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TSU, DA RFO III launches integrated solar-powered generator to farmers in Balanti



Tarlac State University, together with the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office III (DA-RFO III), has conducted the ceremonial power-on and field testing of the integrated solar power generator and water/irrigation pump for the local farmers of Brgy. Balanti, Tarlac City on August 27, 2020.

This also marks the official launching of the TSU and DA-RFO III joint project entitled “Development, Fabrication and Performance Evaluation of an Integrated Solar Power Generator and Water/Irrigation Pump” which aims to benefit the local farmers, livestock owners, and SUC (state universities and colleges) agricultural institutions through water supply security and agricultural technology innovation.

Led by Prof. Rodel T. Botio and Dr. Arme N. Rosel, Vice President for Research and Extension Services, the project has already reached its second phase (pilot testing) where it will undergo performance evaluation.

“Ang aming dalangin, na lagi kong sinasabi kay Sir Rodel na isama natin sa panalangin, [na] itong project na ito ay matapos ng maluwalhati,” Dr. Rosel said during the program in a message on behalf of TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari.

“On behalf of TSU headed by President Mallari, kami po ay nagpapasalamat talaga na in-open niyo po ang inyong field para po sa pilot testing,” Dr. Rosel added as she addressed the farmers.

Mr. Florante De Jesus, Research & Development Specialist; Engr. Francis Ticsay; and Ms. May Villar are the representatives from the DA-RFO III who also graced the inauguration.

“Nagpapasalamat tayo sa TSU kung ‘di [dahil] sa kanila, una po wala tayong ganito -- wala tayong project. Oo nga, sa amin ang pondo, pero kung wala naman mag-iimplement, [wala] din pong mangyayari,” De Jesus said in a message.

As a response, Mr. Briccio Macaraeg, the president of the Riverside Organic Farmers of Balanti (ROFAB Inc.),

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Buwan ng Wika 2020 ipinagdiwang ng TSU, Kolehiyo ng Panggurong Edukasyon



Bilang taunang pagdiriwang ng Kolehiyo ng Panggurong Edukasyon (College of Teacher Education), naisagawa ang kauna-unahang onlayn na pagdiriwang ng Buwan ng Wika sa pamamagitan ng Microsoft Teams noong ika-29 ng Agosto sa pangunguna ng organisasyong Buklod-Diwa.

Layunin ng pagdiriwang, na may temang “Wika ng Kasaysayan, Kasaysayan ng Wika: Ang mga Katutubong Wika sa Maka-Filipinong Bayanihan Kontra Pandemya”, na pag-alabin ang diwang nasyonalismo na may pagmamalasakit sa wikang pambansa sa kabila ng kasalukuyang pandemyang nararanasan ng buong mundo at tanging mga virtual platforms ang mga daluyan ng pampublikong komunikasyon.

Mula sa pagsasakatuparan ng mga onlayn na gawaing panliteratura sa buong buwan ng Agosto hanggang sa pampinid na gawain, ipinakita ng Buklod-Diwa ang

pagpapahalaga sa wikang Pambansa, bilang tugon at pakikiisa na rin sa Pampanguluhang Proklamasyon Blg. 1041.

Ang Buklod-Diwa ay binubuo ng mga estudyanteng kumukuha ng kursong BSEd-Filipino, kasama ang kanilang mga tagapayo na sina Dr. Jeanette M. Baquing at Prof. Ma. Shinette P. Morales sa patnubay ng kanilang dekanato na si Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza.

Ang palatuntunan ay sinimulan ng mga rekord na bidyo ng panalangin, Lupang Hinirang, at himno ng TSU mula sa mga mang-aawit ng Buklod-Diwa. Nagbigay naman ng pambungad na pananalita si Prof. Elizabeth P. Balanquit, tagapangulo ng Departamento ng BSED, na sa kaniyang mensahe ay binigyang diin niya ang mga pahayag na huwag maging banyaga sa sariling bansa, at hindi masama ang mag- aral ng mga banyagang wika ngunit huwag

kalilimutan ang sariling wika na sagisag ng pagka-Filipino.

Kabilang din sa nagbigay ng mensahe si Dekano Mendoza na taos-pusong sinambit ang kaniyang suporta sa pagtataguyod at paggamit ng wikang pambansa at ng iba pang katutubong wikang tulay upang pagbuklurin ang bawat isa sa maka-Filipinong Bayanihan lalo na sa panahong ito ng pandemya.

