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USeP passes ISO 9001:2015 Surveillance Audit

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP) successfully passed the first surveillance audit conducted by AJA Registrars on May 27-28, 2019. It can be recalled that USeP had the certification audit visit on September 5-7, 2018 and it was recommended

for the immediate certification of ISO 9001:2015.

AJA Registrars, a certifying body, conducted simultaneous audit sessions/activities at the USeP Obrero, Mintal and Tagum-Mabini campuses to check the continued compliance of the University quality

management system (QMS) with ISO standard.

The positive result of the surveillance audit demonstrates USeP's consistent adherence to the requirements of the standard. As stressed in its Quality Policy, the University is dedicated to a process of

continual improvement, satisfying applicable requirements of the standard, addressing risks, and maximizing opportunities.

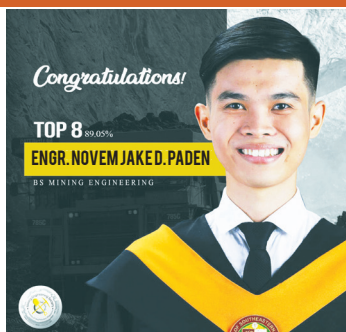
The University owes this achievement to the collective efforts of the top management, faculty members, staff, and students.



USeP: First Huawei Authorized Information Network Academy (HAINA) in the Philippines

It is noteworthy that through the Institute of Computing, USeP is appointed by Huawei as the first Huawei Authorized Information Network Academy in the country. Huawei is a Global ICT Solutions provider: This is significant especially since it goes with a donation package of \$158,900 or P8.4 million in the form of equipment for networking, cloud and storage, certification programs, and training. A MOA had been already signed for this undertaking.

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USEP offers Juris Doctor degree

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) is set to make quality legal education accessible to the public with the offering of the Juris Doctor (J.D.) Thesis Program in its Obrero Campus.

In 2018, USEP announced its plans to open the School of Law in 2019 in response to the increasing demand for affordable legal education in the region. The Legal Education Board (LEB) visited USEP on April 23, 2019 and approved its proposal to offer the J.D. Thesis Program.

USEP, with its vision to become a premier Research University in the ASEAN, commits to become a catalyst of change and development in the field of legal and social justice. With the success of the program evaluation, USEP becomes the

first state university in Davao Region to offer legal education and the only university in Mindanao to offer a thesis program for Juris Doctor.

The LEB team, composed of its Chairman Atty. Emerson B. Aquende and members Zenaida Elepaño, Fe Añonuevo, Abelardo T. Domondon, Atty. Marian Camille Chavez, Catherine R. De Castro and Michiko Ito evaluated the School of Law in the areas of institutional management and governance, academics (faculty, program, offering, and curriculum), and facilities.

During the interview with the officials from USEP, LEB Commissioner Elepaño, a retired Court Administrator, described the J.D. program as unique and responsive to the local context.

The J.D. Thesis program in USEP, unlike other programs offered in universities in Mindanao, follows the Outcomes-based Education (OBE) model. Focusing on ASEAN integration, the program also specializes in the mainstreaming of conflict sensitivity and conflict transformation in its curriculum. The Human Resource Management Division (HRMD), in coordination with the Curriculum and Instruction Office (CIO), planned capacity building measures such as Measurement, Assessment and Evaluation for its faculty members. These qualities were among the reasons why LEB greenlighted the proposal.

Commissioner Domondon expressed his appreciation upon learning that USEP had

conducted capacity building for faculty members even before the School of Law started its operations.

Atty. Aquende said that although there are already four (4) law schools in Davao City, the J.D. Thesis Program will complement the programs offered in different universities. "The purpose of opening the School of Law is to complement the other programs and not compete against other law schools in the region," he added.

Atty. Jesus Agora Villardo III, an advocate of environmental rights as a basic human right, will serve as the USEP School of Law Dean.

The School of Law is temporarily located at the 3rd floor of the College of Education (CEd) building.

