

The Learning Express (LEX) program by Singapore Polytechnic (SP) is an International Social Innovation Program that gives opportunities to students in experiencing the real world through volunteer work or community service. This aims to strengthen the students' interpersonal skills, provide them new insights on the culture of the local communities, test their knowledge in the face of challenges, and help them make friends along the way.

On March 13 at the CIRTC Building, VP for Research, Development and Extension Services, Engr. Albertson D. Amante, welcomed the participants from SP and BatStateU on the first day of the 12-day LEX program,

In the afternoon, participants were grouped and designated to immerse in the local communities of Batangas.

One group was assigned at Brgy. Catandaan, Nasugbu, Batangas where they were able to visit the Taro Chips production site and try out the process of producing taro chips.

Meanwhile, another group was assigned at Brgy. San Isidro, Rosario, Batangas where they experienced harvesting fresh papayas and making papaya candies.

The last group went to Brgy. San Gregorio, Malvar, Batangas where they took part in the methods of making Macapuno at Mendoza's Macapuno Candy Maker.

Each group acquired new learnings and prepared reports and presentations to be shared with the other groups. Thereafter, they organized a gallery walk featuring the prototype and their roles in the community they were immersed in.