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BatStateU hurdles ISO 9001:2008 Stage 2 Audit



External Auditors from TÜV Rheinland Philippines conduct the Stage 2 Audit for ISO 9001: 2008 Certification at BatStateU's four campuses.

The Batangas State University surpassed the Stage 2 Audit for 9001:2008 Certification on December 19-20 in four BatStateU campuses: Pablo Borbon Main I and II, ARASOF Nasugbu and JPLPC Malvar.

External Auditors Abigail Solomon (lead), Kharen Concepcion, Jogina Mediola and Hilario Capili of TÜV Rheinland Philippines, Inc. visited BatStateU to assess whether the University was able to comply with the requirements for a Quality Management System (QMS), and address the improvement points observed during the Stage 1 Audit on November 14.

After the two-day evaluation, the auditors recommended BatStateU for certification on the design, development and implementation of higher education services.

"This is neither a personal nor individual achievement, but a blessing given to the whole institution," BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo said as he congratulated the vice presidents, deans, department heads, faculty, and members of the academic community for their cooperation and commitment to BatStateU.

"We have prepared for this for more

than a year. And now, it is clear that we are a quality University," Dr. Ronquillo declared.

"This is just a start. It doesn't end with a simple certification. We should serve as an inspiration and motivation through the quality standards that we uphold," he added.

The success of the University was made possible through the leadership of Quality Management Representative, Prof. Rogelio A. Antenor; Documents Controller Engr. Mario G. Bukas; ISO Consultant Dr. Helen A. Evalle; and the Internal Auditors led by Asst. Prof. Kristoffer Conrad M. Tejada.

Dedicated to provide excellent service to customers through continuous improvement of all university processes, BatStateU aims to start the transition to ISO 9001:2015 International Standard by 2018.

ISO 9001:2015 is the latest set of standards developed by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO). It is based on a number of management principles, including participation of stakeholders, customer focus, continual improvement, and decision making approach.

The next surveillance audit is set on July-August 2018.

PASUC elects Dr. Ronquillo as New President

Batangas State University President Tirso A. Ronquillo was elected as the new President of the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) during the Special Executive Board Meeting of the PASUC Executive Board held on December 14 at the Century Park Hotel, Malate, Manila.

Recognized as an ASEAN Engineer and a reputable professor in the fields of electronics, communications, instrumentation, control and mechatronics engineering, Dr. Ronquillo is also the Chairperson of the Southern Tagalog Regional Association of State Universities and Colleges (STRASUC), President of the Alay Lakad Foundation, Inc. Batangas, and Chairperson of the Sectoral Committee on Social Development (SCSD) of the Regional Development Council (RDC) IV-A simultaneously.

Through the years, he has shown great dedication and passion towards his leadership. His wisdom and strong commitment to the University has contributed substantially to its

goals and aspirations in the different areas of instruction, research and extension services, as well as in the management of financial resources and in the general administration of BatStateU. He fearlessly addresses challenges that benefit not just the BatStateU community but also its partner agencies and institutions.

Furthermore, Dr. Ronquillo is the youngest elected President in all state universities in the Philippines thus far. Evident from his exemplary performance, he is unquestionably an epitome of a good leader.

As he took his oath, Dr. Ronquillo vowed in front of the PASUC Executive Board that he will continue in pursuing PASUC's advocacies, schemes, programs and activities under his administration.

Under the approved PASUC Resolution No. 43, s. 2017, Dr. Ronquillo will serve as the President of PASUC for the unfinished term of the former President Ricardo E. Rotoras. His term of office is effective from December 14, 2017 to June 30, 2019.



BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo was elected as the new Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges (PASUC) President on December 14.

PEZA approves BatStateU Technopark Application

The Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) approved the application for registration of the Batangas State University for its University Technopark on December 4. This is pursuant to the PEZA Board Resolution No. 589, s. 2017, which approved the authority of BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo as the official representative of the said technopark.

With around 2.7 hectares of land, the Technopark will be situated beside BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main II. As an Information Technology (IT) Park, it will house different locators and potential business partners, and foster collaboration between industries and academe through internship, industry training, immersion and recruitment.

The proposal to establish the Technopark was first presented to the Board of Regents on May 8, 2016, and approved through BoR Resolution 395, s. 2016 through the initiative of Dr. Ronquillo.

In compliance with the requirements for the Presidential Proclamation, the University

was able to acquire the endorsement from the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Batangas City after the presentation of the proposed Technopark development before its members on August 22.

In addition, an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) from the Department of the Environment and Natural Resources - Environmental Management Board (DENR-EMB) was secured, following the conduct of an Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan, and evaluation that no detrimental environmental impact will result from the project.

Under Republic Act No. 7916 or the Special Economic Zone Act of 1995, PEZA will now be endorsing the proposal to the Office of the President of the Philippines for the issuance of a Presidential Proclamation. Once given, the registration agreement between BatStateU and PEZA will be prepared, signed and registered, thus permitting the University to commence with the development of its TechnoPark.



To be located beside the Pablo Borbon Main II in Alangilan, the BatStateU Technological Park is a strategically built environment that will house locators, thus fostering partnerships between the academe and various industries.

TOAD Research Team bags Best Research Project Award



TOAD Research Team Members Engr. Albertson D. Amante, Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo and Asst. Prof. Armando Sinohin present the awards they received for the development of the amphibious rescue vehicle.

The Batangas State University research team for the Tactical Operative Amphibious Drive (TOAD) won the Best Research Project Award during the 3rd Science and Technology Forum and Competition held on November 11 in Los Baños, Laguna.

The annual research competition is organized by the Southern Tagalog Consortium for Industry and Energy Research and Development (STCIERD).

TOAD was designed and developed by Engr. Albertson D. Amante, VP for Research, Development, and Extension Services; Asst. Prof. Armando Sinohin, Senior Faculty of Automotive; and Mr. Eugene Ereño, University Research Associate, through the leadership of the University President, Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo.

As the first locally-made amphibious vehicle, TOAD was jointly funded by Batangas State University and the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Technology Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technology Research and Development (DOST-PCIEERD).

Its development began in August 2014, and was completed in December 2015. It was formally launched at the Taal Lake Yacht Club

in Talisay, Batangas on February 4, 2016.

