Obrero Campus, Davao City.

Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, University President, together with the University officials: Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr., Vice

President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Tamara Cher R. Mercado, Vice President for Planning and Quality Assurance; Dr. Jeneifer C. Nueva, Director of the Curriculum and Instruction Office (CIO) and Dean of Office of the Advanced Studies (OAS); and Dr. Rosfe Corlae D. Badoy, Director of the Public Affairs Division, welcomed the visitors.

The visit aims to promote the celebration of the NBM 2023 which bears the theme, "The Word Leads to the Way, the Truth, and the Life", taken from the book of John 14:6 and Isaiah 61:1-4.

'Market Day' helps local farmers and stakeholders reach consumers

The University of Southeastern Philippines (UseP), through the Resource Management Division (RMD) in collaboration with the Corporate Enterprise Development Unit (CEDU) at Tagum-Mabini Campus, led the launching of the first 'UsePiano Market Day' on February 13, 2023, at the UseP Obrero Campus, Davao City.

True to its vision of transforming communities- including the University's local partners in the agricultural sector's Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), the market day provided stakeholders with access to all UseP-farm agricultural products.

UseP conducts onsite FY 2024 Budget Forum

The University, led by University President Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, through the Office of the Vice President for Planning and Quality Assurance (OVPPQuA), Institutional Planning Division (IPD), and Finance Division, spearheaded the conduct of the on-site 2024 Budget Review and Consultation and Operational Planning Workshop on February 13, 2023, at the World Palace, Davao City.

VPPQuA Dr. Tamara Cher R. Mercado gave the opening remarks, followed by the presentation of budget proposals of units under the Office of the President (OP), Office of the Vice President for Administration (OVPA), Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs (OVPA), Office of the Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension (OVPRDE), OVPPQuA, Tagum-Mabini Campus, Mintal Campus, and Malabog Extension Campus (MEC). Ms. Gabrielle Sophia L. Tamula, President of the University Student Government (USG) and Student Regent, presented the student body's proposals.

IPD Director Dr. Daisy T. Besing facilitated the prioritization of proposals. Invited panel members gave their inputs and observations. President Generalao then presented the consolidated indicative 2024 Budget Proposal. VPAd Dr. Maria Luisa B. Faunillan delivered the closing remarks.

This effort of the University ensures that the FY 2024 budget proposal is consistent with the priorities and policy directions of the current administration as embodied in the 8-point Socioeconomic Agenda and the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028; priority programs and projects outlined in the FY 2023-2028 Public Investment Program (PIP), FY 2024-2026 Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program (TRIP); Regional Development Council XI priority Programs, Activities, and Projects (PAPs); UseP Strategic Plan 2022-2027; UseP Institutional Development Plan 2022-2024; UseP 6-point priority agenda; Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan (LUDIP) 2022-2031; and Program accreditation, assessment, and certification requirements.



Participants of the PQA Orientation

UseP preps for Philippine Quality Award

The University of Southeastern Philippines (UseP) is committed to quality and excellence. As part of that commitment, the University President, through the Office of the Vice President for Planning and Quality Assurance (OVPPQuA) and the Quality Assurance Division (QAD), held a three-day Philippine Quality Award (PQA) Orientation and Gap Analysis on January 23 - 25, 2023 at The Ritz Hotel, Garden Oases in Davao City. The activity kickstarts UseP's preparation to compete for PQA.

PQA is a national program that recognizes and celebrates performance excellence among organizations in the country. It is the Philippine equivalent of the prestigious Baldrige Performance Excellence Program in the U.S. and other National Quality Awards worldwide. The award is considered the most prestigious recognition given by the Office of the President of the Philippines to organizations that have demonstrated excellence in quality management.

The activity provided a comprehensive overview of the PQA to members of the UseP community. Engineer Angelica C. Friginal of ACF Consultancy and Training Services served as the resource speaker. She also facilitated workshops and discussions to provide an in-depth understanding of relevant categories based on the essential or identified Education Criteria for Performance Excellence and application Guidelines.

In connection to the PQA application, a PQA Application Report (PQAAR) Presentation and Assessment Activity was conducted on March 14-15, 2023, to present the draft narrative reports for the Organizational Profile and PQA Category 1 to 6 for assessment and deliberation in preparation for the Category 7 write-up. Moreover, the status of all action points identified during the PQA Orientation and Gap Analysis held last January 23-25, 2023 was revisited and evaluated.

The PQA endeavor exemplifies the University's commitment to achieving world-class excellence in quality, productivity, and business performance.



PANGANDYOY SA UseP ANG PANGANDYOY SA MGA ICC/IPs. College of Arts and Sciences Extension Team headed by Mr. Francis N. Reginio pose for a photo with the faculty members from CAS and the members from the Tagabawa Christian School and National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Province of Davao del Sur.

UseP CAS forges stronger partnership with Tagabawa Christian School

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Envisioning transformed communities in the ASEAN and beyond through Research, Development, and Extension (RDE), the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) forged stronger partnerships with the Tagabawa Christian School and National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Province of Davao del Sur, to strengthen its Pangandoy extension program on March 7, 2023, at the Bagobo-Tagabawa Indigenous Cultural Communities/Indigenous Peoples (ICCs/IPs), Astorga, Santa Cruz, Davao del Sur.

