



# TESDA Women's Center NEWSLETTER

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## TWC Trainees bagged medals in the 2019 District Skills Competition

by Jean Maurice Constantino

Trainees of TESDA Women Center joined this year's District Skills Competition and bagged 3 medals: 1 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze in two (2) trade areas, Restaurant Services and Automobile Technology, held on February 28 to March 1, 2019.



Photo opportunity with Gold Medalist Award (District Level) in Restaurant Services Debson Jade B. Beler (middle) together with TESDA MuntiParLasTaPat District Director Adzhar A. Albani (1<sup>st</sup> left), Ms. Maria Regina C. Ansay (2<sup>nd</sup> left), Ms. Kimberly G. Bautista (3<sup>rd</sup> left) and an officer of Association of Assessment Centers of MuntiParLasTapat, Inc. (right) during the awarding ceremony held at the TESDA Women's Center.

The competition served as the pre-qualification selection for the official representative of the district in the upcoming Regional Skills Competition hosted by the TESDA MuntiParLasTaPat District Office with TWC as one of the competition's venue.

The five trade areas for the competition include IT Software Solution for Business, Web Development, Graphic Design, Automobile Technology and Restaurant Services.

In the Restaurant Services, the TWC was represented by Debson Jade B. Beler who achieved a Gold Medal and Nicole Shane V. Francisco as Silver Medalist, with the TWC Trainer, Ms. Kimberly Bautista as the entor.

On the other hand, the TWC trainee in Automotive Servicing NC II, Bienvenido B. Balbin, represented the Automobile Technology and garnered a Bronze Medal, with Mr. Richard Robles as mentor.

All the competitors showcased their skills and talent based from the set standard scoring of World Skills which covers different specific skills that make up a particular trade area.

Mr. Beler in his Gold Winner's message during the awarding ceremony said that he did not expect to win the competition given the limited time of preparation but according to him, with the knowledge and skills that he learned from the previous trainings in TWC and the guidance given by his mentor, he was able to pull-off and actually won the Gold Medal.

All the gold medalists in the MuntiParLasTaPat District Skills competition will then move on to compete in the Regionals this Month of March 2019.



TWC Trainees Competitors (top) Debson Jade B. Beler and (middle) Nicole Shane V. Francisco of Food and Beverage Services competes to the Resturanto Services Category and (below) Bienvenido B. Balbin of Automotive Servicing competes for the Automotive Technology during District Skills Competition held at the TESDA Women's Center.

## Securities and Exchange Commission donates 6 unserviceable vehicles to TWC

by Lucy Tabu

On February 28, 2019 the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), as donee, and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), as donor, signed a Deed of Donation and Acceptance for six (6) unserviceable vehicles to be used for skills training in Automotive, Electronics, and Welding by the TESDA Women's Center.

The signatories were Atty. Romualdo C. Padilla, Director III of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and Director General Isidro S. Lapeña of TESDA. The donated vehicles consisted of 2 units Toyota Hi-Ace Lo Grade 2.0 5s, VAN, MT, 2002 models; and 4 units CRV 2.0, 2005 models.



TESDA Director General Sec. Isidro S. Lapeña signs the Deed of Donation and Acceptance of 6 unserviceable vehicles from the Securities and Exchange Commission also signatories are TESDA NCR Regional Director Conrado G. Bares, Director Jose P. Aquino and Atty. Romualdo C. Padilla of SEC. The ceremonial transfer of vehicles was held at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)

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The ceremonial signing was held at the SEC Executive Lounge, PICC Building, Pasay City. A welcome remarks was given by Director Aquino who emphasized developing the skills of students to compete with international demands. The TESDA Director General Lapeña, in his acceptance speech, thanked the SEC for the donation. He said, "It is the gesture not much on the amount but of helping TESDA to carry out its mandate to train for

livelihood, the lowest strata of society. We are providing opportunities for livelihood, and employment starts with training. We want to help address poverty because it is the root cause of insurgency."

