

ABOITIZ – TESDA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDING CEREMONY
Tandang Sora Hall, TESDA Women’s Center
TESDA Complex, East Service Road, South Superhighway, Taguig City
July 7, 2017, 10:00 A.M.

DOCUMENTATION REPORT



BACKGROUND

The Aboitiz Foundation and TESDA has established partnership through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) signed in December 2016 for the grant of Php 1,000,000 intended for a scholarship program for the marginalized group in Taguig City.

The training assistance package covers medical examination of the trainees, accident insurance, ID and lace, uniform, PPE, training supplies and materials and assessment fees with a per capita cost of Php 10,000.00.

The qualifications and the number of training beneficiaries enrolled are, as follows:

- Bartending NC II (8)
- Cookery NC II (18)
- Dressmaking NC II (15)
- Electronic Products Assembly and Servicing NC II (13)
- Food Processing NC II (12)
- Housekeeping NC II (16)
- Motorcycle/Small Engine Servicing NC II (10)
- Plumbing NC I (8)

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the Awarding Ceremony is to provide a venue for the ceremonial turnover of check to TESDA by the Aboitiz-Foundation for the implementation of the Aboitiz- TESDA Scholarship Program at the TESDA Women’s Center.

RESOURCE PERSONS

The Resource Persons delivered messages of support and inspiration during the Scholarship Awarding Ceremony by highlighting the importance of the partnership between Aboitiz and TESDA for the benefit of all the training scholars. The resource persons included the following:

Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio

Center Chief
TESDA Women's Center

Ms. Maribeth L. Marasigan

FVP and COO
Aboitiz Foundation, Inc.

Hon. Maria Laarni L. Cayetano

City Mayor, Taguig City

Dir. Cenon M. Querubin, CESO IV

Regional Director
TESDA National Capital Region

PROGRAMME

- **Invocation and National Anthem**

The programme started with a short prayer led by Mr. Michael William H. Del Rosario and it was followed by the playing the Philippine National Anthem.

- **Welcome Remarks**



Ms. MARIA CLARA B. IGNACIO

Center Chief
TESDA Women's Center

Ms. Ignacio delivered the welcome message. She opened up her message by welcoming and acknowledging the guests and scholars attending the event. She expressed thanks and appreciation for the generosity of Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. by providing the scholars with the Training Assistance Package. She also recognized the roles of TESDA and the City Government of Taguig. TESDA serves as the training provider and shall certify the scholars after completing their training. The City Government of Taguig shall provide support for this project specifically to the potential candidates.

She highlighted that the scholars are privileged and very lucky to receive such “*blessings*” or opportunities in their life. She stressed that they should realize, and give importance to the skills training programs that they have chosen to enrol, being instrumental in the development of knowledge and skills that will easily lead to jobs.

She also encouraged the scholars to be thankful and give gratitude to Aboitiz and TESDA for this life changing opportunity for them to learn new skills and be certified.

- **Messages**



Ms. MARIBETH L. MARASIGAN

First Vice President and Chief Operation Officer
Aboitiz Foundation, Inc.

Ms. Marasigan gave brief remarks about their foundation. She made special emphasis on the corporate social responsibilities of the Aboitiz Foundation to the people of Taguig City. She also expressed that she was very pleased that through the partnership project, the provision for the educational needs of their stakeholders in Taguig will be responded. She emphasized that all the programs of Aboitiz Foundation are geared towards fulfilling this purpose: *“to drive change for a better world.”*

With a clear picture of this purpose, she said that, Aboitiz Foundation is inspired to build more meaningful relationships with their stakeholders such as the scholars, Taguig City government, and TESDA to deepen their social impact. However, she added, *“It is not the number of scholars, nor the number of buildings that we build, but the impact that we make to the lives of our stakeholders as we strive to do our best to make the community safe, empowered and sustainable.”*

Ms. Marasigan said that the Aboitiz Foundation cannot achieve their purpose alone, to make the community safe, empowered and sustainable, so they need the help of every stakeholder. She expressed her belief that helping young Filipino obtain quality education and skills development is one effective means to help them. She added, *“a better educated youth means a better Philippines.”*

The important role of education and training was also cited by Ms. Marasigan. She said that for the past 28 years, the Aboitiz Foundation, has sustained its effort to ensure that education continues to be a great equalizer for their student beneficiaries. This is the reason why they are extending their support in the form of education programs and assistance, she added.