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Among the officials who participated in the event include (from L-R) Dr. Danilo B. Pacoy, Vice President for Research, Development, and Extension; Councilor Pilar Braga who attended the program on behalf of Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte; Dr. Anthony C. Sales, DOST XI Regional

Director; Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, UseP President; Ms. Maria Belenda Q. Ambi, DTI XI Regional Director and Engr. Edwin O. Banquerigo, DTI XI Asst. Regional Director.

UseP launches First Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) in Davao

The University of Southeastern Philippines (UseP) entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and Department of Trade and

Industry (DTI) for the establishment and management of the first Fabrication Laboratory (FabLab) on February 15, 2019 at the Industrial Electronics and Mechatronics (IEM) Training

Center, UseP Obrero Campus.

The FabLab, considered the first in the Davao region, is equipped with the following: laser cutter, CNC cutter, embroidery machine with software,

heat press for fabric, TIG welding set with grinder, large format printer, three-dimensional (3D) printer and laser scanner, UV printer, and small and big milling machines.

University of Southeastern Philippines (UseP) PERFORMANCE IN THE MARCH 2019 LICENSURE EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS

TOP 1 (TOP PERFORMING SCHOOL), ELEMENTARY LEVEL - 85.71% - UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHEASTERN PHILIPPINES - TAGUM
With 50 or more examinees and with at least 80% Passing Percentage

ELEMENTARY LEVEL

Top 4 Marjorie S. Comidoy
Top 4 Judie Ann R. Daniola
Top 6 Bombie T. Pabricante
Top 8 Lovely Jane P. Palen
Top 9 Mae C. Atendido
Top 10 Maristel A. Adlawon
Top 10 Julie Ann S. Pormento

SECONDARY LEVEL

Top 3 Michael Vincent B. Dumalauron
Top 4 Anthony V. Oteda
Top 4 Hannah Mae C. Pamilgan
Top 5 Aris Jhon C. Moran
Top 6 Rodgie N. Calmerin
Top 7 Rubylyn C. Cagampang (TCPNEP)
Top 8 Arden Roy L. Lumaad

Top 9 Jomel T. Famoso
Top 9 Princess Clarizz Joy M. Saludes
Top 10 Maiko H. Ahicoy
Top 10 Christoffer Edward A. Lerio
Top 10 Hazel Mae C. Llorente

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PERFORMANCE OF SCHOOL

LET- Elementary Level

National Passing Rate - 27.28%

UseP Obrero Passing Rate - 44.74%

UseP Tagum Passing Rate - 85.71%

LET - Secondary Level

National Passing Rate - 25.95%

UseP Obrero Passing Rate - 55.08%

UseP Tagum Passing Rate - 78.08%

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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHEASTERN PHILIPPINES
100% PASSING RATE
AUGUST 2019 MINING ENGINEER LICENSURE EXAM

Congratulations!

NEWLY LICENSED MINING ENGINEERS

TOP 3 ENGR. ULY DAVE G. BAYLOSIS
TOP 4 ENGR. NORVIEN L. CALIBO
TOP 8 ENGR. NOVEM JAKE O. PADEN

ENGR. ARNEL ANGELO C. DELUTE
ENGR. AMY GRACE A. SUAREZ
ENGR. BEATRIZ S. DERECHO
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ENGR. JESON G. GUIBONE

ENGR. KRISTINJAN PAOLYN C. PLASABAS
ENGR. KEANA RISA G. DANDAN
ENGR. LEONHEL P. BOCELA
ENGR. MARY WINDYL M. MEDILLO
ENGR. PETER M. GELIO
ENGR. PRINCESS NICOLE H. MONFORTE
ENGR. RALPH JOHN LIGAS
ENGR. RAYMART JAY E. STA. ANA
ENGR. RECARIDO S. SILVA
ENGR. RODNIL G. RODRIGUEZ
ENGR. SIGRID V. HASPE



USeP IC Students dominate Blockathon 2019

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP) Institute of Computing (IC) students stood out in the first-ever Blockathon in Mindanao on May 18–19, 2019 at Kadena Hub, Davao City. Fourteen (14) teams battled in the said competition.

The participants contributed their innovative ideas in addressing different issues in the following sectors of society: government, indigenous peoples, agriculture, education, and businesses.

