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FRUIT OF INTERNATIONALIZATION. Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, USeP President, delivers words of conformation upon signing the Memorandum of Understanding with University of Saskatchewan (USask) in celebration of 27th Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Anniversary and first National Education Day. —PHOTO FROM CHED

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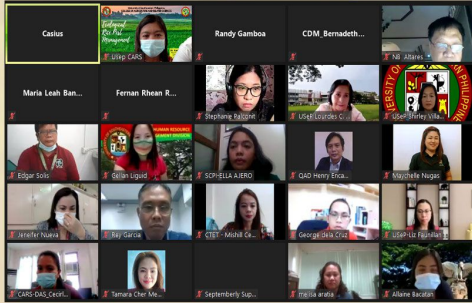
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USeP commits on wellness promotion amidst COVID-19 pandemic

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USeP), through the Office of Student Affairs and Services (OSAS)- Sports Unit, launched the USeP Virtual Wellness and Sports Program on March 5, 2021 with the jumpstart leg held on March 1-21, 2021; the second leg held on April 6-May 6, 2021; and, the third leg held on June 25-August 9, 2021.

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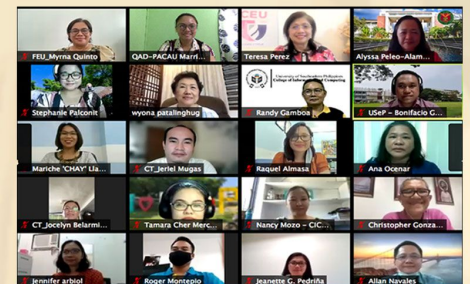


USEP conducts AUN-QA 101

In line with the USEP Catch-Up Plan (T06), the USEP Quality Assurance Division (QAD) conducted AUN-QA 101, an orientation on the AUN- QA frameworks and on its associated criteria for program and institutional level of accreditation last June 4 & 18, 2021 via Zoom.

The AUN-QA Network is established as the ASEAN quality assurance network for higher education with the responsibility to promote quality assurance, raise the quality of higher education, and collaborate with both regional and international bodies for the benefit of the ASEAN community.

The activity had two sessions, one held on June 4, 2021 titled “AUN-QA 101”, and another held on June 18, 2021 titled “How and What of Self-Assessment Report (SAR)”. AUN-QA 101 aims to orient Deans, Associate Deans, and Quality Assurance Heads, QA Heads on the AUN-QA framework as well as discuss preparations for SAR.



USEP passes ISO 9001:2015 recertification audit

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) passed the ISO 9001:2015 Recertification Audit, conducted remotely by SOCOTEC Certification Philippines, Inc. (formerly known as AJA Registrars), last April 26-27 with no non-conformities. It can be recalled that USEP had the certification audit visit last November 3-4, 2020, and successfully passed for the immediate certification of ISO 9001:2015.

Good housekeeping in Tagum-Mabini campus registrar, immediate and competent presentation of requested documents in College of Education (CED) and College of Business Administration (CBA), as well as improvement in infrastructure in Mintal campus were some of the positive findings observed by the auditees during the visit.

The auditors included Ms. Ella Riza Ajero, as Lead Auditor, as well as Mr. Eugene Herradura and Ms. Ma. Jona Anorico as Support Auditors. Dr. Mark Vera, Capt. Nicanor Altares, and Ms. Mercedes Flores were also present as technical experts.

This achievement displayed the USEP community's collective effort and commitment towards excellence, under the leadership of the University President, Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao.

This also manifests the University's commitment to its strategic goal in ensuring that the University's processes and operations are consistently planned and implemented. This is for the purpose of optimizing effectiveness and performance, and demonstrating the University's ability to sustain a quality management system.

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USask, USEP ink understanding for research, academic exchange and cooperation

In line with the celebration of the 27th Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Anniversary and the first National Higher Education Day, the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) joined other Philippine State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in the virtual signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) facilitated by CHED and University of Saskatchewan (USask) to promote academic and research exchange on May 19, 2021.

The MoU was also initiated to respond to academic programs' internationalization, research and development initiatives, and partnerships between and among higher education institutions in the Philippines and abroad.

Dr. J. Prospero E. De Vera III, CHED Chairperson, stated that “our continuing thrust on internationalization is bearing fruit,” emphasizing the theme of the

year's CHED theme, “Padyak! Moving Forward, Claiming Victory for Philippine Higher Education. Pamantasan: Pandayan Tungo sa Kaunlaran” on claiming victory—in internationalization and mutual cooperation.

This MoU will provide more opportunities for the University to support the internationalization programs and efforts, as well as to realize and to realize the University's mission in equipping graduates to become globally competitive.