Presented by Engr. Amante, TOAD was judged based on a set of criteria: Technical Viability, Socio-economic Impact, Technology Utilization and Commercialization; and Use of Advanced Design Tools. As emphasized in his presentation, the project is intended for use by local government units (LGUs) and local communities in response to calamities such as floods and typhoons.

The University of the Philippines Los Baños ranked second place, while Cavite State University placed third.

Prior to the STCIERD forum, the BatStateU TOAD team received a special recognition during the 18th Gawad Kalasag National Awards for its contribution in disaster risk reduction and management and humanitarian assistance. It was given by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) through the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) on June 8 at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasig City in appreciation of the commitment of the University in developing high impact researches that are relevant and responsive to the needs of the community.



CHED Joint Technical Committee evaluates DREAM Academy Programs



BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo discusses the program curricula of the Master's degree and Diploma on Disaster Risk Management under DREAM Academy to the CHED technical committee.

In accordance with the application requirements for the Certificate of Program Compliance (COPC) from the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), the Joint Technical Committee on Disaster Risk Management (DRM) visited Batangas State University on November 20 for the on-site evaluation of the program offerings of the proposed Disaster Resiliency Education for Adaptation and Mitigation (DREAM) Academy.

The accreditation visit is part of the Quality Assurance Service of CHED in ensuring that higher education institutes (HEIs) comply with the minimum requirements to operate academic programs.

Prior to the CHED visit, the Multi-Sectoral Advisory Council (MSAC) for BatStateU Adaptive Capacity - Building and Technology Innovation for Occupational hazards and Natural disaster (ACTION) Center convened on May 26 for the presentation and critiquing of the curriculum intended for the programs to be offered in DREAM Academy.

The DRM Joint Technical Committee consists of experts from the academe, private industries and government agencies of different disciplines identified by CHED to assist in the assessment, standardization and monitoring of the said programs.

Making up the evaluation committee were Dr. Mary Lou Alcid, Technical Committee (TC) Chair for Social Work; Arch/EnP. Armando Alli, TC Chair for Environmental Planning; and TC representatives Engr. Flordeliza Villasenor for Sanitary Engineering; Dr. Roselle Ranairo for Public Administration; and Dr. Eric Punzalan Member for Environmental Science. They were accompanied by Engr. Fernandita Calimlim and Mr. Noel Antonio Paz, Office of Programs and Standards Development (OPSD) Representatives.

The programs were assessed based on the Policies, Standards and Guidelines (PSG) set by CHED. Among the factors considered were the eligibility and adequacy of faculty members; availability of learning facilities; feasibility study of the Academy; and the sample curriculum per program. The evaluation was done through document reviews, ocular inspections, and interviews with deans and professors.

After the evaluation by the Technical Committee, the proposal would be submitted to the CHED Regional Office, which is responsible for the review and processing of the programs. Once qualified, the certification will be granted to BatStateU for the operation of its Master's degree and Diploma in Disaster Risk Management.

CHED en banc approves BatStateU Disaster Risk Management Programs



The Master's degree and Diploma in Disaster Risk Management aim to capacitate graduates with basic and working knowledge on disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) as future managers and policy-makers.

The Batangas State University Disaster Resiliency Education for Adaptation and Mitigation (DREAM) Academy is now open for admission after the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) approved the offering of the Master's Degree in Disaster Risk Management (MDRM) and Diploma in Disaster Risk Management (DDRM) on December 19.

A first in the region, the Academy aims to professionalize the practice of Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM), and equip DRRM managers and personnel with the skills and competencies demanded by their profession.

The Master's Degree in Disaster Risk Management is a two-year, non-thesis program of 36 units, while the Diploma in Disaster Risk Management is a one-year, 18-unit program. The Academy is supported by the Multi-Sectoral Advisory Council (MSAC),

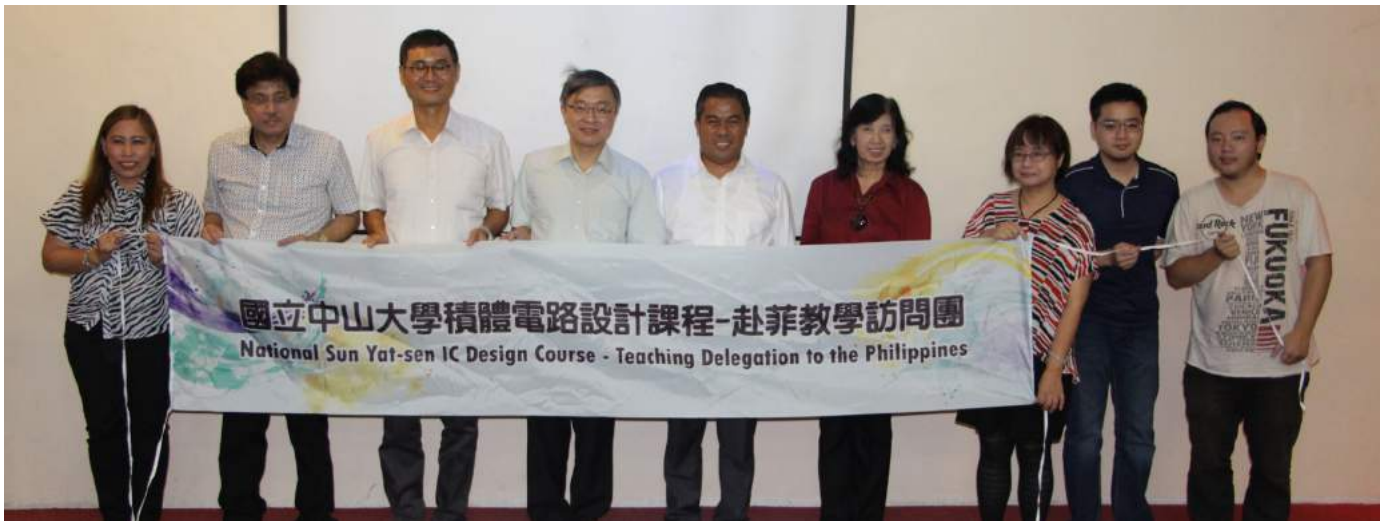
which consists of CALABARZON member agencies, namely: the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), Office of Civil Defense (OCD), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) and other provincial agencies.

