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## TSU, Victoria LGU partner for drainage, biodiversity enhancement



Reinforcing its commitment to sustainable development and environmental protection, Tarlac State University formalized a three-year partnership with the Municipality of Victoria on

January 22, 2026 at the 4th Floor Investment Building in Victoria, Tarlac.

The university's Center for Engineering and Environmental Research (CEER) leads the partnership sealed through a

memorandum of agreement, which covers the project titled "Victoria Drainage and Biodiversity Enhancement Plan."

Victoria is the first local government unit in Tarlac Province to partner

with TSU for this project, aiming to address flooding concerns while promoting sustainable water and environmental management.

"This is another step-up para sa ating bayan. We

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## TSU commemorates Lucinda historic donation, signs new deed for expansion

Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan



The legacy of Serafin and Lucinda David continues as Tarlac State University celebrated on January 19, 2026 the 53rd anniversary of their 10-hectare land donation – the foundation of what is now the TSU Lucinda Campus.

Dubbed “Fiesta sa Lucinda” held at the TSU Hotel’s Priscilla Hall, the commemoration with the family of Serafin and Lucinda David showcased the campus’ rich history, including a historical discussion by Dr. Lino L. Dizon, former NHCP commissioner and former Tarlaqueño Studies head of TSU, and the reading of the 1973 deed of donation and acceptance by Prof. Augusto N. Lulu, Jr., executive assistant to the Vice President of Administration.

Serving as the celebration’s highlight was the signing of a new deed of donation for a 429 square meters plot of land

designated for the future TSU Records, Archives, and Museum (RAM), which will feature a dedicated space to exhibit the S.G. David family memorabilia to honor their lifelong support of the university.

The signing was led by TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco and Mr. Jose Pablo C. David, the senior member of the S.G. David family.

“Dear members of the David family, your legacy is not measured in hectares you share but in the lives transformed on the land you so graciously shared. Your generosity is not only a blessing to Tarlac State University but to the entire province of Tarlac. I further believe that the spirit of giving will return to you a hundredfold of blessings,” he said.

Meanwhile, Atty. Alvin David Fernandez, one of the grandchildren of the

David couple, highlighted how TSU and the Lucinda Campus have gone a long way with educating Tarlaqueños and Filipinos.

“The Serafin-Lucinda descendants hope that one day, which is already happening, TSU Lucinda will continue to be recognized in the country as a state university that produces graduates who would lead the Philippines into an industrial nation... with public and private leaders who shall prioritize national interests over personal wealth, shying away from government corruption,” he said.

Furthermore, the family hopes that the TSU culture will continue to instill in the hearts and minds of the students the value of “malasakit sa kapwa.”

The vice presidents of TSU shared their own testimonies alongside messages of gratitude to the

donors.

Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza (Academic Affairs) described himself as a “true son” of the Lucinda Campus, having graduated from both the TSU Laboratory School and the College of Education; Atty. Gherold C. Benitez (Administration) remarked on the symbolic benevolence behind the names Serafin, Lucinda, and David, which have blessed the institution for over 50 years; while Atty. Wilmark J. Ramos (Research, Innovation, and Extension) expressed gratitude for the campus facilities that empower his offices to serve both the university and the nation.

Aside from the 10-hectare land of the Lucinda Campus and the lot allocated for the TSU RAM, the David family donated a 2,592 square meter lot in 2023 for the university’s dormitory during the campus’ 50th anniversary.

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Mary Joy B. Manalo

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are always working toward a more developed Victoria, and we cannot do this without the help of experts from TSU,” Victoria Vice Mayor Hon. Tristan Reevo P. Guiam said.

Meanwhile, Victoria Mayor Hon. Rex C. Villa Agustin emphasized the importance of bayanihan and collective responsibility in achieving development.

“Nandito pa rin po ‘yung nagtutulungan, nagkakaisa, nagbubuhatan, at nagkakaroon ng sense of belongingness. Nandito pa rin po ‘yung may puso’t damdamin at pakialam para sa bayan. Ako, bilang punong bayan, hindi ko magagawang paunlarin ang Victoria kung hindi tayo magtutulungan—mula sa pinakamaliit na manggagawa hanggang sa pinakamataas,” he said.

The project is jointly funded, with TSU allocating 1.3 million pesos and Victoria



LGU contributing nearly 2 million pesos.