This partnership is in line with the Philippine-Canada Universities Education Consortium for International Collaborative Partnerships (PhilCanEDUCON- Magic 7+) which aims to foster academic and scholarly collaboration among USask and seven (7) SUCs in the Philippines, as follows: Mariano Marcos State University (MMSU); Benguet State University (BSU); Central Luzon State University (CLSU); Central Mindanao University (CMU);

Central Mindanao University (CMU); Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU); Mountain Province Polytechnic State College (MPPSC); and University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP).



FOR INTERNATIONALIZATION. Members of PhilCanEDUCON-Magic 7+ and delegates from USaks and CHED pose for a photo

USEP welcomes CSC orientation on PRIME HRM

For the furtherance and realization of the Strategic Area of Concern (SAC) I, as indicated in the University's Catch-Up Plan (CUP) 2018-2021, the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) conducted the virtual orientation on Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM). Director II Marilyn M. Dujali from the Civil Service Commission (CSC) XI was the resource speaker for the said orientation which was held virtually in April 2021.

Administrative Council members, Human Resource Management Division

(HRMD) counterparts from Mintal, Tagum-Mabini Campuses, and the University Budget Officer participated in the orientation. The orientation is in preparation for one of the performance measures of SAC I, which is the recognition of the University as a Center for Excellence in Human Resource Management, by the CSC, by the end of 2021.

PRIME-HRM is a program that integrates and enhances the Personnel Management Assessment and Assistance Program (PMAAP) and the CSC Agency Accreditation Program (CSCAAP), and a mechanism to assess the maturity level of an agency's HR systems.



PRIME-HRM ORIENTATION. Director II Marilyn M. Dujali of CSC Field Office-Davao City facilitates the discussion for PRIME-HRM of the University.

Padyak! USEP celebrates first National Higher Education Day; CHED's 27th Founding Anniversary

May 18 commemorates the celebration of two (2) important events for higher education institutions in the country; the founding anniversary of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the National Higher Education Day.

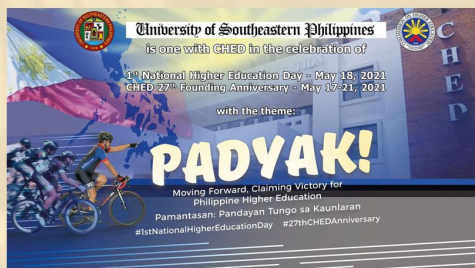
President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Republic Act (R. A.) 1152, an Act declaring the 18th day of May as "National Higher Education Day" on February 5, 2021 commemorating also

the 27th founding of CHED, established on May 18, 1994, as an agency tasked to formulate and recommend development plans, priorities, and programs on higher education.

The event, being established amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, served as a reminder of 'hope to encourage appreciation on the importance of higher education in fostering the improved capacity and global competitiveness of Filipinos', according to the officially released message of President Duterte.

This year's theme is 'PADYAK: Moving forward, Claiming Victory for Philippine Higher Education. Pamantasan: Pandayan Tungo sa Kaunlaran'.

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) is one with CHED and all higher education institutions in this meaningful celebration.



PADYAK! The University of Southeastern Philippines together with CHED claims victory for Philippine Higher Education.

CAC organizes webinar on new career landscape amidst pandemic

In pursuit of the office's commitment to provide quality services to students on the preparation of their future and chosen careers, the University Career and Alumni Center (CAC) conducted a webinar with a theme "Facing the Challenges of the New Career Landscape" on April 27-28, 2021 streamed live via CAC's official Facebook page.

The webinar is a platform to inform and educate students on career enhancement by facilitating discussions on understanding and addressing their needs through choosing effective and appropriate strategies for career management skills and digital learning solutions, which may lead to relevant skills and credentials.

Also, CAC invited resource speakers from various companies to address the new gaps in employment landscaping and how they address the issue in their sector. Invited companies and agencies were Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Region XI, Concentrix, Cardbank-MRI, Fil-Fresh, and International Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Training Institute Philippines – Tagum.

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continuation on USEP wellness promotion

The said wellness program is a response to the Civil Service Commission (CSC) Memorandum Circular No. 6 s. 1995 requiring agencies to adopt "The Great Filipino Workout" as an integral part of the National Physical Fitness and Sports Development Program for Government personnel.

Virtual activities included in the program were virtual walk/run (which included categories for

family, couples, undergraduate students, graduate school students, non-teaching staff, and faculty), and online chess tournament.

The program aimed to emphasize the importance of a healthy lifestyle and a regimen of regular physical fitness activities as a strategy to reduce the level of the risk factors of heart diseases, while following health regulations and guidelines set by the government.



WHEELS FOR FITNESS. A group of participants of the USEP Wellness Program pose for photo with their mud-painted bicycles.

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USEP, AFEP partner for Friendly Education Program

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP), through the International Affairs Division (IAD), formally announced its partnership with Philippine China Jiangsu Center (CJC) Association for Friendship and Education Promotion (AFEP) for promoting Friendly Education Program Series, via Zoom and Livestreaming through the University's Official Facebook Page, on April 30, 2021.