For many Bagobo-Tagabawa ICCs/IPs, education has been a 'pangandoy'- an aspiration or dream beyond their reach. They have long recognized the need for education. Matanem Reynante Talabon, Founder of Tagabawa Christian School said in his message:

"Wala mi lain pangandoy kundi ang edukasyon ug ang among yutang kabilin. Kini ang mga tinguha aron makab-ot ang maayong relasyon, kalinaw, ug kaugmaon sa mga kataladi ko nga Bagobo-Tagabawa," (we have no other aspirations than education and our ancestral domain. Our wishes are for good relations, peace, and the future of Bagobo-Tagabawa children).

The said activity included the presentation of the different cultural practices through dance by IP students and elders and a needs assessment on IP instructional materials attended by

the CAS extension team, school teachers, and elders.

According to Associate Professor Sajed S. Ingilan, Director of the Institute of Languages and Creative Arts (ILCA) and Program Leader of Pangandoy, education is a fundamental human right that can transform the community and the lives of the IPs. "Everybody, regardless of language, race, tribe, or circumstances of social origin, as well as those who cannot afford to pay for a quality education, has the right to one, regardless of ideas, political leanings, or economic circumstances," he added.

Among the key participants contributing to the activity and needs assessment were Dr. Catherine Roble, Program Head of Master of English in Applied Linguistics; Dr. Stephanie O. Espinola, Program Head of Master of Science in Applied Mathematics; Dr. Anthony Capili, Program Head of Bachelor of Science in Statistics; Dr. Angelo Lenard Yu, Program Head of Literature and Cultural Studies; Associate Professor Luden L. Bateria, Department Head of General Education; Mr. Francis N. Reginio, Extension Head of CAS; Ms. Karen L. Bargasa, College Staff, and several members of the ICCs/IPs.

The activity concluded by bringing back the authenticity of the Tagabawa cuisine called "linotnot," the pride of the Bagobo-Tagabawa ICCs/IPs, echoing their identity and their bold history in Astorga, Santa Cruz, Davao del Sur.

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2023, at Sequoia Hotel, Paranaque City, Manila.

University President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, and UseP-IPMU Manager, Engr. Filmann T. Simpao received the said award.

The Presidents' Summit is an annual event that gathers professionals, experts, and leaders to discuss emerging technologies, trends, and best practices. Bearing the theme, "ITSO: Hub and Generator of Future-Ready Innovations", the Summit aims to recognize and award the ITSO members who have purposefully fulfilled the ITSO 2.0 Clustering targets for 2022.

Moreover, the summit highlighted new opportunities for ITSOs to enhance their IP management and technology transfer operations for 2023.

This recognition solidifies the position of UseP as a leading university in the Philippines for innovation and technology transfer, dedicated to enhancing scientific research and leveraging technology to enhance the quality of life for Filipinos, thus transforming communities in the ASEAN and beyond.



Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao and Engr. Filmann T. Simpao during the IPOPHL ITSO Presidents' Summit

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EXTENSIONISTS EQUIPPED FOR THE JOB. With their participation in the workshop, the USeP extensionists are now ready to showcase their skill in tech transfer to communities they work with.



USeP readies extensionists for change, knowledge, and tech transfer to communities

True to its vision of becoming a catalyst of transformation for communities in the ASEAN and beyond, the University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP) with its Extension Division, an arm of the Office of the Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension (OVRPDE), conducted Capability Building on the Dissemination of Knowledge and Technology Transferred through Extension and Training on Quantifying Change on February 24, 2023, at SEDA Hotel, Davao City.

Despite the event falling on a moved holiday, EDSA Revolution Anniversary, the training pushed through with the attendance of USeP Extension Heads, Program and Project Leaders, and University personnel from all campuses and units led by

Extension Director Dr. Roby V. Pagong and VPRDE, Dr. Shirley S. Villanueva.

Dr. Villanueva opened the said training by stating that these activities are essential in realizing the USeP's vision of transforming communities through research and extension activities. Dr. Pagong delivered the rationale for the training.

Ms. Vina Araneta- Pilapil, News Head of the People's Television Network (PTV)-Davao Mindanao Hub and a USeP alumna, served as the resource speaker for the topic, "Dissemination of Knowledge and Technology Transferred through Extension." Dr. Velouna R. Perez, Deputy Director of the USeP Continuing Education Center (CEC), discussed "Quantifying Change Brought by Extension Program."

AGPCI. In addition, the continuous monitoring of the journal's website takes equal credit for this feat because of its open-accessibility to the released journal issues.

"Our membership in AGPCI will further expand our global visibility and accessibility and facilitate international accreditation that SPJRD aspires to achieve next," said SPJRD Editor-in-Chief and USeP Publication Unit Deputy Director, Assoc. Prof. Sajed S. Ingilan.

Being listed in an indexing body manifests the persistently upheld scholarly quality and standard of the publications by the Publication Board and Staff and their international advisers.

SPJRD is committed to producing articles on research at par with the international research community's standards.

