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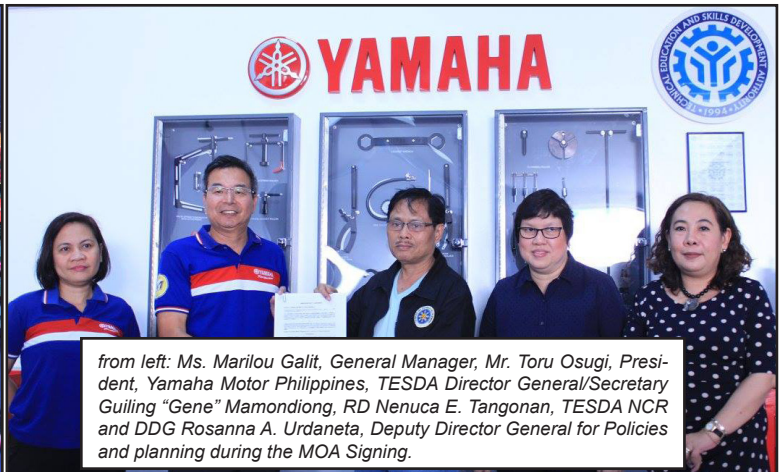
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Launching of motorcycle and small engine servicing laboratory

by Aries Glenn L. Montesines



Director General/Secretary Guling "Gene" A. Mamondiong (center) with Mr. Toru Osugi (right) during the launching of Motorcycle and Small Engine Servicing Laboratory



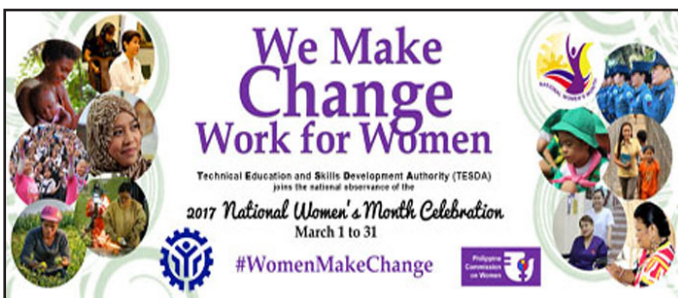
from left: Ms. Mariou Galit, General Manager, Mr. Toru Osugi, President, Yamaha Motor Philippines, TESDA Director General/Secretary Guling "Gene" Mamondiong, RD Nenuca E. Tangonan, TESDA NCR and DDG Rosanna A. Urdaneta, Deputy Director General for Policies and planning during the MOA Signing.

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) signed a partnership agreement with Yamaha Motor Philippines, Inc. to establish a training center that will offer training on Motorcycle and Small Engine Servicing NC II for women.

The partnership seeks to expand women's choices by advocating non-traditional courses for women such as motorcycle and small engine servicing and increase the employment opportunities of more women. The training shall be conducted at the TESDA Women's Center, the lead TVET institution of excellence for women empowerment.

The formal launching was held on March 7, 2017 at the TESDA Women's Center, Taguig City. It was symbolized by the ribbon cutting participated by officials from Yamaha Motor Philippines and TESDA. The Deputy Director General for

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TESDA joins the 2017 national women's month celebration

by Lucy P. Tabu

The month of March every year is a celebration of the National Women's Month which is part of the worldwide observance of the International Women's Day (IWD), that first took place on February 28, 1909 in New York City. The first IWD honored the garment worker's strikes in New York That strike in turn honored the 1857 march when garment

workers rallied for equal rights and a 10-hour day.

In the Philippines, the national women's month celebration is supported by legal issuances such as Proclamation No. 224 s. 1988 declaring the first week of March each year as women's week, and March 8 as women's rights and international peace day. Proclamation No. 227 s. 1988 provides for the observance of the month of March as women's role in history month, and Republic Act 6949 s. 1990 declares March 8 every year as national women's day.

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), the government agency tasked to manage and supervise technical education and skills development in the country, joins the annual women's month celebration. The TESDA Women's Center as secretariat to the TESDA national Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS) executive committee spearheads the activities for the TESDA central office aside from organizing its own activities for the center.

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Unveiling of marker to symbolized the partnership between TESDA and Yamaha Motor, Philippines, Inc. with (from left to right) Ms. Marilou Galit, General Manager, Mr. Toru Osugi, President, Yamaha Motor Philippines, TESDA Director General/Secretary Guling "Gene" Mamondiong, Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio, Center Chief of TWC, RD Nenuca E. Tangonan, TESDA NCR and DDG Rosanna A. Urdaneta, Deputy Director General for Policies and planning

Policies and Planning, Ms. Rosanna A. Urdaneta gave a warm welcome message. The participants and guests were formally acknowledged by the TESDA-NCR Regional Director, Nenuca E. Tangonan.

