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TSU-OIAL LAUNCHES IALLA

Tarlac State University (TSU) marked a significant milestone in its internationalization journey with the official launch of the Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL) website and the International and Local Linkages Archive (IALLA). The launch event took place on February 19, 2025, at TSU Hotel, Villa Lucinda Campus, drawing the presence of key university officials and College and Office Internationalization (IZN) coordinators.

The newly introduced OIAL website is designed to complement TSU's commitment to global engagement. With a layout modeled after the official TSU website, the platform ensures seamless navigation and accessibility. Among its core features is a dedicated section for international news and activities across various colleges and offices, keeping the TSU community informed about global partnerships and collaborations. Additionally, the website houses an archive of internationalization initiatives, systematically categorized by year,

allowing users to track TSU's progress in the international sphere.

"All these initiatives bring Tarlac State University a step closer to cementing its position in the global arena," stated Dr. Grace N. Rosete, OIAL Director, as she introduced the website's features during her presentation.

A highlight of the event was the introduction of IALLA, a cloud-based data repository designed to revolutionize document storage and retrieval processes. This digital archive stores crucial internationalization documents, including Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs), and accreditation-related records. By automating document management, IALLA significantly reduces manual workloads, ensuring efficiency and accessibility for faculty and administrative personnel.

Currently operational, IALLA is set to undergo further enhancements, with full functionality expected by the end of the first quarter of 2025.

The launching event was graced by notable TSU officials, including University President Dr. Arnold E.

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STRENGTHENING GLOBAL TIES: TSU AND DHU EXPLORE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION BEST PRACTICES

Marco Polo M. Flores



Tarlac State University (TSU) and Daegu Haany University (DHU) have taken another significant step in their academic partnership by conducting a series of school visits and observation activities focused on Early Childhood Education (ECE) in Tarlac City. The initiative, which took place from January 23 to 24, 2025, was aimed at fostering knowledge exchange and cultural collaboration between the two institutions.

The visit was part of the broader academic collaboration between TSU and DHU, formalized through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that covers Faculty and Student Mobility, the Language Proficiency Program, and Cultural Exchange. Among the key activities outlined in the agreement are school visits designed to enhance the understanding and application of best practices in ECE.

Leading the delegation were Dr. Joanne Marie I. Escalona, Chairperson of the Early Childhood Education Department under TSU's College of Education; Dr. Gabjung Yoon, Dean of the Department of Child Welfare & Counselling at DHU; and Dr. Ji Young Lee, Visiting Professor from DHU. The group vi-

sited various educational institutions, including Tarlac West Central Elementary School, Creston Academy, and Academia de Santiago of Tarlac, Inc., where they observed innovative teaching approaches in early childhood education.

South Korean students from DHU had the opportunity to experience firsthand how early childhood education is implemented in the Philippines. Together with TSU Early Childhood Education students, they engaged with various teaching materials and observed classroom interactions, further enriching their academic experience.

The delegation concluded their three-day observation with a visit to TSU's Childcare Center on January 24, marking the final event of their collaborative exchange. As part of their cultural contribution, DHU students introduced traditional Korean toys commonly used as teaching materials in South Korean ECE classrooms. This interactive session allowed Filipino ECE learners and teachers to explore and gain insights into South Korea's approach to early childhood education.

The visit culminated in a recog-

nition ceremony at the TSU Childcare Center, where certificates of appreciation were presented to the DHU delegates by TSU-OIAL Director Dr. Grace N. Rosete, Office of Gender and Development Director Dr. Rita E. Pulmano, and COEd-ECE Chairperson Dr. Joanne Marie I. Escalona. The event celebrated the active participation and meaningful contributions of both institutions, further strengthening their partnership while promoting international collaboration in education.

The growing relationship between TSU and DHU traces back to their initial partnership established in 2024 through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This led to various online academic engagements, such as international webinars, faculty exchange programs, and collaborative research initiatives. In January 2025, both universities took a step forward by signing a formal MOA, expanding their joint efforts in cultural and academic exchange activities, research initiatives, and training programs.

