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## Batangas State University Celebrates 16<sup>th</sup> Charter Day

Batangas State University celebrated its 16th Charter day on April 1 at the Gov. Feliciano "Sanoy" Leviste Memorial Multi-Purpose Gymnasium, Pablo Borbon Main I. The theme for this year's celebration is "Converging with the ASEAN Community in Fostering Global Education".



*Officials from the Municipality of Mabini, Batangas and BatStateU Executive Committee during the MOA signing.*

In his State of the University Address, BatStateU President, Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, highlighted the success and accomplishments of the University from 2014-2017 in the areas of instruction, research, extension and management of resources. He shared to the academic community the future endeavors that the University will undertake to provide the learners of the quality service that they well deserve.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Municipality of Mabini and BatStateU, in relation to the establishment of BatStateU extension campus in the said municipality, was signed. Atty. Gerville Luistro, Municipal Administrator, Vice Mayor Pablo M. Villanueva, and members of the Sanguniang Bayan signed the MOA.

In addition, the BatStateU Faculty

Confederation and the BatStateU Management signed the 2017 Collective Negotiation Agreement. The Faculty Confederation was represented by its President, Dr. George Compasivo.

The Search for Outstanding Faculty and Employee was also launched and presented by Prof. Rogelio A. Antenor, Director for Administration Services. Through this, faculty and employees who passionately serve the University and personify its core values will be given due recognition, having another reason to excel in their fields and become more competent in their careers.

Moreover, the 2017 Ten Outstanding Students were awarded by the Office of Student Affairs and Services, headed by Dr. Lucille Evangelista, in recognition of their meritorious performance. Ms. Victorious Lois Lualhati



*Ms. Victorious Lois Lualhati, a senior BS Development Communication student, receives the award for being the Top 1 in the Ten Outstanding Student Awardees (TOSA).*

from the College of Arts and Sciences, a BS Development Communication student, ranked first among the ten student awardees.

In the afternoon, an orientation and forum on the National Budget Circular 461 was facilitated by Dr. Jessie A. Montalbo, Director



*Dr. Jessie A. Montalbo, director for NBC Zonal Center, presenting the NBC 461 evaluation.*

of the NBC Zonal Center. This aimed to clarify on certain items on the NBC 461 evaluation instrument.

## Batangas State University Recognizes New Lawyers



*The November 2016 Bar exam passers from BatStateU College of Law during the Testimonial Program and Dinner.*

BatStateU College of Law, a young yet steadfast law school in the Philippines, has produced eleven new lawyers this year. In recognition of the successful passers of the November 2016 bar examinations, the College tendered a Testimonial Program & Dinner at the 7th floor, CIRTIC Bldg., Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City on June 3.

Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, University President, and Atty. Edgard Valdez, Dean of College of Law, each expressed their congratulatory message for the achievement of the BatStateU bar passers in upholding the vision of excellence.

The new lawyers are Atty. Shyrell Morena Marie C. Abello, Atty. Rey Daniel S. Acedillo, Atty. Jonathan George M. Atienza, Atty. Noreleisha R. Atienza, Atty. Alvin R. De Silva, Atty. Sheena Mara R. De Villa, Atty. Catherine R. Gabia, Atty. Dexter Jonas M. Lumanglas, Atty. Reginald Michael C. Manito, Atty. Edgar Carlos G. Mendoza, Jr. and Atty. Vhodick K. Santos. They were recognized together with their law professors.



## AACCUP Conducts First Survey Visit for CTE and CAS Graduate Programs



*During the opening program of outcomes-based accreditation first survey visit.*

The Accrediting Agency of Chartered Colleges and Universities in the Philippines (AACCUP) held an outcomes-based accreditation (OBQA) first survey visit for five (5) graduate programs of Pablo Borbon Main I on April 18-20.

Headed by Dr. Elsie M. Pachon of Don Mariano Marcos Memorial State University (DMMMSU) as the Coordinator, AACCUP sent 16 accreditors to assess the programs under the OBQA instrument.

Three (3) programs accredited: under College of Arts and Sciences were Doctor of Philosophy in English; Master of Arts in English; and Master of Science in Mathematics; Meanwhile the two (2) programs under College of Teacher Education were evaluated: Doctor of Philosophy major in Mathematics Education; and Master of Arts in Education majors: Physical Education, Pagtuturo Ng Filipino, English Language Teaching, Psychology.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Erma B. Quinay, during the opening program, underscored the milestone attained by the CTE and CAS as they embraced the opportunity to

submit their programs for critical evaluation in the name of quality assurance.

The accreditors spent the three-day assessment process scrutinizing documents of the five graduate programs. On April 19, ten of the evaluators visited the extension projects of the five (5) programs: Taal National High School, Taal, Batangas; and Tinga Itaas Elementary School, Batangas City.

At the exit conference, one of the strengths mentioned by the accreditors was the transformation of the Main Campus. As stated, "the total face-lifting, by the blooming of various structures in the Main Campus and so with the other campuses, shows a worthy and splendid support of those in close administration of BatStateU – from the Board of Regents, the President, the Academic and Administrative Councils, students and the stakeholders." There were also areas mentioned by the accreditors that need improvement as they also expressed recommendations for the improvement of the programs.



*The AACCUP OBQA First Survey Visit, Exit Conference and Closing Remarks*

## UTT Deputy Head Visits BatStateU



*BatStateU officials together with Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Hien of UTT Vietnam*

Ms. Nguyen Thi Thu Hien, Deputy Head of the Department of Science and Technology and International Cooperation, University of Transport Technology of Vietnam, visited Batangas State

University on May 5 to discuss possible academic collaboration between the universities.

UTT is the center for training, scientific research, new technological transfer in transport and communication field in Vietnam. Since its foundation, it specializes technicians and top middle levels of the country in the fields of transport, hydraulics, and architecture.

Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, BatStateU President, and Prof. Rogelio Antenor, Vice President of External Affairs and ICT Services, headed the University officials in the meeting.