Tampok din sa pagdiriwang ang panauhing pandangal at tagapagsalita na si Dr. David Michael M. San Juan, Tanggol-Wika Convener, na nagbigay ng maikling panayam hinggil sa kasalukuyang posisyon ng wikang pambansa at mga argumentong tumatalakay sa House Bill 223 o ang batas na naglalayong gawing mandatory units ang Filipino at Panitikan sa Kolehiyo matapos itong tanggalin ng Commission on Higher Education at Korte Suprema.

Makabuluhang ipinahayag ni Dr. San Juan na marapat lamang pagtuunang-pansin ng pamahalaan ang mga isyung pangwika kaysa sa mga simbolikong pagkakakilanlan, dahil higit na buhay ang wikang Filipino kung ihahambing sa panukalang pagsasabatas ng ‘balangay’ bilang pambansang bangka. Dagdag pa niya, sa panahong ito ng pandemya, higit na makatutulong sa sambayanan ang paggamit ng wikang Filipino bilang daluyang wika ng Departamento ng Kalusugan upang magbigay ng mga pabatid-publiko at iba pang mahahalagang impormasyon tungkol sa COVID 19.

Sa huling bahagi ng palatuntunan ay nagpakitang-gilas din ang mga Filipino medyors at mga piling organisasyon sa kanilang mga presentasyon at natatanging bilang.

Naisagawa rin ang paggawad ng sertipiko ng paglahok sa lahat ng mga estudyanteng nakiisa sa mga onlayn na gawaing pangwika at pampanitikan. [Dr. Jeanette M. Baquing, Tagapayo, Buklod-Diwa, CTED]

TSU holds virtual freshmen orientation, continues conduct of virtual graduation

Tarlac State University held its first online orientation for freshmen and parents via Zoom which was livestreamed via the Office of Public Affairs Facebook page last August 28, 2020. a

Themed “Remote but Connected”, the Office of Student Affairs and Services showcased the perks and privileges TSUians can enjoy during their stay in the university. SAS unit heads also discussed their functions and the assistance they can provide to students in terms of student development, scholarships and financial aid, counseling services, and discipline matters, among others.

Medical and dental services were also presented which students can avail for free once face-to-face learning resumes.

Joining the orientation activities, the Library Management Services and the Admission and Registration Office took the opportunity to inform the students and parents how their services can be maximized even at the comfort of their own homes through access to electronic resources and online journals, online enrollment, and online viewing of grades.

At the beginning of the virtual program, the university milestones, four campuses, and state-of-the-art facilities were featured in the official TSU audio-visual presentation.

Although university services will be rendered online, most notably academic activities, TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari assured the students and parents through her message that they will receive quality education and services amid the pandemic.

“Walang ano mang pandemya ang pwedeng makasagabal para matamo natin ang inyong mga pangarap na makapagtapos kayo at makakuha ng mga kurso na siyang magpapaangat sa inyong kabuhayan at lalong lalo na sa inyong buong pamilya,” Pres. Mallari said.

She advised the students who are experiencing difficulties with their



internet connectivity to reach out to their respective barangays or local government units. She also reiterated that the university has conducted a series of meetings with the LGUs on connectivity concerns prior to the opening of the academic year.

The two-hour virtual orientation was spearheaded by the Guidance and Counseling Unit.

Meanwhile, the university conferred the degrees of 350 students during the virtual ceremonies for the 31st Commencement Exercises last August 30, 2020 which was also livestreamed via Office of Public

Affairs Facebook page.

The highest number of graduates, 195 in particular, came from the College of Engineering and Technology followed by 41 graduates from the graduate programs.

The College of Architecture and Fine Arts produced seven graduates, 13 from the College of Teacher Education, 29 from the College of Business and Accountancy, 33 from the College of Arts and Social Sciences, six from the College of Science, and 26 from the College of Computer Studies. [Maria Adelaida D. Calayag & Jazzel Llanelli M. Manabat]



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Vision

Tarlac State University is envisioned to be a premier University in the Asia Pacific Region.

Mission

Tarlac State University commits to promote and sustain the offering of quality and relevant programs in higher and advanced education ensuring equitable access to education for people empowerment, professional development, and global competitiveness.