CEER, under the leadership of Dr. Murphy P. Mohammed, with the support of experts from the Department of Civil Engineering from the College of Engineering, will develop a comprehensive drainage and flood control master plan that

will serve as the municipality’s reference for projects and activities from 2026 to 2032.

The master plan will involve a detailed assessment of Victoria’s existing drainage systems, hydrology, and topography using a Geographic Information System (GIS)-based digital terrain model to help identify flood-prone areas, watershed boundaries, and stream networks.

In support of the drainage plan, a Baseline Ecological Assessment will also be conducted at the Canarem Lake. The assessment will focus on the lake’s flora and fauna, water quality, and overall ecological health to guide proposed interventions for the drainage plan’s construction and operation, while ensuring the protection of its bird sanctuary.

Additionally, the project will also include the development of a species inventory booklet or field

guide.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco reaffirmed the university’s commitment to the project through a message delivered by Presidential Assistant Atty. Brigido B. Corpuz.

Moreover, Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension Atty/ Wilmark J. Ramos thanked the Victoria LGU for its active participation in TSU’s extension initiatives and called for unity in advocating for a safer environment and a progressive community.

Following the MOA signing, Engineering Solution Department Head Engr. Veronica Joy V. David from CEER conducted an orientation with the municipality’s barangay chairpersons to present an overview of the project and identify barangay focal persons.



# January 2026 valedictorian calls for 'disciplined professionals, principled leaders'

Mary Joy Bondoc Manalo



A Philippine Navy commander and Tarlac State University Laboratory School alumnus led the January 2026 graduates during the 37th Commencement Exercises held on January 28 at the TSU Gymnasium.

Commander Errol D. Dela Cruz, who earned his Doctor of Public Administration degree major in Administration of Socio-Economic Development, was conferred the meritissimus award and served as valedictorian of the first batch of 348 graduates for the year.

In his valedictory address, Dr. Dela Cruz emphasized that academic

excellence is a product of deliberate choice and intention. He shared that earning an academic distinction had been a personal goal from the moment he enrolled in the program.

"I did not receive the highest academic award because of luck. I received it because of intention—because I made a choice," he said.

He added that perseverance, self-discipline, and consistent effort were key to achieving his goal.

The valedictorian's academic roots at TSU date back to his early years, having spent his first year

in college at the College of Business and Accountancy before entering the Philippine Military Academy. He was also part of the millennium batch of graduates of the TSU Laboratory School.

In 2024, he represented TSU at the international joint research conference of AAPA-EROPA-AGPA-IAPA in Indonesia, where he bested hundreds of research entries from over 27 countries, being named as one of the three recipients of the Best Conference Paper award.

Drawing from his TSU journey, Dr. Dela Cruz introduced the acronym "TSU-CPAG" to illustrate the

values that guided his success. He described TSU with "T" for time as the great equalizer that must be respected, "S" for self-standard as the parameter one sets beyond external expectations, and "U" for "you" as a reminder of personal accountability.

He further defined CPAG with "C" for commitment as consistency beyond motivation, "P" for purpose as the reason behind sacrifice, "A" for achievement as the result of sustained effort, and "G" for gratitude as recognition that no success is achieved alone. Collectively, he noted, CPAG forms the Filipino word "sipag,"

symbolizing diligence and hard work.

Concluding his speech, Dr. Dela Cruz challenged fellow graduates to take active roles in society.

"The world after graduation does not need more spectators. It needs disciplined professionals, principled leaders, and citizens willing to stand even when it is easier to step aside," he added.

Before his doctoral studies at TSU, Dr. Dela Cruz completed his Master of Science in Security, Peacebuilding, and Diplomacy at Loughborough University London, graduating with first-class honors under the Chevening Scholarship

in 2001. The Chevening Scholarship is a prestigious international program awarded to leaders pursuing postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom.

Throughout his professional career, he has garnered various local and international recognitions. Currently, Dr. Dela Cruz is a military consultant and assistant at the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Assessments and International Affairs of the Department of National Defense.

The commencement ceremony also featured Hon. Maura Consolacion D. Cristobal, Commission on Higher Education Regional Office III director, as the guest

of honor and commencement speaker.