As mentioned, UTT-Hanoi sees possible collaboration on Research and Extension, Intensive English Training for its lecturers, twinning program, and exchange students and faculty.

## BatStateU Signs Academic Partnership with RMUTT

Batangas State University and Rajamangala University of Technology Thanyaburi (RMUTT) recently signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The partnership for academic exchange was made to enhance mutual relations, and develop academic and cultural interchange in the areas of Research and Extension Services. University officials, headed by Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, together with the VP for External Affairs and ICT Services, Prof. Rogelio Antenor, and the Department Chairpersons from the College of Engineering, Architecture and Fine Arts, visited RMUTT in Thailand on April 2-7 to participate in the MOA signing.

The areas of partnership that developed and strengthened the cooperative relationships between the two institutions include the exchange of students, exchange of faculty members and researchers, joint research projects, and cultural programs and internship opportunities.

RMUTT was established under the name Rajamangala Institute of Technology (RIT) with its nine (9) Rajamangala Universities of Technology



*University Officials headed by Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo together with Prof. Rogelio Antenor, VPEAI, Engr. Edzel Gamab, Director of External Affairs office, and the Department Chairpersons from CEFA during the MOA signing with RMUTT.*

campuses found nationwide. Under the Institute of Technology and Vocational Education Act 1975, it was founded on the 27th of February 1975 as a department under the Ministry of Education. It took the key roles of a tertiary education institute in offering educational programs, undertaking research, and providing academic services to the community.





## BatStateU Undergoes ISO Internal Audit

As part of the University's commitment to the continuous quality improvement in the delivery of services to its customers and clientele, BatStateU conducted ISO 9001 Internal Audit on June 27-July 3 for Pablo Borbon Main I and II, ARASOF Nasugbu, and JPLPC Malvar.

The internal audit aimed to verify the compliance of the established Quality Management System (QMS) of Batangas State University to the requirements of ISO 9001:2008 standards. The audit scope includes all QMS processes established at the BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I and II, JPLPC Malvar, and

ARASOF Nasugbu with the criteria set on ISO 9001:2008 standards, QMS documents, including the QM, PM, WIs, institutional policies, and statutory and regulatory requirements.

Before the actual audit was conducted, an orientation for the auditees or area managers was done by the Quality Management Representative on June 22 and 23 to familiarize them on the internal audit process, criteria, and documents to be presented to the auditors. Auditees were also tasked to inform their faculty or staff about the conduct of the scheduled internal audit.



*Lead Internal Auditor, Asst. Prof. Kristoffer Conrad Tejada, during the Internal Audit in BatStateU Campuses*



*Dr. Helen Evalle, BatStateU ISO Consultant, together with the University officials*



*ISO Internal Auditor, Dr. Jessie Montalbo, orienting the auditees and area managers*



## TOAD Receives Gawad Kalasag Special Recognition

BatStateU's Tactical Operative Amphibious Drive (TOAD) received a special recognition in the 18th Gawad Kalasag National Awards on June 8 at Philippine International Convention Center.

Gawad Kalasag National Awards is the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council's

Search for Excellence in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, and Humanitarian Assistance. TOAD was selected to receive a special distinction in the Group Category. Likewise, Dir. Alexander Madrigal, member of the BatStateU Governing Board, was a recipient of Gawad Kalasag Special Recognition in the Individual Category.

TOAD is designed and developed by a research team headed by Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, with Engr. Albertson D. Amante, Asst. Prof. Armando M. Sinohin and Mr. Eugene M. Ereño as its members.



*Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo together with Engr. Albertson D. Amante, Asst. Prof. Armando M. Sinohin and Mr. Eugene M. Ereno receiving the recognition in the 18<sup>th</sup> Gawad Kalasag National Awards*



## President Tirso A. Ronquillo Meets BOR Members at Kapihan

President Tirso A. Ronquillo invited the members of the BatStateU Governing Board for a Kapihan with the President on June 5 at the 7th Floor, CIRTIC, Pablo Borbon Main I.

Present during the Kapihan are the Alumni Regent, Hon. Amando A. Plata; the Faculty Regent, Hon. George P. Compasivo; and Ms. Alyssa E. De Torres, who represented the Student Regent, Hon. Joey C. Espino. Part of their agenda is the consultation of concerns and updates from their respective sectors. They were also advised by Dr. Ronquillo to prepare for a sectoral report as a new Commissioner will be assigned for BatStateU, Dr. Lilian A. De Las Llagas.

The BatStateU Board of Regents is the highest Governing Body in Batangas State University for its administration of the University and the exercise of its power.



*Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo meets the members of BatStateU Governing Board for a Kapihan with the President*

## Ocean University of China Partners with BatStateU

Officials from the Ocean University of China visited Batangas State University to discuss points of collaboration in the areas of instruction and research on April 18-20.

The OU delegation was composed of Mr. Huajun Li, Vice President and Professor in Ocean Engineering; Mr. Qi Li, Dean of Fisheries; Mr. Yunxiang Mao, Associate Dean of College of Marine Life Sciences; Mr. Yirong Luo, Associate Dean of College of Marine Life Sciences; Mr. Yirong Luo, Associate Dean of College of Liberal Arts; Journalism and Communication; Ms. Wenhong Song, Director of International Office; Mr. Dongliang Zheng, Program Assistant of International Office; and Mr. Philip Shao.

BatStateU Vice President for External Affairs and ICT Services, Prof. Rogelio Antenor together with the other University officials welcomed the delegates during a dinner held on April 18.

On April 19, Dr. Tirso Ronquillo with the Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Erma B. Quinay, Vice President of Administration and Finance, Atty. Luzviminda Rosales; Vice President of Research Development and Extension Services, Engr. Albertson Amante; Vice President of External Affairs and ICT Services, Prof. Rogelio Antenor; and other University Officials met the delegation to formally present the focus of partnership

and sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

Mr. Yirong Luo presented the establishment of Confucius Institute in the University. The said institute is a non-profit public educational organization affiliated with the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China, whose aim is to promote Chinese language and culture, support local Chinese teaching internationally, and facilitate cultural exchanges.