Towards this end, TSU shall:

- 1.) Provide high quality instruction through qualified, competent and adequately trained faculty members and support staff.
- 2.) Be a premier research institution by enhancing research undertakings in the fields of technology and sciences and strengthening collaboration with local and international institutions.
- 3.) Be a champion in community development by strengthening partnership with public and private organizations and individuals

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Tarlac State University is committed to improve continually for:

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- management of environmental aspects towards the prevention of pollution;
- compliant to regulatory and statutory requirements for the utmost satisfaction of its valued customers.

TSU opens the academic year with continued efforts for flexible learning



Tarlac State University president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari visited the different colleges at the Main Campus on August 11, 2020 to check up on faculty members using the university facilities for their online classes.

Said visit happened a day after the official start of the university's academic year through flexible learning on August 10.

"Smart classrooms" and computer laboratories with internet connectivity were set up for faculty members for their synchronous (real-time) teaching especially for those with unstable internet connection at home.

In a phone interview, Mr. Genel M. Arican, a lecturer from the College of Arts and Social Sciences, said that he chose to use the university facilities for online teaching because of unstable connectivity and noise problems in his home.

"Kaya sa TSU ako nagii-stay dahil nagcome up naman ng solusyon ang TSU para maging possible na magturo kami sa school," Arican said.

"Dahil nga nasa new normal na tayo sa pagtuturo [online class], mas ramdam ko pa rin na nagtuturo ako dahil nasa classroom ako," he added.

Prior to using university facilities, faculty members must coordinate with their respective college deans for proper scheduling and to ensure the implementation of basic health protocols. Aside from these, additional Wi-Fi facilities are being installed in all TSU campuses through the partnership of the Department of Information and Communications Technology-Region III (DICT III) and the TSU Management Information Systems Office (MISO).

Presently, the Jose V. Yap Library and the Research, Extension, and Development (RED) building, both located at the Lucinda Extension Campus, are already equipped with the DICT free WiFi which will also serve as hotspots for the teaching workforce to conduct their virtual classes.

These initiatives are some of the university's response to the call of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to strengthen internet capabilities for online instruction.

The online mode of teaching is digitally based where faculty members and students interact through the university's learning management system (LMS), Microsoft Teams.

Since 2017, TSU has been utilizing Office 365 Education as an ICT tool for a more collaborative teaching and learning experience. Both faculty members and students have their own university email that will grant them access to their respective Microsoft Office 365 and portal accounts.

To exercise inclusiveness and flexibility to the students, the university also allows the use of other online platforms such as email, Facebook/Messenger, and Viber groups to complement remote teaching and learning as stated in the TSU flexible learning guidelines issued on August 1, 2020

Meanwhile, students who have very limited internet connection may opt for the offline mode of learning where they are given digital copies of self-learning modules that may be downloaded to their devices or stored in their flash drives.

However, these students will still have to connect online for their quizzes and exams to ensure proper supervision from the faculty-in-charge and maintain quality education. [Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan]

LGUs report their connectivity initiatives to aid TSUians


In June 2020, Tarlac State University initiate a series of consultative meetings with the local government units of Tarlac after analyzing the results of the surveys on students' level of internet connectivity.

Based on the survey, around 65% of students have limited connectivity, 20% have stable connectivity, and 15% have no connectivity.


The data were presented to the LGUs with the **prime goal of seeking for their assistance in connecting the students to their classes** by August 10, 2020 since TSU cannot do it alone.

their respective initiatives to aid students in the “new normal” learning modality are as follows:


TARLAC CITY




- 577 tablets for City Government College Scholars
- The City Government of Tarlac will facilitate the installation of PLDT wifi connection at the covered courts of the following barangays:
 - Brgy. Matatalaib
 - Brgy. San Vicente
 - Brgy. Central
 - Brgy. San Miguel
 - Brgy. Tibag
- Globe or Smart sim cards will be given to the 447 scholars of the City Government of Tarlac, with P500 monthly load each for five (5) months. These scholars are those who are not covered by the areas with wired connectivity as listed above
- Installation of wifi/internet connection at San Pascual Baylon Chapel (San Pascual SK)




ANAO




- Identified a classroom at the Dolores Ongsiako Central Elementary School as venue for online class; DICT has already turned over four (4) units laptop and one (1) unit printer for the students' use.




PURA




- Installation of internet connection to all 16 barangays of Pura




VICTORIA




- Put up computers at the 2nd floor of the town market to be used by the students and other stakeholders




BAMBAN




- Requested Converge ICT Solutions Inc. as to the needed internet access and connectivity in some of their covered courts.