Aside from being partners of government agencies related to education and training, she mentioned that their Foundation is also aligned with the initiatives of the United Nation’s Sustainable Development Goals allowing them to contribute to the global efforts in the area of education, poverty reduction, climate change, responsible consumption, disaster-risk preparedness and multi-sectoral partnerships.

She emphasized that the ultimate measure of their corporate social responsibility (CSR) efforts is to know that their scholars made a better life for themselves because of the empowering options that have been given to them through the education. Since 2013, she said that the Aboitiz Foundation has been supporting the national government strengthen technical-vocational education program to help offer alternative solution to high school students who do not have the means to pursue college education. She proudly said that many of their beneficiaries under the technical-vocational scholarship program have found gainful and meaningful employment while some others have started their own small business.

She expressed thanks to the TESDA Women’s Center for conducting the screening of the applicants and accepting them for training. On behalf of Aboitiz Foundation, she said that it is very happy to award the scholarship to the 100 out-of-school youths of Taguig. She also thanked

the City Government of Taguig, through the City Scholarship Office for providing the list of deserving beneficiaries.

In closing, she gave this assurance, “Aboitiz Foundation will continue to accelerate efforts and pour more resources in creating more communities that are safe, empowered and sustainable.” Finally, she challenged the scholars to be drivers of positive change and help them to “*drive the change for a better world for communities by communities.*”



Hon. MARIA LAARNI L. CAYETANO

City Mayor, Taguig City

The Hon. Mayor Cayetano acknowledged the guests, the Aboitiz team, TESDA officials and the beneficiaries. In her message, she gave her thanks and recognition to Aboitiz and TESDA for having this partnership. She mentioned that one of the priorities of her administration is to produce competent individuals that are equip with knowledge and skills and those individuals that can make use of their skills to elevate their status of living and help their families.

She shared some problems encountered when she assumed as Mayor of Taguig last 2010. *“I saw the effects when education was not a priority of the City, many opportunities from private corporations in Bonifacio Global City were given to non-Taguig residents due to unqualified applicants. I believe that opportunities from Taguig must be given first to Taguig residents,”* said Mayor Cayetano. In relation to this, *“education and skills development is one of the priorities of the present City government,”* she added.

To the project beneficiaries, she stressed that “*trust*” is the most important thing that counts. She asked them to treasure this “*trust*” and prevent it to be broken. *“I hope that your success will become a living testament and inspiration in your communities,”* said Mayor Cayetano. She ended her message by saying *“be an inspiration in your respective communities.”*



Dir. CENON M. QUERUBIN, CESO IV

Regional Director

TESDA National Capital Region

In his speech, he explained the role of TESDA in relation to the scholarship program and its role to the Filipino people. He reminded that the 1st Executive Order of the President is to include TESDA as part of the National Anti-Poverty Commission.

He thanked Ms. Marasigan of Aboitiz and Mayor Lani Cayetano for making TESDA a part of the noble cause to help the people of Taguig. He gave his assurance that TESDA will deliver quality education and skills training to the beneficiaries of the program.

He said, *“The beneficiaries are very lucky that they will be trained at the TESDA Women’s Center (TWC), it has been known that TWC is focused on women as target beneficiaries but there are a good number of male beneficiaries that were accepted.”* He assured Aboitiz and the City

Government of Taguig that TWC will not only be conducting training for the beneficiaries to gain employment but it will also provide the skills requirement of the industry sector. He said, *“The graduates of TWC are globally competitive and have a high chance of landing a job opportunity. TESDA is very much committed to the noble purpose of the partnership and to provide employability skills to the target clients.”*

He again thanked Aboitiz and the City Government of Taguig for being part of the program and for attending the ceremony. He confidently said that TESDA will nurture and sustain the partnership and expressed hope that more opportunities shall come in the future.

- **Ceremonial Turnover of Check to TESDA**



A symbolic check worth Php 1,000,00.00 was turned over to TESDA National Capital Region by the Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. Witnessing the event is the Hon. Mayor Lani Cayetano.

- **Photo Opportunity**



After the turnover ceremony, the event was followed with a photo opportunity with the Aboitiz FVP Ms. Maribeth L. Marasigan, RD Cenon M. Querubin, Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio and Hon. Mayor Lani Cayetano together with the beneficiaries and TWC trainers.

- **Master of Ceremony**

Mr. Michael William H. Del Rosario, Senior TESD Specialist / Guidance Counselor of TESDA Women’s Center hosted the event.