Other means of collaboration were also discussed such as the twinning program and research studies focusing on marine biodiversity.

The Office of the Governor of Batangas, headed by Gov. Hermilando Mandanas, worked with the University to make the partnership possible.



*VP Rogelio Antenor welcomes the delegates of Ocean University of China*



*Batangas State University and Ocean University of China Officials during the signing of Memorandum of Understanding*





## BatStateU Inaugurates Pablo Borbon Main II Facade

Batangas State University continues to improve its buildings and infrastructures for better quality education and for world class educational institution. As part of this development, Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, University President, led the inauguration and blessing of the Pablo Borbon Main II facade last April 10.

The infrastructure project was presented by Engr. Antonio A. Gamboa, Director of Project Management Office. The facade has an area of 679.97 square meters, with six (6) new high technology turnstiles that has a contract worth Php 5, 841, 289.91.

After the ribbon cutting ceremony, Dr. Ronquillo announced that the remaining ongoing projects of the University will soon be in service once accomplished. He also expressed that the University will continue to provide good quality education and better infrastructure for its students and employees.

The turnstiles were tested by student organization presidents led by Student Regent Joey C. Espino. He also gave a message of gratitude to Dr. Ronquillo for his continuous efforts for the improvement of the University.



*Highlights of the Batangas State University Pablo Borbon Main II, Batangas City Façade Inauguration*





*BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main II Façade*



*BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main II Façade*



## President Ronquillo Chairs SCSD/RDC 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting

Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo chaired the 2nd quarter meeting of the Sectoral Committee on Social Development on Social Protection hosted by Southern Luzon State University on May 15.

As part of the agenda, the Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) Social Sector Prioritization and Creation of Culture and Arts Committee were endorsed to Regional Development Council (RDC) by Dir. Luis Banua, Regional Director of NEDA, followed by other endorsements made by Dr. Diosdado San Antonio of DepEd Region IV-A on Youth Employability Framework and Integration of Traffic Rules in the Basic Education Curriculum.

Meanwhile, Director Banua confirmed PSR Atanacio as co-Chairperson of the Regional Committee on Quality Education for All (RCQEFA). He also reported on the Strengthening Academe and Industry Linkages (SCS A-IL), the status of the RDC Banner projects, and updates on RDC resolutions.

Dr. Milo O. Placino, President of SLSU, provided points on the salient accomplishments of the University, immediately followed by the presentation of Director Roberto Almonte on the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) Strategic Directions.



*BatStateU President, Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, during the 2nd quarter meeting of the SCDC/RDC*

Dir. Leticia T. Diokno, Director of Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Region IV-A, presented updates on Regional Task Force on Drug Rehabilitation.

Before the meeting adjourned, Director Banua had a briefing on the Sustainable Development Goals and data gaps on the preparation of 2016 RDR.

The SCSD is one of the four (4) committees comprising the Regional Development Council. It is mandated to coordinate and promote social development and evaluate major development issues and concerns of the CALABARZON region.

## MSAC Signs MOA for ACTION Center

The Multi-Sectoral Advisory Council (MSAC) for BatStateU ACTION Center had convened on May 26, 2017 for the presentation and critiquing of the curriculum intended for the programs to be offered in Disaster Resiliency Education for Adaptation and Mitigation (DREAM) Academy initiated by the University President, Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo.

The MSAC is composed of member agencies from CALABARZON Region, namely: the Office of Civil Defense (OCD- Region IV A); Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG Region IV-A); Department of Science and Technology (DOST Region IV-A); Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH Region IV-A) Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD Region IV-A); National Telecommunications Commissions; 525th Engineer Combat Battalion Philippine Army, 2nd Infantry Division (AFP); Philippine National Police - Batangas



Provincial Police Office; Batangas Provincial Assistance for Community Development; Batangas Provincial Health Office; Batangas Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office; Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Process; and National Economic Development Authority Regional Office.

DREAM Academy is one among the three (3) components of the ACTION Center approved by the BatStateU Board of Regents during its 51st Regular meeting on November 19, 2016. It offers relevant and responsive education and training, leading to Diploma in Disaster Risk Management (DDRM) and Master in Disaster Risk Management (MDRM). The two (2) other components are Emergency and Disaster Response Unit, and Advanced Computing and Technology Innovation Unit.

The BatStateU ACTION Center clearly supports the mandates of the Philippine Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act (RA No. 10121) to develop, promote and implement a comprehensive National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan (NDRRMP) that focuses on strengthening the capacity of the national government and the local government units to institutionalize arrangements and measures for reducing disaster risks.

On June 9, the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement for BatStateU ACTION Center was held at the CALABARZON Integrated Research and Training Center (CIRTC). Representatives from different member agencies of MSAC attended the activity signifying their fervent support to the University.

The formation of a Multi-Sectoral Advisory Council (MSAC) ensures the sustainability and viability of the University's training and research center for DRRM, the Adaptive Capacity-Building and Technology Innovation for Occupational Hazards and Natural Disaster.



*Multi-Sectoral Advisory Council (MSAC) MOA signing for BatStateU ACTION center highlights.*



## RMS Conducts 12<sup>th</sup> Student Research Forum



*Student and faculty researchers during the MOA signing with RMUTT*



*Awarding Ceremony for The 2017 Students' Research Forum*

The Research Management Services Office conducted the 12th Students' Research Forum on May 26 at the Lecture Room, International Affairs Office, CITE Bldg., BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I. The forum is an annual research competition that recognizes the most significant outputs of students and faculty researchers, as well as the invited experts, in the field of Research and Development.