CONCEPCION




- Provided one (1) room at the Municipal Hall with internet connectivity which can accommodate twenty (20) students with social distancing.




CAPAS




- Has forged partnership with Converge to provide Wi-Fi access in basketball courts and gymnasiums.
- TSU Capas Extension Campus will be utilized for flexible learning.




SAN CLEMENTE




- Has set up a Computer Learning Center.




MAYANTOC




- Temporarily designated the Escudero Building in front of the Mayantoc Public Market as a Learning Resource Center or Online Learning Area for students.
- Internet access will be provided, but the students will have to bring their own laptops/gadgets in the meantime while funding for the purchase of computer units is yet to be determined by the LGU.



SAN MANUEL



- GOWIFI - Internet Access to all 15 barangays in the municipality in tandem with Globe Communication by virtue of MOA.
- Establishment of Tech4Ed Center and provision of laptops and printers by the DICT.
- Provision of scholarship grants for college students.



TSU, DA RFO III launches integrated solar-powered generator to farmers in Balanti

thanked both TSU and the DA-RFO III for this project.

“Salamat po keng sawup yu. Maragul ya pong sawup lalo na karening farmer, kare ni pong manasik,” Briccio said.

(Salamat po sa tulong ninyo. Malaking tulong po ito sa mga magsasaka.)

Present also in the event are TSU officials, project members, and personnel from the research and extension offices as well as several members of ROFAB Inc.

INTEGRATED SOLAR POWER GENERATOR

The solar power generator developed by TSU is “integrated” which can power not only the water/irrigation pump but can also provide electricity for lights and appliances like radio and television where it can power up as early as 7:00 AM.

The machine has a “transfer switch” that the operator can control to channel where the electricity will go.

It also boasts a “Daily Tracking Structural Mechanical Part” where the operators can rotate the solar panels in 360° to follow the movement of the sun. This is an

integral part that is going to be useful as the season changes according to Prof. Botio.

It has other features including a “Multiple Power Control System” where the operator can see the power production or how much electricity the solar panels have generated especially when used while the water/irrigation pump is operating.

Aside from this, it has a safety feature where the machine can only be accessed using two keys. With this, the machine is safe from unauthorized use.

“Ito po ‘yung resulta ng ating pagtutulungan at ‘yung pagod natin dito. Hindi na po siya nakikita lang sa papel. Ito ay nahahawakan na po natin at nakakabigay tulong po sa ating mga farmers,” Prof. Botio said during the demonstration.

The generator can power up the water/irrigation pump that can supply one hectare of rice field for almost a whole day. The testing field, which is currently 10 hectares, will be irrigated following a rotating schedule.

DA RFO III accepts TSU proposal

The Integrated Solar Power Generator and Water/Irrigation Pump proposal of TSU was approved in 2017 as one of the projects to be funded by the DA RFO III.

Among the estimated 55 research papers presented, the TSU proposal was included in the selected projects and was granted a 1.4 million-peso funding.

The proposal was presented by Prof. Botio along with Engr. Michael Tomas at the Central Luzon Integrated Agricultural Research Center of DA Region III.

After working on the proposal, the project prototype was completed in 2018.

“TSU has helped frontliners during the pandemic. This time, TSU is also helping the “backliners” — the farmers that continuously work even with the pandemic,” Prof. Botio said.

Aside from the solar-powered equipment, a team was also organized to research on the viability of the project from an economic, social, and technological perspective. [Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan & Jazzel Llanelli M. Manabat]

units which were reported to the university. These include the actions taken by the municipalities of Anao, Pura, Victoria, Bamban, Concepcion, Capas, and the city of Tarlac following the consultative meetings held in June.

Aside from the concerns on gadgets and connectivity, the mental health and psychological wellbeing of students will be prioritized through the offering of online counseling services.

Also on August 20, Pres. Mallari met with the Gokongwei Brothers Foundation (GBF) via

videoconferencing to discuss the provision of scholarships to students enrolled in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs.

The university was endorsed by the Central Luzon office of the Universal Robina Corporation to be a recipient of the scholarships. This means TSU will no longer undergo the evaluation process for the selection of school beneficiaries.

Students enrolled in nursing, chemistry, electrical and mechanical engineering, and computer programs can apply for the scholarship

through the GBF website.

Based on their website, the foundation works toward the advancement of STEM education, believing that this is the driving force for sustainable national development.