USeP faculty researchers join 2023 AD Scientific Index's Top 10,000 PH scientists

Thirty-eight (38) faculty research enthusiasts from the University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP) were included in the recently released Alper-Dodger (AD) Scientific Index 2023 edition ranking. The USeP faculty members who ranked among AD Scientific Index's Top 10,000 Scientists in the Philippines for 2023 are the following:

- 1996 – Dr. Cristina E. Dum Dumaya
- 2253 – Dr. Maureen M. Villamor
- 2530 – Dr. Jonathan C. Gano-an
- 2773 – Asst. Prof. Roel F. Ceballos
- 3283 – Dr. Mervin G. Gascon
- 3458 – Assoc. Prof. Sajed S. Ingilan
- 3472 – Dr. Eveyth P. Deligero
- 3633 – Asst. Prof. Jennifer E. Hinlo
- 3712 – Dr. Ariel Roy L. Reyes
- 3712 – Dr. Victoria P. Guillano
- 3724 – Dr. Cecirly G. Puig
- 3892 – Dr. Jeneifer C. Nueva
- 3993 – Dr. Ricky F. Rulete
- 3997 – Dr. Roar A. Callaman
- 4027 – Asst. Prof. Roland R. Bayron
- 4027 – Dr. Karl P. Campos
- 4146 – Prof. Judee N. Nogodula
- 4208 – Dr. Majella G. Bautista
- 4260 – Dr. Moises C. Torrentira, Jr.
- 4260 – Dr. Christopher C. Gonzales
- 4303 – Dr. Velma S. Labad
- 4393 – Dr. Stephanie O. Espinola
- 4393 – Dr. Rec E. Eguia
- 4407 – Ms. Fe Monique M. Tagaytay
- 4637 – Assoc. Prof. Rosanna C. Ucat
- 4716 – Dr. Delan Zoe H. Arenga
- 4734 – Assoc. Prof. Henry C. Encabo
- 4882 – Assoc. Prof. Grace Meroflor A. Lantajo
- 4882 – Asst. Prof. Bryl I. Manigo
- 5257 – Dr. Joan D. Gervacio
- 5257 – Dr. Anthony F. Capili
- 5257 – Asst. Prof. Ariel C. Pedrano
- 5257 – Asst. Prof. Mechelle R. Mangmang
- 5257 – Engr. Ruel F. Tuyogon
- 5434 – Dr. Jennifer M. Arbiol
- 5434 – Dr. Marnie Grace I. Sonico
- 5434 – Asst. Prof. Karlo Martin C. Caramugan
- 5434 – Dr. Silverio V. Magallon, Jr.

The achievement of these faculty researchers is evidence of the University's quality education and sustainable and vibrant research culture.

SPJRD receives recognition and indexing in AGPCI

USeP begins the year with a breakthrough in having the Southeastern Philippines Journal of Research and Development (SPJRD), the University's official research journal, recognized and indexed in the Andrew Gonzalez Philippine Citation Index (AGPCI) for two years.

SPJRD is an international, open-access, multidisciplinary peer-reviewed journal responding to the Mindanao and ASEAN region's development needs. Its published articles in the past two years qualified for an opportunity for full membership in

STRONGER LINKAGES ACROSS MINDANAO

MSU- Maguindanao visits USeP for ICEFC collaboration, partnerships

Delegates from the Mindanao State University (MSU)-Maguindanao led by its Vice Chancellor for Research, Extension, and Development, Dr. Ramjie Y. Odin, paid a courtesy visit to the University on February 27, 2023, to discuss co-hosting the 4th International Conference on Environment and Forest Conservation (ICEFC) themed, "Forging Sustainable Partnerships for a Resilient, Inclusive, and Innovative Conservation of Forest and Environment", which will take place on November 16-18, 2023 at Acacia Hotel, Davao City.

Together with Dr. Odin were Dr. Raquel Santiago-Arenas, Research Director, and Dr. Rowena Benavides, Dean of the College of Forestry and Environmental Studies.



USeP VPRDE Dr. Villanueva welcomes MSU-Maguindanao Vice Chancellor for RDE Dr. Odin to the Office of the President.

Other matters discussed in the said meeting were partnerships that aim to strengthen agriculture, fisheries, and forestry programs through research and extension and best practices observed by the University in view of its outstanding performance on various licensure examinations.

AT PAR WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

SPJRD Board meets int'l. adviser; USeP presents a plaque of recognition



Dr. Takashi Tsuji (left) and Dr. Rodney C. Jubilado (right), International advisers of USeP SPJRD

The Southeastern Philippines Journal of Research and Development (SPJRD) Editorial Board met one of its international advisers from Japan at the Institute of Languages and Creative Arts (ILCA) office on February 20, 2023.

Dr. Takashi Tsuji paid a courtesy visit to meet SPJRD Editors and Mr. Francis N. Reginio, USeP Publication Unit Deputy Director, to discuss the ongoing works on publications, especially the incoming multidisciplinary issues Dr. Tsuji supports reviewing.

Dr. Tsuji, a researcher from Saga University and the National Museum of Ethnology in Japan, reviews papers to be published in SPJRD to help keep the quality and integrity of the university's official research journal. He also contributes his cultural studies to the

journal to broaden the publications in the discipline of Humanities and Anthropology.

"SPJRD responds quickly with the reviews, while in others takes four years," remarked Dr. Tsuji on the journal's editorial process. "I also recommended SPJRD to my fellow Japanese scholars," he added.

While he sojourned with the Editorial Board, the team took the opportunity to exchange print journals with him. Mr. Reginio received issues of the Bulletin of the National Museum of Ethnology while Mr. Tsuji accepted SPJRD issues from 2020 to the present. Further, Dr. Eleonor T. Guden, USeP Research and Development Director, presented him with a plaque for his commitment to helping the indexing of SPJRD in the AGPCI.

Dr. Tsuji also had a deliberation with ILCA Director, Assoc. Prof. Sajed S. Ingilan, and the Literary and Cultural Studies Program Head, Dr. Angelo Lenard E. Yu, for future cultural research on Tausug and Sama-Bajau.