The highlight of the event was the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between TESDA and Yamaha Motor Philippines. The visual representation of the partnership was the unveiling of the marker located inside the new workshop.

The TESDA Director General/Secretary Guling "Gene"

Mamondiong gave his message. In his speech, he thanked Yamaha Motor Philippines, Inc. for the new tools and equipment donated to the TESDA Women's Center. He said that the project would later provide National Certificates Level II to trainees who would complete their training and pass the necessary assessment. The Yamaha President, Mr. Toru Osugi also delivered his message.

The occasion was graced by the TESDA Director General/Secretary Guling "Gene" Mamondiong, the Deputy Director General for Policies and Planning, Ms. Rosanna

Urdaneta, the TESDA-NCR Regional Director, Nenuca Tangonan, and TWC members headed by Ms. Maria Clara Ignacio, Center Chief.

The Yamaha executives present were: Mr. Toru Osugi, President, Yamaha Motor Philippines, Ms. Marilou Galit, General Manger. They were joined by Mr. Ryan Jude Camus, Marketing Manager, Mr. Shervin Bagaoisan, Service Assistant Manager, Mr. Vicente Alquizalas, Service Senior Supervisor, and Mr. Jordan Cornista, Motorsports Promotion Assistant Supervisor, Ms. Eisa Mendoza, HR Assistant Supervisor, and Mr. Randy Gabino, DND Area Controller.

Other invited guests from the Social Ventures were: Mr. Carmelo Camon, Mr. Antonio Espineda, Mr. Edgar Sevilla, and Mr. Renato Mamitag. Consuelo Foundation Inc. was represented by Mr. Nick Torre, and Mr. Ernila Valdez.

After the launching, a free seminar and demonstration on safety and defensive motorcycle driving was held at the TESDA brick plaza attended by TESDA employees and TWC trainees.

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The activities for the women's month were anchored on this year's theme: "WE Make Change Work for Women" where WE stands for women's empowerment. According to the Philippine Commission on Women, "The theme complements with the first SONA of the President directing all agencies, oversight bodies and local government units to fully implement the Magna Carta of Women (Republic Act 9710). The theme also emphasizes the role of women as active drivers in bringing about positive changes, and that women should reap from the results of development." TESDA is making this possible by expanding women's choices, changing women's lives and empowering them through access to education and provision of skills training programs in both traditional and non-traditional courses.



Gender Sensitivity Training for TESDA Employees conducted of the TWC with Ms. Joanna Tabu as Resource Person.

TESDA initiated and organized various activities to contribute to the attainment of the objectives of the women's month celebration. An announcement of the NWMC was held during the flag raising ceremony on February 27, 2017
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to inform and engage all officials and employees of the central office. The All-Women Cast Lupang Hinirang music video was played on all Mondays of the month of March.

To provide access to information regarding laws on women, TESDA provided support on the promotion of GAD advocacies by reproducing information, education and communication (IEC) materials from the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) and distributing it to the TESDA officials and employees, trainees, parents of trainees, and walk-in clients and to make the IWD more publicly known and felt. The IEC materials include Republic Act 8353 (the Anti-Rape Law of 1997), Republic Act 9208 as amended by RA 10364 (The Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003, as amended by the Expanded Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2012, Republic Act 7877 (Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995, Republic Act 9262 (Anti-Violence Against Women and their Children Act of 2004), and the Magna Carta of Women (Republic Act 9710).

A seminar on the Magna Carta of Women and Sexual Health and Reproductive Health Rights was also conducted for all the TESDA Women's Center trainees and another batch for TESDA employees. Around 250 trainees and 30 employees participated in the seminar held at the TESDA Women's Center on March 27 and 28, 2017. It was conducted by Ms. Joanna Tabu, TWC GAD Focal and Empowerment Trainer.

TESDA also participated in the PCW-initiated program entitled "Change: A Women's Summit," held on March 30-31, 2017 at the PICC with Executive Director Imelda B. Taganas as Resource Speaker. She discussed the topic "Changing Education Paradigms Towards Gender Equality," highlighting an overview of Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET), the best practices in mainstreaming gender in TESDA, the challenges, ways forward and the commitments of the organization.

TWC crafts new vision and mission

by Lucy P. Tabu



Members of TESDA Women's Center in a workshop for the crafting of new Vision and Mission facilitated by Ms. Brenda B. Furagganan

The TESDA Women's Center (TWC) with its nineteen years of carrying out its mandate, as the center for women empowerment in TVET, is continuously working for its sustainability, and gearing up to achieve the highest level of international accreditation with the Asia Pacific Accreditation and Certification Commission (APACC). The TWC maintains its silver level status accreditation with APACC since 2008.