Kiarrah Menil, Pauline Marie Dumagan, Frances Dimaano and Rio Jessa Mae Florida brought home the bacon for their innovative idea called MAMAY, a new tool that enables mothers to buy and sell breast milk online. James Cabrera, Jonard Taniol, Sheila Joy Regis, Michael Juanito Regis Jr. and Abdul Rahim Jumani won the second place with their application called TITULO that eliminates fraudulent sales of land. Dannah Rose Sanda, Pinky Corpin, Rolly Lee Linao, Gerondio Asejo Jr. and Leonard Bran Padada bagged the third prize with their product ComLabs, a mobile-based livestock

finder with geotagging for buyers.

Consolation prizes were also given to selected student-proponents of the following applications: *Lucid*, *Musikatin*, *BusKoTo*, and *Diploma*. *Lucid* offers a solution for the transparency of the transactions done by the government. Similar to the 2nd and 3rd placers, *Lucid* received an offer for future incubation. *Musikatin*, *BuSKoTo*, and *Diploma* received free mentorship from TraxionTech.

The prizes of Blockathon 2019 are the following: Champion - Five Million worth of HTML Coins, Four Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 400,000) worth of incubation, and One Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php 100,000) seed money; Second Prize - Three Million worth of HTML coins and incubation from TraxionTech; and Third Prize - Two Million worth of HTML Coins and incubation from TraxionTech.

The said activity was spearheaded by USeP Technology Business Incubation Unit in partnership with TraxionTech Inc. and Kadena Hub.





USEP bags Awards at Davao marketing competitions

Young Marketers' Society students from the College of Business Administration bagged medals and awards in various events in two major competitions in Davao City in the field of Marketing.

During the 8th Marketing Wars & 7th Marketing Apprenticeship event, Team USEP won first place in the video adver-

tisement competition with their perfume campaign. The team behind the campaign consisted of Donnalyn Abracia, Daniel Grenien, John Rey Ferraren, Allysa Claire Dumaop, and Joanna Tolentino. On the other hand, Charmella Maligro and Allyn Regacho of the Business Pitch competition and Daniella Amahan of the Essay

Writing competition both landed the 2nd place in their respective events.

The USEP Team also won several medals at the 12th AGUIPO Awards last February 24, 2019 held at the Finster Hall of the Ateneo de Davao University. The New Product Development Team represented by John Paolo Edullantes,

Mylene Nicole Mepico and Jan Clyde Onias made a product out of indigenous and recyclable materials and was hailed 3rd placers. Daniella Amahan won in essay writing grabbing the silver medal. On the other end, the Radio Advertisement team won 2nd place whilst promoting a well-known appliance shop in Davao.

USEP bags 5 medals in Mindanao IT Olympiad

The Institute of Computing (IC) produced an impressive five-medal haul (two golds, two silvers, and a bronze) in the 2019 Mindanao Conference for Information Technology Students (MCITS) IT Olympiad held at Ateneo de Davao University and Holy Cross of Davao College on February 14-15, 2019.

Composed of newcomers, USEP's two teams in the Hackathon programming competition showed no signs of first time jitters as they bagged the two top spots in the contest. Warren Rezane, Genelito Marte, Jr., and James Claude Lequin of USEP Team A captured the championship while Dems Rey Roca, Paul

Chester Villanueva, and Abdul Rahim Jumlan of USEP Team 1 secured the runner-up spot.

On the second day of the Olympiad, USEP Team A composed of Creselle John Lazo, Ira Mae Gamban and Sheena Halog claimed gold in the Poster Presentation event. USEP's Team B of Vann Rijn Amarillo, John Emmanuel Gapuz, and Leonard Adam Lustre settled for the silver medal in the same contest. Both teams were coached by Hermoso Tupas, Jr.

Rounding up the medal tally was Marnel Angela Regalado who finished with a bronze medal in the Digital Drawing contest. Regalado is under the tutelage of Engr. Jamal Kay Rogers.

