



## **CTI Hosts SPEAR Pitch Competition**



In collaboration with the South Luzon Hub for Technopreneurship and Innovation, the BatStateU Center for Technopreneurship and Innovation (CTI) hosted a two-day event that featured the exhibition of Start-ups of Technopreneurship students on December 11-12 as part of the Start-up Programs & Enterprise Accelerator (SPEAR) Pitch Competition.



The SPEAR Program aimed to inculcate the technopreneurial and innovative mind-set among students and boost the local start-up industry that contributes to the community. The activity was also bound to help start-ups in their journey towards the full commercialization of their venture idea.

The first day commenced with a welcome message by the VP for Research Development and Extension Services Engr. Albertson D. Amante and was followed by an inspirational talk by BatStateU President Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo. An exhibition followed shortly, showcasing the different start-up ideas of students.

During the two-day event, a mentoring session was also held, wherein DTI Batangas Business Development Chief of the Business Department Mrs. Marissa Argente discussed to the students the next crucial steps after creating start-ups, while ITSO head Dr. Leandro A. Dalhag presented the basic information on intellectual property.

From a number of 150 student start-ups, the top 10 finalists were named. The said finalists shall compete for the upcoming SPEAR Pitching Competition in February 2019 and will be combined with 10 other start-up teams from South Luzon, Bicol, and Palawan.

## CTI staff attend Incubation Management Workshop - Manila

The Innovation for Social Impact Partnership's (ISIP) Manila Leg of the incubation management workshop on planning and managing a university-based incubator was held on October 10-12 at UP Diliman, QC. The three-day workshop, which aimed to develop the technical and management capabilities of incubator personnel, was done in partnership with the Technopreneurship Hub (TechHub), an amalgam of universities strategically located in various regions in the country that catalyze innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives.

BatStateU, being one of TechHub's cohort universities, took part in the workshop through the participation of the BatStateU Center for Technopreneurship and Innovation (CTI) project staff Engr. John Richard Esguerra and Engr. Neres Ann Manguiat.

The workshop falls under the Education component of ISIP and is conducted in partnership with the Philippine Development Foundation (PhilDev) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).