She highlighted CHED's A.C.H.I.E.V.E. agenda in her speech in relation to the ceremony's theme, "TSU Graduates: A.C.H.I.E.V.E.-ing Excellence in Higher Education, Upholding Truth, Unifying for Nation-Building, and Serving the People with Compassion."

Hon. Cristobal encouraged graduates to become productive, law-abiding citizens and to live with honesty and integrity, stressing that the nation needs professionals who will lead with principle.

"Your legacy will outlive you," she said, reminding the graduates that

the impact of their values and service extends far beyond their lifetime.

The commencement program also included an awarding ceremony for Hon. Cherie Lyn F. Onia for having served as a member of the TSU Board of Regents in her capacity as the TSU Non-Academic Staff Association President.

Meanwhile, the baccalaureate service was held the day before at the TSU Gymnasium. The Holy Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. Jason Aguilar, while Engr. Jayson S. Jauco, Construction Division chief of the Department of Public Works and Highways, served as the guest speaker.

## JANUARY 2026 BACHELOR'S, MASTER'S, AND DOCTORATE GRADUATES:

College of Education

39

College of Public Administration and Governance

23

College of Business and Accountancy

73

College of Computer Studies

35

College of Engineering

85

College of Industrial Technology

1

College of Arts and Social Sciences

1

College of Science

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## TSU officials join 'One DAP' graduation

Jazzel Llaneli Manalo Manabat



Twenty-seven key officials and staff of Tarlac State University, led by University President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco, took part in the "One DAP Graduation Ceremony" on January 30, 2026 at the PICC in Pasay City.

The Development Academy of the Philippines invited the participants from Tarlac State University to attend its unified celebration after completing the Certificate Course on Foresight and Futures Thinking (Batch 13) last August 2025.

The said course serves as a major input to the university's review and recalibration of its development plan and actions until 2035.

Apart from the Foresight and Futures Thinking course completion, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Jasper Jay N. Mendoza also received his Diploma in Public Management under the Senior Executive Class (Batch 14) or Buklod-Tala.

In total, there are 1,062 graduates and completers for this batch, spanning graduate programs and various certificate courses aimed at elevating the standards for public servants.

"As you leave this hall and return to your agencies, your offices, your regions, your missions, bring with you (the) habits of a true public servant. Do not chase applause, rather chase outcomes. Because a career in public service

is not measured by likes, it is measured by Filipino lives improved, by systems fixed, by trust rebuilt, by dignity protected," Executive Secretary Hon. Ralph G. Recto said in his commencement speech.

"And when history looks back, may it say this about you: that you choose to lead when it was easier to follow; that you choose what was right when what was popular was easier; that you choose the people and not the praise," he added.

Similarly, DAP Acting President and CEO Dr. Leocadio S. Sebastian emphasized that the new graduates carry the responsibility to serve with excellence, noting the reason for DAP's existence.

"In public service, your learning holds value only when it translates into better societal outcomes and impact. This is the mandate why the Development Academy of the Philippines exists: to strengthen public servants' capabilities in line with the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, which calls for competence, motivation, agility, and resilience," Pres. Sebastian said.

Apart from Executive Secretary Recto and Pres. Sebastian, DEPDev Secretary Dr. Arsenio M. Balisacan, also the DAP Board of Trustees chairperson, graced the graduation since the institution is an attached agency of the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development.



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## BS Food Tech program clears PRB evaluation, set to receive COC

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Tarlac State University's Bachelor of Science in Food Technology is set to receive its Certificate of Compliance from the Professional Regulation Commission after the evaluation held last January 28, 2026 at the Center for Food Technology and Research, Lucinda Campus.

The program passed the on-site inspection/monitoring with zero non-conformance and has met the standards set by the Professional Regulatory Board of Food Technology in January 2024, as evaluated by PRB members Hon. Remedios V. Bacilig and Hon. Mary Grace R. Mandigma, alongside Professional Regulations Officer Ms. Ivy N. Dionisio.

BSFT Chairperson Dr. Mary Katherine Apolonio led the presentation of milestones and compliance achievements, which include the procurement of specialized equipment



for their physicochemical, microbiology, and sensory laboratories; acquisition of a License to Operate from the Food and Drug Administration; compliance with the faculty credential requirements; and establishment of partnerships

with other higher educational institutions. Meanwhile, the inspection and monitoring team suggested the enhancement of the university's board exam performance in food technology by employing strategies and interventions in preparing both graduating students and alumni.