"The vehicles though unserviceable are very important for training in Automotive. We are training the women in Automotive and in Welding and these are sought by employers," Director General

Photo opportunity with officials and officers of TESDA headed by Secretary Isidro S. Lapeña (10<sup>th</sup> from left) together with the officials and officers of the Securities and Exchange Commission headed by Director Jose P. Aquino (9<sup>th</sup> from left) during the ceremonial transfer of vehicles held at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)

Lapeña added.

The program was witnessed by COA representatives, SEC officials and TESDA-NCR Regional Director Conrado G. Bares, TWC Chief Maria Clara Ignacio, and TESDA General Services Division Chief Armela Gutierrez.

## TWC Center Advisory Council conducts brainstorming activity

by Jean Maurice Constantino



Former TESDA Director General Edicio G. Dela Torre facilitated the Brainstorming Activity of the members of the TWC Center Advisory Council to organize ideas and suggestions to set the priorities on what TWC will accomplish in 2019.

The Center Center Advisory Council (CAC) of the TESDA Women's Center chaired by Pacita "Chit" U. Juan conducted a brainstorming activity at the TWC on January 08, 2019.

The activity was aimed at tapping the creativity and generating the best ideas of the CAC to set the directions of the TESDA Women's Center for the current year. The CAC is dedicated to fulfilling the mandate of the TWC as an institution of excellence that empowers Filipino women and achieving the goals in line with TESDA's affirmative action policy of

certifying that women are trained in the non-traditional trades or industrial courses traditionally dominated by men and as a lead institution in mainstreaming gender and development in the whole TVET sector.

The former TESDA Director General, Edicio G. Dela Torre, was the facilitator of the said activity. During the brainstorming, he introduced a method of facilitation called the "Technologies of Participation," a set of facilitation methods, tools and approaches that foster authentic participation and meaningful collaboration (ICA International, 2019).

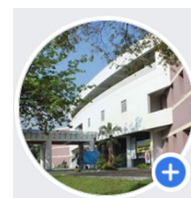
The facilitation method was aimed at organizing the ideas and suggestions of the CAC members and logically putting them and finally setting the priorities on what the TWC will accomplish in 2019.

After a series of discussions, the council arrived at the top 5 priorities, as follows: 1. Curriculum Enhancement with GAD/GST and Entrepreneurship 2. Develop

Marketing and Communications Strategy. 3. Broaden Industry Partnership 4. Engage LGU Partnership, and 5. Expand through Satellite Centers.

The members of the Center Advisory Council of the TESDA Women's Center who represent various sectors are: CAC Chair Pacita "Chit" U. Juan (Business sector); CAC Member/TESDA Deputy Director General Rosanna A. Urdaneta (Government sector); CAC Member Rhodora M. Bucoy (Government sector); CAC Member Carolyn I. Sobritchea (Academe); CAC Member Teresita "Tes" M. Borgoños (Industry/Construction); CAC Member Gilda Patricia C. Maquilan (Business); CAC Member Fatima Aliah Dimaporo Cimafranca (Services/Financial); and CAC Member Ma. Aurora "Boots" Geotina-Garcia (Women NGO).

The CAC secretariat is composed of Maria Clara B. Ignacio, TWC Chief as head, together with support staff members Lucy Tabu, Aries Glenn Montesines, and Jean Maurice Constantino.



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## Gender and Development Focal Point System – Technical Working Group (GFPS-TWG) meets to prepare for the GADtimpala Award

by Jean Maurice Constantino



Representatives of TESDA-Central Office GAD Focal Point System - Technical Working Group verifying and evaluating scores made during the 2018 TESDA GFPS Assembly.

On February 22, 2019, a meeting of the TESDA GFPS-TWG was held at the TWC Gabriela Silang function room in preparation for the application of TESDA to the GADtimpala Awards initiated by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW). TESDA considers this a timely initiative to track the progress of the Agency's efforts in integrating GAD in its projects, programs and activities.