USEP's representatives in the ACM Programming competition also put up a commendable effort as they finished 12th and 14th in a pool of 30 teams. USEP team BlackPearl-1 of Kent Ivan Mozo, Creselle John Lazo and John Rico Masadas solved seven

out of eight problems en route to landing the 12th spot. Michael Juanito Regis, Vann Rijn Amarillo and Earl Juario Abule of USEP team BlackPearl-A finished 14th after solving six problems. Michael Anthony Jandayan served as USEP's coach in the Hackathon and ACM programming competitions

The MCITS IT Olympiad is an annual IT skills competition of different schools across Region XI. The participating schools include University of Southeastern Philippines, University of Mindanao, Ateneo de Davao University, University of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Cross of Davao College, Brokenshire College, AMA College Davao, Jose Maria College, Davao Oriental State College of Science and Technology, Davao del Norte State College, Cor Jesu College, Mindanao Kokusai Diagaku, and the Asian International School of Aeronautics and Technology. (MA-Jandayan)



Commencement



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USEP conducts career fair

A career fair was conducted by the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) Career and Alumni Center (CAC) in partnership with the University Guidance and Testing Office (UGTO) on April 26, 2019 at the University Gymnasium and Cultural Center.

Among the speakers who graced the event are Dr. Mary Ann C. Cacanta, CAC Director, who delivered the welcome remarks, and Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, University President, who gave the participants an inspirational message.

In Dr. Cacanta's words of welcome, she said that the fair is a bridge for the graduating students and alumni to a successful career.

Meanwhile, her journey as a student and as an applicant before was highlighted in the University President's speech.

"The process of application is not instant. You have to experience setbacks and sometimes heartbreaks, but never give up, always do your best and God will do the rest," the USEP President said.

The activity was participat-

ed in by the graduating students and alumni from all USEP campuses; private industry partners from the Engineering and Manufacturing, Sales and Marketing, Technological and Technical industries, as well as Education and Administration departments based in Davao, Cebu and Manila; and some government agencies such as the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), Public Employment Service Office (PESO), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Pag-ibig, Philhealth, Social Security System (SSS), and Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR).

Ms. Divinagracia G. Lagura, Career Development Officer, shared some of the preparations of the CAC for the annual event. She said fifty-three (53) companies participated in the career fair. Prior to the activity, the CAC also conducted programs and workshops on crafting winning resumes and acing interviews.

USEP hopes that the career fair would serve as an open door that will lead the graduates to prosperous paths and a better future. (RAAcado)





UseP Publication Unit conducts Online Manuscript Submission Test-Run

The Publication Unit of the University of Southeastern Philippines (UseP) conducted a "Test-run of the Online South-eastern Philippines Journal of Research and Development (SPJRD) Manuscript Submission, Tracking and Revision System vis-a-vis Capability-Building of Researchers on Journal Writing" on March 26-27, 2019 at the

Davao Eagle Ridge Resort, Ulas, Davao City.

The two-day activity was participated in by twenty-two (22) faculty-researchers from the 11 colleges whose completed researches have been shortlisted for the SPJRD publication revival issue. The Deputy Director for Publications Unit, Dr. Anne Marie Jennifer E. Eligio, believes

that the activity will help hasten editorial processes. It is also a means by which the University could establish a journal publication management system that claims quality standards at par with other reputable journal publications. Participants gave their inputs or comments on the Journal site, and at the same time were able to enhance their skill

and appreciate the process of Journal article writing.

The revival issue of the SPJRD was released last March 2019, with the second issue released in September 2019. Striving hard to strengthen the Research Publication of the University helps the University achieve its vision of becoming a Research University. (EAGecale)

DOST STARBOOKS is now in UseP

The Department of Science and Technology (DOST) turned over to the University of Southeastern Philippines (UseP) the Science and Technology Academic and Research-Based Openly Operated Kiosk Stations (STARBOOKS), the first Philippine science and technology digital library, on February 28, 2019 at the Science and Technology Learning Resource Center (STLRC), UseP Obrero campus.

Launched by the DOST-Science and Technology Information Institute (STII) in 2012, STARBOOKS contains thousands of digitized science and technology resources in various formats placed in specially designed "pods" set in a user-friendly interface (Source: <http://www.starbooks.ph>). STARBOOKS, which is free of charge, has features that include a standalone information kiosk, read-only information, a compendium of S&T information from around the world, and videos that stimulate every Filipino's entrepreneurial capacity. Moreover, DOST, through this innovation, aims to create interest in the field of Science and Technology among Filipinos, encourage great minds to create new ideas, and inspire one's capacity for entrepreneurship and research.