Among the international partners of DREAM Academy in bringing quality education are the National University of Kaohsiung (NUK) of Taiwan, and Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) of Malaysia. Part of the faculty members of DREAM Academy are visiting professors from said universities.

Classes start this second semester of AY 2017-2018.



NSYSU conducts Advanced IC Design Workshop for Academe and Industry Engineers



National Sun Yat-sen University delegates together with Batangas State University engineering counterparts during the IC Design Workshop.

The National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU) in Taiwan hosted an Integrated Circuit (IC) Design workshop at the BatStateU College of Engineering, Architecture and Fine Arts (CEAFA) Building, Pablo Borbon Main II, Alangilan, Batangas City on December 4-8. This was held in partnership with the University of the Philippines-Electrical and Electronics Engineering Institute (UP-EEEI), Philippine Institute for Integrated Circuits, Board of Investments, and Center for Microelectronics and Programming (CAMP).

Selected students and faculty from



BatStateU students attend a crash course on Verilog.

the electronics and computer engineering programs of BatStateU and guests from partner industries attended the five-day technical workshop.

“The college is very fortunate to be given with such an opportunity. I hope that in this event, we can see a perfect synergy between the lecturers and participants,” BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo said in his opening remarks as he introduced the lecturers for the event.

Some of the main topics discussed were Digital Full Custom Design, Design Methodology of VLSI DSP Architectures and Digital Testing, and Testability Design.

The said workshop was held as NSYSU’s response to the establishment of the New Southbound Policy of the Taiwanese government to establish a strong connection and a medium of understanding between Taiwanese and Philippine universities.

The policy hopes to strengthen the link between Taiwan and other Asian countries on fair trade and economic investments, and to help investors in seeking proper government assistance.

National Sun Yat-sen University explores possible collaborations with BatStateU



National Sun Yat-sen University delegates together with BatStateU officials, faculty members and students.

Delegates from National Sun Yat-sen University (NSYSU) in Taiwan visited Batangas State University to explore the possible areas of collaboration between both parties on October 27 at the Lecture Rooms 1 & 2, 2nd Floor, CITE Building, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City.

NSYSU is a thriving institution of higher learning. It has sister-university agreements with over 160 universities from more than 30 countries around the world. Within their partnerships, the university engages in student exchange programs, dual degree programs, joint dissertation supervisions, research collaborations, and co-sponsorship of symposiums.

The representatives from NSYSU were Prof. Chia Sun Yu, Ms. Huei-Wen Chung, Prof.

Yow-Ling Chung, Dr. Cheng-Tang Pan, Dr. Wan-Jen Huang, Dr. Tong-Yu Hsieh, Prof. Hsien Hua Lee, Ms. Hsin Yu Lin, Dr. Hsueh-Hua Chuang, and Mngr. Chien-Chi Su who are experts in different fields of engineering, marine science, biomedical science, management, and education.

Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo formally welcomed the visitors and discussed the University's commitment to establish strong and fruitful collaborations among various international and national educational institutions. He also added how dedicated BatStateU is in increasing its global competitiveness, exposing its students and faculty members in global experiences.

Each delegate had their own BatStateU counterparts to discuss potential research and faculty/student exchange collaboration.



Sudents learn about the program offerings of National Sun Yat-sen University.

STRASUC signs MOU with Thai Nguyen University



As STRASUC Chairman, BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo leads the presidents of state universities and colleges in Southern Luzon on the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding with Thai Nguyen University.

Thai Nguyen University (TNU) in Vietnam and the Southern Tagalog Regional Association of State Universities and Colleges (STRASUC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on October 17 at the Conference Room, 7th Floor, CALABARZON Integrated Research and Training Center, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City. The said event aimed to strengthen cooperation between both parties in various areas that will

allow students and faculty members to widen horizons on learning and teaching capabilities.

As indicated in the MOU, both parties shall strive to promote cooperation in higher education and professional training, including the development of institutional linkages at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Among the areas of cooperation are (1) the promotion of academic networking, exchange, and access to the institutions of higher education, research and development, teaching and training; (2) exchange of academic staff, lecturers, teachers, experts, and students on programs advantageous to both sides; (3) establishment of study visits, research grants or scholarships for further education in the respective institutions of higher education to the availability of funds; (4) support of English language training in higher education and other language learning centers in Vietnam; and (5) organization and encouragement of participation in educational conferences, workshops, symposia, training courses, and exhibits of mutual interest.



SUC presidents under STRASUC share insights on the MOU during the meeting with TNU.

Dr. Ronquillo represents RDC CALABARZON in SDC Consultative Meeting

As representative of the Regional Social Development Council (RSDC) IV-A, Batangas State University President Tirso A. Ronquillo attended the National-Regional Consultative Meeting of the Social Development Committee (SDC) on October 25-26 at the Mezzo Hotel, Mabolo, Cebu City. He shared some of the best practices of the region and the University in strengthening their academe-industry linkages.

Each presenter discussed a specific topic. Headed by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Undersecretary Rosemarie G. Edillion, the agenda of the meeting included regional issues and concerns on poverty, health, nutrition, population, education, social protection, and housing, among others.

Mr. Jephthe O. Munez, Unified Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education Act (UniFAST) Secretariat, discussed the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 10931, or the Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act. He focused

on the salient features of the RA 10931, including its provisions on coverage, benefits, opt out and contribution mechanisms, and students loans.

Regional Director Lydio M. Español, Jr. of the Commission on Population (POPCOM) IV-A presented the Philippine Population Management Program (PPMP), highlighting the demographic scenario, objectives and strategies, and the program's policy agenda, which include Responsible Parenthood and Family Planning (RPPF), Adolescent Health and Development (AHD), and Population and Development (POPDEV).

The Social Development Committee is tasked to review, endorse and integrate programs and projects of national government agencies and local government units in the region to the Council requiring national government financial exposure, which include health, nutrition, sanitation and family planning; education and human resource development; population; social welfare; and housing and resettlement.