The publication team also rendezvoused with Dr. Rodney C. Jubilado, an adviser from Hawaii, USA. Like Dr. Tsuji, he is also open to reviewing papers that are prospects for publication in SPJRD.

RE-CALIBRATING GOALS

ILCA conducts Goal Setting for 2023-2024

In setting the roadmap toward attaining the action plan, the Institute of Languages and Creative Arts (ILCA) conducted Goal Setting 2023-2024: A Workshop, at the University Hostel on February 28, 2023.

ILCA Director, Assoc. Prof. Sajed S. Ingilan, spearheaded the workshop presenting the plans, particularly with offering services related to language courses and creating literary works for internal and external clientele as ILCA works with income-generating projects (IGPs).

The activity was joined by Dr. Daisy T. Besing, Director of the Institutional Planning Division (IPD), to assess the alignment of ILCA's plan with the University's goals by presenting the USeP 5-year Strategic Plan 2022-2027. Moreover, Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr., the Vice President for Academic Affairs, also attended to provide remarks and suggestions during the discussion.

Several proposals and strategies were raised to identify opportunities to benefit the University and its potential clients. The workshop also helped to analyze the plan's strengths, weaknesses, likely opportunities, and underlying threats to the operations.

In addition, Dr. Rodney C. Jubilado, Chair of the Department of Languages of the University of Hawaii at Hilo in the USA, shared his recommendations for ILCA to uphold internationalization, particularly through a partnership with his affiliated university. Dr. Jubilado has concurred to work with ILCA as a consultant in future endeavors.

Among the key participants contributing to the in-depth planning were Dr. Jeneifer C. Nueva, Director of the Curriculum and Instruction Office (CIO); Mr. Francis N. Reginio, Deputy Director of the Publication Unit; Dr. Velouna C. Perez, Deputy Director of the Continuing Education Center (CEC); and Dr. Eveyth P. Deligero, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), and several CAS program heads.

The workshop concluded by having their existing concerns addressed in the two-year ILCA Operational Plan. ILCA is expected to provide services on the production of instructional materials (IMs) for language and cultural studies and the publication of creative works.

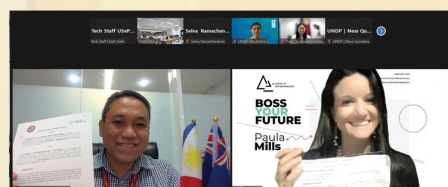


USEP inks partnership with Lingnan University, Hong Kong

The University entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Lingnan University (LU) together with other Philippine Higher Education Institutions (PHEIs) to work together to build an inclusive business in Asia on February 9, 2023, at LU, Hong Kong.

USEP Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr., represented the University in the endeavor. Dr. Gabales also participated in the Stage 0 Awareness Building Workshop – an integral part of the Inclusive Business Training program – from February 6 until February 10, 2023.

The program aims to promote Inclusive Business in Asia, highlighting themes in financial inclusion, digital innovation, women entrepreneurship, and circular economy.



USEP inks MoU with AE, Australia for Business Education Enhancement

In the culmination of the Innovation for Social Impact Partnership– Visiting Professor Program (ISIP– VPP), the University inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Academy of Entrepreneurs (AE), an institution based in Australia, via Zoom on March 31, 2023.

On behalf of the University President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr. represented UseP, while Ms. Paula Mills, Founder and Chief Operating Officer, represented AE.

Ms. Mills served as a visiting professor under the ISIP–VPP and has conducted sessions with students and faculty members of the College of Business Administration (CBA) as well as with the staff of the UseP Advancing Greater Ideas Laboratory– Technology Business Incubator (AGILab TBI).

Project FORTH concludes, the vision continues

The four-year Project Formation of Teachers in Challenged Areas (FORTH) has come to a close with the Final Dissemination and Send-Off program at the University of Southeastern Philippines (UseP) and Marilog High School of Agriculture (MHSA) on March 28 and 29, 2023, respectively.

The event highlighted discussions on the completion, sharing of experiences, and ways forward of the said project from FORTH team members in Luzon and Visayas, as well as Europe. The possibility to adopt the program for other communities was also tackled.

Teachers from the identified challenged areas and struggling communities were also allowed to share their experiences and challenges during the second day of the program.

The FORTH participants also visited the College Education Behind Bars (CEBB)– a program conceived through a shared vision of the University, the Social Entrepreneurship Technology and Business Institute Foundation, Inc. (SETBIFI), and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), where they met with SETBIFI President Dr. Aland D. Mizell and some of the beneficiaries of the program.

In the evening, the FORTH team met with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Commissioner Aldrin Darilag at Jack's Ridge Resort where he extended his congratulations for the successful project and thanked the partners for their support of the development of Philippine education.

The closing program was participated in by the project team from the European Union (EU) including the Education for an Interdependent World (EDIW), InteRed, University of Bologna, University of Deusto, and the University of Groningen; partner Philippine Higher Education Institutions (PHEIs) such as the Centro Escolar University, the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, the University of St. La Salle, and the West Visayas State University; as well as other stakeholders such as the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Education (DepEd), Philippine Association for Teacher Education,

SEAMEO-INNOTECH, and Teresian Association Philippines.

The series of closing programs kicked off at Savoy Hotel, Newport City, Pasay on March 23, then at the University of St. La Salle, Bacolod on March 25, and the West Visayas State University, Iloilo on March 27, 2023. In connection with this, the FORTH team visited Europe last October 3 to November 4, 2022, to assimilate lessons learned by module teams with EU counterparts.