The 2017 Students' Research Forum winners are as follows:

For Applied Science Research – Acceptability of Gynura Procumbens Flavored Nutribar by Engelica C. De Castro, Noemi B. Lajara and Mark Adrian H. Mondala (Main II – CIT);

For Basic Science Research – On the Power Set Graph by Melody Mae Lunar (Main I – CAS);

For Social Science Research – Assessment of Micronutrient Deficiency among Badjao Children in Selected Barangays in Batangas City: Basis for Product Formulation by D.E. Aclan and J.T. Cuenca (Main I – CONAHS);

For Feasibility Studies – Reduction of Defects in Painting Section in Karzai Corporation Using DMAIC Approach by Arwin A. Alcaraz, Danica Lorraine C. Alday and Kriziel Karmella G. Andal (Main II – CEAFA);

For Developmental Research-Hardware– Installation of Gas Mark Remover Tool to Maximize Production Capacity of Viewfinder's Frame Injection Molding Machine at Optowave Optics;

For Developmental Research-Software– Twitter Mining for Stock Market Sentiment Analysis by Rhea O. Agapay, Amy C. Comia and Alex M. Du, Jr. (Main II – CIT); and

For Poster – Design and Development for Warehouse Routing System at a Cement Company, Inc. (RCBMI) by Jenica B. Abu, John Reynold A. Recto and Laarni G. Señorón (Main II – CEAFA).



## CTI Spearheads Technovation Summit and Demo Day



*(Left to Right) Engr. Jestoni Zarsuela, Engr. Ellgine Libao, Engr. Albertson Amante, Atty. Luzviminda Rosales, Mr. Warly Guerra, Prof. Rogelio Antenor, and Mr. Jhaze Asuncion.*

The BatStateU Center for Technopreneurship and Innovation (CTI) spearheaded the Technovation Summit and Demo Day on May 8 at the Gov. Feliciano "Sanoy" Leviste Memorial Multi-Purpose Gymnasium, Batangas State University, Pablo Borbon Main I. The event was co-funded by the DOST Philippine Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development and sponsored by SMART Communication, Inc., USAID and RTI International.

The Technovation Summit was attended by students, faculty members and professionals from various engineering and business fields.

Mr. Evan Patrick Quinay, CEO of Just GO, and Mr. Jhaze Asuncion, TBI Manager of UP Enterprise, gave short talks about their Start-up Journeys. Both speakers shared that start-up is not for everyone, and that one or the team should prepare for the risks they are to take.

Ms. Felina Malabanan, Provincial Director of DOST Batangas; Mr. Warly Guerra, Executive Director of PCCI – Batangas; and Ms. Stephanie Velasco-Orlino, Education Program Head of Smart Communication, Inc., gave short talks about the Philippine Start-up Ecosystem. They presented the roles of the organizations

they represent in the Philippine Start-up Ecosystem and have shared some of the success stories of their beneficiaries. All of them agreed that the key to success in this competition is the Social Relevance of the ideas of our Technovation Finalists.

In the afternoon, the Pitching Competition of the Technovation Finalists commenced at the Lecture Room 2 of the International Affairs Office, CITE Bldg. Students, faculty members and guests went to see the products and services developed by our Information Technology Education and Engineering Students.

The panel of judges was composed of Mr. Jhaze Asuncion and Mr. Warly Guerra from the morning's Start-up Journey Talk. They were joined by BatStateU VP for Administration and Finance, Atty. Luzviminda Rosales; a guest from Analog Devices, Engr. Jestoni Zarsuela; and another from DOST Batangas, Engr. Ellgine Libao.

From the eight (8) Technovation Finalists, the judges announced the Top 3 winners: BuyONG, Green Eye and SuRe Bin. Each team received a Pocket Wifi sponsored by Smart Communication, Inc., a Plaque of Recognition, and a cheque worth Php 250,000.00 to be used for further product development, market validation and marketing strategies of the winners.



*Top 3 winners of Pitching Competition: BuyONG, Green Eye and SuRe Bin*



## BatStateU Launches LARGA Mabini



*BatStateU faculty psychologists, Dr. Lucille Dote Evangelista and BatStateU JPLPC - Malvar Extension Head Glenda Dimaano together with the resident of San Teodoro, Bagalangit and Ligaya, Mabini, Batangas.*

President Tirso A. Ronquillo, University President, together with BatStateU Officials, launched Project LARGA Mabini: Lindol Adaptation and Recovery with Geo-hazard Assessment for Mabini, Batangas last April 12 before Mayor Noel Lustrero, and the members of the Senior and Junior Staff during their visit at the Mabini Municipal Hall. The visit of said officials in the Municipality to assess the status of the communities and structures that were greatly affected by the twin earthquakes resulted to extension service projects that provided rehabilitation activities for Mabini. The said Municipality was one of the most affected areas in Batangas, having severe damages in infrastructure, as well as in the emotional condition of its residences.

Project LARGA Mabini aimed to assess the needs of communities affected by the calamity. It also eyes on conducting line-up of activities such as deployment of SIGAW units or Solar-powered Isotropic Generator of Acoustic Wave that provide audible and visual alarm during the occurrence of tsunami, geo-hazard mapping, stress debriefing and disaster response capability building. The project was conceptualized by Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo over a meeting with VPAF Luzviminda C. Rosales, VPRDES Albertson D. Amante, Extension Director Romeo C. De Castro, PMO Director Antonio A. Gamboa, Health Services Director Leila M. Manalo, OSAS Director Lucille D. Evangelista, CONAHS Dean Charmaine Rose I. Trivinio, NSTP Asst. Dir. Romeo Guillo Jr., and Culture and Arts Director Cecille R. Dimasacat.



## Extension Services Office Conducts Critical Incident Stress Debriefing in Mabini



*The extension organizers and the participants during stress debriefing*

Batangas State University – Extension Services in coordination with College of Arts and Sciences (CAS – Psychology Department) conducted an extension activity Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) for 153 women and children of Barangays San Teodoro, Bagalangit and Ligaya, Mabini, Batangas on April 19. The said activity is one of the eight (8) components of the project LARGA Mabini (Lindol Adaptation and Recovery with Geo-hazard Assessment for Mabini).

The activity aimed to reduce the likelihood of post traumatic stress disorder, or other psychological problems most especially to children. Specifically, the activity further aimed to: (1) migrate the impact of a traumatic incident, (2) facilitate the normal recovery processes in psychologically healthy people who are distressed by an unusually disturbing event, and (3) identify group members who might benefit from additional support services or a referral for professional care.