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TSU VISITS CLSU FOR BENCHMARKING ACTIVITIES

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Tarlac State University (TSU) visited Central Luzon State University (CLSU) to benchmark best internationalization practices in the Technology, Livelihood, and Life Skills Education (TLLEd) program at CLSU's College of Education (COED) on March 10, 2024.

The visit began with a courtesy call to CLSU President Dr. Evaristo A. Abella, followed by a meeting with Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Ravelina R. Velasco and COED Dean Dr. Florante P. Ibarra. During the session, the TSU delegation viewed a corporate video presentation on CLSU-COED's programs, providing an overview of its educational offerings.

Dr. Elizabeth P. Balanquit, Associate Dean of TSU's College of Education, led the delegation in discussions with key CLSU-COED officials and faculty members. The benchmarking session provided TSU with valuable insights into faculty and student mobility initiatives, as well as international collaborations that have strengthened CLSU's academic programs.

Dr. Ma. Catalina D. Cadiz, department head of CLSU-COED's TLLEd program, shared CLSU's best practices in student and faculty mobility, emphasizing the university's membership in the Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization (SEAMEO) as a gateway to overseas opportunities. She emphasized the importance of international institutional

memberships in expanding global partnerships.

Meanwhile, Dean Ibarra presented CLSU's strategies for preparing graduates for professional success, highlighting the university's specialized board exam review programs. He also introduced an initiative offering free review sessions to graduating students who achieve Latin honors.

CLSU VPAA Dr. Velasco expressed admiration for TSU, stating, "We look up to Tarlac State University. In fact, we also conduct benchmarking visits at TSU to learn from the best practices of our neighboring SUCs."

The CLSU President reaffirmed the value of collaboration among SUCs, emphasizing, "SUC Presidents in the region frequently highlight the importance of sharing best practices. CLSU fully supports benchmarking initiatives."

Both institutions welcomed the exchange of insights, reaffirming their commitment to regional and international academic excellence and ensuring that students benefit from top-tier educational resources and opportunities.



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TSU JOINS IN ESTABLISHING PATHWAY PILIPINAS

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Tarlac State University (TSU) formalized its commitment to refugee education by signing a Memorandum of Agreement alongside six other universities to establish Pathway Pilipinas, a non-profit alliance dedicated to providing educational access to refugees and stateless persons. The signing ceremony took place at De La Salle Philippines on March 25, 2025.

The founding members of *Pathway Pilipinas* include Columban College Inc. (CCI), De La Salle Brothers Inc. (DLSBI), De La Salle Ara-

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CBA STUDENTS INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN ABU DHABI

The Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL), together with the College of Computer Studies (CCS), explored a potential industry partnership with the British Veterinary Centre (BVC), a leading veterinary healthcare provider in Abu Dhabi, through a virtual exploratory meeting held on February 5, 2025.

Discussions centered on potential internship opportunities for CCS students, particularly in IT-related roles within a veterinary setting. TSU emphasized the importance of aligning BVC's internship program with the skill set and expertise of CCS students to ensure a meaningful learning experience.

Additionally, both parties discussed the submission of a formal proposal outlining the objectives, scope, and benefits of the potential internship collaboration. This document will serve as the foundation for the structured implementation of the program.

The meeting concluded with TSU and BVC agreeing to formalize the partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which is set to be signed within the year.

AFC PROVIDES OJT PROGRAM WITH FREE ACCOMMODATION

The College of Business and Accountancy (CBA), through the Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL), participated in an exploratory meeting with Alternatives Food Corporation (AFC) on February 28, 2025, to discuss a potential partnership.

AFC, a company specializing in food manufacturing and distribution, proposed internship opportunities for students in financial management and accounting at TSU.

During the discussion, Ms. Monsanto presented AFC's internship program, which offers free accommodation and utilities for interns. AFC initially plans to accept two to three students but may increase this number depending on office demands.

Additionally, both parties explored other possible areas of collaboration, including industry lectures, mentorship programs, and internship-to-employment pathways. TSU responded positively to these proposals.

The meeting concluded with both parties agreeing to move forward with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) within the year, in compliance with university partnership guidelines.