Project FORTH is a European Commission-funded program primarily designed to address the teachers' need for training in engaging with the challenged areas in the Philippines. With the country's large number of children and youth, positive attitude towards learning, the quality of many of its teacher education programs, and the use of English as the medium for instruction, Project FORTH appears to be promising to be sustained in the future.



USEP VPAA Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr. (top) and Project FORTH Lead Coordinator Dr. Robert Wagenaar (bottom) during the Send-Off at UseP



MANAAKI IS ABOUT CARING AND GIVING. New Zealand Ambassador Hon. Peter Kell (center wearing white), together with the members of the USeP community, waves at the camera during the denouement of the Information Session on Manaaki Scholarship.

NZ Ambassador visits USeP, shares Manaaki Scholarship Program

New Zealand (NZ) Ambassador Hon. Peter Kell visited the University for a courtesy call to the University President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, and spearheaded an Information Sharing about the Manaaki Scholarship Programme at the College of Information and Computing Audio Visual Room (CIC-AVR) on February 3, 2023.

Dr. Generalao shared with the NZ Ambassador the academic and extension services of the University, such as the Pamulaan Center for Indigenous Peoples Education (PCIPE), the College Education Behind Bars (CEBB), and the Malabog Extension Campus (MEC)- wherein most of the students are members of IP groups.

"Internationalization is one of the most important endeavors in education as it is a means to continuously ensure the quality education that academic institutions offer," said Dr. Generalao during her welcome remarks. "It goes beyond merely allowing us to appreciate the different cultures of our different international counterparts. It also provides the opportunity for us to comprehend, welcome, and incorporate many cultures into our educational process," she added.

Amb. Kell, in his speech, also shared the meaning of 'Manaaki'- a Maori word for caring, giving, and hospitality. He also shared the status of the partnership between the Philippines and New Zealand, stating that the country and New Zealand have been good partners and friends.

The NZ Embassy- Manila then discussed the scholarship opportunities for every Mindanaoan, especially for the members of the indigenous peoples (IPs) and Moro groups.

"It is our commitment to help those groups/communities that are

underrepresented and marginalized in the development of the Philippines. I'm talking about the IP communities and Moros. We focus more on supporting those communities to meet their aspirations and to grow their ability and capability," emphasized Amb. Kell on making opportunities accessible to IPs and Moros. "We deliberately make sure that the opportunity to study in New Zealand is truly open to those communities (referring to IPs and Moros)."

Delegates from various institutions of higher learning in Mindanao also attended the said event, viz: Bukidnon State University (BukSU), Holy Cross of Davao College (HCDC), Mindanao State University (MSU)-Marawi, Davao del Sur State College (DSSC), Jose Maria College Foundation, Inc., University of the Immaculate Conception (UIC), Brokenshire College-Davao, and Davao Oriental State University (DORSU).

SOLON VISITS

Congressman Go visits USeP

Congressman Mark O. Go, District Representative of Baguio City and Chairperson of the Committee on Higher and Technical Education of the House of Representatives, visited the University of Southeastern Philippines (USep) Obrero Campus and had an informal meeting with the USeP President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, and some officials and student leaders at the University Social Hall on February 10, 2023.

Education-related issues and concerns, faculty profile,



IAD Director, Dr. Reynaldo M. Nogodula talks about the University's current internationalization goals and strategies.

IAD spearheads orientation on USeP 2023 IZN initiatives

The USeP- International Affairs Division (IAD) conducted the 2023 Orientation on Internationalization themed, "UseP IZN: Where We Are Now, Where We Are Going", on February 21, 2023, at the University Hostel- Dining Hall and via Zoom Platform.

The event was participated in by the University President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr., and Vice President for Planning and Quality Assurance, Dr. Tamara Cher R. Mercado; and Deans, Associate Deans, and Program Heads of all academic units of the University.

The program highlighted the presentation of the strategic internationalization plan and workshop on IZN programs implementation and acquainted the members of the USeP community with the University's current internationalization strategies and plans for global citizenship education.



University President Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao (left), responds to a query regarding education-related concerns raised by student leaders, with Congressman Mark O. Go (right).

representations in the Board of Regents, work-life balance, employment status of personnel, and amendment of the University Charter were part of the discussion.

CSCRO XI confers PRIME-HRM Bronze Award, awards certificate of registration to USePFed

"We are not only civil servants. We are the service providers of the government."

That is how the Civil Service Commission Regional Office XI (CSCRO-XI) characterized the relationship and responsibility of civil servants to the public during the conferment ceremony of the Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM) Bronze Award Resolution on February 15, 2023, at the University Social Hall, USeP Obrero Campus, Davao City.

Attended by the Administrative Council Members led by the University President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao; promoted faculty and non-teaching personnel of the University from all campuses; USeP Faculty Federation (USePFed) officers; Non-Teaching Staff Association (NTSA) officers; Human Resource Management Division (HRMD); Performance Management, Monitoring and Evaluation Division (PMMED); and concerned University personnel, the event highlighted the ceremonial oath-taking of all faculty and non-teaching personnel who were promoted in CY 2022 and awarding of the Certificate of Registration to the USePFed.

"We hit our target, and we owe this major triumph to the collective efforts of the different campuses, colleges or schools, divisions, and offices within the University. I also want to commend our Human Resource Management Division, with the great help of the Performance Management, Monitoring, and Evaluation Division, for accepting the challenge. Big thanks for all your contributions. I am genuinely impressed by our capacity to work together both in times of adversity and prosperity," expressed Dr. Generalao during her welcome address.