Guidance Counselor, Dr. Myra Bersoto, Asst. Dir. Renan Mallari and OSAS Director, and Dr. Lucille Evangelista, facilitated the conduct of the stress debriefing activity. They were assisted by university guidance facilitators, Dr. Roldan Ragot, Mr. Mark Angelo Tolentino, Ms. Catherine Cueto, Ms. Rochel Mendoza, Ms. Catherine Pangdonsolan, Ms. Renalyn Villamor,



*Dr. Roldan Ragot, CAS faculty member, with the participants during the stress debriefing activity*



Ms. Margareth Jiselle Ilagan, and ESO staff, Mr. Kenneth Charles Cepillo. BatStateU JPLPC – Malvar Extension Head, Ms. Glenda Dimaano, was also present to support the said activity.

The CISD normalized the reactions of the participants during the earthquake. The facilitators provided stress management information to aid in the recovery of the residents.

The stress debriefing activity was immediately followed by “Awit at Sayaw, A Road to Recovery Show” by BatStateU Extension Services in coordination with the Culture and Arts Office on April 28. Dawayanis, Adlibitum and Dance Company provided entertainment for the residents. Mr. Alvin Remo directed and choreographed the benefit show.



*BatStateU Company performs a traditional Filipino dance during “Awit at Sayaw, A Road to Recovery Show”.*



*University Guidance Facilitators conduct supportive and crisis focused discussions on the Mabini earthquake to reduce stress among residents.*

## BatStateU Conducts Emergency First Aid and Nutrition Services

In cooperation with the Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office of Mabini, the University conducted a Health and Nutrition Education Program on June 2 at Brgy. San Teodoro and Brgy. Bagalangit in Mabini, Batangas as part of Project LARGA Mabini. This activity aimed to help the residents of selected barangays gain knowledge and understanding regarding first aid and nutrition in emergencies. This would also strengthen the capability of the community for risk reduction during emergencies.

The program was organized by the BatStateU College of Nursing and Allied Health Services (CONAHS), with the assistance of Atty. Gerville Lustrero, and Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer, Mrs. Gerarda Silang, who provided coordination with the selected barangays. There were 125 beneficiaries from Brgy. San Teodoro and Brgy. Bagalangit. The councils, health workers and nutrition scholars of the barangays supported the activity as well.

During the activity, the CONAHS faculty extensionists, Mrs. Victoria M. Magpantay, Mrs. Maria Christina Bay and Mrs. Josefita Hernandez conducted a pep talk about First Aid. Mrs. Kristia Lei Reyes facilitated a lecture and a workshop regarding nutrition during emergencies.



*The extension organizers and the participants during the Health and Nutrition Education Program*



## BatStateU and ATIKHA Inc. Forge Partnership



*Ms. Aileen Constantino-Peñas, Deputy Executive Director of ATIKHA Overseas Workers and Communities Initiatives, Inc. delivering her talk.*

and Income Management; and PinoyWISE Reintegration Planning and Financial and Psychosocial Counseling.

Dr. Tirso Ronquillo asserted the importance of migration of Filipinos to our economy and development. He encouraged researchers to include studies on migration and development in their agenda, and gave the commitment of the University to pursue PAPs (programs, activities, and projects) that would help OFW families. He is optimistic that the partnership can create significant results for

Batangas State University and ATIKHA Inc., a non-government organization for OFWs and their families in the Philippines, inked a partnership on May 10. Represented by Dr. Tirso Ronquillo for BatStateU and Ms. Estrella Mai Dizon- Anonuevo, ATIKHA's Executive Director, the collaboration aims to provide trainings to immediate relatives of active OFWs (presently working abroad) in order to promote awareness on goal setting, budgeting, saving, investing and family management tips through the PinoyWISE Training on Family

developing proper values among families of the migrant workers.

The MOA signing was followed by a Forum on Migration and Development attended by students and faculty extensionists. Engr. Romeo C. De Castro, Director for Extension Services, provided the rationale of the activity and introduced the resource persons, Ms. Estrella Mai Dizon-Anonuevo and Ms. Aileen Constantino Penas, who facilitated an in-depth discussion about migration and development.



*Ms. Aileen Constantino-Peñas, Ms. Estrella Mai Dizon-Anonuevo, Deputy Executive Director and Executive Director of ATIKHA Overseas Workers and Communities Initiatives, Inc. together with Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, University President and Engr. Albertson D. Amante, Vice President for Research Development and Extension Services during the signing of MOA.*



## Dr. Tirso Ronquillo Leads Turnover Ceremony in Adopted Barangay



*Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo and Extension Services Office Director Romeo C. de Castro during the turnover ceremony of sanitary fixtures in Brgy. Matamis, Rosario*

President Tirso A. Ronquillo led the turnover ceremony of sanitary fixtures intended for 50 households in Barangay Matamis, Rosario, Batangas on June 3. The said activity was an offshoot of the University's Adopt-A-Barangay Program wherein the said barangay is one of the adopted communities in the Province of Batangas. The turnover ceremony was also attended by the officials of the University and faculty members from BatStateU Rosario.

The Barangay Chairman of Matamis, Chairperson Virgilio A. Dapoc, expressed his gratitude to the University. He assured Dr. Ronquillo that the fixtures will be entrusted to the identified households in the barangay, and information on the proper and hygienic utilization of toilet will be disseminated.

Atty. Edgard E. Valdez, the Executive Director of Rosario and San Juan Campuses, announced that more projects will be conducted in the barangay before the year ends.

During the assessment phase of the communities under Adopt-A-Barangay Program, a provision for sanitary comfort rooms was one of the assessed needs of majority of the households. The absence of a standard sanitary latrines in the upland barangays like Matamis has been the major source of fecal contamination on the major water source.