Source: UNDP in Asia and the Pacific



Source: POPCOM



Source: Facebook.com

(From left to right) NEDA Undersecretary Rosemarie G. Edillion, POPCOM Region IV-A Director Lydio M. Espanol, Jr., and UniFAST Secretariat Jephthe O. Munez were some of the presenters during the National-Regional Consultative Meeting of the Social Development Committee on October 25-26.



Universiti Teknologi Malaysia visits BatStateU for DRM Partnership



Universiti Teknologi Malaysia officials present their university's disaster risk management (DRM) initiatives to Batangas State University for potential partnerships in education and research.

Officials from the Malaysia-Japan International Institute of Technology (MJIIT) of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) visited Batangas State University for a partnership meeting on November 14 at the Function Hall, 7th Floor, CALABARZON Integrated Research and Training Center, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I.

Delegates from the Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Center (DPPC) of MJIIT-UTM, including Dr. Masafumi Goto, Director; Dr. Muhamad Ali Muhammad Yuzir, Deputy Director; Dr. Shohei Matsuura, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Expert on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR); Dr. Khamarrul Azahari Razak, Research Manager; and Dr. Nor Eliza Alias, Associate Member, discussed the possible collaborations with BatStateU on the disaster risk management (DRM) programs of both universities.

As discussed, BatStateU and UTM shall cooperate to promote exchanges in DRM education and research. These include: exchange of students, scholars, and researchers; sending of BatStateU faculty members to UTM to pursue a master's degree in DRM; and invitation of UTM professors to teach under the DRRM and MDRM

programs of DREAM Academy in BatStateU.

BatState President Tirso A. Ronquillo, and VP for Research, Development and Extension Services Albertson D. Amante took the lead in introducing the delegates to the DRM initiatives of the university, including the Tactical Operative Amphibious Drive (TOAD), Lindol Adaptation and Recovery with Geo-hazard Assessment for Mabini (LARGA Mabini), and the Adaptive Capacity-building and Technology Innovation for Occupational Hazards and Natural Disaster (ACTION) Center, which includes DREAM Academy.

Another part of the agenda was the conduct of an international symposium on DRM which was proposed to be held on April 2018 at the BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I. It will be an offshoot of the 1st Asian International Symposium on Metropolitan Disaster Management held on September 2017 at the National University of Kaohsiung (NUK) in Taiwan where Dr. Ronquillo was invited as a guest speaker and shared some of BatStateU's best practices and initiatives on disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM).

Participants from LGUs and the academe

will be invited to attend the said symposium in BatStateU, while resource speakers will come from local and national government offices, as well as international partner institutions in Taiwan, Japan, Indonesia and Malaysia, one of which is UTM.

Representatives of member agencies that make up the Multi-Sectoral Advisory Council (MSAC) were present in the collaboration meeting. In attendance were Regional Director Olivia M. Luces and Mr. Jayson Jacob of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) IV-A; Dr. Amante A. Moog, Department Head of the Provincial Assistance for Community Development (PACD) of the Provincial Government of Batangas; Mr. Rodrigo D. Dela Roca, Batangas City Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

Office (CDRRMO) Officer; Mr. Joselito M. Castro, Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) Officer; and Mr. Ronald G. Generoso, Philippine Red Cross Batangas Chapter Administrator. The MSAC serves as the advisory council that ensures the sustainability and viability of ACTION Center, the University's training and research center for DRRM.

Prof. Enrico M. Dalangin, University and Board Secretary; Dr. Erma B. Quinay, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Atty. Luzviminda C. Rosales, VP for Administration and Finance; and Assoc. Prof. Romeo C. De Castro, Executive Director for BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I, all members of the BatStateU Executive Committee, also attended the partnership meeting.



Dr. Masafumi Goto presents the organization structure at MJIIT (upper left); Dr. Khamarrul Azahari Razak provides an overview of the DRM education and training program at UTM (upper right); Delegates from DPPC of MJIIT-UTM with BatStateU officials (bottom).

BatStateU hosts PASUC National NBC Workshop



Dr. Jessie A. Montalbo, NBC Zonal Center Director for Regions IV-A and IV-B, facilitates the workshop on the evaluation process using the NBC 461 instrument.

Batangas State University hosted the Philippine Association of State Universities and Colleges' (PASUC) National Re-Orientation Workshop and Training on National Budget Circular (NBC) No. 461 on October 25-26 at the Gov. Feliciano Leviste Memorial Multipurpose Gymnasium, Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City. The main objective of the said training-workshop is to harmonize the evaluation process for uniform implementation and interpretation of the NBC No. 461 Guidelines and Instruments. It also aims to guide the evaluators on the processing, requirements and supporting documents pertaining to the said budget circular.

The NBC No. 461 was released to establish rules and regulations governing the implementation of the Revised Compensation and Position Classification Plan for faculty positions in state universities and colleges (SUCs), higher education institutions (HEIs), and teacher education institutions (TEIs) in accordance with the modified Common Criteria for Evaluation (CCE) of faculty positions.

Invited participants were PASUC Zonal Center Directors, Zonal Center Coordinators, Zonal Center Reviewers, Zonal Center Encoders, Institutional Common Criteria

Evaluation (CCE) and Qualitative Contribution Evaluation (QCE) Reviewers, and HRMO Coordinators.

Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, the University President and PASUC Zonal Center President for Regions IV-A and IV-B, expressed his appreciation to everyone present during the event for their support towards PASUC's endeavors.

Dr. Jessie A. Montalbo, BatStateU Executive Director for Pablo Borbon Main II and Chairman of Zonal Center Directors Council and Zonal Center Director for Regions IV-A and IV-B, discussed the overview of the training-workshop.

Presenters during the two-day program were Dr. Daisy R. Palompon, Zonal Center Director for Region VII; Dr. Anthony M. Penaso, President of Caraga State University; Mr. Ned P. Cababasay, Vice Chair of Zonal Center Directors Council and Zonal Center Director for Region VI; and Ms. Georgina M. Dioses, Secretary of Zonal Center Directors Council and Zonal Center Director for Region II. They gave updates on the QCE and CCE, and also provided a presentation on the professorial accreditation and its implementing guidelines. An open forum was conducted after each topic.