According to Pres. Mallari, selected scholars will receive 40,000 pesos per semester. In addition, they can be given the opportunity to have their on-the-job training and seek for possible employment among Gokongwei-owned businesses and affiliates.

Pasig-based broadcast equipment company handpicks TSU for human resources

8BTSI Corp., one of the country’s leading providers of transmission and audio equipment for the broadcast industry, opens employment to information technology graduates of Tarlac State University after hiring four TSUian engineers.

The performance of the engineers in the Pasig-based company led to the management’s decision of recruiting two more Tarlaqueños for their three-year project with the Manila Broadcasting Company.

TSUian engineers Jenel Sengson, John Paul Campos, Aris Enriquez, and Jason Daquiz are the 8BTSI employees who are in-charge of the operations and troubleshooting of technical problems met by the major broadcasting stations like ABS-CBN, GMA, TV5, CNN, and other alternative radio and TV stations.

In addition, Campos and Enriquez are the engineers who helped put up CNN Philippines in

Manila, General Santos, Davao, and Cebu.

All four engineers are graduates of electronics engineering.

In a letter addressed to TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari dated August 5, 2020, Dennis Vidar, 8BTSI Corp. Head of Operations who is born and raised in Tarlac, said that hiring Tarlaqueño workers would be an easy way for them to have solidarity.

According to Vidar, their hiring of Tarlac graduates increases the students’ chance to land in a company who knows how to value and treat them as a family since 8BTSI Corp. is a family-owned business.

Vidar added that their employees are being sent to different parts of the world to undergo trainings and skills enhancement.

With an opportunity landing on the doorstep of the College of Computer Studies graduates where

the IT Department is housed, CCS dean Engr. Marlon Gamido expressed his gratefulness that TSU was chosen by 8BTSI for manpower.

“Who would not be elated when an established company in transmission and audio has handpicked TSU for [its] pool of employees? It simply shows that [TSU] graduates possess skills that are at par with the industry skills requirements. TSU shifted to non-traditional instruction strategy considering current trends in engineering and information technology fields which include, among others, industry immersion of faculty and students,” said Dean Gamido in a phone interview.

“TSU is committed to provide quality instruction to students and to effectively measure required competencies of the program while instilling work ethics and soft skills,” Dean Gamido added.

[Maria Adelaida Calayag]

University officials, deans take heed to “new normal” learning concerns

University key officials, college deans, and selected directors convened at the university’s Alumni Center on August 20, 2020 to discuss the initial concerns of students and faculty members regarding the first two weeks of flexible learning.

Experiences and difficulties encountered by students and faculty members were aired through

college-level meetings which were elevated by the deans.

To validate the matters raised, a survey instrument was reviewed during the key officials’ meeting which was rolled out on August 27 via an office order from the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The survey is also meant to evaluate the implementation of

the university’s flexible learning guidelines and to hear more concerns especially from those who have no means to connect to their classes.

“We have to be true to our word. We will reach out to those who really have no connectivity,” said TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari.

President Mallari also presented the initiatives of local government

TSU alumni ramp up efforts for donations



The Tarlac State University Alumni Association Inc. (TSUAAI) pledged and donated laptops for flexible learning this academic year 2020-2021 through the efforts of its officers spearheaded by TSUAAI president and Capas mayor Hon. Reynaldo Catacutan.

Ten laptops were handed over to TSU president Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari on July 30, 2020 which were then distributed to the various colleges. In a Facebook post, the College of Teacher Education shared that their donated laptop will be used for research endeavors.

Meanwhile, the association will also donate two additional laptops to the Office of the University President and Admission and Registration Office in September according to Ms. Everly Domingo, TSUAAI staff.

TSUAAI Singapore Chapter

The TSUAAI Singapore Chapter, headed by Engr. Jerone C. Jimenez, started two fund drives abroad in July 2020 intended for donations to their alma mater as part of their

organization's yearly plan.

The group allotted the proceeds for the purchase of COVID prevention essentials and three laptops for students' use.

Their first drive, which they call "1 Dollar Ko, 1 Facemask Mo", garnered enough money for COVID essentials which will be donated to TSU as well as to selected elementary and secondary schools in the province.

The essentials include 500 washable face masks, five boxes of surgical masks, three gallons and five liters of alcohol, and 40 liters of aloe vera hand wash

By the end of August, the group also reached their target amount to buy three laptops for flexible learning that will benefit two students from the College of Engineering and Technology and one from the College of Computer Studies. This is aside from the annual stipend they give to their scholars.

