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9 programs of TWC recognized with STAR awards

by Lucy Tabu

A National TVET Forum themed "Driving Quality Assurance in TVET in the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR)" was organized by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) that aims to up-scale the quality of technical-vocational education and training (TVET) programs for the development of a more competitive Filipino workforce.

During the forum, the participants also witnessed the TESDA System for TVET Accreditation and Recognition (STAR) awards to 131 programs of 53 Technical Vocational Institutions (TVIs). The STAR rating system recognizes the accomplishments, innovations and improvements that the TVIs have instituted beyond the minimum requirements set in the Unified TVET Program Registration and Accreditation System (UTPRAS) set by

TESDA. The system utilizes four major objective and evidence-based criteria, namely: Governance and Management, Curriculum Development, Support Services, and Program Performance Measures with corresponding stars.

The TESDA Women's Center (TWC) was one of the 53 TESDA TVIs that garnered 1 Star Level Ratings in Barista NC II, Dressmaking NC II, EPAS NC II, FBS NC II, Food Process-

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(top) Awarding of 1 Star Level Ratings of 6 Training Programs of TESDA Women's Center.

(above) Awarding of 2 Star Level Ratings of TESDA Women's Center's Training Programs.

TESDA Women's Center holds stakeholders' forum for the automotive and land transport sector

by Jean Maurice Constantino & Joanna Tabu



Attendees and Representatives from the Automotive and Land Transport Sector, NGOs, TESDA, JICA and members of the Center Advisory Council with the Deputy Director General for Policies and Planning DDG Rosanna A. Urdaneta during the Stakeholders' Forum held at the Holiday Inn Suites Makati City.

On June 6, 2019, a Stakeholders' Forum for the Automotive and Land Transport sector was held at the Holiday Inn and Suites Hotel in Makati City. It was organized by the TESDA Women's Center through the initiative of the Center Advisory Council

(CAC). The forum created a platform to gather relevant inputs from the industry players and other participants of the round table discussion regarding women's participation in the Automotive and Land Transport Sector and the skills requirements relevant to

their company needs; identify opportunities where women take on specific jobs or job groups within the industry value chain; and identify opportunities for partnerships with the TWC in specific areas.

In a welcome message, the TESDA District Director Ma. Angelina M. Carreon of Pasay-Makati representing the TESDA-NCR Regional Director, Conrado G. Bares emphasized that the forum has brought together key industry players in the sector and their presence is an active testimony to the engagement of the sector in promoting the entry of more skilled women to the sector.

The TESDA Deputy Director General for Policies and Planning, Rosanna A. Urdaneta gave a message on behalf of Director General Isidro S. Lapeña, PhD., CSEE. In her

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TWC holds Cook-Off Challenge

by Joy Wee



A total of 7 teams from the current batch of Cookery NC II trainees enrolled at the TESDA Women Center (TWC) competed in the first TWC Cook-Off Challenge held on May 27, 2019 at the Tandang Sora Hall in collaboration with Mama Sita Foundation.

While TESDA trainees are familiar with skills competition, this one is rather unique as it concentrated on the traditional Filipino Cuisine using local ingredients. Each team was given a free hand in the choice of a hot meal and entries included chicken caldereta, chicken adobo with gata, seafood bicol express, ginataang tilapia, smoked flavored humba, pork binagoongan, and everlasting (embutido).

"We are happy to be given this rare privilege to partner with Mama Sita Foundation. This competition goes out of the standard cooking that we do at the center and will develop the skills needed in the 21st Century as the trainees will be able to do problem-solving and show their creativity in presenting traditional Filipino Cuisine," Maria Clara Ignacio, TWC Chief said in her message.

The criteria for judging were cleanliness, grooming and orderly preparation (15%), production (20%), presentation (25%), and taste/sensory evaluation (40%). The team that prepared the ginataang tilapia placed third, seafood bicol express team placed second, and the team that presented the smoked flavored humba was declared as the grand winner. Aside from Mama Sita goodies, they also received cash prizes – P10,000, P7,500, and P5,000 for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively. Other teams received Mama Sita goodies and certificates of participation.

Mama Sita Foundation chose well-known personalities in the culinary field to compose the Board of Judges

(left) Photo Opportunity with the President of Mama Sita's President Clara Reyes R. Lapus (seating 7th from left) together with the TWC trainees competitors, Cookery trainer, TWC Staff and judges during the Cook-off Challenge.

(bottom) The presented dish of the winning team, Smoked Humba with Mango Salsa being evaluated by the judges during the presentation of the dishes at the Cook-Off Challenge.