*Residents of Brgy. Matamis, Rosario in a photo opportunity with Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, BatStateU President*



## BatStateU Hosts NSED CALABARZON

Batangas State University (BatStateU) ACTION Center - DREAM Academy, in collaboration with the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) Region IV-A, hosted the 2nd Quarter Nationwide Simultaneous Earthquake Drill (NSED-Calabarzon) on June 29 at the Pablo Borbon Main 1 as the regional ceremonial venue.

Prior to the event, the ACTION Center and OCD conducted a general Orientation, Demonstration, and Rehearsal on June 21, 23 & 28.

The Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (PDRRMO), City Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office (CDRRMO), Philippine National Police (PNP), National Disaster Risk Reduction Management (NDRRM), Philippine Red Cross and Bureau of Fire Protection – Batangas City Fire Station (BFP-Batangas City) supported the preparation of activities of the drill. Fire Safety Inspector (FSI) Glenn Salazar facilitated, the orientation of participants in the NSED and Crash Course on Earthquake and Proper Conduct of Drills. Mr. Jovener A. Dupilas, OCD IV-A Training Officer, took charge of organizing the BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I Informatics & Computing Sciences and staffing of the Incident Management Team (IMT).

The BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I IMT was led by President Tirso A. Ronquillo as Responsible Officer with VPRDES Albertson D. Amante as Incident Commander. The IMT staff was composed of Atty. Luzviminda C. Rosales (Logistics); Engr. Antonio Gamboa (Safety Officer); Atty. Alvin R. De Silva; Dr. Vanessa V. Castillo;

and PR Director Armando V. Mendoza Jr. (Public Information Officers), Dr. Lucille Evangelista (Liaison Officer); Dr. Francis Aguirre (Staging Area); Dr. Romeo M. Guillo Jr. (Operations); Assoc. Prof. Romeo C. De Castro (Evacuation); Dr. Leila Manalo (Medical); Assoc. Prof. Jovito C. Plata (Safety and Fire); Mr. Jeffery Arrieta (Search and Rescue); and Mr. Reynaldo Balahibo (Security).

In relation to the activity, OCD kicked off with its “Bida ang Handa” Campaign, which aimed to promote disaster preparedness through public participation in the NSED. The campaign encouraged the involvement of government, private, academe and media sectors as well as other stakeholders. It also encouraged participants to document their partaking in the preparedness activities by sharing the campaign message: “Mag-da-Duck, Cover and Hold kami sa June 29, 2017! Dahil bida ang handa! #BidaAngHanda”.

The national ceremonial venue of the 2nd Quarter NSED was held at Bolton Street, Davao City.



*FSI Glenn Salazar orienting the participants in the NSED and Crash Course on Earthquake and Proper Conduct of Drills*



*...continuation of NSED CALABARZON*

The NSED orientation educated the public on disaster preparedness against earthquakes, and have the University ready for the nationwide drill.

It was also a way for provincial government offices to showcase their readiness and capability

during disasters.

Due to the recent frequent earthquakes felt in the province this year, Batangas was selected to be the center of the drill, with Batangas State University as host of the event.



*BatStateU officials, faculty, staff and students actively participating in the disaster simulation exercises*

## Region IV SUCs Gather for Constitutional Reforms Forum

Faculty members and students from Region IV-A and IV-B's State Universities and Colleges' (SUCs) the 10th Forum on Constitutional Reforms: Its Relevance to Higher Education, Peace, and Development held at the CITE Amphitheater of BatStateU Main I, May 19. It was conducted by the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC), in collaboration with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and partnership with BatStateU.

The forum envisions to assess the thoughts and views of the academic community, particularly higher education institutions, on the call for constitutional reforms.

Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, BatStateU President, welcomed the speakers, guests, and participants.

Highlighted the importance of forum on federalism in the wider dissemination of information on constitutional reforms, as he welcomed.

On behalf of PASUC, President Dr. Ricardo E. Rotoras, Camarines Sur Polytechnic College President and Forum Management Committee member, Dr. Dulce F. Atian, delivered the statement of purpose, which indicated that the role of SUCs in national development is to have the nation's thinkers accelerate awareness and serve as front liners in the midst of change.

Three (3) topics were discussed in the forum by key personalities from CHED and DILG.

Former CHED Commissioner and University of the Philippines-National College of Public Administration and Governance (UP-NCPAG) professor, Dr. Alex B.



Brillantes tackled about the concepts and models of federalism and its issues and concerns.

Dr. Brillantes stated that decentralization is not new, and people must change not only the structures but also their paradigms or mindsets.

Meanwhile, Mr. Conrado Generoso, consultant of DILG Task Team on Federalism, talked about federalism as the next logical step for change. He supported this idea by showing statistics of employment rate, overseas Filipino workers, gross domestic product, resources and underlying problems of the country such as corruption, poverty and hunger.

The DILG Consultant also mentioned the proposal of establishing state or regional parliaments and a unicameral federal instead of the existing bicameral congress.

The third topic, which was about the implications of federalism on higher education institutions (HEIs), was also discussed by Dr. Brillantes. He showed the comparison of educational states in federal countries, and emphasized the need to look on other models and establish the country's own type of federal government.

He also presented the possible option of clustering based on industry sectors to provide opportunities for HEIs to focus on their areas of expertise.

An open forum was held at the last part of the event, where questions from the audience were answered by the speakers. Participants were also given questionnaires to assess their views on federalism.

The event is the second to the last leg of fora on information dissemination about federalism.



*Highlights of the Constitutional Reforms forum held at Amphitheater of Batangas State University Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City, May 19*

## BatStateU Officials Visit Calatagan Museum



*Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo with the University Officials during the visit at Museo Enrique De Zobel*

President Tirso A. Ronquillo and University officials visited Museo Enrique De Zobel at EZ Mart Compound, National Highway, Calatagan Batangas on June 19 to benchmark the maintenance care, acquisition and proper storage of collections and archives. They were accommodated by Ms. Maricrics Seminiano, a former student-trainee of Enrique Zobel Foundation from BatStateU-ARASOF.

Museo Enrique Zobel is a history museum built in honor of Don Enrique Zobel. It is the home to Zobel family memorabilia, revealing the life and legacy of the Zobel clan. The museum is also the place to see the town's local artifacts,

and learn a piece of history of Calatagan.