BoR approves the University's 2018 Program of Receipts and Expenditures

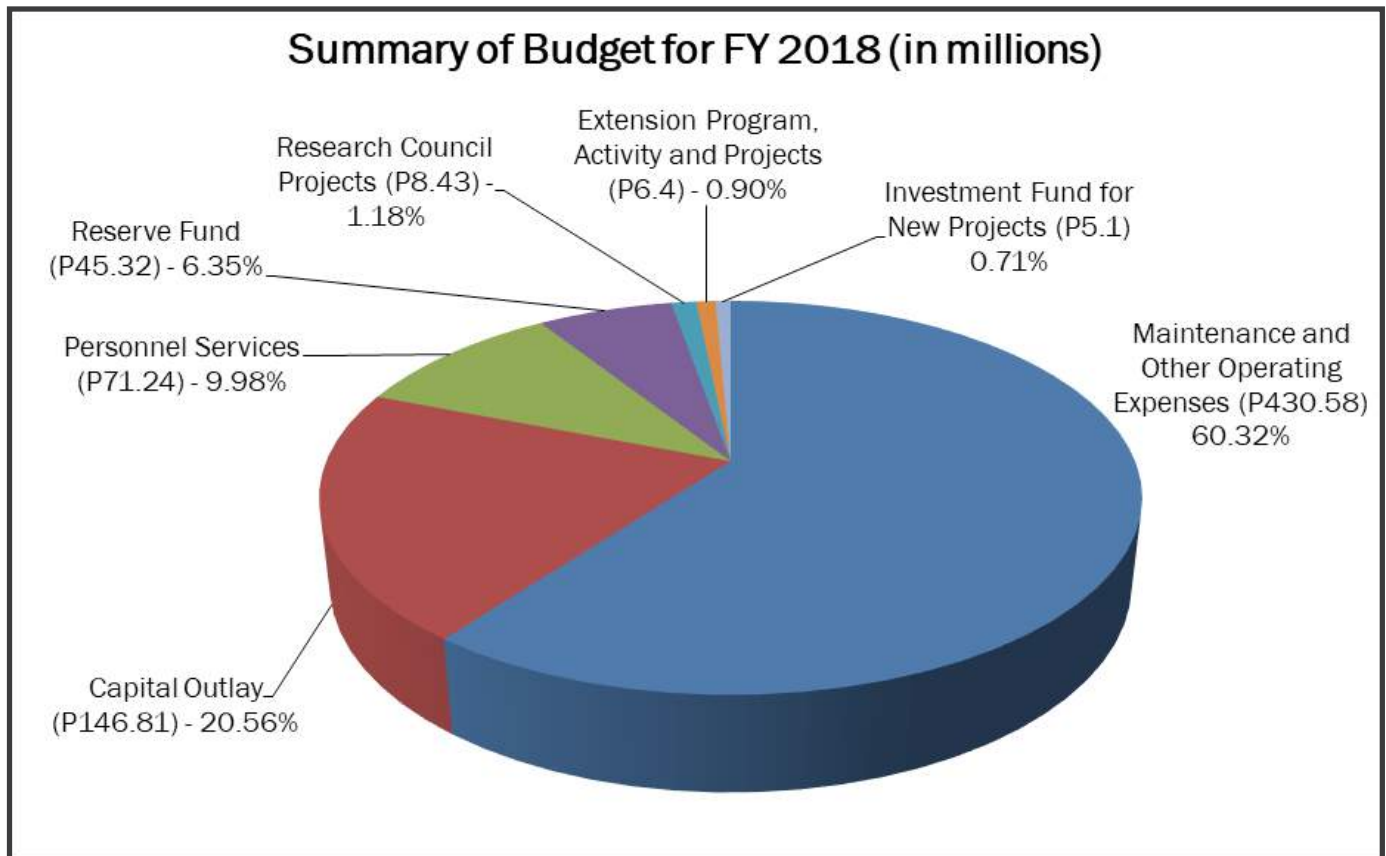
The Board of Regents (BoR) through Resolution No. 760, s. 2017 approved the Batangas State University's Program of Receipts and Expenditures (PRE) during their 56th Regular Meeting on December 15 at the Conference Room, 4th Floor, HEDC Building, Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Diliman, Quezon City.

Amounting to Php 713,879,130.00, the projected PRE for FY 2018 was computed and formulated based on the University's continuing commitment to achieve the mission and vision, through financial discipline, strategic allocation of limited resources and operational guidelines and procedures of Republic Act 10931, known as the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act." The said budget is broken down into personnel

services; maintenance and other operating expenses; capital outlay; research council projects; extensions programs, activities, and projects; reserve fund; and invest fund for new projects.

Generally, the total operating budget for FY 2018 is Php 1,338.515 Million including the Department of Budget and Management's (DBM) approved budget amounting to Php 624.636 Million and PRE amounting to Php 713.879 Million.

The PRE was proposed to provide significant support to the government in mitigating poverty and achieving economic growth and stability. Also, it was planned to become an instrument for sustainable national development that is driven by technology and innovation for global competitiveness.



Breakdown of the Php 713.88 million projected budget of Batangas State University for FY 2018



CTI joins PCIEERD TBI Summit in Cebu

In support of the promotion of the socio-economic development of the Philippines through innovation and technopreneurship, the Batangas State University Center for Technopreneurship and Innovation (CTI) participated in the 1st Philippine Technology Business Incubator (TBI) Summit on November 24 at the Victoria Hall, Cebu Parklane International Hotel, Cebu City. The summit was organized by the Innovation Council for Industry, Energy and Emerging Technologies of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST-PCIEERD), in partnership with the University of the Philippines Cebu, Cebu Business Incubator for I.T. (UP CeBu inIT), and TechTalks.ph.

The TBI summit brought together government agencies, private incubators, and international innovators who shared their ideas and experiences in starting and developing TBIs through educational sessions, panel discussions, startup showcases, and networking.

During the opening program, Atty. Liza D. Corro, UP Cebu Chancellor, expressed her excitement in the first ever gathering of the entrepreneurial and innovation community as she formally welcomed the officials, speakers, guests, and participants in the summit.

PCIEERD Technology Transfer Division & Program Chief and TBI Program Manager, Ms. Russell Pili, gave an overview of the program, highlighting its goals and objectives, status of startup grants, and plans and call-to-action.