The program was attended by several University officials and college deans, as well as by the Secretary General of AFEP Mr. Jiang Xiao, AFEP Chief Staff Mr. Andy Gui, and prospective professional Chinese students.

The USEP President, Dr. Lourdes, represented by the USEP Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales Jr., delivered the congratulatory message and said that the partnership program aims to promote 'friendly education, mutual benefit, and win-win' cooperation.

Through the said partnership, the University and AFEP will be able to train professional Chinese students in various masters and doctoral programs.

Mr. Xiao also remarked in his message that the USEP's masters and doctoral programs for Chinese University teachers and entrepreneurs are of 'great epochal' significance and the opening of the program is a new initiative of friendship, openness, and wisdom between China and the Philippines.

In her closing remarks, the USEP Vice President for Administration, Ms. Maria Luisa B. Faunillan, expressed her gratitude to AFEP on partnering with USEP. She also said that the partnership of AFEP and USEP has opened various opportunities for social and academic impact for both institutions. In addition, she challenged the audience to embrace cross-border internationalization— not just for academic excellence but also for cultural exchange.



XIEXIE. Thank you AFEP. University officials and several Professional Chinese prospect-students meet via Zoom to witness the USEP-AFEP partnership.

Prevention is better than cure: USEP CAS conducts vaccination information drive

Aside from the threat of COVID-19 pandemic on public health and economy, the public is swayed to doubt the effectiveness of the readily-allowed vaccines — posing a possibility of delaying the country's recovery.

To inform and educate the general public of the importance of vaccination, the University of Southeastern Philippines, through the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), and in partnership with the Department of Health Region XI, organized a webinar series centered on COVID Pandemic with first installment about 'Vaccination Politics: The Misleading Info and Half-Truths' series, on June 18, 2021, via Zoom and was livestreamed through CAS' Official Facebook Page.

This webinar aimed to support the public health community in keeping people safe and informed with the most accurate and up-to-date details of the pandemic. This is for the purpose of ridding misleading and harmful information, supporting health and economic relief efforts, and keeping people connected in all aspects

Dr. Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr., USEP Vice President for Academic Affairs, mentioned in his speech said that prevention is better than cure. He also lauded the role of the University as an active partner of the government in cushioning the negative impact of the pandemic, as well as the rampant misinformation. In addition, he expressed his hopes for the country to achieve the herd immunity, so that the University can finally return to conducting face-to-face classes.

Cabinet Secretary Karlo Alexi B. Nograles, along with the COVID-19 Vaccination Head of the Department of Health XI, Dr. Janis Olavides, were invited as resource speakers to discuss the COVID-19 Vaccination Roadmap and the challenges experienced by the Davao Region in ensuring the access to vaccines.

Secretary Nograles, in his message, emphasized that all readily-available vaccines had undergone, in his words, 'stringent- most stringent' selection process to ensure the safety and efficacy of the vaccines. He also

guaranteed that the vaccines used in vaccination programs are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and that there is no need to hesitate. Dr. Olavides likewise talked about the available vaccines and their efficacy.

USEP is with the efforts of the government to curb misinformation and achieve herd immunity to eventually end the COVID-19.



USEP facilitates webinar series on capacitating teachers and staff in handling int'l students

Through its International Affairs Division (IAD), the University recently facilitated a webinar series on capacitating teachers and staff in handling international students. The activity had three (3) sessions which focussed on diverse topics such as

the AFEP Project Orientation, and Cross-cultural Communication to Teaching Innovations, and Blended Learning Modality considering the new normal setting.



FOLLOW THE HEALTH GUIDELINES. Dr. Olavides reiterate the need of public to participate in the Government's effort to vaccinate.

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No to unlawful uploading: USEP conducts virtual information drive on R.A. 8293

Pursuant to the University Memorandum 20210511-01, the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP), through the Office of Student Affairs and Services (OSAS), conducted a virtual information drive on May 26, 2021, via Zoom and livestreamed via the University's Official Facebook Page.

The said memorandum was issued on May 11, 2021, after the University had received news about the unlawful uploading and sharing of academic documents and other copyrighted creations on websites not recognized by the University, sans prior consent or authority from the author/s or the university.

Engr. Filmann T. Simpao, Director of the Knowledge and Technology Transfer Division (KTTD) of the University, along with Ms. Ann Marah Mencidor of Intellectual Property Office of the

Philippines (IPOPHL) were invited as resource speakers.

The academic applications of Republic Act (R.A.) 8293, otherwise known as Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines as amended by R.A. 9150, R.A. 9502, and R.A. 10372 were discussed in the activity as well as the responsibilities of the student body and concerned individuals in compliance with the said republic act. This is to proactively avoid the violation of the provisions of the aforementioned laws.