TSU ROHINGYA SCHOLARS RECEIVE AID FROM PSWDO TARLAC

The Tarlac State University (TSU) Rohingya Scholars, beneficiaries of the UNHCR and TSU Complementary Pathways Program, received aid during the visit of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) Tarlac to TSU on February 7, 2025.

As part of its continued efforts to support the Rohingya Scholars, the Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL) collaborates with various government agencies to address their needs. In line with this initiative, the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), the government agency responsible for implementing social welfare programs in Tarlac, led by its head, Ms. Ma. Elena L. Jalos, distributed food packs, clothing, and hygiene kits to three Rohingya scholars currently studying at TSU.

During the visit, Ms. Jalos also expressed interest in establishing a collaboration with TSU to ensure continued assistance and support for the scholars.



TSU-OIAL DIRECTOR DR. GRACE N. ROSETE TAKE OATH AS THE AUDITOR OF CLAIRO

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Dr. Grace N. Rosete, Director of the Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL) at Tarlac State University, has officially taken her oath as the auditor of the newly formed Central Luzon Association of International Relations Officers (CLAIRO). The ceremony took place on February 21, 2025, at the Commission on Higher Education Regional Office III (CHEDRO III) in San Fernando, Pampanga.

As an auditor, Dr. Rosete will ensure that the association's financial records are accurate and transparent. She will oversee budget allocations and financial transactions to support CLAIRO's goal of strengthening international collaborations among higher education institutions in Central Luzon.

After the oath-taking, CLAIRO members gathered to discuss upcoming projects and initiatives that will enhance academic partnerships and promote global engagement in the region. The newly elected officers, led by CLAIRO President Dr. Mildred M. Crisostomo of Don Honorio Ventura State University, expressed their commitment to advancing internationalization efforts

with the support of CHEDRO III.

CHEDRO III Director IV, Dr. Lora L. Yusi, emphasized the importance of forming CLAIRO, particularly in helping smaller institutions expand their global reach. She pointed out that internationalization is not just about rankings or foreign partnerships but about creating more opportunities for students and faculty, especially in state universities and colleges. She assured the association that CHEDRO III will continue to support activities that will strengthen international initiatives in the region.

With their responsibilities now officially recognized, the CLAIRO officers are set to lead programs that will promote international collaborations and provide opportunities for faculty and students in Central Luzon to engage in global academic exchanges.



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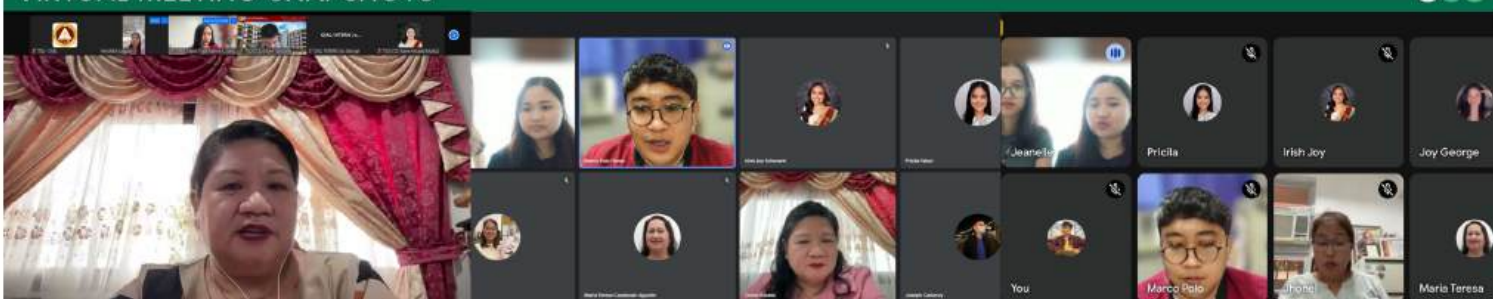
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Hope Away From Home

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The Rohingya people are an ethnic minority from Myanmar, predominantly Muslim, who have faced decades of persecution and discrimination. In 2017, a violent military crackdown in Myanmar's Rakhine State forced hundreds of thousands of Rohingya to flee to neighboring countries, with many seeking refuge in Bangladesh, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines. The United Nations has described the situation as a humanitarian crisis, with many Rohingya living in overcrowded refugee camps, facing limited access to education, healthcare, and employment.