– Chef Noel Ramos, PAL's Corporate Chef; Don Edward Punzalan Quito, Chef and Owner of Patio Miguelito; Ms. Barbara Mae Dacanay, Gulf News Journalist; and Ms. Michaela Fenix, President of Food Writers Association of the Philippines and Ms. Mylene Somera, TWC Supervising TESD Specialist.

Mama Sita Foundation, represented by its president, Ms. Clara Reyes R. Lapus, provided the funds and the ingredients for this cooking competition as its way of advocating the use of natural ingredients and the need to comply with the global safety standards.

Mama Sita Foundation is a duly registered foundation established in 1999 that supports skills training and agricultural development projects, as well as competitions, recognition and awards programs designed to preserve and promote Filipino culinary tradition as well as create livelihood opportunities for participating individuals, their families and communities.

As ways forward, the TESDA Women's Center and Mama Sita Foundation shall be collaborating as partners in the conduct of Traditional Filipino Cuisine for women.

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ing NC II, and Housekeeping NC II. In addition, the TWC earned 2 Star Level Ratings in Bartending NC II, Cookery NC II, and SMAW NC II. The validity period of the Star Awards is from April 2019 to April 2020. The TWC Chief, Maria Clara B. Ignacio received the various awards.

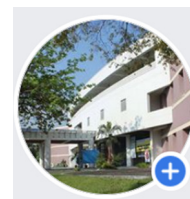
The TESDA Women's Center is also an internationally accredited TESDA Institution by the Asia Pacific

Accreditation and Certification Commission with Gold level status valid from July 26, 2018 to July 25, 2022. It is also an Approved Centre by the UK-based Institute of Motor Industry.

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TESDA Women's Center Celebrates its 21st Anniversary

by Jean Maurice Constantino



Staff members celebrates the 21st Anniversary of TESDA Women's Center with a program and launching of Café Juana

The TESDA Women's Center celebrated its 21st anniversary last April 26, 2019, Friday in two venues, the TWC Building and Building 4, TESDA Complex, Taguig City where the Wooden Spoon Business Innovation center is located.

The theme for this year's anniversary is "TWC: Patuloy na umaalab at nagbabaga sa loob ng dalawampu't-isang taon." A message for all that the TESDA Women's Center members will be steadfast in its mission to be the lead TVET institution of excellence in women empowerment and in advocating and providing programs and services geared towards quality-assured, inclusive and gender-fair TVET.

The celebration started with a Thanksgiving mass at the Tandang Sora Hall, attended by the trainees, trainers and non-teaching staff members at 10:00 am. Afterwards, the grand launching of TWC Café Juana at the Bldg. 4, Wooden Spoon was held. The event was participated by the TWC trainer and staff as well as guests from the offices of TESDA and private individuals and visitors. A book donation event was also held alongside the launching of the café. The event aims to gather books from the customers during that day, in order to have a collection of books that can be used by the customers while enjoying at the Café Juana. This was also an initiative to encourage a culture of reading for everyone and to make the café more conducive for trainees, workers and book reading enthusiasts.

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(top-left) DDG Rosanna A. Urdaneta delivering her message at the Opening Program.

(above-middle) CAC Chair Pacita "Chit" U. Juan delivers the Closing Remarks.

(above-right) Ms. Luzviminda A. Villanueva facilitated the Forum.

(left) Izuzu Philippines Corp. representative posted job description that could lead opportunities for women working in the Automotive Sector

message, she highlighted the importance of the active involvement of the key industry players to expand and strengthen the Automotive Sector, one of the priority sectors in the country that TVET should focus on based on the National Technical Education and Skills Development Plan (NTESDP) 2018-2022. The plan envisions a "Vibrant Quality TVET for Decent Work and Inclusive Sustainable Growth," she said. With the advancement of technology in the Automotive Sector, its strong employment generation potential and its share in the country's GDP has a great deal to offer in terms of quality employment opportunities to many Filipinos that will contribute to the economic development of the country, said DDG Urdaneta.

The Center Advisory Council Chairperson Pacita "Chit" Juan delivered the closing message, giving thanks and appreciation for the active participation of the key players from the automotive and land transport sector and a keen interest in exploring opportunities for women in the non-traditional trades. To the men who were present, she emphasized about their strong representation of "gender blindness" by not discriminating in terms of gender but rather focusing mainly on the best qualities and competence of the person, an act that she wants to instill to everyone to achieve gender equality in the workforce.