Furthermore, the University had taken actions against those who unlawfully uploaded and shared copyrighted materials from unrecognized websites, by publicly calling their attention to take down and remove the said materials.

Through this activity, the University demonstrates its commitment on upholding its academic integrity and its core value of professionalism.



INFORMATION IS POWER; WITH POWER COMES RESPONSIBILITY. Resource Speakers (from top left) Engr. Filmann T. Simpao and Ms. Ann Marah Mencidor, together with Mr. Genesely Tahoy, Ms. Haidee Quilario and Dr. Jose Alther M. Rivera, OSAS Director power pose for a photo after the Information Drive.

USEP to send student-athletes on the first-ever MASTS virtual games

COVID-19 pandemic cannot quell the flames of student athleticism!

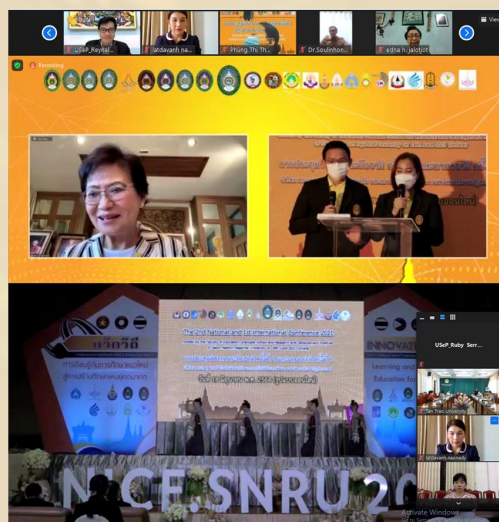
This year's edition of Mindanao Association of State Tertiary Schools, Incorporated (MASTS, Inc.) Games will be done virtually and will focus on Sports and Socio-Cultural Competitions, due to the presence of a pandemic that limits the conduct of physical activities.

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP), being a member of MASTS Inc., has been invited to participate in the MASTS Virtual Games 2021 with a theme: "MASTS Virtual Competition 2021— Harnessing Opportunities in the New Normal" from June to December, 2021.

MASTS Virtual Games 2021 aims to help students, faculty members, staff, and stakeholders to gain exposure, experience, and skills enhancement, as well as to strengthen the University's networks and linkages with other State Universities and Colleges (SUCs).

The University is expected to send participants for the on-the-list events such as the Mobile Legends: Bang Bang, and Call of Duty Mobile. Both of which will appear for the first time in MASTS Games' history.

USEP CED co-hosts the 2nd Nat'l, 1st Int'l Research Conference 2021



The College of Education (CED) received an invitation from Sakon Nakhon Rajabhat University (SNRU) — one of USEP's partners in Sakon Nakhon, Thailand, to co-host the 2nd National and International Conference on "Innovative-Life Learning and New Normal Education of Future Skills Development for Administrators, Teachers, Students and Learners" which was held last June 18, 2021.

The event was geared towards enhancing academic cooperation among international partners by providing a platform for sharing knowledge and practical experiences, not only in education but in other related areas like curriculum, instruction, technology, and administration.

UAGC connects with peer facilitators

The University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP), through the University Assessment and Guidance Center (UAGC), organized a virtual activity 'Peer Connect: A get-together of University of Peer Facilitators' on May 31, 2021 via Zoom. This was actively participated by student peer facilitators from all University campuses.

The activity centered on establishing camaraderie, enhancing social and facilitating skills, discovering and sharing of talents and skills, creating opportunities to reach out with peer facilitators from other campuses, gaining insights, and learning while having fun among

the facilitators. Insights, and learning were gained while having fun among the facilitators.

Ms. Emily P. Madrona and Dr. Jennifer M. Arbiol, UAGC Director, shared their insights and inspiring messages for the event.

The event is in line with the University's proactive actions in cushioning the negative effects of COVID-19 pandemic by establishing connection, familiarity, and unity despite the isolation and distance.

USEP Publication Unit conducts training on publishing in high impact journals

The University, through the USEP Publication Unit, conducted a Training on Publishing in High Impact Journals last May 27-28, 2021 via Zoom and and livestreamed via the USEP Publication Unit Official Facebook Page.

The two-day activity, which was participated by the faculty from different the colleges of the University and those with complete yet unpublished studies, aimed to improve the skills of the researchers in publishing articles in high impact journals.

During the first day of the training, Dr. Shirley S. Villanueva, Vice President for Research Development and Extension, commended the Research Division for organizing the activity. In her opening remarks, Dr. Villanueva highlighted that it is very necessary for research studies from the University to be disseminated to stakeholders and to other academic communities, making the activity very relevant to the University's goal of becoming a premiere research institution.

The first topic was Creating Open Researcher and Contributor ID (ORCID) delivered by Dr. Maureen M. Villamor, Southeastern Philippines Journal of Research and Development (SPJRD) Editor. Dr. Villamor discussed the importance of creating ORCID, noting that it distinguishes a researcher from others adding that it is also required by major journal publishers and funding organizations. She also demonstrated the procedure in registering a unique and free ORCID.