Dr. Generalao also reiterated the commitment of the University to expand opportunities for the public and consistently deliver unparalleled service. "The possibilities for the future are endless, as what we, as government workers and academicians, may accomplish by cooperating in fields like education, culture, personnel welfare, and other areas deemed advantageous for everyone involved," she added.

Conferring the PRIME-HRM Bronze Award and the Certificate of Registration to USePFed were CSCRO XI Assistant Regional Director Venus D. Ondoy-Bumanlag, CSC Davao City Field Office Director II Marilyn M. Dujali, CSCRO XI Chief Human Resource Specialist Danilo Jessie Dumandagan, and CSCRO XI Human Resource Specialist II Cris Valentin Lumba.



USeP IS PRIME-HRM BRONZE AWARDEE. Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, USeP President (*center*) receives the PRIME-HRM Bronze Award Certificate together with the members of the top management and Dr. Edeliza S. Gonzales (*center right*), USeP HRMD Director.

Mr. Dumandagan, in his speech, relayed the responsibilities of the University in relation to being a PRIME-HRM Bronze awardee. "USeP shall be responsible for the following: maintain the PRIME-HRM status on level 2 and continue to improve its HRM systems to hit the majority indicators of the next higher level, comply with the Civil Service law and rules and regulations on the issuance of appointments and implementation of other HR actions; and, partner with the CSC in providing assistance to other agencies in the development or the improvement of HRM systems," he said.

USeP joins nat'l. convention of student leaders and advisers in Baguio City

Thirteen (13) student leaders and four (4) council advisers from the USeP Obrero and Tagum-Mabini campuses attended the 42nd Annual National Convention of Campus Advisers and 36th Annual National Convention for Student Leaders held on March 8 to 11, 2023, at the Baguio Teachers Camp in Baguio City, Philippines.

Themed "Connectivity 2022: LEAD through borderless community" Leadership Essentials, E-novation-driven, Adversity Resilience, Dynamic Energy", the annual convention was participated in by more than 800 student leaders and advisers from all over the country. It was a valuable opportunity for the student leaders and council advisers to enhance their leadership skills, create networks with other student leaders from around the country, and gain insights into best practices for student governance.

The convention featured various activities, including plenary sessions, culture and arts competitions, and team-building exercises. These activities aimed to equip the participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to lead

USePFed Vice President Atty. Analyn Q. Villaroman received the certificate of registration on behalf of USePFed President Dr. Rec E. Eguia.

Dr. Generalao also facilitated the ceremonial oath-taking of promoted personnel of the University. Sealing the event with closing remarks was Dr. Maria Luisa B. Faunillan, Vice President for Administration.

"The quality of the Philippine government bureaucracy and public service delivery are all improved by PRIME-HRM. In light of this idea, the University sees the integration of the PRIME-HRM into the higher education system as a necessary pre-requisite and as a transformative effort toward fulfilling our vision, mission, goals, and our core values," Dr. Faunillan said. Dr. Faunillan further challenges the University personnel. "The journey does not stop here. We shall continue to tread the road full of challenges. But we can overcome these difficulties and hardships that the University shall be facing because we are working as one."

This celebration of the achievements of the University aims to put front and center the endeavors of the University in becoming a leading service provider for the public.

effectively in their respective schools and communities.

Aside from the personal and professional development of the attendees, the event also provided a platform for networking and collaboration among student leaders and council advisers. By connecting with peers from other campuses and sharing their experiences, the attendees were able to build relationships and explore new opportunities for cooperation and collaboration.

Student Regent Gabrielle Sophia L. Tamula, President of the University Student Government (USG), expressed her appreciation for the opportunity provided by the convention. *(continuation on page 12)*



Student leaders and advisers from USeP at Annual National Convention of Campus Advisers and Student Leaders 2023

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Student leaders and advisers in Baguio

"PACSA 2023 for me was a valuable and fun learning experience. It is a privilege to be provided with an opportunity to build stronger bonds with my colleagues from USeP, form network and connections with fellow leaders and known individuals across the archipelago," she said.

Council advisers who joined the students in the convention are Dr. Daisy T. Besing of the USG, Mr. Robert C. Satorre of the Obrero Student Council (OSC), and Mr. Rizalino dela Torre and Ms. Bridgette Lucille Aline S. Catalan of Tagum and Mabini Student Council, respectively.

The event's theme emphasized the importance of borderless communities and connectivity- recognizing the need for leaders to be adaptable, resilient, and innovative in navigating today's rapidly changing world. With the insights and skills gained from the convention, the student leaders and council advisers of USeP are better equipped to lead their schools and communities toward a brighter future.

ENHANCING THE SYSTEM

USeP-OUR launches enhanced SRIS

The Office of the University Registrar (OUR) launched the Enhanced Student Records Information System (eSRIS) and held its first Uniwide Quarterly Meeting last February 27, 2023, at the University Social Hall, USeP-Obrero Campus.

The development of the SRIS contributed to the office in securing the Top Two (2) Performing Delivery Unit under the frontline services in 2021. To date, the eSRIS has already been integrated with Tagum-Mabini Campus, making a huge positive change in the Registrar's Office. The Mintal Campus is yet to adopt this system as they are still preparing their records to be eSRIS-ready.