The PCW Chairperson and CAC Member Rhodora Bucoy gave an impression about the forum. She stressed the initiatives of the key players in engaging women in the produc-

tion process within the Automotive Industry. She also gave her strong support to their efforts at making the workplaces women-friendly. She also mentioned the emerging issue on contractualization which affects both men and women. Finally, she emphasized the need for a policy that will ensure industrial peace, security and equity not just for women but for all and the need to work together to address the issue.

The automotive companies and other relevant organizations gave their commitments to work and partner with the TESDA Women's Center on the areas of experience-based training, employment or job placement, curriculum development, and capacity building for the trainers.

The half-day event brought together 33 participants (15 males and 18 females) from Hyundai Asia Resources, Inc., CATs Motors, Inc., Centro Manufacturing Corp., Isuzu Philippines Corporation, Toyota Motor Philippines & Yamaha Motor Philippines, Inc. and relevant organizations such as Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Philippine Metalworkers Alliance-IndustriALL and Social Ventures Multi-Purpose Cooperative, including some members of the Center Advisory Council, namely: Rhodora Bucoy, Carolyn Sobritchea, DDG Rosanna Urdaneta, and Chairperson Pacita "Chit" Juan. The forum was facilitated by an external consultant, Ms. Luzviminda Villanueva.

TESDA Women's Center takes part in DepEd's Brigada Eskwela '19

by Jean Maurice Constantino



Trainees of Electronic Products Assembly and Servicing NC II provided extension services at the Upper Bicutan Elementary School, Taguig City during the DepEd's Brigada Eskwela '19

The Department of Education (DepEd) recently conducted the 2019 Brigada Eskwela last May 20-25, 2019, or the National Schools Maintenance Week which is a five (5) day activity that aims to unite all education stakeholders to participate and put in their time, effort, skills, and resources to prepare and maintain the cleanliness and orderliness of public schools in preparation for the upcoming opening of the school year in June. The theme for this activity is "Matatag na Bayan para sa Maunlad na Paaralan."

Related to this, the TESDA Women's Center partnered with public schools in participation for the Brigada Eskwela Activity as part of the extension services that the institution provides. It is also a platform for the participating trainees of TWC to use their knowledge and skills in providing their service to the selected schools.

This year TWC has partnered with two public schools namely Pasay East High School and Upper Bicutan Elementary School.

Pasay City East High School (PCEHS) is located at E. Rodriguez Street, Barangay 158, Malibay, Pasay City. It is a public secondary school in Pasay City which was established in 1968. They offer Junior and Senior High-ready programs for the citizens of Malibay and its nearby districts. The school is part of the Division of City Schools in Pasay City and is recognized by DepEd.

On the other hand, the Upper Bicutan Elementary School is located at General Santos Ave., Lower Bicutan, Taguig City which caters

mainly students from the area and other neighboring areas in Bicutan, Taguig City.

The TESDA Women's Center (TWC) trainees of Electronic Products Assembly and Servicing NC II (EPAS), Electrical Installation and Maintenance NC II (EIM) and Plumbing NC II provided extension services to the selected schools which were supervised by their trainers namely: Jennifer Caoile, Trainer, EPAS; Lawrence Hermias, Trainer, EIM; Jeffrey Sinangote & Maria Icely Villagrancia, Trainers of Plumbing. Based on the observation in the ocular visit done by the trainers a week before the Brigada Eskwela, they saw the need for such services and the TWC has the expertise to provide the services needed by the two identified public schools.

A lot of repairs and replacements from the electrical wiring connections of the schools, electronics such as fans, lamps and fire alarms as well as water lines were found in the selected schools. These were based on the

findings of the trainers and were given appropriate actions and services by the TWC trainees with proper guidance from their respective trainers.

The two-day involvement of the TWC in the Brigada Eskwela is a two-way success for the Training Center because it benefited the partner schools through the services rendered and allowed the trainees to utilize their skills and proficiency in their chosen trade area.

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The TWC also presented a Timeline Video consisting of pictures rooted from its establishment on April 28, 1998 until 2019. This is a way to look back at the activities and significant events the training center has been and to show how much it has achieved in 21 years. This is also a way to look forward for more momentous events, partnerships and opportunities.

TWC Trade Fair, another event intended specially for the trainers was held in the afternoon from 1:00 pm onwards at the TWC lobby. Participating bodies such as TWC Alumni Association, Bartending, and other individuals display their products from food, clothing, accessories, etc. The event was then flocked by trainees and other individuals who bought their desired products. All participants and guests of the anniversary were all delighted and look forward to another year of TWC from what she become today and what she will become in the coming years.



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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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