DOST Secretary, Hon. Fortunato De La Peña, led the keynote speakers on the topic of "Building Ecosystems of Innovations in the Regions through Meaningful Science and Technology Initiatives."

Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Undersecretary, Usec. Nora Terrado, led the session on "The Fablab as a Strategy to Capacitate Technopreneurs in the Region," while DOST Undersecretary, Usec. Rowena Cristina Guevara, talked on the "DOST TBI Program: Generating Technopreneurs through Business Incubation."

Discussing "Malaysia's Journey towards Building 4th Generation TBIs and their ASEAN Cooperative Scheme in Business incubation," Azra'i Shu'ib, General Manager of Incubation and Technopreneurs Development, Technology Park Malaysia shared the best sustainability practices of TBIs in Malaysia.

The summit showcased different start-up, technology-based businesses, one of which is Buy Online-N'-Go (BuyONG).



Together with other speakers, VPRDES Engr. Amante shared insights on the establishment of the university TBI during one of the sessions of the summit.



First batch of attendees were granted fundings to establish their TBIs (left); The BuyONG team set up an exhibit to showcase their start-up business (right).

Developed by the BatStateU CTI, BuyONG is a shopping platform that allows its users to buy groceries online, and pick up their orders by drive-thru. The start-up was the 2nd place winner in the 13th SWEEP (Smart Wireless Engineering Education Program) Awards for Innovation and Excellence held on February 15.

The Wireless Integrated Solutions for ER (Emergency Response/Environmental Rehabilitation/Energy Resourcing), or WISER, was also presented by the delegates of CTI, led by VP for Research, Development and Extension Services and Head of BatStateU CTI, Engr. Albertson D. Amante, who shared his insights in the establishment of the University TBI during one of the sessions of the TBI Summit.

Another highlight of the summit was the launching of the Higher Education Institution Readiness for Innovation and Technopreneurship (HeIRIT) program by UP Engineering Professor and Project Leader, Prof. Nestor Rañeses. The program seeks to support universities and colleges

in planning, creating and operating their TBIs.

The launch was followed by the ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between DOST Secretary Fortunato de la Peña and partner academic institutions which will host incubation facilities in their campuses.

Twenty new schools will be serving as TBI host institutions in the Philippines, namely: Adamson University, Bicol University, Bulacan State University, Cagayan State University, Cebu Institute of Technology-University, Holy Angel University, Iloilo Science and Technology University, Mapua Institute of Technology, Miriam College, Nueva Vizcaya State University, St. Louis University - Baguio, Technological Institute of the Philippines - Manila, Silliman University, Technological University of the Philippines - Visayas, University of Mindanao, University of San Carlos, University of Southeastern Philippines, University of Sto. Tomas, University of the Cordilleras, and the University of the Philippines Mindanao.



Networking and Working Lunch during the TBI Summit



Academic and Administrative Councils approve proposal to open Taysan Campus



Members of the Academic and Administrative Councils, and the Taysan Sanggunian Bayan present the signed resolution to establish a BatStateU campus in the municipality of Taysan.

The Academic and Administrative Councils of Batangas State University approved the establishment of an extension campus in the Municipality of Taysan, Batangas on November 3 during its joint meeting at the Amphitheater, 4th Floor, CITE Building, Pablo Borbon Main I.

In 2000, a memorandum of agreement was signed for the establishment of extension campuses in Taysan, together with Lipa City, Rosario, Lobo, San Juan, Calaca, Padre Garcia, and San Pascual. However, the Taysan campus closed after a few years from its establishment.

The request for the re-opening of the Taysan campus was initiated by the Taysan Sanggunian Bayan, and presented by the Mayor of the Municipality, Hon. Grande P. Gutierrez, to the councils during the said meeting.

Pursuant to Republic Act No. 9045, an Act which integrated BatStateU, the university shall offer undergraduate, graduate and short-term technical courses within its areas of specialization and according to its capabilities, as the Board of Regents may

deem necessary to carry out its objectives, particularly in order to meet the needs of the province and the region.

Given the general features of the municipality, the councils looked forward to developing BatStateU Taysan as a specialized campus offering agricultural education as its premier course.

Taysan is a second-class municipality in the 4th District of Batangas. It has a land area of approximately 9,237 hectares, politically subdivided into 20 barangays. Its topography is characterized by generally low and flat terrains except for five barangays: Bacao, Guinhawa, Pinagbayanan, Piña and San Isidro found with hills and gentle slopes. Based on the 2015 Population Census by the Philippine Statistics Authority, Taysan has a population of 38,007. The major source of income in the said municipality comes from the agriculture sector, particularly poultry and livestock farming.

The members of the Academic and Administrative Councils will be endorsing the proposal to the BatStateU Board of Regents for approval.

Region III Stakeholders benchmark BatStateU's Best Practices

Officials from National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Region III, Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Region III, and Tarlac State University (TSU) visited Batangas State University to benchmark the university's best practices on extension services and gender development on November 14 at the CALABARZON Integrated Research and Training Center, BatStateU Pablo Borbon Main I, Batangas City.

BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo expressed his warmest greetings as he welcomed NEDA III Regional Director Severino C. Santos, DBM III Regional Director Elisa D. Salon, TSU President Myrna Q. Mallari and other present delegates. He shared his delight for their visit, recognizing BatStateU's efforts and ideal practices in the area of extension services.

Assoc. Prof. Ma. Theresa A. Hernandez, Asst. Director for Gender and Development, briefly discussed the goals, strategic initiatives, thrusts and priorities of the Extension Services Office (ESO). She highlighted ESO's ten-point agenda, which include (1) Environment & Natural Resources Conservation, Protection & Rehabilitation Program; (2) Technology Transfer,

Utilization & Commercialization Program; (3) Technical Assistance & Advisory Program to Agencies, Organizations, Associations, and other Groups; (4) Technical-Vocational Education & Training (TVET) Program on Agri-Fishery and related Program for Farmers & Fisherfolks; (5) Adopt-A-Barangay Program & Social Development Program; (6) Parents' Empowerment through Social Development (PESODEV) Program; (7) Disaster Preparedness & Response/ Climate Change Adaptation; (8) Gender and Development; (9) Community Outreach Program; and (10) Smart Analytics and Engineering.