Through careful consideration of its mission, stakeholders, and impacts on its audiences, the Museo Enrique Zobel had transformed itself into a purposeful museum that addresses tourists satisfaction on historical knowledge.

The benchmarking activity was conducted in relation to the ongoing construction of the University museum in Pablo Borbon Main I as one the initiatives of President Ronquillo to establish corporate imaging and create a 21st century University environment.

## President's Cup Opens its 6<sup>th</sup> Season



*BatStateU officials in the opening of the 6th Season of the President's Cup*

The Batangas State University employees and staff once again gathered its employees and staff for the sixth season of the President's Cup. Ten (10) teams from different departments assembled inside Gov. Feliciano "Sanoy" Memorial Gymnasium for the formal opening of the program, initiated by Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo with Mr. Francis A. Untalan, Season 5 Most Valuable Player (MVP), leading the Oath of Sportsmanship. The cup was spearheaded by the Department of Human Kinetics.





*Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo delivers his inspirational message during the opening of the President's Cup*

Engr. Alberson D. Amante, VP for Research, Development & Extension Services, welcomed the participants in his opening remarks. Dr. Erma B. Quinay, VP for Academic Affairs, and Atty. Luzviminda C. Rosales, VP for Administration & Finance, gave their messages, and highlighted the importance of the event for the solidarity of everyone.

Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, University President, reminded them to enjoy every game, and to give their best. He also thanked Human Kinetics department for organizing the said event.

## President Ronquillo Speaks on PSECE about IOT

The Semiconductor and Electronics Industries in the Philippines Foundation, Inc. (SEIPI) held its 14th Philippine Semiconductor and Electronics Convention and Exhibition (PSECE) at the SMX Convention Center, Manila on June 23. The three-day plenary session served as a platform where industry leaders, top middle management, industry professionals from the semiconductor and electronics manufacturers, support industries and academic leaders convened and discussed issues, future directions and matters of strategic importance to sustain the competitiveness of the electronic industry.

Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo graced the convention as a plenary speaker for the topic "Internet of Things: Connecting the World, the Industry, and the Academe".

"The challenges in a technology-driven world and the shifting academic and research landscapes call for a multidisciplinary convergence", Dr. Ronquillo shared. "The Internet has served as a platform that collects the wealthy scientific activities, and organizes renowned experts in their own respective fields from different parts of the world to share their novel ideas and spark inquisitive thinking towards the end goal of generating new knowledge and useful innovations to ensure sustainability for future generations", he added.

Other guest speakers and panelists were Secretary Rodolfo Salalima, DICT; Mr. Qin Deng,



*Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo together with the guest speakers and panelists during the 14th Philippine Semiconductor and Electronics Convention and Exhibition (PSECE)*

Director of Cognitive Manufacturing, IBM; Mr. Masaya Hirabara, Industrial ICT Solutions Division, Toshiba Asia Pacific Private Limited; and Mr. Ryu Fujioka, Senior Manager, Government and Industrial Affairs Dept., Yokogawa Electronic Corporation.

PSECE is the biggest annual industry event produced and organized by SEIPI, the leading organization of more than 300 electronics firms and supply chain companies in the Philippines.

The exhibition features a wide range of products and services, including semiconductor, computer related products, consumer electronics, communications and radar, automotive electronics, solar, office equipment, telecommunications, control and instruments, medical, industrial, and support industries such as fabrication, tooling, equipment, and more.

## BatStateU Conducts 49<sup>th</sup> Commencement Exercises



*President Tirso A. Ronquillo delivers his message during the 49th Commencement Exercises*

With the theme "Converging with the ASEAN Community in Fostering Global Quality Education", 728 graduates from different campuses of Batangas State University marched during the 49th Commencement Exercises on March 30 at Gov. Feliciano "Sanoy" Leviste Memorial Multipurpose Gymnasium. Engr. Ernest Thomas Nierras, founder and CEO of Phytos Technology Philippines, Inc., the country's outstanding service provider of engineering and manufacturing technical services for semi-conductor and electronics industries, was the guest speaker of the ceremony.

In his commencement address, Engr. Nierras expressed how his career started and prospered through the faithfulness of God in his life. "We were born to manifest the glory of God within us", he

said. It can be manifested in his message that failing is nothing but a normal part of anybody's triumph as he quoted Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Our greatest glory is not in every failing but in rising every time we fail or fall".

He shared his experiences before becoming the top official of the company which he built himself. Like any other business tycoons, he also met failures. At an early age, he had taken the opportunity of building his own company despite the financial instability, which took him some time to achieve. However, because of his fervent decision, he took the leap of faith and eventually succeeded.

"Failure is a prelude to success but when success is selfishly manifested by one's desire to exceed expectation of others, it will lose its meaning and worth", he shared. "Failing is not the finality of things but a path one has to take to be successful", he added as he reciprocated failure to success just to motivate the graduates not to be unafraid of failing.

He ended his message by highlighting the importance of looking back to the sacrifices of parents, and combating failures through God's grace and holy intervention. According to him, the only prerequisite to success is not quitting, but trying again every time one fails.

The commencement message of Engr. Nierras was delivered after the remarks of the University President, Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, who highlighted



*Engr. Ernest Thomas Nierras, CEO of Phytos Technology Philippines, Inc., in his message as the Guest of Honor and Speaker*





*The Board of Regents (BOR) together with the Guest of Honor and Speaker in the 49th Commencement Exercises*

the achievements and the accomplishments of BatStateU before the guests and parents of the graduates. From the programs accredited by the local and international accrediting bodies, CHED recognition to its various programs, board examination topnotchers, to the completed and ongoing infrastructure constructions in different

campuses, Dr. Ronquillo elaborated how the administration works tediously to provide a quality of higher education that the students well deserve.

To cater a larger audience, the University once again had the commencement activity via live stream coverage through the University website, [www.batstate-u.edu.ph](http://www.batstate-u.edu.ph).