Following Dr. Villamor's discussion, Dr. Rodney C. Jubilado, Chair of the Humanities Division at the University of

Hawaii at Hilo, talked about Scopus and Clarivate Publishing.

Dr. Jubilado stressed that research is an important factor that makes Universities excel in any field and become the definition of excellence. He also provided important points that researchers should remember when submitting to high impact journals such as Scopus and Clarivate.

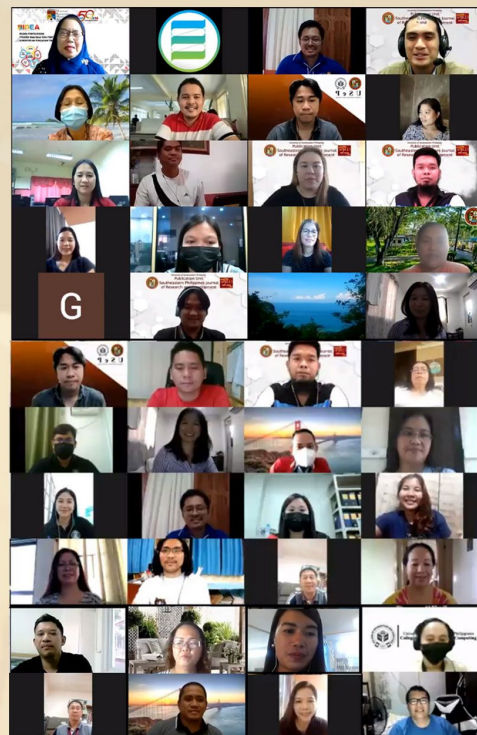
Dr. Takashi Tsuji, researcher from the College of Agriculture at Saga University, Japan, shared his experiences in writing Philippine culture for research publications. Dr. Tsuji emphasized the importance of seeking original perspectives and expressing these ideas in papers, books, and documents.

Following Dr. Tsuji, Dr. Siti Hamin Stapa, Professor of Applied Linguistics at the National University of Malaysia, discussed the Easing the Apprehensions, Reducing the rejections: Tips on Publishing in High Impact Journals. Dr. Stapa highlighted that publishing in high impact journals allows the protection of the quality of the journal, since articles are being verified as scientifically reliable. She also shared factors to consider in ranking a journal and to avoid getting rejected by research publications.

Dr. Mohammed H. Alaqad, Senior Lecturer and Academic Program Manager of Translation and Interpreting and Faculty Research Coordinator at the Management and Science University, Malaysia, talked about choosing Scopus Journals. Dr. Alaqad shared important factors to consider in deciding between an open access and traditional journal.

The writeshop began during the morning session of the second day of the activity, and was followed by the presentation of revised journal articles.

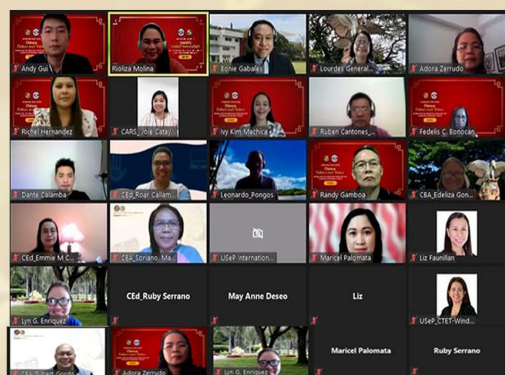
This activity demonstrates the importance of scholarly activities in academic institutions, thus manifesting the University's commitment to becoming a premier research University in the ASEAN.



FOR RESEARCH, FOR USEP. Participants of the Training on Publishing in High Impact Journals pose for a photo with the Resource Speakers Dr. Maureen M. Villamor, SPJRD Editor; Dr. Rodney C. Jubilado, Chair of the Humanities Division at the University of Hawaii at Hilo; Dr. Takashi Tsuji, Researcher from the College of Agriculture, Saga University, Japan; and Dr. Mohammed H. Alaqad Senior Lecturer and Academic Program Manager of Translation and Interpreting and Faculty Research Coordinator.

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continuation on USEP webinar on capacitating teachers



GOING INTERNATIONAL. (From the left) Mr. Andy Gui, AFEP Chief of Staff delivers his admiration on the commitment of the University for initiating Internationalization.

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The first session was conducted last June 17, 2021, which highlighted the International Partnership with the Philippines Association for Friendship and Education Promotion (AFEP) — a partnership that promotes cultural and values awareness and opens doors and opportunities for inclusivity and cooperation.

The second session was held on June 24, 2021 which centered on the basic Mandarin expressions that the faculty and staff can use as they handle international students. On June 30, 2021, the last session of the webinar series was conducted, which focused on teaching innovations and trends in the new normal, and flexible and blended learning modality.

