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TSU-CPAG expands global footprint through research and collaboration with ASPA

| DIANNE LLORCA

The College of Public Administration and Governance (CPAG) of Tarlac State University (TSU) has made another step forward in expanding its global academic footprint. In partnership with the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA), the college continues efforts toward international presence and academic engagement that respond to evolving needs and demands of public service and governance in the 21st century.

In the KeepingCurrent Webinar Series brought by ASPA, another much-awaited international webinar was gratefully co-sponsored by the TSU titled “Building Resilience, Agility, and Trust: The Neo-Weberian State as a Referential Model” on February 28, 2025, from 2:00 AM to 3:00 AM. It puts the Neo-Weberian State Administration and Brazil's administrative reform under the spotlight with its specific focus on democratic governance, building up respect for government institutions, and better service delivery. Prof. Gabriela Lotta, a

keynote resource person and one of the most eminent scholars in public administration and policy at the Getulio Vargas Foundation of Brazil, was renowned for her public policy, bureaucracy, and governance research, whose views resonated with the TSU-CPAG faculty members and students, who actively joined in the webinar.

Furthering the institutional representation globally, ASPA invited the Dean of CPAG, Dr. Edwin T. Caoleng, as both presenter and moderator to the prestigious ASPA Annual Conference, held from March 28 to April 1, 2025, at The Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D.C. Dr. Caoleng presented his research entitled “The Role of Public Administration in Advancing Smart City Initiatives,” which looked into how governance institutions can serve as catalysts for digital innovation, participatory governance, and sustainable urban development. His paper highlighted the ever-increasing role of public administration in facilitating receptive and future-ready cities and was instrumental in taking the discourse of smart governance one step further. The presentation aligns with SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities and also demonstrates how TSU-CPAG can harness academic

strength toward international engagement in policymaking and governance platforms.

The theme of this year's ASPA was “Not Robots Yet: Keeping Public Servants in Public Service,” gathering top scholars and practitioners who addressed core and urgent issues, including public sector ethics, trust in government, equity, and digital transformation.

Such international endeavors suggest an enormous leap for the TSU-CPAG in its growing aspiration toward becoming a globally competitive, research-driven academic institution. Therefore, through such involvements and platforms, the college gradually builds up its name and becomes one of the active actors in the international public administration community. By strengthening its cooperation with ASPA, TSU-CPAG not only advances SDG 17: Partnership for Goals but also reaffirms its commitment to the development of innovative, principled, and future-ready public service leadership capable of confronting the tough challenges of 21st-century governance.

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Atty. Wilmark J. Ramos, TSU Vice President for Administration, served as the resource speaker. The webinar was attended

by TSU students and international participants from Indonesia. Atty. Ramos delivered an engaging lecture on branding and start-ups, highlighting the important role of intellectual property in marketing.

Participants found the session informative and interactive, particularly appreciating the real-life scenarios Atty. Ramos presented. His examples sparked thoughtful questions and lively discussion, reflecting the audience's deep interest in the topic.

Encouraged by the success of the event, Mr. Fei Ming of Menarah Syariah expressed

enthusiasm about organizing a follow-up activity. He shared plans to host another webinar—or potentially an in-person seminar in Indonesia—with speakers from TSU and industry experts from Indonesia.

The event ended on a positive note, with the strong possibility of follow-up activities happening sooner than expected due to the success of this recently concluded session.





ComResCon 2025 equips students to be research-ready, recognize student communication research

| RICKY ESLABRA

Senior and junior Communication students from Tarlac State University (TSU), along with visiting Indonesian students from Universitas Muhammadiyah Prof. Dr. HAMKA (UHAMKA), participated in the second Communication Research Convention (ComResCon) 2025 held on June 5 in a hybrid setup via Zoom and on-site. Organized by TSU's Department of Communication in collaboration with the Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL), the event aimed to strengthen students' research skills under the theme, "Strengthening Communication Research through Methodological Innovation and Diversity."