*The BOR and the graduates together with the parents at the 49th Commencement Exercises*



## BatStateU Inaugurates Infrastructure Projects in Rosario

The inauguration of BatStateU Rosario's newly constructed Student Services Center and facade on April 24 was led by Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo with University Officials, namely; VP for Administration and Finance, Atty. Luzviminda C. Rosales; VP for External Affairs and ICT Services, Prof. Rogelio Antenor; Alumni Regent, Amando Plata; Student Regent, Joey Espino; University Board Secretary, Prof Enrico Dalangin; Director of Project Management Office, Engr. Antonio Gamboa; and the Executive Director of Rosario and San Juan campuses, Atty. Edgard E. Valdez.

The Student Services Center is located at the south east corner of the campus with an approximate floor area of 186.5 square meters. The building is fully furnished and utilized by different offices such as the campus clinic and speech laboratory, Guidance and Counselling Center, IACEPO, Scholarship, Alumni Affairs and Publication. The Sports and Culture Office, MAPEH

and stock rooms are also housed in the said building. A 1hp split type air conditioner in each room, and two (2) comfort rooms are allocated for the faculty members.

The campus facade, on the other hand is fully furnished from top to bottom with bricks on the front wall, tiles as flooring, and stainless university logo and letterings. It is enclosed with sliding glass doors with built-in 2 lane smart card or ID reader. It has also an automatic boom or entrance bar for vehicle.

In his speech, Dr. Tirso Ronquillo appealed to the students to be stewards of the facilities that the University has provided. According to him, the University is doing its best to provide the students of the facilities they all deserve.

The inauguration was held simultaneously with the BatStateU Rosario Colleges Week, a week-long celebration of the triumph and success reaped by each college in the areas of academics, research and extension.



*Ribbon cutting ceremony of the Student Services Center of BatStateU Rosario led by Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo*



*President Tirso A. Ronquillo delivering his message at the Inauguration of BatStateU - Rosario Campus' Finished Projects*



# PROGRAM OFFERINGS

## COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE AND FINE ARTS

- Master of Science in Electronics Engineering
- Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering
- BS Chemical Engineering
- BS Civil Engineering
- BS Electrical Engineering
- BS Electronics Engineering
- BS Environmental & Sanitary Engineering
- BS Food Engineering
- BS Industrial Engineering
- BS Instrumentation & Control Engineering
- BS Mechanical Engineering
- BS Mechatronics Engineering
- BS Petroleum Engineering
- BS Architecture
- BS Fine Arts Major in Visual Communication
- BS Interior Design

## COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS AND COMPUTING SCIENCES

- Master of Science in Computer Science
- Master of Science in Computer Engineering
- Master of Science in Information Technology
- BS Computer Engineering
- BS Computer Science
- BS Information Technology
- Associate in Computer Technology (ACT – 2 years)

## COLLEGE OF TEACHER EDUCATION

- Doctor of Education in Educational Management
- Doctor of Philosophy major in Mathematics Education
- Doctor of Philosophy major in Educational Management
- Master of Arts in Education, Major in:  
[Educational Management (Thesis/Non-Thesis program),  
Mathematics Teaching, Science Teaching, English  
Language Teaching, Filipino Language Teaching, Physical  
Education, Computer Education]
- Bachelor of Elementary Education, Major in:  
[General Curriculum, Early Childhood Education]
- Bachelor of Secondary Education, Major in:  
[Biological Science, English, Filipino, MAPEH,  
Mathematics, Social Science, Technology and Livelihood  
Education]
- BS in Industrial Education, Major in Industrial Arts
- BS in Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Science in Home Economics
- Bachelor of Science in Computer Education
- Bachelor of Science in Physical Education

## COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

- Doctor of Philosophy in English
- MS in Mathematics
- Master of Arts in English
- Master of Chemistry
- BS Biology
- BS Chemistry
- BS Criminology
- BS Development Communication
- BA in Communication
- BS Mathematics
- BS Psychology
- BA English
- BS in Fishery Technology

## COLLEGE OF ACCOUNTANCY, BUSINESS & ECONOMICS, AND INTERNATIONAL HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

- Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)
- Doctor of Public Administration (DPA)
- Master of Public Administration (MPA)  
(Thesis/Non-Thesis program)
- Master of Business Administration (MBA)  
(Thesis/Non-Thesis program)
- BS Accountancy
- BS Accounting Management
- BS Applied Economics
- BS Business Administration, Major in:  
[Business Economics, Financial Management, Human  
Resource Development Management, Marketing  
Management, Operations Management]
- Associate in Accounting
- Associate in Management
- BS Hotel and Restaurant Management
- BS Tourism Management
- Associate in Hotel and Restaurant Management
- Associate in Tourism Management
- BA Public Administration
- BS Customs Administration
- BS Entrepreneurship

## COLLEGE OF INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

- Doctor of Technology
- Master of Technology
- Bachelor of Industrial Technology (BIT 4 – years)  
[Ladderized – Dual Training System Application, 1 – year  
Vocational Course, 2 – years Technical Course, 3 – years  
Technician Course, Major in: (Automotive Technology, Civil  
Technology, Computer Technology, Drafting Technology,  
Electrical Technology, Electronics Technology, Food  
Technology, Instrumentation and Control Technology,  
Mechanical Technology, Mechatronics Technology, Welding  
and Fabrication Technology)]

## COLLEGE OF NURSING AND ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

- BS Nursing
- BS Nutrition & Dietetics
- Diploma in Midwifery (2 years)

## COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

- BS Agriculture
- BS Forestry
- Certificate in Agricultural Science

## COLLEGE OF LAW

- Bachelor of Laws

## SCHOOL OF OPEN LEARNING

- Bachelor of Elementary Education, Major in General  
Curriculum
- Bachelor of Secondary Education, Major in:  
[English, Mathematics]
- Professional Education – 21 Units

## INTEGRATED SCHOOLS

- Nursery
- Grades 1-6
- Grades 7-10 (Junior High School)
- Grades 11-12 (Senior High School)



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