The program ended with the Quarterly Meeting facilitated by Engr. Editha L. Hebron, OUR Deputy Director of Tagum-Mabini Campus. The meeting aimed to address the existing problems and to identify what steps are needed to be taken to achieve the deliverables in the succeeding quarters, as well as to improve the services offered to the University clientele.

The launching of the eSRIS is one of OUR's milestones. It truly changed the landscape of the office in terms of handling requests, and other procedures with the help of the technological trends available in this modern world.



Student leaders oriented on USeP policies and processes

To harmonize the student body efforts and programs with the University's vision and goals, the Public Affairs Division (PAD), in collaboration with the Office of Student Affairs and Services (OSAS), Office of Legal Affairs-University Data Privacy Office (OLA-UDPO), and Knowledge and Technology Transfer Division (KTTD), spearheaded an orientation on University policies and processes relevant to student activities on February 14, 2023, at the University Social Hall, USeP- Obrero Campus.

Student leaders with their respective organization advisers participated in the orientation while others attended via Zoom meetings.

USeP Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr. delivered the inspirational message on behalf of the University President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao during the orientation.

"This semester, after careful consideration, the University implemented a full onsite class for undergraduate programs and a blended learning modality for the graduate programs. It is our duty as administrators, student leaders, and advisers to ensure that specific policies of the University are strictly followed to ensure the success of the planned programs, activities, and projects; so that all that are involved can fully enjoy the event," said Dr. Gabales. "Because as a general rule, no one is excused from complying with the law and the University policies," he emphasized.

On a personal note, Dr. Gabales highlighted the importance of cascading the University policies to the students starting with its leaders and advisers. He recalled the significance of following such processes to safeguard the participants and the University community, as students are the 'primary customer or stakeholder' of the University.

Dr. Jose Alther M. Rivera, OSAS Director, introduced the processes for on- and off-campus program/activity/project approval. Asst. Prof. Karlo Martin C. Caramugan, OLA-UDPO Deputy Director, discussed the provisions of the Data Privacy Act and its complementing University policies. Dr. Philip B. Despres, KTTD-Technology Transfer Unit (TTU) Deputy Director, talked about the University Policy on the Use of USeP Trademarks as well as the sale of student merchandise, and Dr. Rosfe Corlae D. Badoy, PAD Director, tackled the PAD forms and processes concerning publicity requests, social media creation, and technical assistance.

MODERNIZING PAYMENT SYSTEM

USeP NTSA inks partnership with MARS Agri-ventures and ECPay; installs cash-in machine for GCash and bills payment services

The University of Southeastern Philippines Non-Teaching Staff Association (USeP NTSA), in collaboration with MARS Agri-ventures & Commodities, Inc. and ECPAY Philippines, proudly launched a secure digital multi-payment kiosk on February 28, 2023. The all-in-one payment kiosk stationed at USeP Obrero Gate 2 offers various payment services to over 500 billers, including electronic loading, e-wallet cash-in like GCASH, airline ticket payments, PAG-IBIG, and SSS payments, as well as bills payment.

USeP Vice President for Administration Dr. Maria Luisa B. Faunillan led the ceremony with the USeP NTSA President Dr. Evelyn A. Gecale and MARS Agri-ventures Asst. Vice President Mr. Charlie Quiñal through a (continuation on page 13)

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USEP NTSA inks

ceremonial ribbon cutting. The digital kiosk is the second to be deployed within a school campus in the Davao Region, offering unprecedented convenience to all personnel, students, and nearby residents.

The kiosk installation aims to streamline and complement the financial processes of the University, ensuring real-time online posting of digital transactions. The kiosk is expected to significantly improve the efficiency of payment processes, ultimately leading to a more convenient experience for all users. With the integration of GCASH, electronic loading, and e-wallet cash-in, users can easily access their digital transactions and make payments in a secure and hassle-free manner.

The USEP NTSA and its partners, MARS Agri-ventures & Commodities, Inc. and ECPAY Philippines, are committed to continuously providing innovative and efficient payment solutions to the University community. The kiosk also promotes financial literacy and encourages the adoption of digital payments among students and personnel.

In a statement, Dr. Gecale expressed her delight with the installation of the kiosk, highlighting that it was a significant milestone for the University and the Association. "This

is a big step forward in our efforts to provide a more convenient and efficient service to our personnel, students, and the community. We are pleased to partner with MARS Agri-ventures and ECPAY Philippines to bring this innovative technology to our campus," she said.

Meanwhile, Mr. Quiñal also shared his excitement, emphasizing the importance of this initiative in supporting the local community's financial needs. "We are proud to have partnered with USEP in launching this multi-payment kiosk. It is our hope that this service will bring ease and convenience to everyone who needs to process their payments," he said.

Dr. Faunillan also expressed her gratitude for the successful launch of the kiosk, emphasizing the importance of collaboration among different

sectors in advancing technology and providing better services. "We are proud to have worked with MARS Agri-ventures on this project. This collaboration proves that working together can lead to remarkable achievements, and we look forward to more initiatives like this in the future," she said.

As the first digital payment kiosk in a school campus in the Davao Region, this initiative is a significant step towards the modernization of payment systems in the country. With the introduction of more convenient and secure payment solutions, Filipinos are expected to shift towards digital transactions, ultimately leading to a more cashless and streamlined society.

(below) Vice President for Administration Dr. Maria Luisa B. Faunillan together with the officers of the NTSA and delegates from MARS Agri-ventures and ECPay



USEP GAD FPS attends 8th National Seminar Workshop

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS) members participated in the 8th National Seminar-Workshop of the Philippine Association of Gender and Development Advocates, Inc. (PAGDAI) at the Manila Grand Opera Hotel.