As stateless persons, Rohingya refugees often struggle to integrate into host communities due to legal and economic barriers. However, initiatives like the Complementary Pathways (CPath) Programme provide new opportunities by granting access to higher education and long-term resettlement. The Philippines, recognized for its humanitarian stance, has welcomed refugee scholars and facilitated their academic and personal growth through

partnerships with universities and government agencies.

Tarlac State University (TSU) is at the forefront of this movement, pioneering a historic initiative to support refugee students through education and inclusion. The following article explores how TSU is transforming lives by providing Rohingya scholars with a renewed sense of hope and belonging.

Last August 25, 2023, Tarlac State University (TSU) made a significant step toward inclusivity and global solidarity by becoming the first state university in the Philippines to sign a memorandum of agreement with the Department of Justice (DOJ), through the Refugees and Stateless Persons Protection Unit, and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

This partnership marks the beginning of a transformative opportunity for refugees and stateless persons, offering them a pathway to education, security, and a brighter future.

The Complementary Pathways, scholars who have experienced the hardships of displacement, are now enrolled as first-year students in various degree programs at TSU. For them, this initiative is not just about education—it

is a chance to rebuild their lives in a country that has embraced their potential. TSU, with its comprehensive support system, is providing them with the foundation they need to succeed.

This collaboration ensures that the scholars have access to high-quality education, which will empower them with knowledge and skills that can make a lasting impact on their futures.

They are expected to stay for four years, completing their bachelor's degrees while also gaining the skills necessary to contribute meaningfully to society. Upon graduation, they have the option to remain in the Philippines and pursue careers, continuing to add to the nation's social, cultural, and economic fabric. This opportunity not only benefits the scholars themselves but also enriches Philippine society by welcoming individuals with diverse backgrounds, perspectives, and talents.

However, the program extends far beyond academics. Understanding the complex needs of displaced persons, TSU has committed to offering these scholars a safe and inclusive

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Assurance was Dr. Maria Socorro D. Valdez, attending on behalf of Director Dr. Niño B. Corpuz. Deans, associate deans, and IZN coordinators from various colleges also participated in the momentous occasion, underscoring the university's collective commitment to global academic excellence.

As TSU continues to strengthen its international presence, the launch of the OIAL website and IALLA marks a transformative step in its pursuit of seamless and effective internationalization efforts. These digital innovations are set to streamline operations, foster global collaborations, and reinforce TSU's vision of becoming a globally competitive institution.



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environment. With free accommodation on campus, they are given the opportunity to live in a supportive, integrated community where they can focus on their studies without the stress of financial or housing concerns. In addition to housing, TSU ensures that they have access to healthcare and other essential services, recognizing the importance of mental and physical well-being in their holistic development.

What sets this initiative apart is its recognition of the scholars as individuals with immense potential, not as people defined solely by their past struggles. TSU aims to offer them a normal life within an inclusive space, allowing them to build friendships, participate in campus activities, and experience the everyday joys of student life. The inclusive nature of the program fosters a sense of belonging, helping these scholars feel like valued members of the TSU community rather than outsiders.

In essence, this program is

more than just an educational initiative—it's a lifeline for individuals who have faced unimaginable challenges. Through TSU's dedication to providing a welcoming and empowering environment, the scholars are given the tools to transform their lives and contribute positively to their communities, both within the Philippines and beyond. It is a testament to the power of education, empathy, and inclusivity in creating a better, more interconnected world.

Just this March, in accordance with DILG Circular Memorandum No. 2020-153, or the Assistance to Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Stateless Persons in the Philippines recognized by the Department of Justice – Refugees and Stateless Persons Protection Unit, refugees, including CPath Scholars, were assisted and recognized as residents of Barangay Maliwalo, Tarlac City. This initiative ensures that Rohingya refugees have access to the same treatment as nationals, meaning they are afforded fair and equal access

to assistance, protection, and durable solutions at all times.