DOST Region XI Assistant Direc-

tor for Finance and Administrative Services Mr. Eduardo P. Tesorero represented DOST XI Regional Director Dr. Anthony C. Sales in the program. Tesorero shared the humble beginnings of STARBOOKS and how it became one of the successful projects of the agency.

Vice President for Research, Development and Extension Dr. Danilo B. Pacoy, on behalf of University President Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, expressed his gratitude to DOST for the learning and research innovation opportunities offered to UseP.

Clint James Padilla, a computer programmer from DOST, conducted an orientation on the use and function of the database.

The event was organized by the University Learning Resource Center (ULRC), headed by the Director of Libraries Dr. Maychelle M. Nugas. Davao City Science and Technology Center Director Enidina T. Ortizo also participated in the event, which was conducted to: (1) formally accept STARBOOKS from DOST Region XI; (2) provide awareness to the faculty and students on how to maximize the use of learning resources provided for instruction and research; and (3) strengthen the University's linkages through ULRC's partnership with DOST. (FS-Sanico)

SERDAC holds workshop on Data Collection, GIS and Spatial Analysis

In order for researchers to learn how to efficiently and effectively manage data in this digital age, the Socio-Economic Research and Data Analytics Center (SERDAC) in Mindanao, headed by its Project Leader, Jennifer E. Hinlo, organized the "Training-Workshop on Data Collection Using Mobile Phones, Geographic Information System (GIS), and Spatial Analysis" on January 28-31, 2019 at the College of Education (CEd) Training Room, University of Southeastern Philippines (UseP) Obrero Campus.

Dr. Marc M. Delgado from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel in Belgium, the resource speaker, introduced the latest mobile data collection, GIS, and spatial analysis tools to the participants from different state universities and colleges (SUCs) in Mindanao.

Through hands-on activities, the KoBOToolBox system was presented to the participants, who were trained on how to manage and visualize the collected mobile data on the web (online). They were also introduced to the GIS concepts using QGIS to manage, store, create maps and

analyze the collected mobile data (off-line).

Dr. Delgado, who has a PhD in Geography, is a visiting professor at the University of Ouaga 1 in Burkina Faso, as well as in the Universidad Nacional de Asuncion in Paraguay. He teaches GIS in French and Spanish. Dr. Delgado regularly visits the Philippines to actively collaborate with local NGOs and universities. In 2017, he was recognized as one of the 40 best geospatial practitioners in the world under 40 years of age by the U.S. magazine *xyHt*.

SERDAC is a project funded by the Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (DOST-PCAARRD). The training-workshop, as part of SERDAC's mission to enhance the region's capacity in socioeconomic research, was conducted to tap the potential of the socioeconomic R&D sector in providing technical assistance to the other research sectors (e.g. crops, livestock, forestry, and fishery). (JEHinlo)



USeP holds 1st Economic Forum 2019

The School of Applied Economics (SAEc), led by its Officer-in-Charge, Jennifer E. Hinlo, conducted the 1st SAEc Economic Forum (SEF) 2019: The Role of Economists in Fostering Growth and Development on January 24, 2019 at the Social Hall, University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP) Obrero Campus.

The SEF, a year-long series of conventions, conferences, seminars, lectures and activities,

highlights the role of economists in nation-building. These activities are organized in line with SAEc's vision to empower the youth and mold them to become future leaders.

The resource speakers, SAEc faculty members Jennifer E. Hinlo, Karlo Martin C. Caramugan, Christopher D. Balubayan, Ivey V. Fuerzas, and Dr. Jennifer M. Arbiol, discussed the fiscal policy instruments used by the

government in boosting growth and development in the country. They focused on discussions on Train Law and the Build, Build, Build program of the government, including tax policies, government expenditure, and the role of economists in economic growth and development in Mindanao.