Prof. Enrico M. Dalangin, University and Board Secretary; Assoc. Prof. Romeo C. De Castro, Director for Extension Services; Atty. Alvin R. De Silva, Asst. Director for Institutional and Industry Development Services; and Dr. Agnes D. Arellano, Asst. Director for Alumni Affairs also graced the meeting.

This event showed the commitment of BatStateU in conducting high impact extension projects, and the effectiveness of its techniques and practices in the area of extension services.



TSU President Myrna Q. Mallari (leftmost), DBM III Regional Director Elisa D. Salon (center), NEDA III Regional Director Severino C. Santos (rightmost) visit BatStateU to benchmark the university's extension services initiatives.

Red Spartans compete in STRASUC Sports Olympics in OMSC



Presidents of Southern Luzon state universities and colleges (SUCs) walk hand-in-hand along the olympic grounds to symbolize the regional unity through sports.

The Red Spartan athletes competed and garnered numerous medals during the 2017 Southern Tagalog Regional Association State Colleges and Universities (STRASUC) Sports Olympics held on December 11-15 at the Occidental Mindoro State College, San Jose Mindoro. The theme for this year's Olympics is "Building Regional Unity through Sports: One Heart, One Mind, and One Spirit."

The annual gathering of athletes was participated by ten state universities and colleges (SUCs) in Regions IV-A and B. Batangas State University officials who attended the event were Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo, STRASUC Regional Chairperson and BatStateU President; Assoc. Prof. Albertson D. Amante, VP for Research, Development and Extension Services; Dr. Expedito V. Acorda, Executive Director for BatStateU JPLPC-Malvar and Lipa; Assoc. Prof. Jovito C. Plata, Director for General Services; Dr. Francisco V. Aguirre, Director for Sports Development; Mr. Romeo L. Ramos, OIC Asst. Director for Budget; and Mr. Roberto B. Abas Jr., Head of Sports Development for Pablo Borbon Main I.

Hon. Josephine Y. Ramirez-Sato, Congresswoman of the Lone District of Occidental Mindoro, was the keynote

speaker during the event. She elaborated the importance of such activity, and shared its purpose of promoting camaraderie, unity and oneness. As STRASUC Chairperson, Dr. Ronquillo officially declared the opening of the Sports Olympics.

A strong commitment to excellence was shown by the Red Spartans during the event as they brought home a total of 11 gold, five silver and nine bronze medals.

BatStateU received awards on the following categories: Javelin Throw Women (Gold), Javelin Throw Men (Gold), Discus Throw Men (Bronze), Long Jump Men (Bronze), Badminton Single A Men (Gold), Badminton Single B Men (Bronze), Badminton Doubles Men (Bronze), Badminton Mixed Doubles (Gold), Badminton Single B Women (Gold), Badminton Doubles Women (Bronze), Chess Women Board 3 (Gold), Chess Women Board 1 (Silver), Chess Woman Board 4 (Bronze), Table Tennis Doubles Men (Gold), Table Tennis Doubles Women (Gold), Billiards Men Single (Gold), Billiards Men Doubles (Gold), Volleyball Women (Silver), Beach Volleyball Men (Bronze), Baseball (Silver), Sepak Takraw (Silver), Boxing (Bronze), Basketball Men (Gold), Basketball Women (Silver), and Futsal (Bronze).



The Red Spartans in action during the STRASUC Sports Olympics 2017



ALFI-Batangas holds Annual Walkathon



BaStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo receives the flag of Alay Lakad Foundation, Inc. from its former president, Dr. Carlito Rocafort, to signify the new administration of ALFI-Batangas.

Joined by over 10,000 participants from different government agencies, academic institutions, and non-government organizations, Alay Lakad Foundation, Inc. (ALFI- Batangas Province) celebrated its Annual 45th Alay Lakad Walkathon, Zumba and Program themed “Alay Lakad para sa Kabataan, sa Magandang Kinabukasan” at the Batangas Provincial Sports Complex Grand Stand and Oval on October 4.

The morning started with an hour of Zumba, followed by the famous Walkathon of ALFI. Awards were also given for Miss Alay Lakad 2017, such as its typical Top 3 and Special Awards: Miss Charming and Miss Flawless.

As one of the honorable guests, Batangas Governor Hermilando I. Mandanas thanked the people and organizations who have continuously supported the ALFI endeavors, particularly its scholarship grants and financial assistance to students in need, and technical-vocational education and trainings to out-of-school youth. These programs allowed their beneficiaries to enhance their knowledge

and skills on their chosen fields, and become productive citizens of the community.

Senator Joseph Victor “JV” Ejercito was also one of the invited speakers in the event. “Kabataan, maaasahan ka,” he said. “You must be the change you wish to see in the world,” Senator Ejercito added as he quoted a notable line from Mahatma Ghandi.

Vice Governor Nas Ona, and Deputy Speaker of Batangas 2nd District, Congressman Raneo Abu, also graced the celebration.

The highlights of the event included the induction of newly elected officers and turn-over ceremony. BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo was inaugurated as the new ALFI-Batangas President by Senator Ejercito, and was handed over the symbolic flag by former ALFI President Dr. Carlito Rocafort of DepEd Batangas.

Ms. BatStateU Anne Dreille Bridgette M. Clarete, a candidate to the Search for Mutya ng ALFI-Batangas, was declared Ms. Charming. BatStateU Dance Company also showcased production number to hold a festive event of thanksgiving for the day.



Highlights of the 2017 zumba and walkathon of the Alay Lakad Foundation, Inc. in Batangas



Red Spartans win 2nd Runner-Up in STRASUC Culture and Arts Festival 2017



Coach Lester S. Cueva and Contestant Patrick Steve Reyes were victors during the regional event after bagging the gold medal in Instrumental Solo.

Committed to prove national excellence, the Batangas State University ranked 2nd Runner-Up in the over-all standing out of the 11 state universities and colleges (SUCs) during the the Southern Tagalog Regional Association of State Universities and Colleges (STRASUC) Culture and Arts Festival 2017 on November 14-17 at the Marinduque State College (MSC), Boac, Marinduque.