The convention featured distinguished keynote speakers, including Dr. Rudolf Anthony A. Lacerna of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), who discussed the significance of mixed-method research in media, health, and crisis communication. Dr. Novi Andayani Praptiningsih from UHAMKA addressed societal perspectives on gay identity through dramaturgical theory, while Ms. Winona P. Arador of York University emphasized the importance of auto-ethnography and ethical, reflective writing in qualitative research.

Asst. Prof. Maria Fermina Joyce C. Nucum, Head of TSU's Department of Communication, emphasized the university's focus on academic research, highlighting the curriculum that supports student-led investigations from theory to application.

One of the event's highlights was the awarding of outstanding student research. The Best Thesis award went to "Evaluation of Crisis Communication Strategies in Managing Social Media Issues of State Universities in Tarlac Province" by Romer Madrid, Jandale Loui Mendoza, and Heleina Anjela Quesada.

Two groups tied for second place:

"Swipe Left, Swipe Right: Factors Influencing the Success of Heterosexual and Same-Sex Connections Originating in

Aurora" by Len Filip Rebamonte, Cyril Crisologo, and Renz Custodio.

Third place was awarded to "A Content Analysis of Gloc-9's Songs in Raising Awareness on Social Issues" by Rosemarie Gueco, Erica Borja, and Jan Michael Montoya.

In the Best Thesis Documentary category, top honors went to "Non-Governmental Organizations' Communication Strategies for Promoting and Raising Awareness on Sustainable Waste Management" by Timothy Addelaide Yvonne Perez and team, followed by "Tinta't Tinig ng mga Komikeros: Exploring Comics as a Medium for Communicating Societal Issues through Art" and "An Evaluation of the Implementation of the Balay Silangan Reformation Center Program in Central Luzon."

For Best Special Project, "Watch and Learn: Special Project on the Development of Instructional Audio-Visual Materials for the Childcare Program of Tarlac State University" by Aira Francisco and the group received the highest recognition.

ComResCon 2025 successfully showcased the depth and diversity of student research, fostering collaboration and academic excellence among future communication professionals from both local and international institutions.



Ahner Pineda, John Harvey Pamintuan, and "An Analysis of Communication Strategies Employed by the BFAR Region 3's Salt Development Program in



ACADEMIC LINKAGES

TSU, UHAMKA, and DepEd-TCSD forge academic partnership

by MARCO POLO FLORES

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Tarlac State University (TSU), Universitas Muhammadiyah Prof. Dr. Hamka (UHAMKA) of Indonesia, and the Department of Education–Tarlac City Schools Division (DepEd-TCSD) signed separate Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) on May 8, 2025, at the TSU Alumni Center, Villa Lucinda Campus, marking the beginning of collaborative partnerships among the three institutions.

Each institution entered into its own agreement to pursue mutual goals in academic and research development. These partnerships aim to implement a variety of initiatives such as Master's and Doctoral degree scholarships for faculty, undergraduate scholarships for students, collaborative education programs, English Language Proficiency training, credit-transfer programs, research facility sharing, faculty and student exchanges, internship programs, cultural exchanges, and joint seminars and conferences.

To immediately kick off the collaboration, an international seminar titled “Bridging Ideas, Building Scholarships: An International Seminar on Thesis and Dissertation Writing for Graduate Researchers” is scheduled to be held in the afternoon, featuring speakers from TSU, UHAMKA, and DepEd-TCSD.

TSU Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg officially opened the event with a warm message to the partner institutions:

“Tarlac State University would like to offer you a thank you—and three B’s: Thank you for Believing in what TSU can do, for Believing in TSU as your partner institution, and most importantly, TSU is Believing in trusting others that this partnership will indeed be Bigger, Better, and Bolder.”

Following the successful MOU signing, leaders and representatives from each institution affirmed their commitment to the shared goals outlined in the agreement. TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco reiterated this dedication, stating:

“TSU fully commits to this undertaking and will utilize our knowledge and resources to ensure that all planned areas of collaboration come to fruition.”



Also present at the event were Director of the TSU Office of Graduate Studies, University Professor Dr. Maria Agnes P. Ladia, together with Department Head Dr. Ninez B. Tulo; Director of the Office of International Affairs and Linkages Dr. Grace N. Rosete; College of Education Dean Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza; UHAMKA Institute of Research, Community Service, and Publication Director Prof. Dr. Herri Mulyono; and DepEd-TCSD Chief Education Program Supervisor Dr. Ruth D. Jimenez.