GADtimpala stands for "Gender and Development Transformation & Institutionalization through Mainstreaming of Programs, Agenda, Linkages & Advocacies," an award which aims to recognize the deserving entities, government agencies, and local government units for their outstanding performance in their efforts on gender mainstreaming and effective implementation of gender-responsive programs. (PCW, 2009)

The GFPS-TWG meeting was facilitated by Ms. Joanna Tabu, TWC, GAD Focal, on behalf of the TWC Chief, Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio. She solicited additional

inputs from the group and suggested coming up with supporting documents as evidence to verify the current scores made during the GFPS Assembly last December 2018 which is continuously updated by the GAD Focals of the TESDA Regional Offices. She also encouraged them to possibly increase the scores based on the updated accomplishment reports according to the indicators set by the Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework or GMEF assessment tool.

According to Ms. Joanna, the current GMEF score of TESDA based on the GMEF assessment is at level 3 which means Integration of GAD in the Organizations' Policies. TESDA is targeting to achieve a higher or level 4 which denotes an organization that is "Updating and Continuous Enhancement of GAD Policies."

In relation to the most desired GADtimpala award, the TESDA-GFPS shall be applying for the Outstanding Gender Responsive Government Agency Award, the same category that TESDA applied in 2014 where TESDA was hailed as one of the country's most Gender-Responsive Government Agencies garnering a GADtimpala Bronze Award. The awarding ceremony for the 2018 GADtimpala will take place in August 14, 2018 during the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Magna Carta of Women in the Philippines to be hosted by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW).

The TESDA Women's Center TWC serves as GAD Secretariat to the TESDA National GFPS Execom and TWG chaired by Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio.



MESSAGE

**SEC. ISIDRO S. LAPEÑA, PhD., CSEE**  
Director General

TESDA's Observance of the 2019 National Women's Month Celebration

March 4, 2019, Flag Raising Ceremony, TESDA Complex

March of every year is declared as National Women's Month.

Also, the Philippines will join the world in observing the International Women's Day on March 8, 2019 (this Friday).

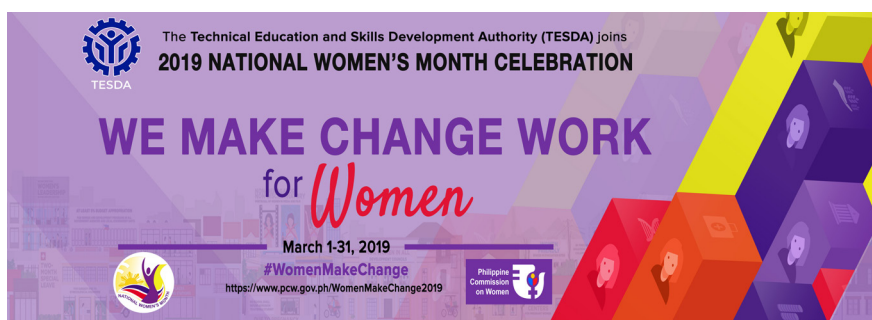
The National Women's Month Celebration (NWMC) Theme is "We Make Change Work for Women" which is anchored on the Government's commitment of *malasakit* at *pagbabago* or true compassion and real change.

For TESDA, we are proclaiming "TESDA Abot Lahat" which shows our determination to expand and strengthen our mandate, programs and services by reaching out and serving the poor and underserved citizens – including women o ang mga "Juana" who are still in the marginalized sectors of the society.

Kaya sa TESDA, our National Women's Month Celebration Theme is "We Make Change Work for Women in TVET!" Everyone, please greet the women and girls next to you, a "Happy Women's Month!"