In response, TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco affirmed that TSU is committed to ensuring that all BSFT graduates will be better equipped to take their licensure examinations to improve performance.

Furthermore, he thanked the PRB-FT for their thorough evaluation and insightful recommendations.

"It's really an honor for us to be granted the COC.

This will serve as a motivation for the faculty and students. Some are hesitant to enroll in food tech. But with the facilities that we have now and the faculty's newly acquired skills, we are confident that we will have more students," he said.

He also expressed appreciation to College of Science Dean Dr. Mary Jane N. Rigor, the BSFT faculty members, and the Quality Assurance team led by Dr. Niño B. Corpuz for their diligent preparation and dedication.

TSU first received its COC for the BSFT program from the PRC on March 30, 2022. This certification serves as a mandatory prerequisite, granting graduates the eligibility to take the licensure examination.



## EDITORIAL

## Changes in leadership, changes in identity



The government and its leaders serve as the primary identifier of a nation, province, or locality. Each government provides the leadership and programs that can make or break its identity locally and globally. Both leadership and programs exist to serve the constituents, the very same people who hold the power to put them into a position so they can implement activities. Yet as leaders change and people in positions come and go, identities become fleeting, serving merely as branding for each political personality seated, not the community.

Tarlac City is not a stranger to alterations in its identity. Given the lack of a single produce endemic or abundant to the city, the festival lacks a strong foundation. Previous leaderships celebrate the Tarlac City fiesta as it is, paying tribute only to St. Sebastian as its patron.

Eventually, a particular mayor proposed the Pana-Pana Festival as an identity for St. Sebastian's feast day, which is encapsulated in the Kaisa Festival collective. Tarlac City was associated with the word "Kaisa," with a convention hall at the Tarlac Plazuela named "Kaisa Hall." Until this year, what was then a "Kaisa" in Tarlac City has been replaced with "Masayang" Tarlac City, referring to the current leadership. What had slowly been established as an identity was replaced with a different branding due to a change in political flavors.

To make the point parallel, an educational institution can be likened to a government. Just like Tarlac City, with a mayor serving for three years with a maximum of three terms, Tarlac State University's president, as the chief executive, is also elected by the Board

of Regents, assuming a four-year term, with eligibility for a second term. Similar to Tarlac City mayors, TSU presidents also carry their branding for the university through their vision, mission, goals, core values, and roadmaps proposals, among others. If the previous TSU president wanted the university to become a premier university in the Asia-Pacific region, the incumbent president seeks to soar higher by becoming relevant in the field of science and technology. However, in the TSU ecosystem, one thing remains the same—the charter maintains the university's core mandate. Regardless of who sits as president, TSU will always have its flagship programs, namely technology, education, and engineering, at the forefront, with expanded offerings that become its strength, such as criminology and accountancy.

Based on futures thinking and strategic foresight, a city or university should cultivate a niche and expand it as the future evolves. If TSU has flagship programs but is also open to welcoming potential program offerings aligned with its mandate and branding that are relevant in the future, then Tarlac City could adopt the same mindset, keeping a niche with broad capabilities to be embraced and capitalized on in the future. The city's identity through a festival could be a start.

Nevertheless, Tarlac City and TSU could forge a partnership solely to research and propose an innovation that will lead to its branding and identity. This way, research outcomes and a strengthened identity can outshine political colors and transcend leaders from the highly charged political landscape.

## TSUAAI stages first Gawad TSU Alumni Awards

Mary Joy B. Manalo



The Tarlac State University Alumni Association Inc., in partnership with the Office of Alumni Affairs, gathered the university's outstanding graduates during the first Gawad TSU Alumni Awards held on January 11, 2026 at the La Fina Grand Halls in Capas, Tarlac.

The awarding ceremony aims to recognize selected TSU alumni from various batches who have brought pride and distinction to the university through exemplary professional achievements and meaningful contributions to their respective

fields and communities.

TSUAAI President Hon. Reynaldo L. Catacutan emphasized the alumni's role as living testaments to the university's mission.

"You are a testament that TSU produces graduates who are not only competent but exceptional. You inspire us all and remind us that TSU education is not merely a credential – it is a calling to make a difference in the lives of others," he said.

TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco echoed Hon. Catacutan's message, noting that the awardees embody the true spirit of "Galing TSU."

"Your journey reminds us that TSU graduates do not merely succeed – they serve, lead, and inspire. You inspire students, fellow alumni, and most importantly, you bring great honor to our beloved TSU," Pres. Velasco said.

Awardees were recognized in the following categories: Community Empowerment, Culture and the Arts, Education and Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Employment Creation, Human Resource Management, Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development,

Public Health Promotion, Public Service, and Science and Technology.

Moreover, the Alumni Awards Evaluation Committee, chaired by TSU AAI Auditor Engr. Renato A. Galvez, selected honorees through a deliberation process.

Among the notable awardees is Dr. Myrna Q. Mallari, presently a commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education and former TSU president, who was conferred a special citation for transformative university and national

leadership. She is an alumna of the College of Public Administration and Governance under the Master of Public Administration program from batch 1985.

In her inspirational message, Comm. Mallari reflected on her roots in TSU and the values that shaped her leadership.

"TSU has made me what I am now. My public administration course at TSU

made me realize what true leadership is and what our role here on Earth is – and that is public service. Public service should be grounded on commitment, honesty, accountability, transparency, and integrity," she said, emphasizing that leadership positions are opportunities to serve others.

Meanwhile, Tarlac Province Governor Hon. Christian Tell A. Yap also congratulated the awardees,

encouraging them to continue contributing to nation-building.

"When you achieve your goals and dreams, it is only right that you give back by contributing your talents not only to the Province of Tarlac but to the whole country...Continue to mold the younger generations in your industries to pursue the excellence you have achieved," he said.

Apart from the

distinguished alumni, board examination toponotcher Mr. Johnkris Cornel D. Tulabot was also recognized and awarded financial assistance. Mr. Tulabot ranked tenth in the August 2024 Board Licensure Examination for Psychometricians.

The event concluded with the induction of the new alumni local chapter from the Electrical Engineering TCT Batch 1989-TSU Batch 1990.

### BELOW IS THE LIST OF AWARDEES

<b>Community Empowerment</b>	Ms. Jeanette M. Baquing, Batch 2010 & 2013
	Ms. Cynthia G. Quiambao, Batch 1995, 2008, & 2011
	Ms. Shanana Ronia T. Paulino, Batch 2004
<b>Culture &amp; Arts</b>	Mr. Daniel T. Dizon, Batch 2011
	Mr. Joshua Ysmael D. Fontanilla, Batch 2020
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<b>Entrepreneurship &amp; Employment Creation</b>	Mr. Joven E. Angeles, Batch 1979
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<b>Human Resource Management</b>	Mr. Marlon C. Dela Cruz, Batch 2012 & 2016
<b>Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development</b>	Mr. Leonides G. Dalupang, Batch 1996
	Mr. Alvin M. Libnao, Batch 2006
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<b>Public Health Promotion</b>	Mr. Juan Rafael B. Opsima, Batch 2014
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	Mr. Gabrielle Kenth D. Hayashi, Batch 2013, 2016, & 2023
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<b>Science &amp; Technology</b>	Mr. Joel C. Lenon, Batch 1994
	Mr. Arnaldo A. Riparip, Batch 2016



## TSU convenes first DC-SUC III/CIRPS meeting

Jodie Andrea G. Pangilinan



The Development Council of State Universities and Colleges Region III-Center for Inter-Institutional Research and Policy Studies (DC-SUC III/CIRPS) held its first regular technical staff meeting for 2026 last January 22 at Tarlac State University's Alumni Center, Lucinda Campus.

CIRPS Executive Director Dr. Brendalyn A. Manzano, also the College of Arts and Social Sciences dean, presided over the meeting and welcomed the delegates from 12 SUCs across Central Luzon, with most representatives onsite

and one attending via Microsoft Teams.

Some points discussed include the formulation of strategic and action plans for 2026-2027, development of the DC-SUC III/CIRPS logo, official paper, and website, capacity-building and training programs, revival of the "Skills Olympics," and the finalization of the constitution and by-laws and operations manual, among others.