GLOBAL COLLABORATION BOOST

TSU steps up global academic linkages through Erasmus+ program

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Tarlac State University (TSU), through the Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL), participated in the Erasmus+ Information Day for the Philippines 2025 held on May 6, 2025, at Novotel Manila Araneta City, Quezon City. The university was represented by OIAL Director Dr. Grace N. Rosete, who joined delegates from various institutions in the country for the national event.

The national event was organized by the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) in collaboration with the Delegation of the European Union (EU) to the Philippines and the Erasmus Mundus Association (EMA). It served as a convergence platform for International Relations Officers (IROs), administrators, faculty members, and students from numerous Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) nationwide who are interested in exploring academic and institutional collaboration with European counterparts.

The primary objective of the event was to raise awareness and disseminate detailed information about the Erasmus+ Program 2025.

This program, funded and managed by the EU, provides a broad spectrum of opportunities in the field of international education and mobility. It supports faculty, staff, and student exchange programs; capacity-building projects in higher education; joint Master's degree offerings; and the establishment of institutional partnerships between Philippine and European institutions.

Throughout the event, participants engaged in a series of in-person information sessions that covered essential components of the Erasmus+ program. These sessions included comprehensive briefings on the application process, best practices in project proposal development, and strategies for building sustainable partnerships between HEIs in the Philippines and Europe.

The program also featured informative presentations from CHED and EU officials, as well as panel discussions that highlighted successful collaborative initiatives. Erasmus+ alumni were invited to share their experiences and personal insights, providing inspiration and practical advice to prospective applicants.

Open forums allowed participants to raise queries directly to the organizers, thereby fostering a deeper understanding of the program's mechanics and benefits.

Erasmus+ is recognized as the European Union's flagship program for education, training, youth, and sport. Since its inception, it has supported thousands of mobility and cooperation projects worldwide. In the context of the Philippines, the program serves as a strategic tool to enhance internationalization among local HEIs by facilitating access to global academic networks, enriching teaching and learning environments, and promoting mutual understanding and cooperation with European institutions.

By participating in events like the Erasmus+ Information Day, TSU reaffirms its commitment to advancing global engagement and academic excellence. The university's involvement signifies its continued effort to open new pathways for its faculty, staff, and students to gain international exposure and collaborative opportunities aligned with its vision of becoming a premier university in Asia.



Photo courtesy of Erasmus+



INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TARLAC STATE UNIVERSITY PARTNERS WITH ABOITIZ LAND INC. FOR STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

| MARCO POLO FLORES





Tarlac State University (TSU), facilitated by the Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL), in collaboration with the College of Architecture and Fine Arts (CAFA) and the College of Engineering (CoE), officially entered into a partnership with Aboitiz Land Inc. through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on June 26, 2025, at the TSU Audio-Visual Room.

The partnership aims to strengthen academic-industry linkages by opening opportunities for hands-on learning, industry-aligned research, and future internships for CAFA and CoE students.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco expressed his enthusiasm for the newly formed partnership, stating,



“We are eagerly anticipating the opportunities and possibilities that this new chapter in our academic journey will bring.”

Meanwhile, Aboitiz Land Inc. Assistant Vice President reaffirmed the company’s commitment to the agreement by pledging to provide intensive, comprehensive, and world-class training for TSU students.

Also present at the event were CoE Dean Engr. Miriam S. Galvez, Engr. Adrin Joar R. Taturan, and CAFA’s Ar. Raymond T. Co together with OIAL Department Head Mr. Marco Polo M. Flores.





TSU welcomes Inter- Global College Foundation, Inc. delegates for benchmarking

 | MARY JOY B. MANALO

Tarlac State University welcomed the officials of Inter- Global College Foundation, Inc. led by their president Dr. Carmencita L. Medina for a benchmarking activity on April 23, 2025 at the Main AVR.

The visit tackled the university's best practices in internationalization and linkages efforts, research, and community extension programs.