The University, through International Affairs Division, will continue to stay committed towards providing and initiating internationalization activities and programs that will strengthen and nurture the partnership, not only with AFEP, but with all the international partners of the University.

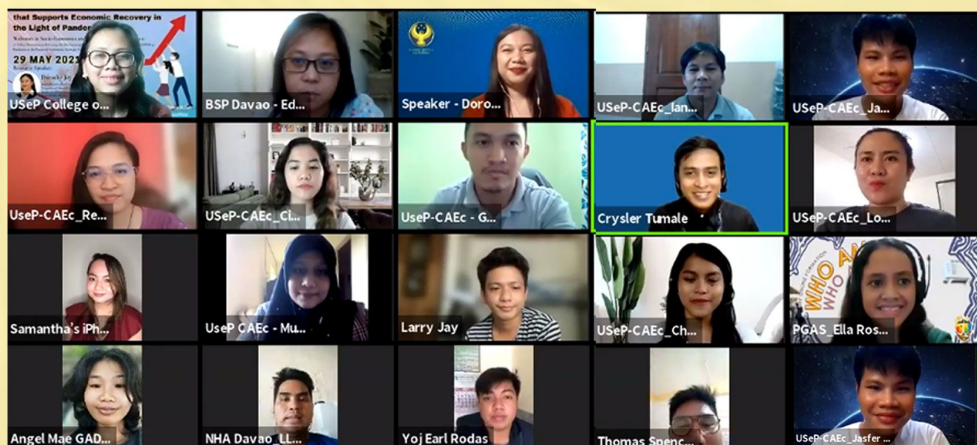
USEP CAEc, SERDAC Mindanao tackle country's economic initiatives

To discuss the current initiatives of the government for the economic recovery of the country amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP), through College of Applied Economics (CAEc) Graduate School students, in collaboration with Socio-Economic Research and Data Analytics Center (SERDAC) Mindanao, launched a 2-part webinar series program titled "WISER—Webinars in Socio-Economics, Econometrics and Research" on May 29 and June 5, 2021 via Zoom.

Ms. Dorothy Joy A. Diaz, Bank Officer II in-charge of Economic and Financial Learning Center of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Davao Regional Office (BSP-RXI), along with Ms. Angel Kris B. Tacardon, CPA (Revenue Officer III), Mr. Jonicris O. Almazan, CPA (Revenue Officer III),

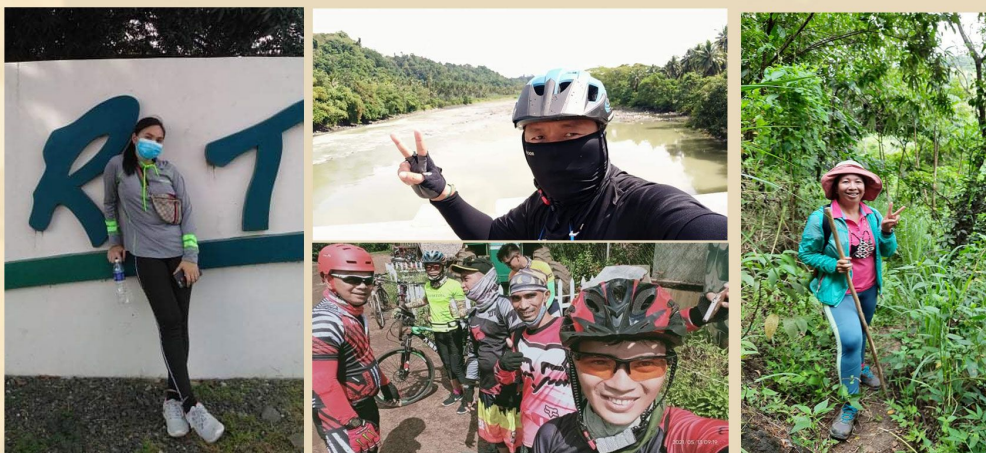
Ms. Almena C. Macasa, CPA (Revenue Officer II), and Ms. Jelly O. Daffon, CPA (Revenue Officer I), were invited to talk for the first webinar.

The speakers centered the discussion on the two (2) new laws that facilitate the economic recovery of the country, namely the Financial Institutions Strategic Transfer (FIST) Act and the Corporate Recovery and Tax Incentives for Enterprises (CREATE) Act, which were put into effect on February 18 and April 11, 2021 respectively. More specifically, the speakers shared how these new laws help the corporations, banks, and other financial institutions in improving the business recovery and financial system liquidity. This is very significant in keeping the country's economy afloat despite the adverse impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.



BE WISER! Ms. Dorothy Joy A. Diaz, Bank Officer II in-charge of Economic and Financial Learning Center of Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Davao Regional Office (top center) poses for a photo with student-participants of WISER series.