SAEc recognizes the youth's potential to create new ideas, advocate change, and sustain

growth and development in the country. With the SEF, SAEc hopes to establish partnerships with Senior High Schools (SHS) to promote the Bachelor of Science in Economics program and gain an increase in student admissions.

A total of 296 SHS students and 6 SHS faculty members from Davao City National High School (DCNHS) participated in the event. (JEHinlo)

USeP, DA-RFO XI conduct regional training for goat enterprise

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP) and the Department of Agriculture, Regional Field Office (DA-RFO XI) administered the Regional Facilitators' Training on Farmer Livestock School on Goat Enterprise Management (FLS-GEM). The training was held on February 25-March 10, 2019 at the Provincial Tourism Complex in Mati City, Davao Oriental.

A total of 21 trainees coming from the fields of animal science, veterinary medicine and community extension from the Davao Region are trained on the innovative systems in tech-

nology-based goat production program. The training participants are expected to rollout the FLS-GEM training modules in the provincial, municipal, and barangay levels. The main goal of the program is not just to increase the number of FLS-GEM trained farmers but also to make their goat enterprise more lucrative and sustainable.

The FLS-GEM modules were developed by the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) - Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research and Development (PCAARRD), Isabela State University, Cen-

tral Luzon State University, and the Visayas State University livestock and small ruminants experts headed by Ms. Anna Marie P. Alo, Supervising Science Research Specialist, PCAARRD-DOST.

The FLS-GEM Management Team is composed of Dr. Mervin G. Gascon, Regional Project Coordinator (USeP) and Dr. Armie S. Capuyan (DA-RFO XI) and Mr. Jonash A. Bunda (USeP) as the regional project staff.

Following the 12-day training was the formal launching in the provinces and/or municipalities that are committed to adopt and implement the FLS-GEM rollout.

TTTC launches Project Forth

Last February 18, 2019, the Teacher Training and Research Center (TTTC) launched the European Commission-funded Project FORTH (Formation of Teachers in Emerging Challenged Areas) through the Initiatives of Education for an Interdependent World (EDIW) headed by Dr. Emma Melgarejo.

The three-year project aims to train Department of Education (DepEd) teachers assigned in challenged areas, specifically Paquibato National High School, Marilog National High School, and Sirawan National High School.

Selected College of Education (CED) and College of Teacher Education and Technology (CTET) faculty members were identified as writers/trainers of Project Forth.

A new graduate course offering shall be developed out of this project as an offshoot of the trainings conducted.

Dr. Adora P. Zerrudo serves as Transnational Management Committee (TMC) representative of Mindanao Cluster. Other clusters are based in Manila and in the Visayas. (APZerrudo)

Davao SUCs participate in CHED's Regional Products Fair 2019

Davao Region State University and Colleges (SUCs) participated in the Regional Products Fair 2019 at the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Central Office Compound in Diliman, Quezon City. Centered on the theme "Towards Access, Equity, and Global Excellence," the event was one of the highlights of CHED's Silver Anniversary celebration in 2019.

The University of Southeast-

ern Philippines (USEP) joined Davao Region SUCs composed of the Southern Philippines Agri-Business and Marine and Aquatic School of Technology (SPAMAST), Compostela Valley State College (CVSC), Davao del Norte State College (DNSC) and Davao Oriental State College of Science and Technology (DOSCST) in showcasing their respective technologies and breakthroughs as outputs of their

research, extension and production activities. Products from the Pamulaan Center for Indigenous Peoples Education are also showcased in the booth.

During the Opening Ceremony, CHED Chairperson J. Prospero E. De Vera III welcomed and congratulated the different regional SUCs that actively participated in the event.

"The event is a venue where the regional products with sci-

ence behind them are showcased," De Vera said.

Citing the experience of Region VI on the conduct of a similar event, he announced that for the next products fair, it shall be held in bigger venues like malls, where regional exhibitors could express their creativity in booth dressing and where people in all walks of life could also discover the regional products. The event ran from May 6-10, 2019. (EAGecale)

USEP holds writeshop on the DRRM Manual

The Administrative Services Division and the project team on Enhancing USEP's Disaster Management Capacity (EUDMC) convened representatives from the campuses of the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) for the Writeshop on the University Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Manual of Operations.