Office of Quality Assurance - International Accreditation unit head Ms. Liana Faith Q. De Leon Liana showcased TSU's performance in global rankings such as the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) Star Ratings, and the World University Rankings for Innovation. Furthermore, she discussed the university's approach to achieving these milestones, including the establishment of technical working committees for rankings, per college and/or office coaching and mentoring, and the conduct of capacity-building write-shops.

In addition, Mr. Marco Polo M. Flores, Office of International Affairs and Linkages-Strategic Communications and International Marketing department head, highlighted the university's efforts to increase visibility through its newly developed OIAL website which serves as a hub for international news, updates, and upcoming engagements.

Apart from the website, Mr. Flores also added that the office's best practice includes their proactive approach to potential and existing partners.

Moreover, to answer the visitor's queries, a panel was present led by the TSU vice presidents - Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M.

Macaraeg, Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension Services Dr. Erwin P. Lacanlale, along with Engr. Emir Lenard Sicangco, Office of University Extension Services director and Dr. Rogel L. Quilala, Office of University Research Development director.

Dr. Quilala shared research management importance of dedicated and facilitate research priorities.

Meanwhile, Engr. inquiries on sustaining and community extension initiatives.

In response to questions on building global networks, Dr. Macaraeg and Dr. Lacanlale underscored the importance of the integrating the Commission on Higher Education's Institutional Sustainability Assessment (CHED-ISA) their strategic framework and strengthening connection with alumni abroad.

Toward the end of the activity, Dr. Medina expressed her gratitude for the "fruitful" benchmarking experience with TSU.

"Napakabait po ninyo na magbigay sa amin ng information. Hindi niyo po kami pinagdamutan. Namaze po ako na wala po kayong itinago sa amin. I am very much thankful po sa inyong lahat," Pres. Medina said in a message.

This is the second time that the university underwent a benchmarking activity this week.





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Dr. Tien-Shang Lee, President of Kun Shan University, also expressed his gratitude to everyone who contributed to the success of the INTENSE Program. He urged attendees to...

"Build a future where everyone helps each other to prosper."

Aside from TSU, other institutions that signed the MOU with Kun Shan University and Cheng Shiu University included the Polytechnic University of the Philippines (PUP), Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila (PLM), Centro Escolar University (CEU), Bulacan State University (BulSU), Kolehiyo ng Lungsod ng Dasmariñas, Technological University of the Philippines (TUP), Mapúa University, Caraga State University (CSU), and Jose Rizal University (JRU). The universities pledged to pursue fruitful collaborations and progressive academic initiatives in the future.

Filipino students currently studying in Taiwan also shared their experiences, offering insights into academic and cultural life abroad.

In addition, Taiwanese universities showcased their academic programs at the latter part of the event, allowing students to ask questions and visit physical booths installed inside the venue to learn more about opportunities that matched their interests.

Also present at the event were TSU College of Engineering (COE) Dean Engr. Miriam S. Galvez together with Engr. Mark Benz S. Pineda, College of Computer Studies (CCS) Dean Dr. Alvincent E. Danganan, Office of International Affairs and Linkages Department Head Mr. Marco Polo M. Flores, and 16 student representatives from COE and CCS.



Kun Shan University and Cheng Shiu University are Taiwanese universities that have recently partnered

with Tarlac State University (TSU) in the Philippines. TSU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with both universities on April 28, 2025, during the 2025 INTENSE Program Education Exhibition. This collaboration aims to enhance internationalization and develop collaborative activities in education.





TSU, Archipelago Education Consultancy formalize partnership

| MARCO POLO FLORES

T Following the exploratory meeting in January 2025, Tarlac State University (TSU) and Archipelago Education Consultancy (AEC) officially entered into a partnership agreement to launch the initially planned collaborative activities. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed on May 2, 2025, at the TSU Main Campus.

The partnership includes scholarship opportunities for students from TSU's College of Arts and Social Sciences (CASS), College of Science (COS), and College of Architecture and Fine Arts (CAFA) through AEC's Archipelago Semester Abroad Program (ASAP), in collaboration with Lakeland University Japan (LUJ). Faculty mobility initiatives for members of CASS, COS, and CAFA are also part of the collaboration.