TSU remains committed to "unity in diversity" by supporting student refugees in line with the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. Building on the success of the first National Complementary Pathways (CPath) Programme Gathering, TSU actively participated in the 2nd CPath Gathering at St. Louis University, Baguio City, from January 7-10, 2025. This annual event fosters collaboration among schools, government agencies, and stakeholders to enhance refugee scholars' education, well-being, and development. TSU delegates gained insights on improving education access, participation, and monitoring mechanisms, while scholars engaged in social and educational activities, ensuring a holistic support system for their academic and personal growth.

TSU FACULTY MEMBERS TO TEACH IN JAPAN

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Tarlac State University (TSU), through the Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL), presided over an exploratory meeting with Archipelago Education Consultancy Co. to discuss a potential partnership with Lakeland University Japan on January 15, 2025.

Representing Archipelago Education Consultancy Co., CEO Mr. Dominic Archer introduced the proposed Archipelago Semester Abroad Program (ASAP) in collaboration with Lakeland University Japan (LUJ) in Tokyo. The program aims to provide TSU students with study-abroad opportunities at LUJ.

Additionally, Mr. Archer discussed a potential faculty exchange program at LUJ. Under this initiative, LUJ invites Filipino faculty members to study and conduct research at Lakeland University Japan (LUJ) with free accommodation in exchange for teaching their specialized subjects for one semester.

LUJ, through Mr. Archer, is particularly seeking TSU faculty members specializing in Arts, Communication, and Business Administration to participate in the exchange program.

The meeting concluded with both TSU and LUJ, through Archipelago Education Consultancy Co., agreeing to move forward with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in the second quarter of the year.

TSU AND YONSEI UNIVERSITY SIGN A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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Tarlac State University (TSU) established a partnership with Yonsei University through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed at the TSU Main Campus on February 18, 2025.

The partnership aims to promote institutional cooperation across various areas, including faculty and student exchanges, research collaborations, and joint training programs. The College of Business and Accountancy will be the primary beneficiary of these collaborative efforts.

These activities are expected to take place in the third or fourth quarter of the year.

Present at the ceremonial signing were TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg, Director of the Office of International Affairs and Linkages Dr. Grace N. Rosete, and Associate Dean of the College of Business and Accountancy Dr. Henry D. Rufino. Representing Yonsei University were Dr. Byeong Chang Lee, Director of the Rural Development Social Cooperative, and Professor Jangwon Yoon, Adjunct Professor at Yonsei University.



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Following the success of this visit, TSU and DHU continue to explore new avenues for collaboration, reaffirming their commitment to enhancing the quality of Early Childhood Education and fostering global academic partnerships.

TSU JOINS OTHER SUCS TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONALIZATION EFFORTS IN REGION III

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The Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL) participated in the Special Forum: Collaborating Beyond Borders – Elevating Internationalization Practices in Region III, attended by directors for the internationalization of several SUCs in Central Luzon at Bulacan State University on January 28, 2025.

TSU, through its initial internationalization initiatives, has actively contributed to fostering global engagement among State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) in the region. In line with this commitment, Dr. Grace N. Rosete, OIAL Director, participated in discussions on strengthening internationalization strategies for SUCs.

She shared TSU's best practices in advancing international partnerships and highlighted the university's ongoing efforts in global engagement.

During the forum, Dr. Rosete engaged in dialogues with representatives from partner universities to explore potential joint programs, faculty and student exchanges, and research collaborations. She also contributed to discussions on enhancing policies and frameworks to further internationalization efforts among SUCs in Region III.

The forum served as an opportunity to establish stronger connections with participating universities, reinforcing TSU's dedication to expanding its global network. Through these initiatives, TSU continues to play an active role in shaping internationalization efforts within the region.



TSU EXPANDS GLOBAL NETWORK AT INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIP DAY 2025 WEBINAR

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The Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL) participated in the International Partnership Day (IPD) 2025 Webinar on February 11, 2025, as part of its ongoing efforts to expand TSU's global reach and establish new academic linkages.