GAD Office Director Fe Monique M. Tagaytay with GAD Coordinators: Ms. Kethelle I. Sajonia (from the College of Development Management), Engr. Norvein L. Calibo (from the College of Engineering), and Mr. Rendel B. Bacan (from the College of Teacher Education and Technology) were among the 200 delegates from all over the Philippines participating in mainstreaming workshops and GAD Program Sustainability Trainings on February 20-21, 2023.

The seminar-workshop is themed, "Strengthening Partnership,

Weathering Challenges, Achieving Goals and Incorporating Strategic Focus for Gender and Development." The workshop aims to capacitate participants in the implementation of GAD-responsive programs in the academe and related sectors to ensure cooperative action for the welfare of humanity and the country.



(from left, down) Members of the USEP GFPS with the officials from PAGDAI and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED); attending members of USEP GFPS (above) Ms. Fe Monique Tagaytay, USEP GAD Director





TRANSFORMING LIVES OF WOMEN, TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES. Womenpreneurs from Brgy. Centro (San Juan) Agdao participate in the transforming programs initiated by the University through CBA, KTTD, AGILab TBI. (photo courtesy of USEPAGILab TBI - <https://www.facebook.com/usepagilab>)

CBA, KTTD, AGILab TBI empower Womenpreneurs

The College of Business Administration (CBA) in collaboration with the Knowledge and Technology Transfer Division (KTTD) and Advancing Great Ideas Laboratory Technology Business Incubator (AGILab TBI) supports women entrepreneurship through the CBA's Alalay sa Barangay Program 2.0 (ABP 2.0): Empowering Womenpreneurs.

Twelve (12) select technologies of our business students were presented to the womenpreneurs

through Technology Shopping on March 17, 2023. The women voted for six (6) technologies/food products to be pursued as business ventures during the Technology Matching activity conducted on March 24, 2023. Subsequently, the student-technology owners facilitated the Technology Demo to transfer the technology to the women by explaining the ingredients and processes of the products on March 31, 2023. The selected technologies are Squash-Mashed Vinegar and

Cracklings, Dried Fish with flavor, Fried Dumplings, Banana Peel Milk Candy, Kangkong Chips, and Rice Puffed Crisp.

The Alalay sa Barangay Program 2.0 (ABP 2.0): Empowering Womenpreneurs is the College Extension Program of the College of Business Administration (CBA) with Barangay Centro (San Juan), Agdao, Davao City as partner community. Around 35 members of the Barangay Council for Women (BCW) participate in the program.



A SEASON TO CELEBRATE AND APPRECIATE WOMEN AND THE ARTS. With the combined efforts of the Office of Student Affairs and Services- Cultural Affairs Unit and the Gender and Development Office, the University blooms to be a melting pot of beauty and talent; an epitome of a community that values women, and a force that echoes cultural and societal transformation. (photo courtesy of USEP Collegiate Headlight- <https://www.facebook.com/thecolhead>)

EXCHANGE OF WHAT IS BEST AND REPLICABLE

USEP welcomes benchmarking visits, idea exchanges

Taking inspiration and input from the best and exemplary practices and strategies implemented by the University in various areas of academic program implementation; administration; research, development,

and extension, several higher education institutions (HEIs) in Region XI and beyond had conducted benchmarking visits on the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) for the first quarter of 2023.



San Pedro College Alumni Office

San Pedro College Alumni Office conducted a benchmarking activity to the University of Southeastern Philippines' Career and Alumni Center on March 9, 2023 at the University Hostel, Training Hall.

The benchmarking activity allowed the San Pedro College Alumni Office to observe the operations of the Career and Alumni Center, which provides various career development services to its alumni.



Samal Island City College (SICC)

Samal Island City College (SICC) conducted a benchmarking visit to the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) Gender and Development (GAD) Office at the University Social Hall, USEP Obrero Campus on March 27, 2023.

By conducting the visit, SICC has gained insight into the best practices implemented by the USEP-GAD office in the areas of policy, governance, instruction, research, and extension.



North Eastern Mindanao State University

North Eastern Mindanao State University (NEMSU) conducted a benchmarking visit to the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) Office of Student Affairs and Services (OSAS) at USEP Obrero Campus on March 31, 2023.

By conducting the visit, NEMSU has gained insight into the best practices implemented by the USEP-OSAS in relation to handbook revision, rules on discipline, and other OSAS best practices.

DISTINGUISHED AGILAS



Mr. Bryl I. MANIGO

Mr. Manigo was granted with a Petchra Pra Jom Klao Ph.D. Scholarship to pursue a doctorate degree in the field of Postharvest Technology at the King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi



Engr. Leonieljun D. Aresco

Engr. Aresco, Chairperson of Sangguniang Kabataan (SK)-Barangay Talomo River, with his team was recognized as one of the Ten (10) Accomplished Youth Organizations (TAYO)



Mr. Willenito "Will" TORMIS, Jr.

Mr. Tormis has received the Asia's Modern Hero Award for being a 'renowned creative director and exceptional writer in Television and Digital'



PBGEN Alden B. DELVO

PBGEN Delvo was appointed as the new head of the Police Regional Office in the Davao Region (PRO 11).



Dr. Karl P. CAMPOS

Dr. Campos was chosen to participate in the Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youth (JENESYS) Free and Open Indo Pacific (FOIP) 2022

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