University Disaster Specialist Mr. Niño Ben B. Salarda facilitated the event, which was held on January 21-23, 2019 at Buda, Marilog District, Davao City.

The Manual, designed for the USEP DRRM Council and other USEP stakeholders, serves as the foundation and guide when a disaster (earthquake, fire, flood, etc.) occurs.

The Manual includes the following: University DRRM, Risks and Hazards Profile, University DRRM Plan, Disaster Operations Protocol, and Phases of Disaster and Emergency Management. The Manual is one of the deliverables of the EUDMC project led by Assoc. Prof. Gladys Florangel I. Ortiz and Dr. Christopher C. Gonzales. The project aims to strengthen the DRRM capacity of the university and build community resiliency.

Youth Entrepreneurship Summit 2019

The Mindanao Center for Policy Studies (MCPS), in cooperation with the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) and the College of Business Administration (CBA), hosted a livestreaming of the Youth Entrepreneurship Summit 2019 (YES 2019) on March 8, 2019 at the Apo View Hotel in Davao City.

Streaming from the World Trade Center in Pasig City, the theme of the Summit was "Angat Lahat sa Digital: Achieving Inclusive Growth through Digital Transformation." The Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship or Go Negosyo organized the summit.

A total of 114 participants composed of online entrepreneurs and students and faculty of Bachelor of Science (BS) in Entrepreneurship, BS in Business Administration, BS in Hospitality Management, MBA-Enterprise Development from USEP and the University of the Philippines Mindanao attended the event.

The event aims to inspire the youth through the presentation of real life business stories and milestones of techpreneurs, and how these industry players capitalized on Digital Transformation in jump-starting their business ventures.

Speakers include Mr. Jose Ma. Concepcion III, Presidential Adviser for Entrepreneurship; Mr. Anthony Tan, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Co-Founder of Grab; Mr. Ray Alimurung, CEO of Lazada Philippines; and Mr. Erwan Heussaff, Founder of The Fat Kid Inside, Inc., among others.

During the event, MinDA Division Chief Ernesto M. Tomas turned over the coffee-table book "Muslim Mindanao and the Sulu Archipelago: A Current of Narratives" to MCPS Director Assoc. Prof. Gladys Florangel I. Ortiz. Also present were MinDA Development Officers Anelyn Binancilan, John Maynard Gan, and MinDA Technical Staff Ms. Jona Rochelle Desierto. (USEP PR/GIOrtiz)

USEP hosts World Bank Group forum

The University of Southeastern Philippines hosted the World Bank Group's Forum on the 'Philippines' Economic Update' and 'Consultation on the Country Partnership Framework for the Philippines 2019-2022.' The back to back event was conducted at the USEP Social Hall, Obrero, Davao City on June 7, 2019.

The activity, organized by the WBG, aims to share the salient points of the Philippines Economic Update April 2019: Safeguarding Stability, Investing in the Filipino, and to present the background and gather feedback on the Bank's Country Partnership Framework for 2019-2022.

The University President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, in her welcome message delivered by the Vice President for Research, Development and Extension Dr. Danilo B. Pacoy, highlighted the partnership of USEP and the World Bank Group through the years. The

good relationship between USEP and WBG originated from both institutions' partnership in the establishment of the Knowledge for Development Community in the University, formerly Knowledge for Development Center or KDC. The KDC at USEP, which started in 2002, is the second in the country and was awarded as the first best

KDC. From a mere library, the KDC has become a convenor of dialogues on development issues and concerns; feedback provider; and a user, producer, and replicator of knowledge.

Among the speakers who graced the activity are Souleymane Coulibaly, WBG Lead Economist and Program Leader of

Brunei, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand; Rong Qian, Kevin Chua, and Sharon Faye Piza who are some of the Bank's Economists; and Clarissa David, WBG Senior Communication Officer.

Different economic sectors, business groups, and educational institutions in Mindanao attended the forum. (RMacedo)





USEP hosts summer camp for partner schools

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) organized an English Language and Philippine Culture Summer Camp for faculty and students from Tan Trao University (TTRU) in Vietnam and Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University (SNRU) in Thailand.