Representing OIAL, Prof. Maria Tiara Fatima F. Galang joined the webinar alongside representatives from various international institutions.

The event focused on strengthening global collaboration for faculty, students, and researchers, aligning with TSU's internationalization targets for 2025.

"This kind of event is a perfect opportunity for institutions to learn more strategies in expanding their global reach and directly network with international institutions," Prof. Galang said.

The IPD 2025 Webinar concluded with TSU securing potential international collaborations, reinforcing its commitment to expanding its global network in the coming years.



TSU STUDENT LEADERS PARTICIPATE IN THE AYLTLC 2025 IN SINGAPORE

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Tarlac State University student leaders showcased their excellence on the international stage as they participated in the 12th Asian Youth Leaders Travel and Learning Camp (AYLTLC) held in Singapore from February 13 to 17, 2025. The camp provided a platform for young leaders from across Asia to engage in cross-cultural collaboration, hone their leadership skills, and gain insights from global experts.

One of the highlights of the event was the Learning Session, where participants attended thought-provoking lectures by esteemed international speakers from the National University of Singapore. Topics ranged from the Use of Large Language Models, Singapore's Urban Development, and Energy Use and Function to discussions on The World as a Single Society, AI and Smart Living, and Village Lessons for City Living. These sessions equipped participants with valuable knowledge and perspectives on global advancements and societal trends.

TSU student leaders stood out among their peers, earning multiple accolades for their outstanding achievements and contributions during the camp. Stephaney Joy C. Sarmiento from the College of Business and Accountancy received the Team of the Year and Most Creative awards.

Jazzmine Faye Samson from the College of Computer Studies was recognized as the Most Outstanding participant. Irish P. Sumat from the College of Archi-



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Public Administration and Governance was honored with the Best in Content award, while Aliza Grace B. Aquino from the College of Science also received the Most Outsta-



nding award. Francis Paul C. Austin from the College of Arts and Social Sciences also took part in the prestigious event.

The delegation was accompanied by



Atty. Gherold C. Benitez, Director of the Office of Student Affairs and Services, who provided guidance and support to the participants throughout the event.

TSU's strong presence and remarkable achievements at AYLTLC reaffirm the university's commitment to fostering globally competitive leaders.

Their participation not only highlights their individual excellence but also brings pride and recognition to TSU on the international stage.

Following the success of TSU's student delegation in the 12th AYLTLC, the university is gearing up to send another batch of outstanding student leaders to participate in dynamic discussions, cross-cultural exchanges, and leadership training sessions.

AYLTLC 2025 Awardees

Jazzmine Faye Samson | CCS
 Most Outstanding

Irish P. Sumat | CAFA
 Outstanding Youth Leader
 Team of the Year
 Most Engaging

Vien Iel D. Laxamana | CPAG
 Best in Content

Stephaney Joy C. Sarmiento | CBA
 Team of the Year
 Most Creative

Aliza Grace B. Aquino | COS
 Most Outstanding

Francis Paul C. Austin | CASS
 Most Engaging

EDITORIAL

GROUNDLED AMBITIONS: The Cost of Cutting Internationalization

Internationalization has been the battle cry of the Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL), driven by its mandate to support Tarlac State University's (TSU) vision of securing its place among the world's premier institutions. However, that battle cry may soon fade into silence. The university's internationalization efforts, once soaring like an aircraft toward greater heights, are now being dragged down by the heavy weight of financial constraints. The cost-saving measures imposed by the administration—brought about by unforeseen financial challenges—threaten to ground these ambitions for the next five years.