More photos for USEP wellness program (story on page 3)



SMILE! Participants of the University wellness program in their chosen activities: walk/jog and cycling.

GS CARS organizes a webinar on Ecological Rice Pest Management

The Graduate School of the College of Agriculture and Related Sciences (CARS) organized a webinar titled "Ecological Rice Pest Management" on April 24, 2021, via Zoom. The invited speaker was Dr. Ravindra C. Joshi, senior consultant of the Philippine Rice Research Institute (PhilRice) and mentor of the Meryl Williams Fellowship, ACIAR, Australia.

Dr. Joshi's presentation focused on the current status of the global rice production systems; ecological management of invasive rice pests—specifically the rice planthopper, rice field rat, and invasive (Golden) Apple snail; and ecological engineering. He shared his experiences with various organizations, most notably the PhilRice, where he worked for many years and in different stages of his life. Further, he shared specific opportunities such as research problems, collaborative partnerships, and scholarships available for undergraduate and graduate students and faculty members.

A total of 201 participants from University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP), Central Luzon State University (CLSU), Quezon State University (QSU), Mindanao State University (MSU), Visayan State University (VSU), University of Southern Mindanao (USM), Davao Oriental State University (DOrSU), Davao del Sur State College (DSSC), Compostella Valley State College (CVSC), Department of Agriculture (DA), Local Government Units (LGUs) in the region, as well as from other institutions in the Philippines and in abroad had attended the said webinar.



FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF RICE RESEARCH. Promotional poster of the USEP CARS Graduate School for the webinar.

CBA holds first HUGYAWAN

The College of Business Administration (CBA) Local Council (Undergraduate students), Financial Management Students Society (FiMSS), Young Chefs and Hoteliers Society, and Young Marketers Society (YMS), in partnership with the UseP Gender and Development Office (GAD) and CBA Student Organization, held their first “HUGYAWAN—Understanding Different Coping Mechanisms through Social Connectedness” last April 2021 and which was livestreamed via the CBA’s Official Facebook Page.

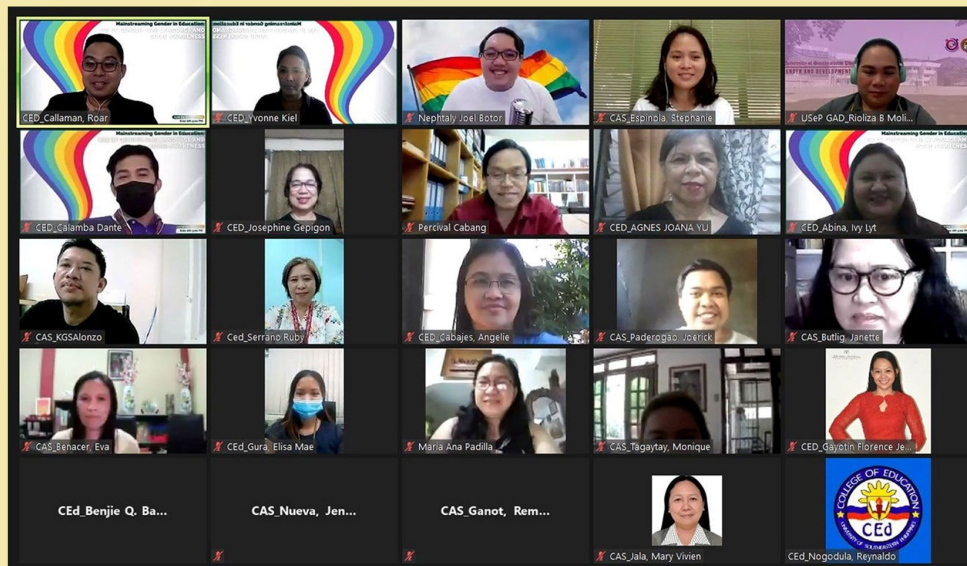
The month-long activity served as a venue for students to express themselves and to communicate through artistic and friendly competitions by regaining their sense of community despite the pandemic.

The activity kicked off with an opening program on April 5, 2021. During his opening message, Dr. Gilbert M. Gordo, Dean of the CBA, assured that the faculty and University Administration continue to find ways to make learning as close as possible to what we know as normal. Dr. Gordo also shared his hopes for the activity to provide some relief from these challenges times.

A number of virtual activities and competitions were held during the month-long activity which include: Online Poster Making, CBA’s Next Top Model, KPop Dance Cover, Innovative Dish, Film Dubbing, as well as E-games tournaments for Mobile Legends Bang Bang, and Call of Duty.