"This MOU signing signifies that the international community is gradually recognizing TSU on the global stage. Thank you, OIAL, for your efforts in bringing TSU a step closer to becoming a globally recognized university," said TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco.

Both institutions expressed their strong commitment to upholding the terms of the agreement and shared a mutual hope that this initial collaboration will not be the last but will continue to flourish in the years to come.

After the MOU signing, students from the Department of Communication under CASS attended a lecture-seminar on scholarship opportunities offered by AEC. AEC CEO Mr. Dominic Archer personally discussed the full scope of the scholarship programs, emphasizing the chance for students to study at Lakeland University Japan through the Archipelago Semester Abroad Program.

The same lecture-seminar was conducted in the afternoon at the 5th floor of the TSU Hotel, Villa Lucinda Campus, attended by students from the College of Science—specifically those taking up BS in Environmental Science and BS in Mathematics—as well as students from the College of Architecture and Fine Arts. The sessions provided students with a deeper understanding of the international study opportunities available to them through this partnership.

Also present at the event were TSU Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg; Director of the Office of International Affairs and Linkages, Dr. Grace N. Rosete; CASS Dean Dr. Aloysius T. Madriaga; COS Dean Dr. Mary Jane N. Rigor; and CAFA Dean Ar. Marco F. Bildan.



| INNOVATION-FOCUSED PARTNERSHIP



TSU explores partnership with Wadhvani Foundation to boost innovation, entrepreneurship, and skilling

| MARCO POLO FLORES

T Tarlac State University (TSU), through the Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL) and the College of Business and Accountancy (CBA), held an exploratory meeting with the Wadhvani Foundation (WF) on April 30, 2025.

WF Senior Consultant Mr. Rodnie Matt Matias presented several free platforms to TSU, aiming to establish a formal partnership through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

These included:

- **Wadhvani Innovation Network** – Supports commercialization of academic research and funding for projects, with potential proceeds benefiting student scholarships.
- **Wadhvani Skilling Network** – Equips faculty, staff, and students with job-ready skills.
- **Government Digital Transformation** – Enhances government services using AI.
- **Wadhvani Entrepreneurship Network** – Provides capacity-building programs for faculty to train students in entrepreneurship using WF's tools.

Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg, TSU VP for Academic Affairs, expressed full support, highlighting the programs' relevance to technopreneurship courses. OVPAA, OIAL, and CBA will identify faculty participants for WF's in-person training.

Next steps include finalizing participants, legal review of the MOA, and scheduling the formal signing at TSU with WF representatives.



Pathways Pilipinas joins forces with WUSC to strengthen refugee education pathways in PH

by MARIA TIARA FATIMA GALANG

Makati, Philippines - Tarlac State University (TSU), represented by Dr. Grace N. Rosete, Director of the Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL), and Prof. Maria Tiara Fatima F. Galang, Linkages Department Head, attended the 3-day co-design workshop organized by the World University Service of Canada - Entraide universitaire mondiale du Canada (WUSC-EUMC) last April 28-30, 2025, at the Canadian Embassy in the Philippines.

The workshop aimed to maximize the potential of the Complementary Pathways (CPath) program in the Philippines through strengthening the Pathways Pilipinas, a newly formed consortium of CPath-participating higher education institutions (HEIs).

Leading the sessions, Mr. Warsame J. Warsame, Program Manager of Complementary Pathways, helped the HEIs through a series of workshops, leading to crafting an action plan towards ensuring sustainability of the CPath program to help more refugee-scholars in the future in the country.

Key representatives from the Department of Justice (DOJ), the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and CPath coordinators from the seven founding academic institutions of Pathways Pilipinas, namely Columban College Inc. (CCI), De La Salle Brothers Inc. (DLSBI), De La Salle Araneta University (DLSAU), San Beda University (SBU), Saint Louis University (SLU), and University of St. La Salle (USLS), also attended the workshop.

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“I am very pleased and excited about this partnership. Most of our employees

and some of my Filipino colleagues are graduates of TSU. TSU graduates are smart and, most of all, hardworking. I’m actually looking forward to sharing my knowledge and experience in Japanese engineering with TSU students,” Engr. Hayashi said.