The meeting was attended by officials representing their respective SUCs, namely Engr. Joselito

Tucit (BASC), Dr. Sherrilyn Quintos (BPSU), Mr. Manolito Mata (BulSU), Dr. Emil Ubaldo (CLSU, former CIRPS executive director), Dr. Randy Banez (NEUST), Dr. Eddiebal Layco (PamSU), Dr. Glenn Calaguas (PSAU), Ms. Ronalyn Acuavera (PMMA), Mr. Kevin Valenzuela (PhilSCA), Ms. Presy Antonio (PRMSU), Mr. Orlando Locading Jr. (TAU), and Ms. Diana Rose De Mesa (ASCOT).

Former and current CIRPS management teams also joined the meeting, including Mr. Jerwin De Leon (CLSU, former

secretary), Ms. June Ann Casimiro (CLSU, former treasurer), Dr. Allan Antalan (CLSU, former technical assistant), Ms. Liana Faith De Leon (TSU, current secretary), Mr. Lander Alexis Bulaon (TSU, current treasurer), and Mr. Marco Polo Flores (TSU, current technical assistant).

TSU assumed leadership last December 17, 2025, with TSU President Dr. Arnold E. Velasco serving as DC-SUC III chairperson and Dr. Manzano as CIRPS executive director. Both started their term on January 1, 2026.

## OVPRIE advances strategic Futures Thinking at TSU

Office of the Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension



The Office of the Vice President for Research, Innovation, and Extension fortified Tarlac State University's capacity for anticipatory governance and long-term strategic foresight through its comprehensive four-day workshop from January 13-16, 2026.

Held via a hybrid format, combining Zoom and onsite speakers and participants at the TSU Hotel's Gabriella Hall in Lucinda Campus, the workshop titled "Strategic Futures Thinking Towards Sustainable Development" is a product of a formal collaboration with the Philippine Futures Thinking Society (PhilFutures), an organization central to the institutionalization of foresight in the country.

The workshop commenced with a foundational exploration

of strategic foresight and environmental scanning facilitated by Dr. Rupert Sangalang, former commissioner of the Commission on Higher Education and a senior fellow of PhilFutures.

Dr. Sangalang also led a rigorous assessment of strategic competency utilizing the McKinsey 7S Framework. The participants analyzed the university's internal alignment, specifically focusing on how the staff core competencies and organizational systems can be optimized to support TSU's long-term strategic evolution.

In addition, Prof. Ramces M. Dili, also a PhilFutures fellow and an associate dean at the Polytechnic University of the Philippines, discussed the integration of foresight into the VMOKRAPI (Vision, Mission, Objectives, Key Result Areas, and

Performance Indicators) framework, ensuring that the university's strategic trajectory is responsive to emerging global uncertainties.

Still on KRAPI, Dr. Aldrin A. Darilag, PhilFutures senior fellow and former CHED commissioner, delivered a lecture titled "Metrics that Matter: Unlocking the Power of KRAPIs," providing critical insights into the development of future-oriented performance indicators. His discussion underscored the necessity of robust metrics in maintaining institutional accountability while navigating the complexities of modern higher education, gender and development, and healthy learning institutions.

To advance the curriculum, Ms. Jalaine Joyce V. Malabanan, a seasoned futures-thinking practitioner and PhilFutures fellow, led a virtual session on future

possibilities, using internal and external analysis to guide TSU's middle and top management in ideating alternative institutional futures.

Meanwhile, Dr. Michville A. Rivera, PhilFutures secretary-general, and Mr. Lui Joshua N. Cuadra, futures policy practitioner and fellow, operationalized the PATRES framework. This methodology emphasizes aligning plans, resources, and sustainability to ensure that foresight translates into measurable public value.

Engagements and activities on futures thinking and strategic foresight are championed by key national figures, namely Senator Pia S. Cayetano, chair of the Senate committee on SDGs, Innovation, and Futures Thinking, and Senator Win T. Gatchalian, a PhilFutures senior fellow.



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S-ervice with excellence and compassion  
U-nity in diversity

## Quality Policy

Tarlac State University is committed to continuously strive for global competitiveness and excellence in the delivery of instruction, research, extension (training and consultancy), and administrative support services, compliant to regulatory and statutory requirements for the utmost satisfaction of its valued customers while ensuring safe and healthy working conditions for its students, employees, clientele and reducing environmental impact of its operations.