The women in TESDA, not only occupy key positions in the Agency, even the women Employees and Trainees excel in their work and fields while fulfilling their gifts as daughters, wives and mothers to their families. These qualities that women possess such as innate compassion and selflessness are important in the development in our nation. For those who knew my mother, she is a woman who possesses these qualities and I can relate to this.

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The TESDA Calendar of Activities for the 2019 National Women's Month celebration was posted at the [twc.tesda.gov.ph](http://twc.tesda.gov.ph) website. The full version of the Director General's message of support reads as follows:

Join me in advocating for the rights of women not only today, but every day. Happy Women's Month Celebration!



# TESDA supports the 2019 national women's month celebration

by Lucy Tabu



(L) TESDA Director General Sec. Isidro S. Lapeña and Deputy Director General for Policies and Planning Rosanna A. Urdaneta show their support by expressing their commitment to "Lead and accelerate TESDA's GAD mainstreaming initiatives towards the goal of achieving a Gender-Fair TVET."

(Middle) TWC GAD Focal Ms. Joanna P. Tabu and TWC Center Chief Ms. Maria Clara B. Ignacio lead the program during the Flag Raising Ceremony on March 4, 2019.



(R) Regional Director Conrado G. Bares and NITESD Executive Director Elmer K. Talavera show their commitment to "Utilize the Gender Sensitive TVET Curriculum and Trainer's Manual to promote gender-fair and violence-free TVET."

TESDA Executive Directors and Directors pledge their commitment of support to solve GAD issues

On March 4, 2019, during the flag-raising ceremony at the TESDA Central Office, the TESDA Director General gave a message of strong support for the 2019 National Women's Month Celebration. He emphasized the theme for the National Women's Month which is "We Make Change Work for Women" anchored on the Government's commitment of *malasakit* at pagbabago or true compassion and real change. He said: "For TESDA, we are proclaiming TESDA Abot Lahat to show our determination to expand and strengthen our mandate, programs and services by reaching out and serving the poor citizens including women who are still in the marginalized sector of the society.

"So in TESDA, our National Women's Month theme is "We Make Change Work for Women in TVET," Director General Lapeña added. He then requested everyone to greet the women and girls standing next to each other by saying "Happy Women's Month!" TESDA also joins the world in observing the International Women's Day on March 8, 2019, the Director General said.

Also, the TESDA calendar of activities in celebration of the 2019 National Women's Month which has been approved by the TESDA GFPS Chairperson and Deputy Director General for Policies and Planning, Rosanna A. Urdaneta was briefly discussed by the TWC GAD Focal Ms. Joanna Tabu as part of the program. It includes 1) #Purple-Fridays Initiative 2) Juana's Day in TESDA 3) Signing-Up for Men Opposed to Violence Against Women Everywhere of "MOVE" TESDA Chapter 4) Participation to the "Making Change Work for Women" Conference 5) Awareness on TESDA's Promising Initiatives and Good Practices in GAD Mainstreaming in TVET 6) Cine Juana Film Showing 7) Orientation on GAD and Gender-Sensitive Curriculum 8) Stakeholder's Forum, and 9) Orientation on "MOVE."

The TESDA GFPS Chairperson and Deputy Director General for Policies and Planning, DDG Rosanna A. Urdaneta also expressed her commitment to TESDA's advocacy on women empowerment by wearing purple-colored blouse during the flag-raising ceremony. She was even recognized by the Director General and applauded for the initiative to share consciousness about "purple" as the official color of the International Women's Day.

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Cine Juana Film Showing featuring "Hidden Figures"



Signing-up of Men Opposed to Violence against women Everywhere (MOVE) TESDA Chapter



#Purple-Friday Initiative



**TESDA Women's Center**

**Vision**  
*"TESDA Women's Center is the lead TVET Institution of excellence in empowering Filipino women."*

**Mission**  
*"As the lead TVET Institution of Excellence in Women Empowerment, TESDA Women's Center advocates and provides programs and services geared towards quality-assured, inclusive and gender-fair TVET."*

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