Aside from having identified the long-term directions and priorities of the TWC in support of the strategic goals of the Philippine Development Plan under the new administration and TESDA leadership, the major outputs of the strategic planning workshop held on January 23-24, 2017 include the newly crafted Vision, Mission, and Organizational Goals.

VISION

TESDA Women's Center is the lead TVET institution of excellence in empowering Filipino women

An empowered Filipino woman is one that is Competent, Confident and Committed, exercises Control over her productive and reproductive resources, and is able to make intelligent Choices.

MISSION

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ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS

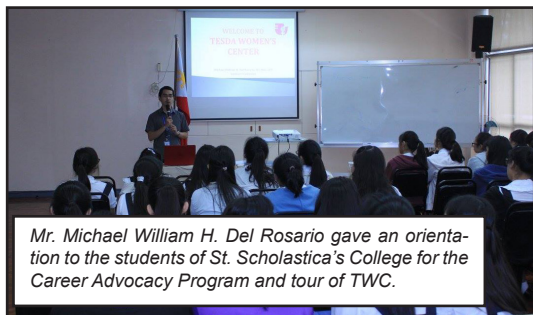
1. To effectively implement programs and services to build the competencies and character of women and men clients towards their full economic empowerment and gender equality in society.
2. To lead in mainstreaming Gender and Development (GAD) in TVET.
3. To establish TWC's reputation and capacity as the lead Knowledge Hub on women empowerment in TVET in ASEAN.
4. To expand TWC's organizational capacity to fully attain its goals of empowering women and advocating for a gender fair TVET.
5. To generate sufficient resources for the overall advocacy of women empowerment in TVET and full transformational capacity building of TWC.

Some of the strategies identified to attain its organizational goals include: partnership development, expand existing course offering, develop new course offering for new market segment, focused capacity development interventions, procure low changing latest technology, access existing e-learning available materials, expansion of use of social media, development of green practices, external fund sourcing, benchmarking and modelling, and focused IEC.

The new mission, vision, and organizational goals are contained in the Institutional Development Plan of the TWC. It serves as the development path of the TWC from 2017-2022. It is then translated into an annual operational plan for the Center.

Students, local organizations and foreign guests visit TESDA Women's Center

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Mr. Michael William H. Del Rosario gave an orientation to the students of St. Scholastica's College for the Career Advocacy Program and tour of TWC.

Around 200 high school students from St. Scholastica's College – Manila visited TESDA Women's Center (TWC) on February 3, 2017 for the Career Advocacy Program and tour of its facilities. The program aims to increase recruitment of trainees in technical vocational education and training and give them skills training options to choose while on their Senior High School Levels.

On February 16, 2017 Mr. Hiroshi Yokoi, Director, ABC Cooking Studio, ABC Cooking Studio, Ltd. and party met with TWC Center Chief Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio and TWC unit heads to discuss another year of implementation of the Japanese Cuisine "Washoku" training program. It was agreed during the meeting that the TWC will conduct 30 batches of training with more or less 300 trainees for the year 2017 and ABC Cooking Studio will donate funds for the conduct of skills training.



Indonesian Minister of Manpower, Hon. Muhammad Hanif Dhakiri (6th from left) with TESDA Director General/ Secretary Guiling "Gene" Mamondiong (4th from right) together with TWC Center Chief Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio (1st from left), Welding trainer Ms. Shierty G. Alah (5th from left) and welding trainees

The Honorable Minister of Manpower of Indonesia, Minister Muhammad Hanif Dhakiri accompanied by TESDA Director General Guiling "Gene" Mamondiong visited and toured the TWC on February 21, 2017. The minister had a chance to talk to the trainers and trainees and spent time with the TESDA Secretary for a coffee at the Barista workshop of the TWC.



Members of Japan Ryokan & Hotel Association of Kansai were briefed about the programs and services of TESDA Women's Center

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) delegates visited on February 24, 2017. They were given orientation and toured around the center by the Center Chief. They interviewed some trainers and trainees and inspected previous JICA projects around the center.



Mr. Toru Osugi, President of Yamaha Motor Philippines, Inc. inspected a welded plate during his tour at the TESDA Women's Center

Later that month, members of the Japan Ryokan & Hotel Association of Kansai toured the center and visited the tourism related workshops like Food and Beverage, Housekeeping and Cookery workshops.

The Yamaha Motor Philippines, Inc. President had a chance to tour the center on March 7, 2017 after the launching of the Motorcycle and Small Engine Servicing Laboratory. He was amazed to see the workshops and delighted to learn more about the free skills training programs offered by the TESDA Women's Center.



Mr. Hiroshi Yokoi (2nd from left), Director of ABC Cooking Studio and party met with the unit heads of TESDA Women's Center



Delegates of JICA during their tour at the TESDA Women's Center



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