During the four-day event, the student athletes showcased their talents and sportsmanship in the areas of literature, visual arts, music, dance and performing arts.

Led by Asst. Prof. Cecil L. Dimasacat, the Director for Culture and Arts, BatStateU was among the SUCs of Regions IV-A and B that competed in the event, including: Cavite State University, Laguna State Polytechnic University, Mindoro State College of Agriculture and

Technology, Occidental Mindoro State College, Palawan State University, Romblon State University, Southern Luzon State University, University of Rizal System, and Western Philippines University.

Princess Divine Mojado (BsED Rosario), coached by Mr. Joeven Santos (CTE Rosario), bagged the gold medal in Pagsulat ng Sanaysay.

Patrick Steve Reyes (BSEd Malvar) and his coach, Mr. Lester Cueva (Malvar), sat in first place for Instrumental Solo. He also served instrumental accompaniment for Chinnih De Castro (BSA Main I), who proved brilliant in Vocal Solo, taking home the championship title. She was coached by Ms. Sarah Jane Lunar (CTE Main I).

The BatStateU Live Band performers composed of students from the Pablo Borbon Main I were also among the champions of the event after besting their category.

Other events won were as follows: Literary Arts: Quiz Bowl (1st Runner-Up); Visual Arts: Pencil Rendering (1st Runner-Up), On-the-Spot Poster Making (3rd Runner-Up), Charcoal Rendering (4th Runner-Up); Music: Vocal Duet (1st Runner-Up), Pop Solo (4th Runner-Up), Choral Singing (4th Runner-Up); Performing Arts: Short and Sweet Play (1st Runner-Up), Radio Drama (4th Runner-Up); Dance: Folkdance (1st Runner-Up), Street Dancing (2nd Runner-Up), Contemporary (4th Runner-Up); Special Category: Anne Dreille Bridgette Macalalad Clarete for Mr. and Ms. STRASUC (3rd Runner-Up).

The success of BatStateU was achieved through the cooperation, unity and efforts extended by the cultural heads, coordinators, coaches, trainers, chaperons, performers, honorary officials, dean of colleges and the University President, Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo.

Groundbreaking Ceremony for New SSC Building in Balayan held



BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo and university officials lead the groundbreaking ceremony of the Student Services Center in BatStateU Balayan.

Dedicated to the University's mission of developing first-rate facilities, Batangas State University conducted the groundbreaking ceremony of the Student Services Center (SSC) Building at Balayan Campus on October 6. Led by BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo, university officials, Balayan faculty members, personnel and students supported the event, which officially marked the beginning of the construction.

With a total floor area of 4,368 m², the structure will serve as a resource center for departments offering academic programs. It will also provide student accessibility on admissions and credential requirements,

assist faculty and departments in advisement, and monitor student progress. Additionally, it will house various classrooms, laboratories, offices and a library.

In his message, Dr. Ronquillo acknowledged the joint efforts of everyone who contributed in making the event possible. He mentioned his full support in the continuous development of the university that will bring essential improvements to the entire academic community.

This significant event showed the university's sincerest efforts in addressing the needs of its students, personnel and clients that will certainly help them in creating a passion for inquiry and discovery.

BatStateU JPLPC Malvar inaugurates New CECS Building



Malvar Mayor Cristeta C. Reyes and BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo lead the ribbon cutting ceremony during the inauguration of the CECS Building in Malvar campus.

To provide more opportunities for the intellectual growth of its entire studentry, the BatStateU JPLPC Malvar inaugurated its College of Engineering and Computing Sciences (CECS) Building before the Red Spartan community on October 20.

The five-storey infrastructure has a total floor area of 1,791 square meters and 330 square meters parking space. It is fully furnished with nine classrooms, four office rooms, four laboratories, four restrooms including the PWD comfort station, two stock rooms, a faculty room, an ICT room, and a shower area.

As the program commenced, the doxology and singing of the Philippine

National Anthem were led by The Levites, the university chorale of BatStateU JPLPC Malvar. Dr. Expedito Acorda, the Executive Director of BatStateU Malvar and Lipa City campuses, delivered the opening remarks. This was followed by the marker unveiling ceremony, which was led by Malvar Mayor Cristeta C. Reyes and BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo.

Dr. Ronquillo delivered his inspirational message and mentioned the commendable efforts and collaboration of the different university offices towards the building completion. This was followed by the message of Mayor Reyes who showed her unwavering support for this



The CECS Building facade

remarkable event. After the inspirational message, the cutting of ribbon was led by the Municipal Mayor, BatStateU President and other University Officials.

Rev. Fr. Joel Villanueva led the blessing of the new CECS building, followed by the traditional throwing of coins to signify continuous prosperity and good luck.

Dr. Amado C. Gequinto, Dean of Colleges of BatStateU JPLPC Malvar, expressed his gratitude for this milestone in the campus in his closing remarks.

The program ended as The Levites and the BatStateU Marching Band sang the BatStateU Hymn.



The BatStateU community joins the blessing of the CECS Building and the unveiling of its marker.



Batangas State University President Tirso A. Ronquillo attends the 2017 4th Quarter Sectoral Committee on Social Development (SCSD) Meeting held on November 10 at the NYC Conference Room, National Youth Commission, West Insulta Building, West Avenue corner EDSA, Quezon City.



From left to right: Regional Development Council (RDC) IV-A Chairperson and Batangas Governor Hermilando I. Mandanas, BatStateU Asst. Director for Gender and Development Maria Theresa A. Hernandez, BatStateU President Tirso A. Ronquillo, Southern Tagalog Presidential Adviser Secretary Jose Maria Nicomedes Hernandez, RDC IV-A Co-Chairperson Ladislao Andal, and National Economic Development Authority IV-A Director Luis G. Banua.

Batangas State University gains recognition for being the 1st Runner Up in the 2017 CALABARZON Search for Outstanding GAD Implementer (SUC Category). Dr. Ronquillo and Assoc. Prof. Arellano-Hernandez received the award during the RDC Full Council Meeting on December 5 at the Bulwagang Batangan, Provincial Capitol, Batangas City.

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

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- 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

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