Representing TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Agnes M. Macaraeg expressed the university’s full support for the collaboration.

“TSU is even more delighted to have

partnered with Adapt-IP. This partnership will greatly benefit our students by exposing them to engineering practices from Japan—a global leader in technology and engineering,” Dr. Macaraeg said.

The agreement opens various areas of collaboration, including internship programs, recruitment opportunities, career-education seminars, and faculty immersion.

Also present during the signing ceremony were Office of International Affairs and Linkages Director Dr. Grace N. Rosete, College of Engineering Dean Engr. Miriam S. Galvez, and Head of Career Education and Job Placement Services, Ms. Maria Victoria Mallari.



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REFUGEE SOLIDARITY

TSU JOINS 2025 NATIONAL REFUGEE DAY

| MARCO POLO FLORES

Tarlac State University (TSU), through the Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL), participated in the 2025 National Refugee Day celebration held on June 20–21, 2025, at Central Park Hotel, Ermita, Manila. With the theme “Strengthening Spaces of Resilience and Hope,” the event highlighted efforts to promote safe and inclusive spaces for refugees in the Philippines.

Two simultaneous breakout sessions were conducted at 11:00 AM on the first day. OIAL Liaison and Protocol Officer Ms. Mely Rose B. Galleon, along with staff member Mx. Cedrick John B. Malicdem, attended the first session, which focused on “Creating Safe Spaces Through Inclusive Communities.” The discussion, led by Mr. Karman Danish, a Refugee Social Worker from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), tackled the importance of addressing vulnerabilities and ensuring protection for refugees. Mr. Danish emphasized that refugees, asylum

seekers, and internally displaced persons have equal access to government programs and services in the Philippines. He pointed out that the main hindrance to fully utilizing these services is language, and recommended prioritizing learning conversational Filipino.

The second breakout session, attended by OIAL Director Dr. Grace N. Rosete and Linkages Department Head Prof. Maria Tiara Fatima F. Galang, also tackled the same agenda. This session delved into issues surrounding the safety and security of refugees in the Philippines and included moving testimonies from refugees who shared their personal experiences.

In the afternoon plenary titled “Building Hope and Solutions Together,” United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Goodwill Ambassador Mr. Atom Araullo served as the moderator. Refugees from Malaysia who have

sought asylum in the Philippines shared their journeys, recounting the challenges they faced and the reasons that led them to seek refuge in the country.

The first day concluded with a closing remark from Atty. Maria Ermina Valdeavilla-Gallardo, Head of National Office, UNHCR Philippines. She emphasized the firm Filipino value of hospitality, stating, “Filipino hospitality extends beyond borders. Because of this, I can assure you—no refugee will be left behind.”

The second day featured a Solidarity Football Match, where refugee participants teamed up with the San Beda College football team. The players were divided into two teams—the Red Team, which included one of TSU’s CPATH Scholars, and the Black Team. The match ended with the Red Team emerging victorious, scoring 6–2.

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TSU shares CPATH insights with Canadian education group

| MARCO POLO FLORES

Tarlac State University (TSU), through the Office of International Affairs and Linkages (OIAL), shared its best practices on the Complementary Pathways (CPATH) Program during a virtual discussion with the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) on April 10, 2025.

Dr. Grace N. Rosete, Director of TSU-OIAL, presented the university’s CPATH Program in the session organized by WUSC, a non-profit organization committed to improving education, economic opportunities, and the empowerment of young people worldwide.

The meeting was attended by WUSC Program Manager Mr. Warsame J. Warsame.

During the presentation, Dr. Rosete shared the journey of TSU’s three CPATH scholars, highlighting the university’s preparation prior to their arrival in the Philippines, the ongoing support provided in collaboration with local government units, and the scholars’ future employment opportunities.

“It is fascinating to hear the stories shared by TSU about their CPATH scholars.

It is very warm of TSU to embrace these children as their family. And considering that CPATH Programs in the Philippines are still very young, TSU’s implementation is well-organized and commendable,” said Mr. Warsame.

WUSC has scheduled a series of discussions with other CPATH-implementing universities in the country from April to May and is planning a visit to the Philippines to personally meet the scholars and program implementers.