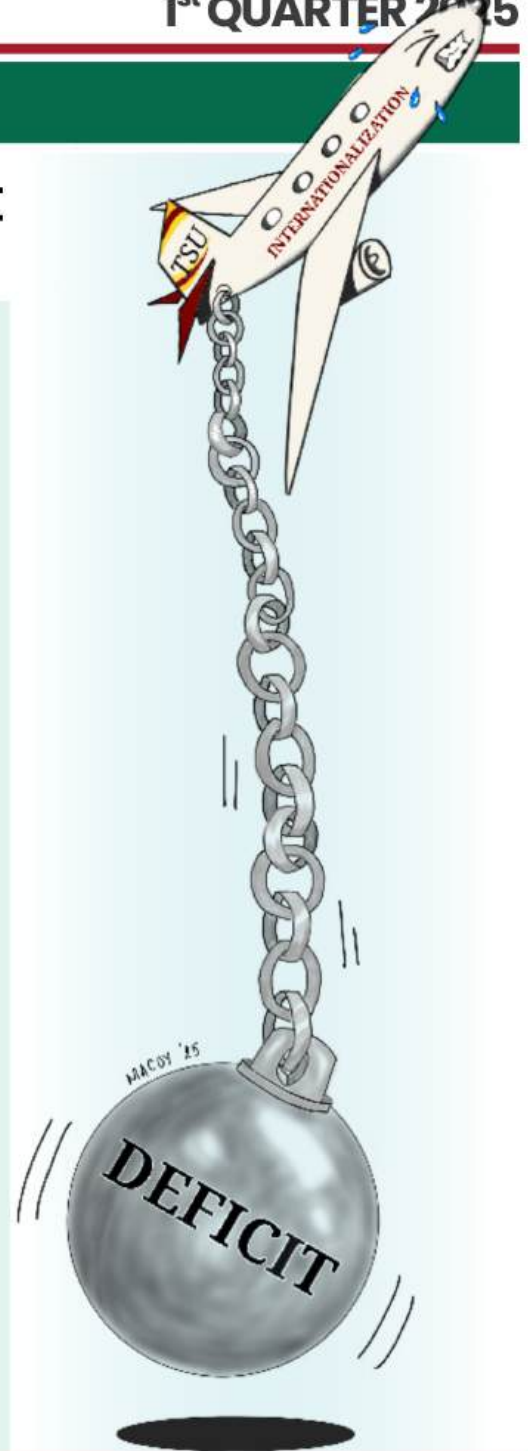
While cutting costs might seem like a practical solution given the university's current financial state, it also comes at a price. One of the most significant casualties of this decision is TSU's internationalization agenda—a key driver of its growing global recognition.

Over the years, TSU has steadily made a name for itself on the international stage. This year alone, the university earned

awards from international ranking bodies, a testament to the dedicated efforts centered on global engagement. However, without sufficient funding, these achievements may be the last. The university's internationalization aircraft, once flying with confidence, is now being weighed down by the deficit, making takeoff nearly impossible. Faculty and student mobility programs—opportunities that open doors to global learning and collaboration—may soon become nothing more than distant aspirations.

This brings us to a pressing question: Is this sacrifice truly worth it? If TSU aims for quality education and global prestige, should we not reconsider these cost-cutting measures in the name of internationalization? How about the SUC leveling process, which now heavily weighs internationalization as a crucial factor? Are we willing to risk our standing and future progress?

The university stands at a crossroads. The choice is between short-term financial relief and long-term academic excellence. If we truly envision TSU as a world-class institution, we must ask ourselves—can we afford to let internationalization become a casualty of cost-saving?



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neta University (DLSAU), San Beda University (SBU), Saint Louis University (SLU), University of St. La Salle (USLS), and TSU—the only state university in the alliance. The agreement outlines the commitment of member institutions to work collaboratively in offering scholarship grants and other essential resources that support the academic success of Rohingya refugees and stateless individuals.

This initiative is part of the Complementary Pathways Program of the Department of Justice-Refugees and Stateless Persons Protection Unit (DOJ-RSPPU) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). During the event, Atty. Maria Ermina Valdeavilla-Gallardo, Head of UNHCR Philippines, personally expressed her gratitude to what she called the Magic 7—the founding institutions of Pathway Pilipinas—for taking on the challenge of supporting refugee education. She commended the alliance, stating, “I am truly amazed that the Filipino tradition of bayanihan is still alive, extending beyond borders and reaching those in need, regardless of nationality.”

Representing TSU at the event were Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL) Director Dr. Grace N. Rosete, along with OIAL department heads, staff, and three TSU Rohingya scholars



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