The turnover and ceremonial awarding are targeted to be held in

September 2020.

"I would like give the credit to my dedicated and kindhearted TSUAAI SG officers for these great ideas. Special thanks [also] to all our TSU Alumni based here in Singapore for their generous hearts and helping hands for the realization of these activities. I am truly blessed with their continuous support and trust from day one up to now," Engr. Jimenez said though a mail correspondence.

The TSUAAI SG Chapter is continuously coordinating with the Alumni Affairs office, headed by Dr. Winston F. Abalos, for future projects and donations.

"I would like to thank the TSUAAI Officers headed by Mayor Catacutan and TSU Singapore Chapter headed by Engr. Jimenez for their generous donations to the TSU community. Their support and love will truly make a difference. We are incredibly blessed to have these professionals as alumni," Dr. Abalos said in a phone interview.

[Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan]

Tarlac-based studio raises fund for laptop donation



Memo Prints Studios, a Tarlac-based photography studio, raised funds from clients to purchase a laptop which was donated to a TSU accountancy student to facilitate flexible learning.

Accountant Darwin Cabanes, studio owner, launched the "Memo Cares Fundraising" campaign in July aimed to provide assistance to a deserving student who lacks the necessary device for online classes.

"Let's think of a way that will make [the campaign] matter kasi hindi siya iyong tipong parang pakitang tao lang. It's more of kung sino talaga 'yong nangangailangan. Nag-focus kami sa college students lalo na [ang] kailangan talaga nila ay

laptop. Gusto rin namin ay deserving student para makita rin namin iyong kalalabasan," Cabanes said in an interview.

The laptop was given to Frankiel Jerom Lindo, a third year accountancy student, who only uses his smartphone and mobile data to ride out the new normal learning modality. Lindo is a dean's lister and an editor of The Blaze, official student publication the College of Business and Accountancy.

Cabanes and his wife Catherine, along with his co-owner, Jairus Bingbing, and their apprentice, John Ray, were present during the ceremonial awarding on August 25, 2020 at the TSU Main Campus. Eva

Lindo received the laptop on behalf of her son, as well as a framed family portrait which was taken when Cabanes visited the younger Lindo two weeks ago.

"Cellphone lang iyong gamit niya. Eh 'di ba mas maliit iyon, mas mahihirapang makita yung tinuturo. Kaya natutuwa ako lalo na sumasali din siya sa mga competitions. Atsaka ngayon may magagamit na rin siya sa paggawa ng thesis," Eva Lindo said. The Cabanes couple are both TSU alumni while his co-owner and apprentice are former TSU students.

They coordinated with Dr. Jhonel Panlilio, CBA dean, on the selection of the recipient.

[Maria Adelaida D. Calayag]

Integrity and Involvement *Editorial*

Upholding rights and freedom is a duty that rests upon Filipinos. Ensuring that Filipinos become informed and aware of their rights is a responsibility of educators. Tarlac State University, as an educational institution, has a mandate of promoting quality and relevant programs which yields graduates with integrity and involvement.

Six days before the end of August 2020, a social media post of a TSU student made rounds on the internet and earned the ire of netizens. His post, which is critical of the government, received around 4,100 comments that are mostly against his opinion.

Filipinos are hurdling turbulent times today with the emergence of COVID-19 leading to closing of businesses, repatriation of OFWs, unemployment, and eventually, poverty. Apart from these, Filipinos have become vulnerable and are clamoring for the protection of rights such as press freedom, peaceable assembly, and redress of grievances amid this pandemic.

On social media and on the streets,

things may seem to go way out of hand because of these issues. So, what can an educational institution do? Moreover, what could a state university do?

As a state university with the prime mission of offering quality education, Tarlac State University can take part and get involved. TSU is gradually becoming known in the country through its competent graduates. Other than the theoretical knowledge and skills imparted, the university can offer more by shaping students to become vigilant and socially aware with a critical mindset.