The announcement of winners and overall champion was conducted during the closing program on April 30, 2021. The following are the winners of the different activities: Dasig (First Year BS Entrepreneurship) for the CBA Next Top Model; ACOVIDOI (Second Year BS Accountancy) for the Online Poster Making Contest; BS Entrepreneurship for E-Games Mobile Legends Bang Bang; BS Business Administration for E-Games Call of Duty Battle Royal; CATS (First Year BS Accountancy) for the KPop Dance Cover; ACOVIDOI for the Film Dubbing; and Quarantalks (Second Year BS Entrepreneurship) for the Short Film Production. At the end of the program, ACOVIDOI was announced as the overall champion for the Hugyawon 2021.

The month-long activity acknowledged the various coping mechanisms from different gender spectrum through artistic and friendly competition, as well as regaining student sense of community. “Continue to strive to survive and strive to enjoy life”, Mr. Nash Reginio, Adviser of FiMSS, said during his closing remarks.



YES TO GENDER FAIR LANGUAGE. Speakers of the webinar, together with the University Gender and Development Director Rioliza Molina, display some smile after a meaningful discussion on Mainstreaming Gender in Education.

CED GAD conducts Webinar on Mainstreaming Gender in Education: Use of Gender-Fair Language and SOGIE Awareness

With the effort to heighten the awareness on Gender and Development, as well as to address pressing issues on gender in the new normal, the University of Southeastern Philippines (UseP), College of Education (CED), in collaboration with the Gender and Development (GAD) Office, conducted a webinar on Mainstreaming Gender in Education: Use of Gender-Fair Language and SOGIE Awareness on June 4, 2021 via Zoom.

The webinar put front and center the need of integrating gender lenses in designing a curriculum for education in the new normal. This is in order to mainstream the use of gender-fair language and to provide better

understanding of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression (SOGIE).

Speakers of the webinar were Prof. Nephtaly Joel Botor, Assistant Professor-Department of Human and Family Development Studies, University of the Philippines- Los Baños, along with Jeff Y. Fuentes, Regional Director of the Commission on Population Region IX.

The activity was attended by the faculty members of the College of Education (CED), College of Teacher Education and Technology (CTET) General Education, and the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), as well as faculty representatives from other colleges/units of the University.



DE-STRESSING THE PANDEMIC STRESS. (from top left) Several posters of various events of the Hugyawon- the CBA Top Model edition and poster making contest. Dr. Gilbert M. Gordo, the CBA Dean, delivers his congratulatory speech.

Dr. Mamilic-Villamor receives Rising Star Award

Dr. Maureen Mamilic-Villamor, Associate Dean and BSCS Program Head of the College of Information and Computing (CIC), received a Rising Star Award during the virtual ACM-W Asia Pacific Celebration 2021 last April 7, 2021. This is in recognition of her achievements in the field of computing and in interdisciplinary fields within computing for the past five (5) years.

The ACM-W Asia Pacific Celebration Shining Star and Rising Star Awards recognizes women with significant work and impact in computing. This year, awards were based on the nominations by the Celebration 2021 Committee Members.

Other winners of the said award were Jenilyn Agapito, May Talandron-Felipe, Tamanna Motahar, and Fatima Yahya A. Almathami. While Catherine Lang bagged the Shining Award.

Computing remains a heavily male-dominated field even after two (2) decades of extensive efforts to promote female participation. Women's success in this field is something to be proud of.



LET YOUR LIGHT CONTINUE TO SHINE. Dr. Villamor joins other distinguished Shining and Rising Stars of ACM-W.

USEP participates in the Certificate Course on Futures Thinking

Fourteen (14) participants from the University of Southeastern Philippines (USEP) participated in the recently conducted Certificate Course on Futures Thinking last March 2021 via Zoom. The activity had eight (8) sessions which were held every Thursday and Friday, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM, for the whole month of March.

The Certificate Course on Futures Thinking was launched by the Development Academy of the Philippines Graduate School of Public and Management (DAP-GSPDM). This certificate course hopes to strengthen the anticipatory capacity of our lawmakers, governance, and public policy systems and processes.

Supervised by Prof. Shermon O. Cruz, Director and Chief Futurist of the Center for Engaged Foresight, the following are the participants from USEP:

Lourdes C. Generalao, University President; Bonifacio G. Gabales, Jr., Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA); Shirley S. Villanueva, Vice President for Research, Development and Extension (VPRDE); Tamara Cher R. Mercado, Vice President for Planning and Quality

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All the learnings gained from this relevant program are useful in the preparation of the University for its five-year Strategic Plan for 2022-2026.



USEP GRABS BEST PAPER, GROUP CATEGORY AWARD. (from the top) Dr. Lourdes C. Generalao, the University President delivers her words of thanks for the Development Academy of the Philippines Graduate School of Public and Management (DAP-GSPDM) after being awarded the Best Paper in Group Category for USEP Team Study "Paquibato District 2040: Plausible Futures of Indigenous Peoples Education for Peace and Development".

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With a number of virtual activities from April to June 2021, this newsletter exhibits the University's continued efforts in providing quality education to its stakeholders under the new normal.



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