The Camp, which ran from June 26-July 14, included visits to tourist destinations and historic places in Mindanao including the indigenous peoples' communities. The campers also had a glimpse of some Mindanao festivities like Kadagayaan Festival. Aside from experiencing all the fun in tours, English language classes were also offered.

During the opening ceremonies on June 27, 2019 at the USEP Obrero Campus, the University President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, underscored that global communication is greatly facilitated by the use of English language as the lingua franca or a "bridge language". The USEP President also hoped that the TTRU and SNRU faculty and students would have a meaningful summer camp experience.

"Our partnership with TTRU and SNRU is a clear illustration of how the English Language bridges people with the same goals from different places in the world," Generalao said.

"I know that this Summer Camp has a lot in store for the campers and I believe that through this, our partnership as institutions will be strengthened and furthered," Dr. Generalao added.

The Camp was organized by the USEP Office of Public and International Affairs (OPIA) headed by Dr. Genna J. Carmelo together with College of Teacher Education and Technology (CTET), College of Education (CEd), and College of Arts and Sciences (CAS).

Assistant Professor Sirilak Sriphachan, Assistant to the President for Languages and International Relations, headed the SNRU delegates (4 teachers, 3 students) while the TTRU campers (1 teacher, 15 students) were led by Ms. Do Hai Yen, Deputy Head of Office of Science Management and International Relations.

The USEP students from the Bachelor of Physical Education showcased some of the Philippine folkdances during the opening program. Also, students from SNRU and TTRU presented their culture through a dance performance.

According to OPIA, the English Language and Philippine Culture Summer Camp 2019 provides a unique experience

for faculty and students from partner universities to learn about the English language with an emphasis on English as medium of instruction. It is also an opportunity to learn Philippine culture while enjoying summer at USEP.

It can be recalled that the University had also held an English Camp for Korean students. (MCP/RMA)

USEP faculty talks on Housekeeping Standards in confab abroad

Ms. Ma. Joy G. Soriano, faculty of the College of Business Administration (CBA), represented the University of Southeastern Philippines in the seventh (7th) Conference for Jiangsu Housekeeping Development and International Home Branding Service Forum. The conference was held at Panda



Hotel, Nanjing, China last January 3, 2019. As a resource speaker, she delivered the topics on Housekeeping Standards and Best Practices in Philippines and TESDA Qualification Standards.

The conference was well attended by participants from the various cities, organizations and institutions all over China and by resource persons from all over Asia. (XYT)

Research, Development and Extension News

The College of Teacher Education and Technology (CTET) had been active in different extension projects. For instance, 2019 was the third year of the implementation of the i-READr program which was previously led by Dr. Jocelyn A. Matildo. The program, now led by Jose G. Tan, Jr., from the Bachelor of Secondary Education (BSEd) department, has various projects and activities geared to enhance the reading skills of Sagayan National High School (SNHS) students.

The SNHS teachers had gone

through a series of seminar-workshops and were trained by the faculty experts of the University in the production of a module to be used for the summer reading camp called the Summer Big Brother (SBB). For the third phase of this project, the i-READr aimed to enhance the module crafted in 2018 in order to improve the teaching-learning process to address learners' needs.

PROJECT TABANG

Literacy development is an essential part in the child's formative

stage. This determines a child's capacity to learn. Another extension project was launched by CTET called the PROJECT TABANG in 2018, through a signing of memorandum of agreement establishing and strengthening partnerships with the Hope for the Children Inc. (HCDC) and Tagum Alliance Gospel Church (TAGC). Three parties (USEP, HCDC and TAGC) signified their commitments as they signed the commitment wall.

The project led by Dr. Jeanette G. Pedriña, head of the Graduate School and the Bachelor of

Elementary Education (BEEEd) department, focused on young learners from Kindergarten to Grade 6. A reading assessment was conducted by Bachelor of Elementary Education (BEEEd) faculty members and Master of Education Major in Educational Management (MEEM) students to identify learners' reading level and competencies. This on-going project is expected to come up with instructional materials to address learners' needs, strengths and weaknesses and further improve their reading skills.

CTET implements extension programs