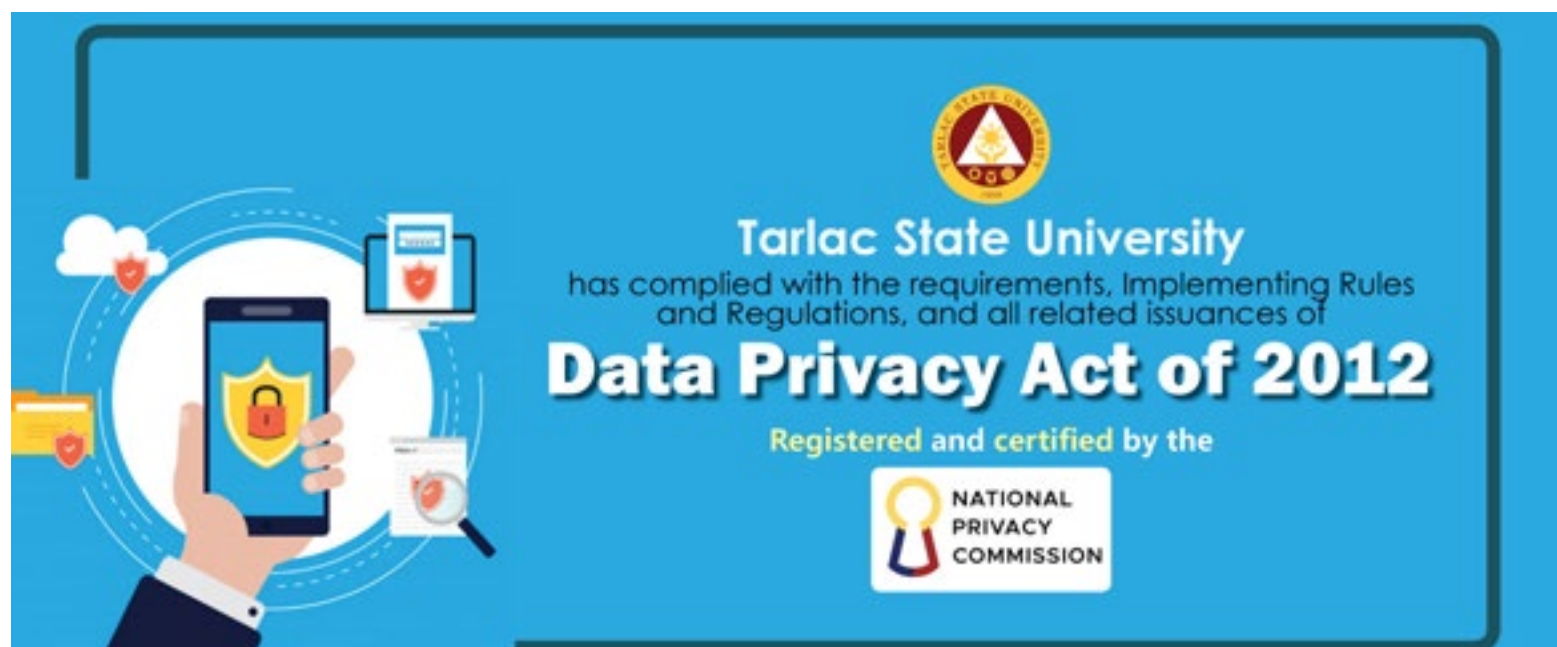
Teaching students to be socially relevant is not a matter of telling them which side they should be on or whether to choose blankly between yes or no. It is not about dictating what they should or should not do. Rather, it is about letting them think and evaluate; letting them know how to get involved while keeping their integrity and values intact.


Considering that TSU is a state university supported by public fund, promoting critical thinking might appear as “biting the same hand that

feeds us.” However, this critical thinking could only become a setback if educators have failed to temper the rage of a budding critic. This is possible if the university, as a whole, has failed to guide them.

Educators have an immense role to play in shaping the minds of students. Although it is impossible to control the opinions of students given that there are a lot of external factors which may influence them, guidance from educators is still essential. It can be quite difficult to penetrate the foundation of tertiary students, but they are still members of the youth which must be mentored, cautioned, and advised.

But if the kaleidoscope is slightly turned, the perspective goes this way: TSU has molded a Filipino who knows how to take a stance. This TSUian took the high road and challenged the status quo to make the society better. This is how the university can contribute in eliciting positive social change. This is now the epitome of the university’s core values on having integrity and being involved.




Tarlac State University
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Tarlac State University has been certified by the National Privacy Commission (NPC) last August 2020 for its compliance to the registration requirements of the Data Privacy Act of 2012, its implementing rules and regulations, and all related issuances.

As per the announcement of the NPC, existing registrations are valid until March 7, 2021.

According to Dr. Grace Rosete, TSU Data Privacy Officer, the university can now proceed to the implementation of data privacy plans, processes, and targets.